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SOUTH AFRICA.

Kruger Will Leave Shortly for Holland With Full Power to Negotiate a Settlement.

Provisions Selling at Famine Prices at Johannesburg-French at Barberton-" Bobs" Again Praises "Our Boys"-Mail Reports from Canadian Officers -Sergeant Richardson, V. C.

government has telegraphed to the governor of Mozambique authorizing the departure of Mr. Kruger for Europe. The governor, however, must satisfy himself that Mr. Kruger is really going to Europe. Meanwhile he is instructed to take all precautions and are clamoring for their wages in to safeguard the personal security of sold.

The newspapers here say that Mr. Kruger will take the German steamer Herzog at Lourenzo Marques, his destination being Holland, by way of

LONDON, Sept. 16 .- Mrs. Kruger, according to a despatch to the Daily Express, have arrived at Lourenzo

THE HAGUE, Sept. 16 .- The government of the Netherlands has telegraphed to Lourenzo Marques offering a Dutch warship to bring Mr. Kruger to Holland.

LONDON, Sept. 16.-A special despatch from Naples says an agent of the Transvaal states that the object of Mr. Kruger's visit to Europe is to negotiate a settlement with Great Britain, and that he has full power to

LONDON, Sept. 15.-The war office has decided to invite details of the officers and men from each colonial corps in South Africa to visit England as the guests of the nation as soon as it becomes possible to reduce the forces there. The colonial troops will come with the first returning regulars, and the Queen will present them with

JOHANNESBURG, Sept. 14.--Prosix pence a pound and pork the same price, while matches are sold at one shilling per box. Other staple articles are proportionately dear, while many necessities are not obtainable at any

NEW YORK, Sept. 16 .- On the American line steamer New York, which arrived today from Southampton and Cherbourg, was Master James F. Smith, a messenger boy who has just returned from his long journey to Pretoria, where he delivered the address and resolutions passed by the schoolboys of Philadelphia, and which he delivered to President Kruger of

the Transvaal Republic. FRENCH OCCUPIES BARBERTON. LONDON, Sept. 15.—Lord Roberts cables to the war office under date of Machadodorp, Sept. 14, as follows:

"French occupied Barberton yesterday with the cavalry which he took across the mountains. He met slight opposition, the enemy being completely surprised. Twenty-three officers and fifty-nine men. who were prisoners were released. Three locomotives and other rolling stock were captured. The former will relieve us of great difficulty, as we had to put up with a few rickety engines. French reports that he has sufficient supplies for three weeks for his force and for a week for his horses. One hundred Boers, with many Mauser rifles and a quantity of ammunition, were captured. There are large quantities of cattle and sheep in the country, which is good news. intercepted large convoys, a depot for supplies for the Boers in ly to accept." The parade state on the south and east. The bulk of July 30 showed 371 of all ranks.

LISBON, Sept. 15.-The Portuguese | French's force is still thirty-five miles behind the cavalry, owing to the difficulty of getting the wagons over the pass leading to Barberton."

> MACHADODORP, Sept. 13.-The supplies of the Boers have been exhausted. The troops have not been paid

LONDON, Sept. 15.-The war office has received the following cable from Lord Roberts, dated Machadodorp,

"Buller has occupied Spitzkop. He found 30,000 pounds of supplies, principally rice, sugar, flour and coffee, and three hundred boxes of ammuni-

"An engineer convoy, which was escorted by the 19th Hussars, was attacked at Crocodile River. The engineers have returned, but there is no

"Ian Hamilton's force has replaced Pole-Carew's brigade at Watervalonder, from which place Carew's command reached Goodwin today. The enemy abandoned the place and the Goodwin bridge was blown up.

"Rundle has arrived at Bethlehem. The Boers near by attacked a patrol of Yeamanry. The Boers retreated after demanding the surrender of the patrol and threatening to give no

"Hart reoccupied Potchefstrom on the 11th, the mounted men having covered forty-five miles and the infantry thirty-five miles without rest in order to surprise the Boers. The plan succeeded admirably, and at dawn some Boers rode out of the town into the visions are selling at famine prices arms of the British and were made the Boers endeavored to escape in small parties. Some were shot and a few escaped. The remainder rushed back into the town and were captured. "Clements advanced against Delary's burghers, who retired north of Magaliesberg. Delary admitted forty cas-

REPORTS FROM CANADIAN OF-

OTTAWA, Sept. 15. - Mails from South Africa have brought reports from Lieut. Col. Evans, commanding the 2nd Batt. C. M. R.; Lieut. Col. Lessard, commanding 1st Batt. C. M. R., and Lieut. Col. Otter, commanding the 2nd (special service) Batt., R. C.

