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Hostilities Delayed

Peace Advocates in Great Britain Appear to Be Gaining Ground.

Advices From South Africa Tell of Continued Preparations for War.

Sixty-Seven Steamers Chartered to Carry British Troops to the Cape.

(Associated Press.)

London, Oct. 6.—All reliable information from South Africa points to a continuance of the existing tension for some time, as both sides are apparently diffident about commencing the attack, although from dispatches received here, it seems every movement of patrols and every cloud of dust raised by a herd of cattle, was turned into a general advance by both armies.

The delay is all to good, inasmuch as it gives time for further negotiations, and to-day's indications apparently show a willingness on the part of Britain to continue to utilize diplomacy.

Chamberlain Won't Yield.

A well-defined conviction is prevalent that the foreign office is trying to discover a way out of the impasse, which has been created by admitted mistakes and miscalculations, and it is evident that the peace advocates and peace counsels are gaining ground, although Mr. Chamberlain's refusal to seize the chance given him by the petition of 55 members of the Cape House of Assembly, to point out in his reply that the Boers still have the opportunity of accepting Great Britain's previous offer so long as her new proposals remain unformulated, seems to show a personal determination on the part of Chamberlain not to yield.

While distaste for war evidently increases in Great Britain, dispatches from the scene of possible hostilities grow more and more lurid.

Advices from Pretoria, describe the Transvaal organ as crying for impossible terms, and Kruger as referring to the prospective struggle as a means of settling the Republic "Totally free of England."

Will Advance To-morrow.

It is also said, according to advices from the same point, that the Boer's force at Volksrust will advance to-day to the Natal border, and according to General Symons although Commandant-General Joubert is personally adverse to hostilities, his patient tactics will not last, as the Boers will soon demand either to be disbanded or receive orders to invade Natal.

A dispatch from Capetown, of doubtful authenticity, alleges the Boer organization in the field is already breaking down, and that friction is developing between the artillery, who are regulars, and the burghers' commanders.

Sad Plight of Refugees.

Refugees in Capetown are having a bad time, and women and children are in pitiable plight. The government's offer to send transports for some of the distressed has been accepted.

The Regulation Rumor.

In connection with the rumors that Queen Victoria is liable to intervene to prevent war a curious story is published this morning by the Vienna Estrablatt, which alleges that Her Majesty intends to abdicate in the event of an outbreak of hostilities, declaring that it has this information from an "excellent source."

The Statement Unfavorably Affects the Vienna House.

The British foreign office, when shown the Vienna story as to the intention of the Queen to abdicate should war break out, declared it supremely ridiculous and utterly baseless.

Sixty-Seven Steamers Chartered.

New York, Oct. 6.—A special to the Herald from Boston says:

"It was learned to-day that 67 transatlantic liners have been chartered by the British admiralty to transport troops and supplies to South Africa. That the Columbian and Chicago, of the Furness line, had been taken was confirmed to-day. It is also said that the Oakmore, of the Johnston line, which leaves here tomorrow, will, upon the discharge of her cargo in London, be turned over to the government.

"Mr. Wyllis, local agent of the line, has received no official advices of the charter.

"The steamer Naudia, of the White Star line, has been taken; also the new Allen line steamer Bavarian, which made two trips to Montreal.

"Freight advanced nearly 50 per cent.

on account of the removal of so much tonnage from the Atlantic seaboard, and there is every indication of a still greater advance. Grain chartered closed on Saturday at 2 1/2 pence per bushel, and fixtures made yesterday were on the basis of four pence per bushel. The rate to Liverpool on Saturday was 2 1/2 pence, while yesterday 3 1/2 pence per bushel was quoted.

"It is understood that some of the Elder-Dempster line of steamers, plying in the Montreal service, are among the fleet taken by the British government."

Will Defend Its Rights.

Bloemfontein, Oct. 6.—President Steyn, addressing a commando in the market square on Thursday, congratulated the burghers on the rapidity with which they responded to the call. He said, the Orange Free State did not intend to make an attack, but it would fiercely defend its cherished rights. The enemy was the stronger, but if that enemy crossed the frontier it would meet with determined resistance. In conclusion, he exclaimed: "We would be fighting for the independence of our state."

