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THE VICTORIA SEMI-WEEKLY COLONIST MONDAY, SEPTEMBEB 11, 1899

The War Postpon C

Transvaal Will Overlook for Present the Massing of British Forces.

While Kruger Prays the Almighty to Change Chamberlain's Hard Heart.

Additional Troops Ordered for Protection of Natal and Cape Colony.

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concentration of troops in great numbers near the border has a detrimental enter fect on the inhabitants of the state, and the Transvaal has lived in friendship and peace with all nations, and desires to mination by the Imperial government of continue to live in such friendship and eace, now declares its regret at the fact of concentration, and expresses the opinion that in the case of eventualities which might lead to enmity or war between the two governments, the cause would not lie within the Republic.

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Amsterdam, Sept. 8.—The members of the Dutch Transvaal commission have cabled to Queen Vigtoria, imploring her in the name of humanity and God's kingdom to preserve the peace."

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 beta to meet the other side. God, he said, Demands and 5 dict may be delivered between 3 and 5 o'clock to-morrow morning, the court adjourning after M. Demange's speech until 3 o'clock.

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Pretoria, Sept. 8 .- (Midnight) -- The government has issued a formal an-nouncement that its last despatch was intended as an acceptance of the joint Induced Political Opponents to Help in nquiry. The mistaken interpretation ugh a confusion of ideas. Both resident Kruger and Vice-President oubert declare that they are determined

to work for a peaceful settlement. British Cabinet Council. ondon, Sept. 8 .- A crowd of two or olonial offices are situated, early this orning. Mr. Chamberlain and the ture, the Right Hon. Arthur Long, if any conclusion had been reached. He said:
"All that I can say is that we must have perioned."

Although the foreign office has not tion. given out an official statement, the general impression is that no ultimatum will be sent to the Transvaal. council was marked by absolute animity, and in spite of a lack of official information and the presence of h corroborative evidence that situation is scarcely less strained, there no sign of any intention to convene urliament. It is probable, however, hat the appeals from the government of Aatal will result in the despatch of a arge body of troops from England and Natal and Cape Colony. addition to the troops from India, rigade of four battalions of infantry inder orders to start for South Africa ediately, one from home, and three in the Mediterranean station. The

cancelled, and the steamer will probably be employed - to

Why Peace Prevails. London, Sept. 9.—A semi-official statement comes from Pretoria through Capetown to the effect that the Transval vernment has explained to the British omatic agent, Mr. Greene, that its despatch was meant as an acceptproposed joint inquiry into

ing of the Castle liner Marlech Cas-

had become confused, or perhaps for its own purposes wished to appear so.

The Daily Chronicle says Lord Salisbury's moderating influence was felt throughout the council. This is exceedingly probable, but in any case the cabinet was unanimous in favor of Mr. Chamberlain sending a strong despatch lemanding a categorical answer to the proposals Sir Alfred Milner submitted to the Bloemfontein conference.

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The Times thinks something more than this might have been demanded, but the cabinet decision meets with universal approval, and pending developments nothing further will be done.

Abandoned Kruger. London, Sept. 9.—The Capetown correspondent of the Daily Chronicle says; "It was the Transvaal's attitude regarding the suzerainty question that caused the Afrikander leaders in Cape Colony and the Orange Free State to cool off. The Transvaal has now resumed a practical tone, and the Afrikanders are exerting a supreme effort to expedite a settlement."

The correspondent of the Daily Graphic says: "There is no doubt that Mr. Schreiner, the Cape premier, and the

By Associated Press.

Pretonia, Sept. 8.—In the first raad this morning debate was resumed on the interpellation of the percentage of the present.

Appeal From The Cape.

nition 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 great numbers

mination by the Imperial government of the tension, which "is causing grave distress, bringing the community face to face with bankruptey, alienating the moderate element, but only intend to throw the same of the control of the con moderate element here and in the Transvaal, and sapping British prestige."

