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RAISE WHITE FLAG AT MAFEKING.

When a Few Shots Had Been Fired the Ensign Ran Up, but No Surrender Was Made to the Boer Forces.

Boer Artillery Now Covering the Town—Water Supply Cut Off—Native Tribes Rising—Bridges Destroyed—Boers Meet a Repulse at Mafeking, Losing Eight Killed—British Post of Ramathlabama Occupied by Boers, with Heavy Losses on Both Sides—Burghers Have 60 or 70 Men Killed and Wounded—Transvaal Troops Advancing—General Joubert at Newcastle—Report of Boer Defeat Denied—Force of Cape Colony Police Repulsed—Most of the Fighting Reported of a Desultory Character.

London, Oct. 18.—A report from Pretoria says that a white flag has been hoisted at Mafeking. The correspondent has no idea whether the news is true or false.

A dispatch dated from Pretoria by way of Lourenzo Marquez, Oct. 16, says: "Some of those who were shot at Mafeking died on Monday but was killed. A great deal of firing was heard. The Boers have been a day of rest was not known whether the town surrender. It is thought very was doubted. The Boers are delayed for six days for this reason.

Another great dispatch from Pretoria, it says:

"The Boer Troop Artillery are now firing the town. Military engineers have erected a temporary railroad which the property is used to transport troops from to the garrison."

"It is been easy to underestimate but from reports of the report of serious loss at Mafeking, but stories are coming from various points so persistently that it appears probable that the losses have been with numbers of severe.

Fighting at the scene at Mafeking

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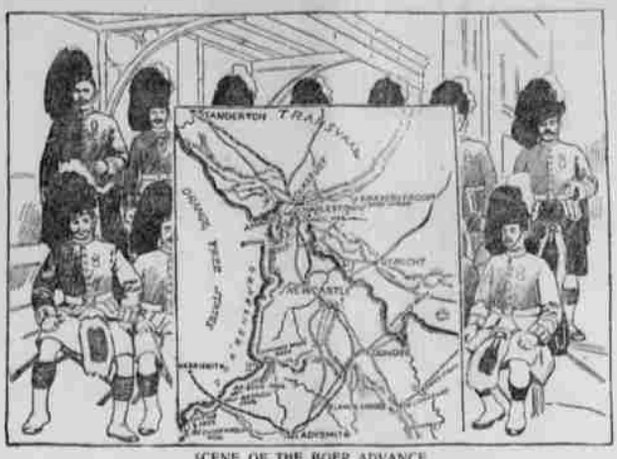

SCENE OF THE BOER ADVANCE.

The map shows the northern portion of Natal, and its relation to the Transvaal and the Orange Free State. The Boers have approached from the north, and occupied Charlestown and Newcastle on Sunday. An advance of Free State burghers has been made from the west, and moderate peace occupied, while the British line of communication south of Ladysmith has been cut. The Boers around the town captured the Imperial Yeomanry, which recently arrived at Ladysmith and Dundee.

CHANCES IN THE SHAMROCK

Gen. Atkinson Bullet of 3,780 Pounds of Lead.

Made an Alteration to Her Water Line—New Topmast in Place—Measurements Made.

New York, Oct. 16.—The remaining of the Shamrock York place at Erie Basin today. The yacht was laid between one of the army transports and the steamship Bremen. There were on board besides the crewmen, William Butler Duncan, Jr., representing the New York Yacht club and Mr. Lester J. Cornell representing the Royal Ulster Yacht club, the owner of the Shamrock, Captain Sir Hervey Bell and John Dykes official measurer of the New York Yacht club.

Three thousand three hundred and eighty pounds of lead bullet were put on board the yacht during the night. This is said to have changed her water line. The lead was placed in the bow, and the Shamrock's bow was lifted up. The lead was placed in the bow, and the Shamrock's bow was lifted up. The lead was placed in the bow, and the Shamrock's bow was lifted up