Transvaal Commissioner in America. New York, Oct. 6.—James R. O'Brien made the announcement last night that he had been appointed commissioner extraordinary in the United States for the Transvaal by President Kruger.

In the Interest of Peace.

Pretoria, Oct. 6.—Rev. Mr. Bosman, a Dutch Reform minister in Pretoria, now visiting in the United States, is reported to be doing good work in the interests of peace. Strong hopes are entertained in official circles that President McKinley may be induced by the people of the United States to offer mediation in the present crisis. General James O'Brien has been appointed special representative of this Republic in the United States, to work in the interests of peace. The government is reducing official salaries on a sliding scale. Those who received over \$2,000 had their salaries reduced 25 per cent., a saving altogether of \$15,000 a month.

The town is being divided into wards, and special police officers are being sworn in.

Bound for South Africa.

A host of officers, including Prince Christian Victor of Schleswig-Holstein, and a large number of nurses sailed for the Cape to-day.

It now appears that Lieut. Winston Spence Churchill, son of the late Lord Randolph Churchill, who will accompany Gen. Sir Redvers Buller, will go, not on behalf of the Times, but as the war correspondent of the London Morning Post and the New York World.

Agent Greene Ill.

The announcement from Pretoria that the British diplomatic agent, Mr. Conyngham Greene, is ill, is taken as a sign that the possibility of his recall, and of further steps in the direction of a peaceful adjustment.

Liberal Leader's Views.

Sir Henry Campbell Bannerman, speaking at Maidstone to-day at a luncheon specially arranged to give the leader of the opposition in the House of Commons an opportunity of expressing the views of official Liberalism regarding the Transvaal crisis, said that neither side had shut the door upon further negotiations.

"Great Britain," he continued, "has not made her demands as a suzerain power, but in virtue of international law and as the power responsible for the well being of South Africa. If the Boer government have refused the reasonable requests in the dispatch of the secretary of state of colonies of September 8th, through fear and suspicion regarding a possible attack upon their independence, the speeches of the Duke of Devonshire, lord president of the council of ministers, and Sir Matthew White Ridley, secretary of state for the home department, constitute assurances which ought to extinguish suspicion and fear. These speeches are quite as authoritative as any dispatches, and bind the honor of the government and the country. They ought to open the way to an agreement."

Canadians Ready When Wanted.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, Oct. 6.—At a cabinet meeting to-day the reports in the press with regard to a Canadian contingent for the Transvaal were talked over. The cabinet endorsed the view taken by the Premier, and stated in a telegram from here on Wednesday.

Whenever it is considered necessary that Britain wants a contingent, provisions will be made for the same.

London, Oct. 7.—A proclamation summoning parliament to meet on October 17th and authorizing the calling out of reserves was signed this morning.

The Gazette announces that a summons will be issued to-day for the number of reserves to bring every battalion ordered to South Africa to its full strength of 1,000 men, and the men must present themselves before October 17th. This forward movement is fully counterbalanced by stories of military preparations in the Transvaal and the Orange Free State.

Her Majesty, in privy council at Balmoral, this morning assented to the calling of parliament, the mobilization of the reserves and the continuance in the army of all soldiers now serving who, in the ordinary circumstances, would be discharged or transferred to the reserves.

Outrages By Boers.

So far as facts go the commencement of actual hostilities between Great Britain and the Transvaal seems no nearer, although it must be admitted an element of danger has risen throughout the British colonies in South Africa by stories

of brutal treatment of refugees by Boers. Whether these reports are correct or not, accounts of the outrages upon women and children are having their effect, and are being accepted, in many quarters hitherto incredulous, as confirming the anticipations of savagery that will mark the progress of war.

Burghers Restless.

Dispatches from the frontier are mostly concerning the movements of troops. There are several reports that the Boers are increasing, and restless under restraint and because of the imperfect provision made for their welfare. It is said they have threatened either to raid or return to their home.

Kruger, however, appears to have reiterated his orders, commanding the exercise of restraint.

Almost Face to Face.