Lieut. Col. Evans writes from Riet-

viel and Bankfontein. He sends an official diary for the fortnight ending July 29th. He describes the engegement at Koffyspruit on July 16th, during which three horses were shot. During the entire two weeks the battalion was more or less engaged in scouting or fighting. On July 29th the total strength of all ranks was 273. Lieut. Col. Lessard's report, also written at Rietvlei and Bankfontein, covers the period up till July 30th. He includes a telegram from Lord Roberts asking the number of men likely to go to England, as her majesty would doubtless like to inspect them and present colors. Lord Roberts con-

limit the number, but I cannot decide showing that Barberton was used as on that until I know the number like-

gent to South Africa on that date to Sept. have been 875, all ranks. These, with "Severely wounded: 139, Corp. Flint-202 invalided to England, 39 killed or iff; 386, Nicholson; Devil's Knuckles, died of wounds, 26 died of disease, 14 10th Sept. transferred, makes the original "Dangerously ill at Cape Town, Cantransferred, makes the original "Dangerously ill at Cape Town, Canstrength of 1,156, all ranks. This 1,156 adian Regiment of Infantry, 7,836, includes the special enlistment of 7 men and the draft of 4 officers and 106 men sent out as reinforcement. On August 3rd G company had not been moved with the regiment, but was still doing duty in the armored train There was evidence that the regiment would be moved westward to augment the force operating against De Wett near Vredeport. No mails have been received from Canada for two weeks, owing to the line of communications being broken by the enemy. Of the total strength of the battalion 700, all ranks, were available for ser-

MONTREAL, Sept. 15.—The Star's special cable from London says:

There is jubilation in Canadian circles over the award officially gazetted that No. 193, Pte. W. W. Flintoff, Fort of the Victoria Cross to Sergt. A. H. L. Richardson of Strathcona's Horse. Richardson gained the cross at Wolve Spruit, near Standerton, on July 5, when a small party of Strathcona's engaged double the number of Boers. After the order to retire had been given, Richardson, who was on a wounded horse, rode back under heavy cross fire to within three hundred yards of the enemy, rescuing a wounded trooper, whose horse had been shot. Richardson joined Strathcona's Horse in the Northwest as private in A squadron. His home before coming to Canada was Sefton Park, Liverpool, England.

"BOBS" PRAISES OUR BOYS. TORONTO, Sept. 16.—The Evening News publishes an autograph letter received from Col. Stanley, private secretary to Lord Roberts, in reply to a request from that paper asking the field marshal if he would send a message to the Canadian people as to his appreciation of the services of the Canadian contingents operating under him. The letter is dated Pretoria, Aug. 2 and says in part: "His lordship directs me to say it would be impossible to speak too highly of the work done by the various Canadian contingents. They have had hard work and suffered marly privations, all of which have been gone through with extraordinary cheerfulness, and it has been both a pleasure and an honor to him to have such troops under his command. A fact he thinks the Empire will not forget is that the determined advance of the Canadians on the morning of the 27th of February contributed in no small measure towards forcing the surrender of Cronje."

has been reported to the war office that Sergeants Hayne and McCulloch, and Privates Strong, Glendenning, Stumm and Duxbury of the Canadian Mounted Rifles, missing from the ranks, have rejoined.

CAPE TOWN, Sept. 16,-The military authorities have taken over the Netherlands railway. Gen. McDonald, operating in the cortheastern corner of Orange Colony

compelled the Boers to make a hasty flight from the Vet River. He captured thirty-one wagons, a quantity of cattle and stores, and 65,000 rounds

LONDON, Sept. 18.-F. W. Reitz, state secretary of the abrogated South African Republic, is going to Paris, according to the Pretoria correspondent of the Daily Mail, from which point he will proceed to the United

CONCERNING CANADIANS.