The resolution also affirms an unabated confidence in Sir Alfred Milner.

tion at Delagoa Bay, the volksraad trusts that the government will act according ed with cheers for Chamberlain, Milner

JIMINEZ' CLEVER TRICK.

Scheme For His Personal Advantage.

Kingston, Jamaica, Sept. 8.-The Dominican Mail, whiih has just been received here, says that the apparently Downing street, where the Foreign and demonstration prepared in Santo Domingo for Jiminez, the leader of the of Selborn were the first arrivals, successful revolution in that country, by were followed by Field Marshal Gen. Imbert and the leaders of the commander-in-chief of Jiminez political faction, is not altothe army, and General Sir Redvers Bul-ler, who, it is said, will have the field mand in the event of war in the sentiment. It is now beginning to apnsvaal, and General Sir Evelyn
od additional sentiment. The sentiment is now beginning to ap-Wood, adjutant-general Sir Evelyn Wood, adjutant-general of the forces. The arrival of Lord Salisbury was the signal for tremendous cheering. The cabinet council concluded at 3 p. m. A reporter of the Associated Press asked the president of the Board of Agriculture, the Right Hon Arthur Long if any turns, the Right Hon Arthur Long if any turns the salight Hon Art were really working for his personal in terests, to the accomplishment of which they now purpose utilizing the victory, if they can compass his constitutional ele

CANADIAN DEATH ROLL.

Trinity Student Drowned While Fish ing-Frightened to Death-Explorer

Livingstone's Brother. Toronto, Sept. 7 .- Word has reached this city of the drowning of Reuber Waugh, a first-year student at Trinity College, at Grass Lake on Monday afternoon. He and a boy were out fishing, and Waugh in some way fell out of the boat, going down head foremost. His head was caught in the mud, and he never came up, the boy being too small

St. Thomas, Sept. 7 .- William Kimbel auctioneer, died very suddenly from heart failure, caused by excitement due to the runaway of a horse which he was

driving with a companion. Listowel, Sept. 7.—John Livingstone, elder brother of the famous African ex-plorer, died here yesterday, aged 89. He came to Canada in 1840 and lived in

How About

Friends Grow Faint Hearted With the Hour for the Verdict at Hand.

Ceneral Belief That He is Doom ed toSecond Condemn-

Closing Proceedings in th Deep Interest.

Rennes, Sept. 8.—That Capt. Dreyfus will be condemned is the almost universal opinion heard in Rennes to-night, Hitherto there had always been a divergence, but now both camps—the Dreyfusards and the anti-Dreyfusards-seem unanimous in the conviction that the verdict will go against him. Upon just what this is based and the precise reason for the conclusion are a mystery, but Maitre Labori down to the numerous Dreyfusards who crowd the hotels and cafes, and who last night were still hopeful that Dreyfus would be saved, all seem now to ogree that his last chance is

up the sponge. We shall go on fighting for him." M. Jaures, the socialist leader, and other prominent Dreyfusards expressed a similar opinion. Excitation

representative of the Associated I'ress independence.

"I assure you on the authority of a cabinet minister that there will be no war with the Transvaal. In "at, the Queen will not permit war. I received a telegram from Pretoria to-day, assuring me that the Transvaal government quite understands the position regarding the peace party in England, and is in no wise misled by speeches and demonstrations."

Amsterdam, Sept. 8.—The members of the Dutch Transvaal commission have cabled to Queen Victoria, imploring here.

The President's declaration that if it.

does not believe there will be war between Great Britain and the Transvaal would do its best
to meet the other side. God, he said,
but the Boers will fight to the end, he
says, if an attempt is made on their independence.

All a Mistake.

newed, the Transvaal would do its best
to meet the other side. God, he said,
held the hearts of the people in his hand,
and if the people called on Him He
would respond; He ruled the lot of all.
The President also earnestly hoped Mr.
Chamberlain's heart would be changed.

Labori has assumed such a prominent part in the proceedings.

