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TRANSVAAL CRISIS.

The Situation is Wearing a More Peaceful Aspect.

Semi-Official Statement Has It That the Transvaal Governor Has Explained That the Last Despatch Was Meant as an Acceptance of the Proposed Joint Inquiry.

LONDON, Sept. 9.—The Anglo-Transvaal situation wears today a more peaceful aspect. The Associated Press account of the decisions taken at the cabinet council yesterday (Friday) are confirmed from the best sources of information. In addition to the troops from India, a brigade of four battalions of infantry is under orders to start for South Africa immediately.

A semi-official statement comes from Pretoria through Cape Town to the effect that the Transvaal governor has explained to the British diplomatic agent, Conyngham Greene, that his last despatch was meant as an acceptance of the proposed joint inquiry.

PRETORIA, Sept. 8.—In the first Raad this morning debate was resumed on the interpretation of the government respecting the concentration of British troops on the border and the stoppage of ammunition consigned to the Transvaal. The house adjourned shortly before noon, after adopting unanimously the following resolution: "The Volksraad, having considered that friendly correspondence is still passing between the two governments, that the concentration of troops in numbers may be considered as a detrimental and restless effect on the inhabitants of the state, and that the Transvaal has lived in friendship and peace with all nations and desires to continue to live in such friendship and peace, now declares its regret at the fact of concentration, and expresses the opinion that, in the case of eventualities which might lead to enmity of war between the two governments, the cause would not lie with the republic."

"As regards the stoppage of ammunition at Delagoa Bay, the Volksraad trusts that the government will act according to circumstances. The Raad further resolves to drop the matter of the concentration of troops on the border for the present, until the government shall supply further information to the Raad, although the Raad is not satisfied with the Raad's report. Nevertheless, and with a view to the results of the negotiations which are pending, the Raad desires to determine in the meantime to maintain the right of independence of the republic."

LONDON, Sept. 8.—Mr. Montague White, the consul general of the South African republic in London, said to a reporter today that he had received a telegram from Pretoria today assuring him that the Transvaal government quite understands the position regarding the peace party in England, and is in no way influenced by speeches or demonstrations.

AMSTERDAM, Sept. 8.—The members of the Dutch Transvaal committee have cabled to Queen Victoria imploring her in the name of humanity and God's kingdom to preserve the peace.

LONDON, Sept. 9.—The Cape Town correspondent of the Daily Mail says: "There is no doubt that Mr. Schreiner (the Cape premier) and the Afrikaner leaders have thrown in their lot with Sir Alfred Milner, and this fact explains the irritation displayed in the Volksraad here with the peace party. It is reported from Bloemfontein that a ballot will be taken throughout the Orange Free State to decide whether the governor shall remain neutral or shall assist the Transvaal."

LONDON, Sept. 9.—According to a despatch to the Daily Mail from Brussels, Dr. W. J. Leyds, the plenipotentiary of the South African republic to the European governments, does not believe there will be war between Great Britain and the Transvaal, but the Boers will fight to the end, he says, if an attempt is made on their independence.

PRETORIA, Sept. 8, midnight.—The government has issued a formal announcement that its last despatch was intended as an acceptance of the joint inquiry. The misapprehension arose through a confusion of ideas. Both President Kruger and Vice-president Joubert declare they are determined to work for a peaceful settlement.

PRETORIA, Sept. 9.—The News today prints an official statement from the secretary of state of the South African republic, F. W. Reitz, in which he says: "The government considers that three courses are disclosed by the communication of Joseph Chamberlain. The first is a joint commission of inquiry; the second is a commission of delegates from both governments to discuss technicalities; and the third is a conference at Cape Town." In this statement Secretary Reitz also says that the Transvaal government now agrees to the second proposition and invites Great Britain to define the constitution of the proposed commission and the place of meeting.

SIMLA, Sept. 9.—The British troops here are holding themselves in readiness, having been warned that they will be ordered to march for South Africa. Transports are being engaged, and it is expected that the first regiment will start within ten days. The scheme for their removal is perfectly matured.

MAINTA, Sept. 8.—The first battalion of the Indian regiment, stationed here, has been ordered to hold itself in readiness to embark for Cape Colony.

PRETORIA, Sept. 11.—It is understood that Gen. Sir Redvers Buller will start for Cape Town next Saturday. The Indian authorities are chartering steamers to transport troops to South Africa as rapidly as possible. A despatch from Bloemfontein reports the distribution of arms and a considerable exodus to Cape Colony. According to this correspondent the Boers are not in a hurry to start, and there is no abatement of war preparations in the Transvaal.