The British and Boers are so close together along the western frontier that from Capetown comes the curious statement that many officials of the Transvaal and Orange Free State have sent their families into British territory for protection. Mr. F. W. Reitz, Transvaal secretary of state, has sent his family to Natal, and the family of President Steyn, of Orange Free State, have gone to Cape Colony.

Sufferings of Refugees.

Other Capetown dispatches describe the indignation caused by the insults heaped upon refugees traversing the Transvaal and Orange Free State, and the suffering caused to passengers travelling in exposed trucks by the Boers, and the insults of armed burghers who have prevented famishing travellers from obtaining food, "black-snaking" the men and striking women. The appearance of many of the sufferers is said to be deplorable.

The exodus of Cape Dutchmen toward the Transvaal continues. All seem to be smuggling arms across the frontier.

Flying Squadron for the Cape.

The field force for service in South Africa, the war office announces, will commence mobilization next Monday. It is rumored at Portsmouth that the admiralty will possibly organize a flying squadron for the Cape.

Shocking Stories of Cruelty.

Later.—The Evening News publishes the following dispatch from Capetown: "A representative of the Natal telegraphs that the barbarous excesses committed by the Boers on refugees have caused a thrill of horror here. In one instance seventy women and children were packed in a cattle truck so tightly that they were unable to sit, and were thus kept for thirty hours without food or water. When they attempted to leave the truck they were driven back with blows. Every train load of refugees brings harrowing accounts of the barbarities of the Boers of the Orange Free State. A train en route to-day that had been 96 hours en route. The sufferings of the women were dreadful. Several births occurred on the way. One open cattle truck contained twenty men."

Oberne's Appointment.

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SHIP ON FIRE.

(Associated Press.)

New York, Oct. 6.—The Mallory liner Louisa, from Galveston, came into harbor yesterday afternoon on fire. Several firemen had narrow escapes. The cargo was still burning fiercely in the forward part of the ship this morning. The fire boat New Yorker was playing lively streams into the fore part of the ship, and streams are also being poured from the pier.

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Britain's Preparations

There Will Soon Be Twenty-Five Thousand Troops in South Africa.

And a Fleet of Transports is to Carry Out an Army Corps.

Boer Strength Cannot Be Estimated—Figures Range From 20,000 to 125,000.

(Associated Press.)

London, Oct. 7.—The scope of Great Britain's military preparations can scarcely be grasped by the mere reading of individual items which appear from day to day. A fair notion of their im-

mediacy can be gained from the semi-official statement that for the transport of the army corps about 70 ships, from 2,000 to 4,000 tons burden, are required, not including a score or more of transports already on the way to the Cape. If these vessels effectively disembark their cargoes of men, horses and equipment within five weeks from their date of sailing, the programme will have fulfilled the forecast of the most optimistic British military experts.

If all the troops are able to take their places as component parts as

The Army Corps.

they will have done, according to the best available opinion, remarkably well. The disembarking of General Shafter's army from its thirty-seven transports is not forgotten by British officers.

The Admiralty, in accordance with the existing regulations, is supplying the transports and, taking complete charge from water's edge to water's edge. This means a tremendous outlay of capital. No do the arrangements escape criticism. Letters begin to appear in the newspapers alleging favoritism, and declaring that some of the transports are rotten hulks. The recent breakdown of two vessels, with troops on board, is cited as substantiating this charge, but this does not seem to be any serious ground for supposing the Admiralty is actuated by wrong motives.

Although the impending army corps is a matter of pre-eminent military interest, the troops

Already on the Scene

of probable action constitute no insignificant body. The original Cape garrison was 9,000 men, and this has been increased by 4,500. There are 12,000 men at sea on the way to the Cape, and their arrival will make the approximate total of British troops in South Africa, prior to the arrival of the army corps, 25,000. These troops do not include the irregular forces, the Cape Mounted Rifles, the Port Elizabeth and Grahamstown volunteers, the Natal police, the Durban Light Infantry, the Australian force, nor the regular naval brigade.

The Cape squadron now includes ten warships, all heavily manned, and the British first-class protected cruisers Terrible and Powerful will soon arrive, enabling the navy to

Land a Brigade

of about 2,000 men.