Rennes, Sept. 8.-The Lycee was crowded this morning at the opening of what was expected to be the last day of the second Dreyfus court-martial. Standing room at the back of the court mmanded 15 and 20 francs for a pla Among the privileged spectators to-day was baron Russell of Killowen, chief justice of England, who was conducted to a seat by Gen. Chamerin and M. Paleologue, of the French foreign office. He came here from Paris, where he has attended the sessions of the Anglo-Venezuelan boundary arbitration commission, in order to see something of the

was true, replied with a shrug of the shoulders, giving the impression that the matter was under consideration. It was generally noticed that when Labori entered the court this morning he spoke to Demange in a deprecating tone, and a sharp discussion ensued, almost bordering on dispute. The two lawyers apparently differ about the best methods

conducting the case. Great interest was aroused by the arrival at Rennes of Max Regis, former mayor of Algiers, and a notorious Jewhater. The local papers to-day publish an open letter from M. Regis to Premier Rousseau, declaring Regis intends to

Lendon, Sept. 8 .- Count Esterhazy, in an interview published here this morning, repeats his statements that he did everything by the order of Col. Sandherr and his superior officers. He says he will reveal all after the trial at Rennes. He will possibly go to the United States, and declares he will not return to France, because it means immediate im

When the Verdict Comes.

From the popular point of view, the scene in court when Colonal Jouanste delivers the judgmant wil, he divested of its most sensational feature, owing to the absence of the central figure. Capt. Dreyfus will be taken to an adjacent last the Transvaal lined to the British elder brother of the famous African explorer, died here yesterday, aged 89.

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Listowel. He maintained an intimate correspondence with his famous brother until the death of the latter.

Dreyfus will be taken to an edjacent room when the judges retire to consider their verdict. A moment later they are to re-enter, a bell will be rung as they take their places behind the long table on the stage the infantry guard will present arms and remain at present arms while Colonel Jonanste, standing in the persons on board.

Capt. Dreyfus will not be brought back to the court room; and will not be present at the public meeting of the judges, but when the court room has been cleared of the gendarmes, which will be done as soon as Colonel Jouanste concludes the reading, the Clerk of the Court will be waiting; and read to him the verdict, in the presence of a couple of gendarmes. The public will thus be robbed of the spectacle of his emotions, which are bound to be profound, whether the decree sends him to the arms of his family or back to the penal settlement.

The verdict may be a condemnation, an equivocal acquittal or a form of acquittal that would be equivalent to the Scotch verdict, "Not proven." The last will be the case if the judges should pronounces against him by a vote of 4 to 3; that is, he would be freed, even though the judges in his favor should be are the stigma for the rest of his days.

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Capt. Dreyfus thus has five chances against the prosecution's three. Unanimity, six to one, five to two, four to three, or three to four will set him at liberty, while unanimity, six to one, or five to two will convict him.

ment and order a re-trial if it should be established that the present court-martial has erred in a matter of procedare. This is in the highest degree im-probable. The court of cassation will for the conclusion are a mystery, but also have the right to order a re-trial if there is no disguising the fact that from it should decide that the court-martial has deviated from its instructions. is the only loop-hole for Dreyfus, and his friends will undoubtedly fight this point tooth and nail.

ELECTRIC FOG ALARM.

New Device to Be Installed at Once is British Columbia Waters.

From Our Own Correspondent. Ottawa, Sept. 8.-Mr. Trudeau, a loca electrician, and son of the late minister of railways and canals, has just com The meeting, which was orderly, closs that the government will act according to recursion control of the ment of the concentration. He design that the government will act according to recursion of the public standards. The meeting, which was orderly, closs that the government will act according to recommend the proposal that the government will act according to the border for the present until act considers and Rodes, and ground that the fact of the concentration of troops on the border for the present until the present contains a similar opinion. Excite that the government is all event the ment is at fever heat, and nothing is discussed but the verdict of the morrow.

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By Associated Press. London, Sept. 8.—Captain Lascaller

MINERALS AT PARIS.

British Columbia Presses to Have Hers Shown by Themselves.