OTTAWA, Sept. 17.—Further reports were received at the militia department today from the different contingents in South Africa up to Aug. 12th. The effective strength of the infantry on that date was 548, which shows an improvement over the last report. Two hundred and seventeen men were sick. The report is dated Wolverdene. Col. Otter states that no mail had been received from Canada for upwards of three weeks. After leaving the springs the battalion joined Gen. Ridley's Mounted Infantry, which was operating against De Wet. On the 9th of August the battalion joined Gen. Hart's brigade of infantry, which included the Northumberlands, Somersets, Derbyshires and Dublins. De Wet was marching northward, and the infantry after him, doing 11 miles one day and 15 miles the next under the most trying circumstances. The wind was blowing a gale and throwing up clouds of dust. Col. Otter says the men he has with him are standing the work very well.

The first battalion Mounted Rifles was at Bankfontein on Aug. 6th, its effective strength being 171 out of a total of 368. The second battalion Mounted Rifles was at Pan Station on Aug. 8th, its effective strength being 166 out of 373.

Fr. O'Leary of the Royal Canadian Regiment is meeting with generous treatment in England. He received a very kind letter from the Countess of Dudley, offering him the loan of one personal use, or of apartments at any of the hotels in England or abroad while recruiting his health. Father O'Leary greatly appreciated the offer, but was unable to take advantage of

The Ottawa Car Company, which supplied transport wagons for the Canadian troops in South Africa, and which are admitted to be the best that have been used there, has sent a tender to the war department to supply a large number of these wagons to the British army.

OTTAWA, Sept. 17.-The following cable was received by the militia department today:

"CAPE TOWN, Sept. 17 .- The pris-

Lieut. Col. Otter's report, which is 14, Bourke; 16, Boykin; 143, Gilroy; 144, dated Woelvehoek, August 3rd, shows crimina; 436, Hobsen; 73, McLeod; 37, the total strength of the first contin-

MONTREAL, Sept. 17.-The Star's London cable says: The following members of the Canadian Mounted Rifles, who were some time ago reported missing, have re-joined: 148, Sergt. Murray Henry Edward Hague; 346, Private Harold Strong; 69, Bertram William Glendenning, and 229, Farrier Sergt. David McCulloch, all formerly members of the Northwest Mounted Police; and 83, Private Thos. Duxbury, formerly of Pincher Creek, N. W. T., and 348, Private Slimm.

TORONTO, Sept. 17.—The Telegram's Saskatchewan, was severely wounded in the knee while in action with Strathcona's Horse at Devil's Knuckles, on Sept. 10. No. 286, Nocholas, is also reported to have been wounded severely in the neck and jaw.

The official list gives No. 286 as Private R. Deering of Deer River, Manitoba. There is a C. J. Nicholson, No 386, who may be the person called Nicholas in the despatch.

TORONTO, Sept. 17.-The Telegram's special cable from London says: Only one Canadian has been awarded the Victoria Cross up to the present. The Associated Press cabled across the cean that Sergt. Arthur Lindsay of trathcona's Horse had been given the 77. C., using the Gazette as its authority. However, the name was not correct, as Sergt. A. H. L. Richardson of trathcona's Horse, as I cabled Saturday, was the Canadian who received the Queen's recognition for bravery in South Africa. The error of the Assoclated Press is traced to the fact that two of Richardson's names are Arthur and Lindsay, and as Arthur Lindsay

land on their return, the Queen desiring to inspect them. All war correspondents who participated in the South African campaign will receive medals in recognition of their services. Canadian newspaper men, as well as all colonial correspondents who followed their regiments to the front, will be included in the list.

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Representatives of the colonial volun-

teers in South Africa will visit Eng-

BIG COAL STRIKE.

President Mitchell Says the Success of the Effort to Tie up the Mines Exceeded

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 17.--1'he great strike of mine workers in the anthracite coal fields of Pennsylvania. which represent practically the hard coal output of the world, began today. According to President Mitchell of the United Mine Workers of America, who who is personally directing the strike from his headquarters at Hazleton, the success of the four days' effort to tie up the mines exceeded the expecta-

tions of the strike leaders. The hard coal region is divided into four great districts, the Lackawanna Wyoming, Lehigh and Schuylkill regions. In the first two, representing nearly 90,000 men, the tie up is practically complete, only one mine employing a few hundred men being operated, and this the strikers say they hope to close soon.