Against this array are opposed the Transvaal and its ally, the Orange Free State, with perhaps a sprinkling of natives. The odds are about all that can be said regarding the Boer forces. They are virtually non-reg-

ular, and attempts to estimate their fighting strength are hopeless, although various calculations appear daily in English newspapers, ranging from 20,000 to 125,000, the latter figures being obviously very extravagant.

The whole question was summed up to-day for an Associated Press representative by an influential member of the House of Commons, who said: "Before this is ended, Great Britain will have to face every Boer, man or boy, strong enough to fire a gun for the sake of his country."

"The part which foreigners who are volunteering, especially Americans, will take in the expected conflict, provokes much speculation and comment. The correspondents of the St. James Gazette at Pietermaritzburg, says:

"American civil and mechanical engineers have been engaged by the Boers to dismantle the Netherlands railway in the event of a Boer retrograde movement upon Pretoria. They will certainly not meet with too considerate treatment if taken prisoners. Something like a dozen of the adventurers, Yankee and professional railroad wreckers, are now living in comparative clover in Pretoria."

The Boer ranks will certainly include a number of Irishmen and former officers of the German army. It is said the Boers will adopt the policy they adopted in 1881, when ten

Sharpshooters Were Detailed

out of each company to pick off British officers.

The Alaskan boundary negotiations proceeded although Sir Louis H. Davies, Canadian minister of marine and fisheries, is taking a short vacation in Scotland with Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal, Canadian high commissioner. The Associated Press learns there is good prospect of a tentative settlement within a fortnight, although a definite arrangement apparently cannot be reached until the joint high commissioner ratifies the pending modus vivendi. It is understood that Sir Louis Davies expresses satisfaction on behalf of Canada regarding the present propositions, the whole question will be practically settled. All reports alleging

Details of a Settlement

are pronounced by authorities here as premature and without adequate basis.

The French navy is installing wireless telegraph between lighthouses along the French coast. Judging from the results of preliminary experiments, the installation will prove of great value to shipping.

Mr. Justin McCarthy, historian and novelist, has just undergone the last of a series of operations for the relief of his eyes, and it is now expected his sight will be completely restored.

This week occurred the last of the many cases execution which have made Newgate prison, London, historical. Hereafter all hangings will take place at Wandsworth jail, London, and Newgate will be replaced by the new criminal court building.

Yukon Railways

Proposed Line From a Point Near Fort Selkirk to Dawson City.

Pleaser Mining in the Klondike—Important Changes in Regulations.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, Oct. 7.—The British Yukon Mining, Trading and Transportation Company will apply next session for an act to construct a line of railway from a point near Fort Selkirk to Dawson City, then go westerly to one hundred and forty-first meridian and operate lines of railway from a point on the main line near Caribou, crossing to Teslin lake, to Atlin lake or city, and to construct lines not exceeding fifty miles in length, and change the name to the "British Yukon Railway Company," also to amalgamate with the property and powers of the British Columbia Yukon railway.

Pleaser Mining in the Yukon.

An order-in-council has been passed making some important changes in regard to pleaser mining in the Yukon. At present, under existing regulations, it is necessary that \$200 worth of work be done on each claim every year. This has been changed and a fee of \$200 will be accepted in lieu of work. If work or money is not forthcoming after the end of the year, the owner must pay a fee of \$50, and if this is not done within three months, then the claim will be cancelled. After three years and on the fourth and succeeding years the amount is raised to \$400.

Another important change is made, and that is that claims abandoned or cancelled will not be re-let, but will revert to the Crown.

Assistant Gold Commissioner.

Mr. Bell, assistant gold commissioner for the Yukon, is here to-day making arrangements to leave for Dawson.

BOUND FOR THE PHILIPPINES.

(Associated Press.)

New York, Oct. 6.—The Times says: "Bishop Henry C. Potter is going to the Philippines. This was positively learned last night, although the Bishop himself is reticent as to his plans, and refuses to admit anything more than that he is going to Honolulu."

NO SPANISH FLAGS ALLOWED.

(Associated Press.)