Ottawa, Sept. 8 .- The Paris exhibition commission have received a request Maitre Demange at once opened his be kept separate from those of the other speech for the defence. There was a rumor after the noon adjournment of the court that Labori had decided not to can score better by having her mineral products grouped together, instead of their identity being lost by the exhibits eing shown in the several classes from other provinces of Canada. The matter Wilfrid Laurier expects to return to the Capital on the 15th instant.

A BULWARK OF PEACE

Germany Finds It in Her Princes, and the Armies They Lead.

Carlsruhe, Baden, Sept. 8 .- Emperor Rousseau, declaring Regis intends to Burgomastes of Carlsruhe to-day, and expressing his satisfaction at the bearing of the troops, and in the difference of the British agent in Preserve the greatest calm, adding that is faction at the bearing of the troops, and the difference of the British agent in Preserve the greatest calm, adding that is faction at the bearing of the troops, and the difference of the British agent in Preserve the greatest calm, adding that is faction at the bearing of the troops, and the difference of the British agent in Preserve the greatest calm, adding that is faction at the bearing of the troops, and the difference of the British agent in Preserve the greatest calm, adding that is faction at the bearing of the troops. isfaction at the bearing of the troops, Many centuries must elapse before

the theory of permanent peace attains universal application. At present the armies they lead."

GRAND ARMY COMMANDER.

Philadelphia, Sept. 7.—Capt. Alfred D. "The despatch is a positive insult to the British government. Clearly we are Shaw, of Watertown, N. Y., was to- within measurable distance of an ultiday elected commander-in-chief of the

Fransvaal Fencing.

Neither Accepts the British Proposals Nor Makes a Definite Refusal.

Kruger's Friends Outside All Warn Him of the Folly of Resistance.

New Commander Arrives at Capetown and Is Given Rousing Reception.

By Associated Press.

London, Sept. 6.—Mr. Chamberlain remained at the foreign office until shortly before midnight. He declined to make a statement recepting the Transport. two will convict him.

If convicted, the judgment will be carried to the military court of appeals, which will be a formal matter. The special court will only quash the indict-structure of the court will only quash the indict-structure. situation, but expressed a desire to see a

government, the Transvaal on Saturday handed to the British agent at Pretoria a response of which the following is the purport:

The government of the South African Republic regret that Great Britain is of opinion that it is unable to accept the proposals made by the Transval despatches of August 19 and 21, by which the term for obtaining the franchise was fixed at five years, and the representation of the Witwatersrand district was enlarged. The government regrets the more inasmuch as it considers

1884, or by virtue of international law.

The Transvaal still hopes that these declarations will lead to a good understanding and solution of the existing difficulties. With regard to the question of suzerainty, the Transvaal government water to the despects of April

repeat that despatch.

The reply then proceeds to say:

"The Transvaal government has already made known to the British agent its objections to accepting the proposals contained in the British high commissioner's telegram of August 2, suggesting the appointment of delegates to draw up a report on the last electoral law voted by the volksraad. If the one-sided examination referred to in the last British despatch should show that the existing electoral law can be made more aide-de-camp to the Earl of Minto, Governor-General of Canada, telegraphs to the Times as follows:

"The Governor-General has not received an invitation to the Chicago festival his acceptance would depend upon his Canadian engagements.

"He much appreciates the suggested compliment. Sir Wilfrid Laurier has not communicated with the Veterans in any way."

British despatch should show that the existing electoral law can be made more efficacious, the Transvaal government is ready to make a proposal to the volks-raad with this object. It is also disposed to furnish all the information and enlightenment possible, but is of opinion that the result of such an inquiry, so far as regards a useful appreciation of the law, will be of little value. Nevertheless the government is very desirous of satisfying Great Britain in the matter of the plutch language. He says regarding the statement of Mr. Smut, the state attorney, that the warrants were issued without the warrants were issued without his knowledge, that it is palpably a ridiculous falsehood.

