

War Seems At Hand

Transvaal Agent in London Preparing for Departure to Continent.

Orange Free State Going With the Enemy—Natal Afrikaners Too.

Canadian Contingent Will Be Formed as Soon as Hostilities Commence.

By Associated Press.
London, Sept. 23.—The indications at the agency of the Transvaal government in this city point to the belief that war is inevitable. Preparations are being made for removing the furniture from the headquarters and the gloomiest impression in regard to the outcome of the crisis seems to prevail.

Mr. Montague White, consul-general of the South African Republic in London, wished to return to Pretoria, but was informed by his government that in the event of war he would be more useful at Brussels.

Natal Afrikaners Move.

London, Sept. 23.—The Times to-day has a despatch from Pietermaritzburg, Natal, reporting that a meeting which has aroused a strong feeling among the loyalists was held by the Afrikaners. A strongly worded resolution was passed asking the government to recall the colonial forces on the border as their presence there is inimical to peace and calculated to cause trouble with their fellow Afrikaners. A telegram from Premier Schreiner was read saying the government was working for peace. The meeting, notwithstanding, passed the resolution, which was supported by two justices of the peace.

Orange Free State.

Capetown, Sept. 23.—The South African News to-day prints a despatch from Pretoria saying the alleged change in British public opinion and the alarming reports subsequent to the meeting of the cabinet are considered hopeful signs. There is no official news from Bloemfontein, but there is not the slightest doubt about the attitude of the Orange Free State.

At a meeting of the Scandinavians here it was unanimously decided to support the government. Only twenty members of the Free State read are in town and it is expected the legislature will dissolve at any moment.

The Jews at a meeting have resolved to support the government and have offered to equip and provision a police corps of 200 men.

Piet Kruger, grandson of the President of the Transvaal, in a letter to the volkstein asks whether or not it is the government's duty to inform the Imperial government that any further landing of troops will be considered a casus belli.

There is feverish activity in all the departments and the despatch of riders carrying instructions to towns removed from the telegraph lines is continuous.

Irishmen Want Vengeance.

Johannesburg, Sept. 23.—A manifesto has been issued here by a number of Irishmen urging the Irish to strike a blow at England which has "held the Irish people in bondage for twenty-four months."

Canada Will Assist.

Ottawa, Sept. 23.—General Hutton left for the Northwest and Pacific Coast to-day. His present arrangements will keep him away six weeks at least unless in the event of the outbreak of hostilities in South Africa, when he will return to Ottawa to organize a Canadian contingent.

EMERY LAFONTAINE DEAD.

Engineer of Public Works Department Succumbs to Typhoid Contracted in North.
From Our Own Correspondent.
Vancover, Sept. 23.—Emery Lafontaine, assistant chief engineer of the public works department at Ottawa, died in the city hospital to-day from typhoid fever.

OTHER NORTHERN STEAMERS.

Vancover Asked to Encourage an Enterprise by English Capitalists.
From Our Own Correspondent.
Vancover, Sept. 23.—Vancover is offered the prospect of direct fast steamer service to Skagway. Mr. C. E. Oswald, representing the interests having the scheme in hand, is to appear before the committee of trade on Friday evening to ask for their moral support. No bonus will be asked from the city; certain privileges, however, will be desired. The fast and modern steamers are resident in England.

GOLD FOR AMERICA.

New York, Sept. 23.—Lazard Freres has engaged \$1,000,000 gold in London for shipment to America.

NOTES FROM THE CAPITAL.

Customs Taxation Yields Still More.—Mr. Fisher's Western Trip—Governor-General's Plans.

From Our Own Correspondent.
Ottawa, Sept. 23.—Imports for August show an increase of \$3,127,220 and duty collected an increase of \$78,259. The exports increased \$5,890,554.

Lord Minto will go to New York to see the yacht race and thence to Chicago to attend the laying of the cornerstone of the new public building there.

Mr. Fisher leaves for British Columbia to-morrow.

The family of Mr. Devlin, Canadian immigration commissioner at Dublin, are all down with typhoid. Mr. Devlin may surrender his post there.

The formal opening of the Solongues canal will take place some day next week, having been delayed by wet weather.

Dewey's Chow Doggie

In Foreground of the Story of Worshipful Interviewer at New York.

Admiral Feels Tired at Prospect of Ordeal Prepared for Him.

By Associated Press.
New York, Sept. 23.—Admiral Dewey arrived off New York at dawn, and the Olympia is now anchored in American waters in the light of Sandy Hook. The first shot of welcome was from the pilots and crew of pilot boat No. 7, fifteen miles south of the Hook lightship.

The marine observers along the coast had sighted the Olympia in the first light of the morning. The shore batteries opened fire at once, and the ship, called from breakfast, let loose the guns. The flagship replied with 21 air line anchors not far from where the cup challenger Shamrock is moored.

The admiral was in his own country again after twenty-four months' absence. He has returned "great with the arduousness of things done," and he scarcely seemed to realize it.

The pilot had brought aboard the Sunday papers, and a reporter of the Associated Press was received by the admiral in a cabin littered by the illustrations of Dewey's editions, which together made hundreds of pages in black and white and in colors, all concerning the great admiral and the preparations to meet him.

"It almost saddens me," he said, "to see what my people are doing for me, and the pride and gratification which they receive. I cannot express the appreciation I feel. I did not know, I did not really perceive until this morning the splendid welcome that my people are giving me. The governors of many states are coming to see me, and troops from Florida, Georgia and other states are on their way to meet me."

The admiral stroked the head of a tawny-haired dog, the Chow dog of a Chinese breed that appears in the illustrations of the newspapers.

"Bob here," he said, "is not well; he seems to be ashore. He is sick to get a little grass and to scamp around. I like to have him with me. I am mighty glad to get home. It is not good for a man, any more than a dog, to live on shipboard for twenty-four months."

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BOSTON LYRICS ALL RIGHT.

The Opera Company Meeting With Great Favor in Vancouver—Victoria's Turn Coming.

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Victoria can unhesitatingly look forward to an operatic treat next week. In the way of artistic amusement the Boston Lyric Opera Company give the best value for the prices charged of any other company that has yet visited Vancouver.

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WAR HORSES STAMPEDE.
Break Away at Dutch Harbor While Exercising on the Way to Manila.—Seventeen Killed.

Seattle, Sept. 23.—Advices received here state that while the transport Victoria was at Dutch Harbor a band of 400 horses belonging to the government on route to Manila broke away from their keepers and stampeded. Seventeen were killed by jumping over a cliff.

LIPTON'S WORKINGMEN.

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DISTRESS FACES CAPE NOME.

Provisions and Fuel Insufficient to Carry Them Through the Winter.

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