Havana, Oct. 6.—The Mayor of Havana, Snor Lacoste, has issued an order directing that no Spanish flag shall be displayed in the city of Havana except at the Spanish consulate. It is believed that this will give rise to considerable hostile criticism.

Telegraph To Dawson

Sir Wilfrid Laurier Congratulated Upon the Completion of the Line.

The Reported Wholesale Fabrication of Invoices by Seattle Merchants.

B. C. Grocers' Association Want Appraisers to Examine North Bound Goods.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, Oct. 6.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier received the following telegram yesterday morning by the new telegraph line which has just reached Dawson City. There is now telegraph connection between Skagway and Dawson and intervening points. The dispatch was forwarded by steamer to Vancouver. It was sent from Dawson on Thursday last, taking five days to reach here. It reads:

"Dawson, Sept. 28th, via Vancouver, B. C., Oct. 5th. The Right Hon. the Premier, Ottawa, Ont.: The people of Dawson desire me to convey to the government their high and grateful appreciation of the telegraph line, which has just reached Dawson; also for the rapid and skillful manner in which the work was done, in spite of many difficulties. It is felt that this and similar works will greatly benefit this country, by inducing settlement, helping trade and diminishing the weariness of distance and tedious communication. (Signed) W. W. Ogilvie, Commissioner."

The Falsifying of Invoices.

Nothing is known here in regard to the story that there is wholesale falsifying of invoices by Seattle merchants in regard to goods going to Dawson. The British Columbia Grocers' Association asked the government some time ago to appoint appraisers competent to examine goods going into the Yukon, and the matter is now under consideration.

FRENCH LABOR TROUBLES.

Strikers May March on Paris and Troops Are Ready to Meet Them.

(Associated Press.)

Paris, Oct. 6.—Disensions are reported among the leaders of the strike at La Creusot on account of the decision to accept the arbitration of the government. The Echo de Paris states that in anticipation of a march of the strikers on Paris, ten battalions of infantry are ready to proceed to bar the roads to the strikers.

PARACHUTIST'S ESCAPE.

(Associated Press.)

Danbury, Conn., Oct. 6.—One of the features of the Danbury fair yesterday was the balloon ascension by Miss Laura Hasbrook, a young woman from Newark, Del. She made the ascension clinging to a trapeze, which swung from a parachute attached to the balloon. She expected to cut the parachute from the balloon at a height of 1,000 feet, but was unable to use her knife. She was carried to the height of a mile, and then the balloon drifted toward Danbury, two miles away, with the helpless woman appearing a mere speck to the observers. As it passed over the city the balloon dropped a considerable distance, and half the populace rushed into the streets expecting to see the young woman fall. Men in wagons and on bicycles followed the balloon across the city. At Prospect street it collapsed at a height of 500 feet, and fell rapidly, carrying the woman with it. A sudden gust of wind swept the balloon toward a tree, the parachute ropes caught in the branches holding it fast. The woman clung to the ropes until she was rescued by means of ladders. Then she lost consciousness.

TELEGRAPHIC TICKS.

A telegram from Manila states that Gen. Fred Grant with five companies of infantry and a band of scouts advanced from Imus yesterday and drove the insurgents from the entire west of the Imus. Two companies with the scouts crossed the river at Big Bend, and advanced westward in the direction of Binacayan road, the insurgents firing volleys, but retreating.

The C.P.R. machinists' strike at Winnipeg still continues.

Dense clouds of smoke indicate prairie fires southwest and north of Winnipeg. The grass and the other dead vegetable matter are now so dry that they make good food for the flames.

A Phillips, aged 65, shot a woman known as Mrs. Beaudry with whom he had been living on Sanguinet street, Montreal, yesterday. He then turned the weapon upon himself with fatal results.

OUTRAGE AND MURDER.

Maysville, Ky., Oct. 6.—Mrs. James Lashbrook, wife of a well-to-do farmer in this county, was ravished and murdered yesterday at her home at Clark's station. After the outrage her assailants secured a club and beat out the woman's brains. The officers brought in Richard Coleman, a young negro, last night, who confessed the murder of Mrs. Lashbrook. It is doubtful if they will be able to save the negro from being lynched.

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