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attorney, on Saturday morning last. In response to advice that Mr. Hull had escaped south, Mr. Smut wired to Johanterference in the affairs of the Transval, and that the action would not be regarded as a precedent, but has solely for its object to ascertain whether the Franchise law fulfils its purpose, the relation was solely for its object to ascertain whether the first commission have received a request from the British Columbia authorities that the mineral exhibit of that province be kept separate from those of the other.

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The Transvaal government further proposes at an early date to send a fresh reply to the letter of July 27, and expresses satisfaction that Great Britain has declared a readiness to negotiate on the question of a court of arbitration. It is a says it would like to letter of July 27. the question of a court of arbitration. It says it would like to learn, however, whether the Free State burghers would

The Brussels agent for the Transvall state of siege is proclaimed claims that in making its recent propos-Early this morning the colonial office began to receive the reply of the Trans-

vaal government direct. Mr. Chamber-lain, on being again requested to make a statement, declined to do so until after The Standard, referring to the abstract of the reply of the Transvall government, stract of the reply of the Transvall government, General Sir Evelyn Wood, adjutant-general to the forces, will have supreme command, General Sir Redvers Buller ernment, as given out by the Trans-vaul agent in Brussels, says:

matum. day elected commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic. He was at one time United States consul at Toronto.

The Capetown correspondent of the Daily Mail says that three days ago the Hon. J. H. Hoffmeyer, the Afrikander leader in Cape Colony, telegraphed President Kruger, warning him that unless he complied with certain specified conditions war would be inevitable. ditions war would be inevitable. Mr. Kruger replied, promising compliance, President Stein, of the Orange Free State also urged President Kruger, according to the Daily Mail corresponde to come to terms with Great Britain.

Frederick Walker, who relieves Gen. Sir William Francis Butler as commander of the British forces in South Africa, arrived here to-day. He was met by cheering thousands and given a splendid recention.

Durban, Natal, Sept. 6.-A number o natives are applying to the authorities for licenses to carry assegais. A relief committee has been formed here for the purpose of caring for refugees from the Transyaal.

London, Sept. 6.—The Morning Post has the following from its Johannesburg correspondent, who is now at Pietermaritzburg, capital of Natal: "I imspected the country carefully on the way from Johannesburg. The veldt is not yet in condition for war operations. The town of Newcastle is utterly unprotected. To seize it would assure the Boers possession of Laing's Neck, and compel the British to do 20 miles of fighting over rough country, peculiarly suited to Boer tactics, before they could begin the first real action. The war office wants waking up."

The Johannesburg correspondent of the Standard says: "There seems to be some ground for supposing that the peace

Berlin, Sept. 5.—The Neueste Nach- ish troops on the borders and the stopsituation, but expressed a desire to see a copy of the foreign transcript of the Transvaal government's reply issued by the Transvaal agent in Brussels to-night, which was furnished to him by the Associated Press.

Defini, Sept. 5.—The Neueste Naching is troops on the borders and the stop-richten, commenting upon the news page of ammunition consigned to Transvaal government's reply issued by the Transvaal government to carry their principal officials were present, together resistance against England further than is advisable."

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"We fear that this offer will entice the Transvaal government to carry their principal officials were present, together with a large representation of the gen-In reply to the despatch of the British government, the Transvaal on Saturday handed to the British agent at Pretoria

Pretoria, Sept. 5.—The volksraad to-day accepted Mr. Coester's motion to fix the debates to grow out of the interpellation of the government as to the assembling of British troops along the Transvaal borders for Thursday next. In presenting his motion Mr. Coester referred to the "Jamieson raid and other outrages and murders committed by British troops" as leading him to distrust the present concentration. He declared that the convention of 1884 did not contain the suzerainty stipulation,

Are There for Service.

Times Correspondent's Flight. declarations will lead to a good understanding and solution of the existing difficulties. With regard to the question of suzerainty, the Transval government refers to the despatch of April 16, 1898, and considers it unnecessary to

says it would like to learn, however, whether the Free State burghers would be admitted to such a court, and what would be the scope of the court's discussion, it appearing to the Transvaal government that the restrictions imposed will prevent the attainment of the objects aimed at. With regard to the ulterior conference, the Transvaal awaits the communications of Great Britain.