PRETORIA, Sept. 11.—The British diplomatic agent, Conyngham Greene, has made a representation to the Transvaal government regarding the recent arrest of Mr. Pakeman, editor of the Transvaal Leader, and the government is sending a reply. President Kruger has issued a notice warning publishers not to print anything shooting beyond the River Limpopo, which forms for many miles the northwest and north limit of the Transvaal, that they will be severely punished unless they strictly observe the limits of the local authorities.

The tension remains high pending the receipt of Mr. Chamberlain's despatch. It is asserted on excellent authority that the Transvaal government, with a view of keeping the mining industry going, has decided to protect it in every way possible. As a first step, the government has notified the Rand companies that their men will receive protection as long as they remain and should be unfortunately injured, the men will be given a reasonable time to leave the country if they desire.

It is generally announced that the article in the gold law about the concentration of claims and mines belonging to people convicted of treason or conspiracy against the state, which has been last year eliminated, will be again put in force, and it is also stated that the government power to order that the lines be worked and provisions that this instruction is disregarded, the government may work them through its own agents.

JOHANNESBURG, Sept. 11.—The officials of the Netherlands Railway Company have been notified to guard the line in the event of war. The Italian line in the Transvaal have decided to remain neutral, should hostilities arise. The Transvaal Hollanders here held a meeting today and adopted resolutions of sympathy with the Transvaal government, pledging their support.

BLAIR'S ATTITUDE.

Says City Council Is Actuated by Political Motives, and That the C. P. R. is Playing a Big Game of Bluff.

He Will Not Recede from His Position—A Fling at the St. John Bridge and Railway Company.

The interview between the delegation from the city council and the Hon. Mr. Blair Monday was probably the warmest that has been held hereabouts. The interview, held by appointment, opened at 2.30 in the minister's private car, and lasted the better part of an hour. The delegation was composed of Ald. Corwell, Macrae and Waring, the other members of the committee not attending.

Ald. Corwell explained to the minister that the committee was appointed by the council to interview him, relative to the differences between the I. C. R. and C. P. R. He stated that the council had been given to understand that the winter port service to St. John for the coming season was imperilled by the fact that satisfactory arrangements had not been made between the railways relative to the interchange of traffic; and the delegation were instructed to urge upon the minister the bringing about of such a state of affairs as would ensure a continuance of the steamship business at the west side next winter.

Ald. Macrae then read a telegram the delegation had received from Mr. Shaughnessy, and impressed upon the minister the same points urged by Ald. Corwell.

Hon. Mr. Blair stated that he had fully considered the matter, and made up his mind; and could not be swayed from the line of action which he intended to adopt. He said he was willing to continue the passenger arrangement that had been existing with the C. P. R., although he considered it detrimental to the interests of the I. C. R., but he would not continue the interchange of freight traffic, notice of cancellation of which had been given for July, 1898. Mr. Blair expressed strong resentment at the action of the city council, insinuating that it was a political move, and an agitation fomented by the C. P. R. authorities, who were making a last desperate effort to bring pressure upon him through the city of St. John, to which he had not the slightest intention of yielding. He would not, he said, submit to being coerced into prostituting his position as minister of railways to the interests of any corporation or any locality. He further claimed that it was nonsense to imagine that the C. P. R. would not continue to supply freight to steamers at the west side, and scouted the idea that they would make traffic arrangements with the Boston & Maine or otherwise utilize the port of Boston.

The delegates very warmly denied that they or the members of the council were influenced by political motives or were actuated by any other wish than the best interests of this city.

Ald. Waring stated to the minister that many people in St. John regarded the removal of the winter port service as a purely experimental, and one that could not be a commercial success. He pointed out the difference in mileage via the I. C. R. as compared with the C. P. R., the Grand Trunk or Boston routes. He added that the council felt that as representatives of the city they were entitled to call upon the government to take such steps as would put beyond a doubt the use of the wharves at Sand Point for transatlantic steamers.

Ald. Macrae, when charged with working in the interests of the C. P. R. to handicap the minister, stated that if Mr. Blair could satisfy him that the C. P. R. was merely bluffing and endeavoring to coerce the department of railways he would be ready to urge the cancellation of agreements between the city and the C. P. R. and advocate the building of a bridge via Navy Island, and the making over to the I. C. R. of the west side improvements on similar terms to those upon which the C. P. R. at present has the use of them. He stated that the council did not care how the end they had in view was attained, whether by traffic arrangements, passenger arrangements, or governmental pressure of any kind upon the C. P. R. But he contended that inasmuch as the city of St. John had expended a very large amount of money in the interests of the development of the national trade of Canada, that the council was justified in calling upon the government to see that that trade was carried on through St. John as a winter port, or else should indemnify the city against any loss resulting from that expenditure and the failure to have steamship business carried on here as it was last winter.

