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Pick of the Fighting Staff to Be Sent to Fight the Boers, Who are Now Said to Have Given Up Their Idea of Raiding Natal—Kruger's Curt Reply to Chamberlain

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London, Oct. 8.—Whatever may be the result of Great Britain's controversy with the South African Republic, every department of the Government to-day is as busy as though actual hostilities had begun.

Reserves Have Been Served. At the same time Lord Salisbury and Mr. Balfour were issuing the necessary orders for the re-assembling of Parliament, and the Admiralty was concentrating its transports.

To Be Equipped in a Week. At Woodvick to-day it was ascertained that 95 per cent. of the reserves would be fully equipped within six days.

A Scare at Mafeking. The most important news from South Africa comes from Mafeking, where a serious situation was averted.

Orders Not to Fire. Col. Robert Stephenson, with Bader Powell, commanding the Fifth Dragoon Guards, has issued a notice that the Boers are to be allowed to remain in the Transvaal and under what conditions.

The Armed Train. An armored train was inspected at Kimberley on Saturday.

Where Boers Are Encamped. A dispatch from Kimberley to the Cape Town Argus says that 3000 Boers are encamped between Boshoff and Great Rivers.

IS STEYN AFRAID NOW? President of the Orange Free State Has Begun to Think Over His

New York, Oct. 8.—The London correspondent of The World sends the following: "The world can say authoritatively that President Steyn of the Orange Free State has offered the British Government, on the condition that the British troops be withdrawn from the frontier, to go himself to Pretoria and use every possible pressure in his command to dissuade President Kruger from the franchise reforms demanded by England. This proposal has not been rejected by the British Government; neither has it been accepted; but it is under consideration. It should open an avenue to peace if Secretary Chamberlain's desired peace. But President Steyn's friendly advisers in this country, The World learns, have recently informed him that his proposal has no hope of being accepted by Mr. Chamberlain, even if the British Government is only prevented by tactical considerations.

Orange Free State in a Hole. "President Steyn's position is so desperate that he has the most powerful incentive to do his utmost to prevent war. His country has nothing to gain and everything to lose by its civil strife support of the Transvaal. A stronger clew-up of the empire, it probably would detach him from the Transvaal and his Imperial policy accordingly renders it desirable that the two Dutch republics should be involved in the impending war in South Africa. The Imperialists want, as they themselves say, a stronger clew-up of the South African situation, and so they welcome the chance of involving both the republics in one campaign."

GIROUARD WILL HAVE CHARGE. Resigns Temporarily in Egypt to Handle Transports in Boer Campaign.

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Colonial Office, by offers of assistance in the Transvaal campaign. A reference to the wish of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, only a portion of the contingent of British troops will be accepted.

Last Indian Contingent Sailed. Bombay, Oct. 8.—The last Indian contingent sailed to-day for South Africa.

Have Boers Given It Up? It is said now they have abandoned the idea of raiding Natal.

Telegrams received here recently have made frequent reference to the serious situation in the Boer laagers, and have stated that many of those in the laagers are suffering from lack of food.

Boers Must Strike First. The greatest generals in the whole British Army will handle this campaign.

Best Fighters Going South. The Journal's London correspondent says: "Barrington Lytton, the general officer in charge of the British army in the Transvaal, is the best of the British army in the Transvaal."

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BUT THAT IS ANOTHER STORY.

Public Opinion Continued. "Public opinion is still confused respecting the grounds on which war with the Transvaal can be justified."

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THE CHARGE A SERIOUS ONE. Officer of Winnipeg Field Battery Will Have to Face a Military Court of Enquiry.

NO CHANGE IN C.P.R. STRIKE. Mass Meeting in the Opera House at Which Grievances Were Set Forth—Winnipeg News.

Winnipeg, Oct. 8.—(Special.)—"The charge which the military court of inquiry, appointed to look into the financial affairs of Winnipeg Field Battery, will have to investigate is of a serious nature. It is said that the officer concerned has been before the district officer commanding, and also Major-General Hutton, and had been requested by both to resign his command, but this he refused to do."

DR. HYNDMAN IS DEAD. He Was a Courteous Gentleman Well Liked in Exeter, Ont.

Exeter, Ont., Oct. 7.—There was buried here to-day one of the pioneers of the district, Dr. John Hyndman, who has been a prominent figure in the life of the district for the last forty years. He was a successful physician, kind, generous, and a citizen, and will be missed by the community at large. In religion he was an Episcopalian, but his sympathies were independent of the very roots of his faith.

Changeable Weather. Meteorological Office, Toronto, Oct. 8.—(8 p.m.)—During to-day a feeble low pressure approached Ontario from the southwest, and the probability is that it will during to-day meet and be absorbed by a very important disturbance which is likely to move across the lake region from the Northwest Territories. The temperature is about the same in all directions.

The Ticket Agents. Members of the Canadian Ticket Agents' Association, who are attending a meeting in the city on Monday morning by special train, after the visitors have been given an opportunity to remove travel stains and change their tickets, they will be taken in hand by the City Council.

MARRIAGES. McDONALD-JACKSON.—At the residence of the bride's father, North Lynn Farm, Downsview, on Saturday, Oct. 7, 1899, by Rev. G. W. Stevenson, William John McDonald of Ossonge Hall, barrister-at-law, to Emma M., only daughter of George Jackson, Esq.

DEATHS. BARNES.—At Toronto General Hospital, of typhoid fever, on Saturday morning, Oct. 7, 1899, Sydney Travers Barnes of the firm of Barnes & Padgett, Toronto, June, aged 40 years.

Funeral on Monday, 9th inst., at 2 p.m. Friends please accept this intimation.

LUNA.—At Unionville, on Saturday, Oct. 7, Matilda Forsyth, the beloved wife of Mr. Jonathan Luna, in the 61st year of her age.

Funeral on Monday, Oct. 9, at 4 p.m., to St. James' Cemetery.

QUINN.—At St. Michael's Hospital, on Sunday, Oct. 8, James J. Quinn, only son of J. B. Quinn, in the 34th year of his age.

Funeral from his late residence, 92 King-street west, on Tuesday at 8.30 a.m., to St. Michael's Cathedral, thence to St. Michael's Cemetery.

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