The Brussels agent for the Transvaal state of siege is proclaimed.

The Commanding Officers. London, Sept. 7.—4 a. m.—The colonial office officials were busy until after 3 o'clock this morning. Despatches have been passing by special messenger between the Queen and Lord Salisbury for the last few days. There is a persistent rumor that in the event of war of war. sistent rumor that in the event of war General Sir Evelyn Wood, adjutanthaving the field command.

convoke parliament immediately if necessary to vote the needed supplies, adding that "a further loss of time may

SCARED OF THE EDITOR.

The Times advises the government

Paris, Sept. 8.-It was announced here to-day that as a result of the newspaper politics on the Dreyfus affair, M. De Pressences, editor of Le Temps, had fought a duel with M. Maurice Barre. Four shots were said to have been exchanged, with no results. The seconds of M. Barre assert that the duel did not occur, as they withdrew their demand

Why Troops **Are There**

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British Commissioner Tells Transvaal That It Is Not for Ornament.

Reply Angrily Discussed in Raad Without Any Decisive Result.

Republic Angrily Comp of the Ruin Attendant Upon War.

By Associated Press. Pretoria, Sept. 7.-There was great excitement in the first raad to-day on Mr. Coester's interpellation of the government regarding the presence of Briteral public, including many ladies. At the outset the chairman and president urged members to preserve calmness and

Mr. Coester and other members then made violent speeches, declaring that they could not understand Sir Alfred Milner's reply, since the Transvaal had never threatened the English colonies. "It is time," exclaimed Mr. Coester, "for the Transvaal also to prepare for eventualities."

Cannot Stand the Pressure

One member said: "England's action send out burghers to the borde the troops what they want. Fire bound to start. So let them light and allow it to burn out quickly. is better than the present state of af-fairs. Business is ruined and the public

treasury is drying up. Chamberlain is trying to ruin the country." These speeches and others attacking: Cecil Rhodes were loudly applauded, both by the house and public. The debate continued throughout the afternoon.
Mr. Tozen, who declared that Sir Alfred Milner's reply was tantamount to a stating that the people there would rise in rebellion if the President attended

another conference. The chairman called Mr. Coester to order for saying that the Jameson raidofficial members of the Executive Coundecide whether the Republic should con-

cede further negotiations or not.

President Kruger, rising, said: "The aliens have been offered equal rights with the burghers, but have refused them. Chamberlain is standing to get a franchise which the outlanders do not want. But what he really degine is want. But what he really desires is possession of the Transvaal. The burghers are willing to concede much for the sake of peace, but will never sacrifice their independence. After eulogizing Mr. Gladstone's act of retrocession ing Mr. Gladstone's act of retrocession in 1881 as a noble deed, President Kruger said that if it now came to fighting, the Almightly would be the arbiter. He urged the members of the raad to show moderation, reminding them that the reply from Mr. Chamberlain was en route, and pointing out that if the proposal for a commission was agreed to the Republic would send delegates to further discuss matter, and if possible to further discuss matter, and if possible to make peace. The speeches following the President's were more moderate in tone, and the raad rose without passing

Must Pay for This.

London, Sept. 8.—The Times, com-nenting editorially upon the Transvaal's lemands for an explanation of the presence of British troops on the border,

says:
"Such a demand as the Transvaal has "Such a demand as the Transvaal has addressed to Her Suzerainty is possibly without a precedent, except as an act of defiance. Ignorant of diplomatic usages as the Boers may be, they could hardly have taken this step unless they desired to dare us to a trial of strength. Even if the Transvaal now withdraws from an untenable position, the future cannot be determined on the same terms as were proposed at the Bloemfontein conference. The government would now be justified in annulling its previous ofters."

A Surprise in Store

London, Sept. 8.—The Johannesburg orrespondent of the Times says: "As howing the mental attitude of the Boers, I quote the remark of an influen-ial government official, supposed to be Continued on Page Five.