Mr. Blair replied that he had no doubt but what winter port business during the coming season would be carried on as heretofore, despite the assertions of the C. P. R. management. He added that it had not been for the difficulties and technicalities thrown in his way by the St. John Bridge and Railway Co., who needless-

ly caused a delay of six or eight weeks in the construction of the works at the north end, which he considered very unbecoming in them as citizens of St. John, he would have had the terminal improvements completed this year, and would have carried on a very considerable amount of business at the winter pier there. He added that of course that business could not during the coming winter have been equal to what the C. P. R. carried on at the west side last winter; but he had established such connections as would have ensured a great deal of business had the works been completed. The delegation withdrew without receiving any assurances such as they and the citizens had hoped would have resulted.

OTTAWA, Sept. 8.—The Paris exhibition commission have received a letter from the British Columbia authorities asking that the mineral exhibits of that province be kept separate from the other provinces. British Columbia thinks she can secure a better showing of her different mineral products grouped together, instead of their being shown in the several classes from the other provinces. The matter will be decided in a few days.

Hon. Mr. Laurier is expected to return to the capital on the 15th inst. The Kings Canadian Hussars are permitted to join the brigade camp at Aldershot by march route. Capt. D. H. Fairweather, 8th Hussars, will act on the staff at Sussex as D. A. A. G. for musketry.

Boards of officers will assemble during the annual training at Sussex and Aldershot camps for the purpose of examining officers in equitation. Trudeau, a local electrician, and a son of the late deputy minister of the interior, has just completed a new fog alarm, which promises to revolutionize this branch of the public service. It has been adopted by the dominion government, and the first new machines will be installed in British Columbia forthwith. The device is operated by a naphtha motor on the principle of a large electric gong with a megaphone sound projector. It is claimed that the machine will cost about half the ordinary steam plant whistle, will be cheaper to operate, take up less space and give superior results. The local experiments are regarded as highly successful.

OTTAWA, Sept. 10.—Premier Greenway of Manitoba arrived here today. Hugh John Macdonald travelled on the same train to North Bay and went to Toronto. Mayor Profronius of Montreal arrived here today from Edmonton. He is jubilant at the success of the gold dredging company of which he is a director, which is operating in a bed of the Saskatchewan river. The annual gun practice of detachments from the field batteries took place at Deseronto commencing September 8th. Thirty-six detachments competed. Col. Burney, Gordon Highlanders, has been appointed professor of strategy and tactics at the Royal Military College.

OTTAWA, Sept. 11.—The post office department has been advised by the imperial authorities that the Canadian reply post-card will be recognized in England if bearing a two-cent stamp. There is no two-cent reply post-card issued by the dominion department, and it will therefore be necessary for parties desiring to use this class of communication to affix a one-cent stamp to each card.

An important announcement is made by the post office department that on and after October 1st the suburban rate of one cent per ounce will be abolished and the letter rate made uniformly two cents per pound for the whole of Canada. There has always existed a doubt since the abolition of the drop system whether under the act the department had power to permit a one-cent rate to suburban offices, and it is now proposed to abolish it.

Reports received by the department of trade and commerce state that Hon. Mr. Dobbell is endeavoring to secure the removal of discriminatory insurance rates on vessels destined for the St. Lawrence section. The London chamber of commerce has passed resolutions asking a modification of the present conditions of marine insurance policies.

COLORED BROTHERN FIGHT. CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Sept. 11.—As the result of a free fight in St. Stephen's Baptist church (colored) here Sunday, five of the church members, including the pastor, John E. Crump, were arraigned in the third district court today. The trial of the case occupied the court all day. Fifty or more colored people crowded the court, the majority of them as witnesses. According to the testimony, Crump tried to preach from the pulpit when three others of an opposing faction, Wm. Summerville, Sanford Cunningham and Solon Vaughan, seized him by the collar and threw him down. Crump's friend, Sidney Davis, tried to rescue him, and a rough fight ensued in which the pulpit was torn down, a window broken and two policemen badly used up.

The trial occupied the entire day, and a large number of witnesses were heard. At the conclusion of the evidence the court decided that the evidence against Pastor Crump and Sidney E. Davis was not sufficient to convict them, and they were discharged. Three other participants in the melee, however, were found guilty of assault and fined \$5 each. An appeal was taken to the higher court.

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Sept 11, sch Opal, Foots, from Taymouth, Quebec, Bala.

Sept 8, str Aurania, from New York.

Sept 6, str Seal, from New York.

Sept 4, str Anna Moore, from New York.

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