

## BOERS ARE MOST INSOLENT.

And War Is Considered by All As Imminent.

Things Are So Critical on the Transvaal That Prices of Food Stuff Leap Into the Air.

London, Sept. 6.—The second edition of the Times, issued this morning, published a dispatch from Newcastle, Natal, which says that during yesterday's debate in the raad, regarding the proximity of British troops to the Transvaal territory, Herr Delarri, a member of the raad, said:

"The Boers only require half a day's notice to fight."

The correspondent of the Times, continuing, says:

"Many conclude that the defiant tone of the speeches is not unconnected with the fact that Mauser ammunition, which had been stopped at Delagoa bay has now been received."

"The Pretoria government admits that a consignment of cannons is now on its way from France."

"It is the evident aim of the Boers to secure time until grass and water are plentiful, the burghers fully recognizing that a peaceful settlement of the difficulty is out of the question."

**KRUGER VOICES HIS REGRETS.**  
Pretoria, Sept. 6.—The latest reply of the Transvaal to the British demands has been published. In this reply regret is expressed that the proposals of Great Britain are unacceptable. The Transvaal government admits Great Britain's rights under the convention and international law to protect her subjects, but denies the claim of suzerainty. The reply agrees to a further conference regarding franchise and representation.

**DECLINES TO TALK.**  
Cape Town, Sept. 6.—When questioned in the Cape house of assembly today regarding the transit of ammunition through Cape Colony, the premier, W. P. Schreiner, declared that the subject was exhausted and that he must refuse to be annoyed by further questions concerning it.

Lieut. Gen. Sir Frederick Forester Walker, who relieves Gen. Sir William Francis Butler as commander of the British troops in South Africa, arrived here today. He was met by cheering thousands and given a splendid reception.

**CHANGE IN ASPECT.**  
New York, Sept. 6.—A dispatch to the Tribune from London says: The altered aspect of the Transvaal affair continues to be a mystery too deep to be probed by anybody outside of the chief secretary's room in the colonial office. President Kruger has suddenly changed his ground.

**VERY NEAR WAR.**  
Cape Town, Sept. 7.—The Boers, it is stated positively, are concentrating on the border.

Bloemfontein, Orange Free State, Sept. 7.—It is understood that all the Transvaal artillery has been called out and the burghers notified to be ready. The latest reply of the Transvaal to Great Britain is regarded as marking the disappearance of the last hope for peace.

Johannesburg, Sept. 7.—Groceries generally have advanced 10 to 15 per cent here, and supplies from the coast are anxiously awaited.

**The Last of the Dreyfus Trial.**  
Rennes, Sept. 7.—Today came the beginning of the end of the Dreyfus trial. With the speech of the government commissary, Maj. Carriere, the case entered upon the final stage of pleadings, and the verdict will be delivered on Monday. There is even talk tonight of the trial ending tomorrow by holding an extra session afternoon for M. Latorri's speech and the deliberation of the judges. This, however, is considered unlikely, as the government is anxious to have the judgment withheld over Sunday in order to avert demonstrations which would probably cause bloodshed on a day when the workmen are free. The government is not only particularly concerned regarding Paris and other large towns where passions have been heated, and the verdict, which ever way it is given, is practically certain to give rise to trouble. It is understood that the government has intimated its desire to the president of the court-martial, Col. Jouaust, and there is no reason to believe that he will not fall in with their views.

The most elaborate police measures will be taken during the last days of the trial. Eight gendarmes and a detachment of infantry will be stationed

in the courtyard, lines of troops and gendarmes in the vicinity of Lycee will be tripled and placed further back, detachments of gendarmes will be posted on the squares and bridges of the town, and mounted gendarmes will patrol the streets. The garrisons of neighboring towns will be held in readiness to be dispatched here at a moment's notice. If a cry is raised or a threatening gesture made by any one in the audience before or after the verdict, the offender will be arrested and taken before the president of the court, Col. Jouaust, and will then be sentenced to punishment; the minimum penalty being two years in prison.

**Run Out of Machinery.**  
Seattle, Sept. 8.—Seattle is reaping the benefits of the development and substantial growth of Alaska and the Yukon country to the extent of hundreds of thousands of dollars, and after levying on all the surplus supplies of machinery in San Francisco and Portland, finds itself unable to keep pace with the demand of the energetic miners of the north.

Since July 1, when the mine owners and others working mines on shares commenced to arrive here from the north to purchase their supplies and machinery, there has been such a heavy demand that not only all the local supply, but all the product of the entire Pacific coast has gone, and the local manufacturers and dealers have found themselves unable to fill all the orders that have rushed in on them. So great has been this trade that upward of \$200,000, on a close estimate of the business of all the houses, has been spent in Seattle in the last two months. This will be swelled to \$250,000 by September 12, when the last steamer sails for the Yukon, and the market for the winter is ended.

Most machinery, that is, the heavy kind used in developing mining property, is taken all the way by water. Every vessel that has sailed from the Sound has been loaded to its capacity. All the Seattle machine shops that manufactured hoists, and the shops turning out boilers, besides the 30 or 40 institutions manufacturing pipe boilers, have been running every day in all these nine weeks and the nights, and then were unable to supply the demand, forcing many people who came from Dawson to Seattle to return without buying all the supplies they needed.

The machine shops and houses in Seattle, after running out of engines and boilers, bought the entire supply of San Francisco and Portland, and when there was nothing left in those cities, began levying on the East. Still, there was not enough to keep up with the demands of the purchasers, though the stock on hand in this city at the beginning of the rush exceeded the combined stocks of San Francisco and Portland.

**CAPTAIN HEALEY FROM NOME.**  
The Riches of the District Not Exaggerated—Poor Man's Camp.

Captain J. J. Healey returned to Dawson on the company's steamboat John C. Cudahy. "I have been to Nome," he said, "and the riches of that district have not been exaggerated. It is impossible for those who are familiar with the country to estimate its wealth, and those who have never been there, have no idea of the marvelous richness of the Cape Nome territory. There are thousands who are rocking on the beach. It is idle to talk of distress and suffering there this winter. There is enough driftwood on the beach for everybody, besides there are vast quantities of coal, which have been shipped from coast cities. Lumber is plentiful; in fact, I think that the supply will exceed the demand. Everyone who is not too lazy to work, can earn money. There are sufficient provisions there, but even if it were otherwise, it would not be a difficult matter to make the trip to St. Michael at any season of the year. The country cannot be exaggerated, it is a door man's paradise. In all probability there will not be much work this winter, but there will be opportunities to secure unlocated ground." Captain McCarthy, when questioned about Nome said: "The men on the beach are rocking out from \$5 to \$200 per day. There is hardly a creek in the district—in fact I do not know of one which has been prospected and which has failed to show pay dirt. It is the greatest poor man's gold field that has ever been discovered. Hardly any expense is incurred to open up a claim; the gold is found within a few inches of the surface. There will be no suffering this winter. Food will be plentiful. However, if any line of provisions becomes scarce, the people can do this winter as was done last, sled whatever they require from St. Michael. The report that persons landing at Nome are required to have a certain amount of money or a season's supply of food is false. Nothing is required, but one should have enough clothes, I should say, to prevent an indecent exposure of person."

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