In the Lehigh region the situation is

mine employes having quit work. comparatively little strength in the Schuylkill region and the workmen there have no decided grievance, as in other districts, the strike was not general among the upward of fifty thousand men employed. Indications tonight, however, point to the closing tomorrow of some mines in the last named district that operated today, despite the assertions of officials of the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Co. and other companies operating the region that they will continue their collieries in peration Nearly all the efforts of the strike leaders are being devoted to organizing the men in the weak Schuylkill and Lehigh regions, and tonight their organizers and orators are redoubling

their efforts. No violence worth mentioning has marred the first day of the struggle. Practically no progress has yet been made in the efforts of some of the clergy to bring about a settlement of the trouble through arbitration.

ALTOONA, Pa., Sept. 17.-Inquiry by telephone among the near-by bituminous coal towns today developed the fact that the anthracite coal strikers will receive little if any help from the region north of Altoona. While it is reported that representatives of the hard coal men have been in this region agitating a sympathetic strike, there is no evidence of the fact in this vicinity.

Messages this morning deny that any such effort is making in those towns. The bituminous miners at each place say they will not even contribute money to help the eastern men, as they did not receive a cent from them during the bituminous wage troubles of recent years.

CRUSHED HER SKULL

SHAMOKIN, Pa., Sept. 17.-Two burglars broke into the house of Mrs. Leona Kress at Big Mountain, near here, today, and upon the woman's refusal to give them money, they crushed her skull and clubbed her Hung Chang and will probably accept daughter, Mrs. Mary Marcinick, so Prince Ching as negotiators. It says badly that it is feared both women will die.

Mary Marcinick, daughter of Louis a hatchet to defend herself, was also oners of war released at Noortgedacht clubbed until she fell senseless to the upon the legations. are: Strathcona Horse: 608, Stringer; | floor.

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The Royal Baking Powder is all old candidate for favor with the housekeepers of the dominion. Its patrons will be pleased to know that the recent government report giving the analyses of baking powders sold in the dominion show the Royal to be the purest of cream of tartar powders, the most healthful in character, and of greatest leavening strength. It is shown that the art of bakingpowder making is to give a pure and healthful powder, of highest leaven-ing power, which will keep indefinitely without losing its strength. These two qualifications—effective keeping and nighest strength—it is impossible to combine in a powder except with the use of chemically pure ingredients. The report states that the only entirely cream of tartar powders which came up to this standard were the Royal

CHINA SITUATION.

British Government Considering the Transfer of Troops from South Africa to India.

In Order to Make It Practicable to Send Large Reinforcements to China.

Sharp Engagement Between a Company of Americans and Boxers - Former Res cued by Benegal Lancers.

LONDON, Sept. 17, 4 a. m.-In connection with the prediction by Sir Associated Press understands that the British government is already considering the transfer of troops from South Africa to India, in order to make it practicable to send more British troops to China. The military authorities consider the war in South Africa so far ended that troops may be safely moved.

It is probable that the Russian legation has already been removed from Pekin to Tien Tsin, but there is no definite news as yet as to whether Li Hung Chang will after all go to Pekin. General Dorward is going to the WASHINGTON, Sept. 17.—The pascapital, leaving the British troops at sage of the day without any event General Horne Campbell. Vice Admiral Alexieff has returned to Taku. The Americans have begun at Ho Si Wu a permanent telegraph line between Pekin and Tien Tsin.

The Pekin correspondent of the Daily News says that the assassin of Baron Von Ketteler has been shot. The Morning Post representative there says that the question is being discussed of sending relief to a few British, French and American engineers who are besieged in a city two hundred miles south of Pekin. Shanghai advices say that a house

has been engaged there for Count Von Waldersee, who is expected to arrive next Saturday. Chinese officials estimate that 200,000 disbanded Chinese soldiers, by the simple expedient of turning their coats, managed to remain behind in Pekin. Other despatches confirm the report that, in ad-States, where he will probably re- a stand off, about 8,000 of the 16,000 dition to Hsu Tung, guardian of the heir apparent, Yu Lu, Viceroy of Chi Principally because the union has Li, and Wang Yi Yung, president of the Imperial Academy, with 200 members of official families, committed suicide when the allies entered Pekin. Chinese regulars are reported to have relieved the Roman Catholic stronghold at Ho Chien, in the province of Chi Li, which the Boxers have been besieging since June.

> Times, wiring yesterday, says: "Li Hung Chang has been notified from Berlin that he must submit his credentials to the German minister at Shanghai, who will then communicate with Emperor William and await the result."

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The Shanghai correspondent of the

TIEN TSIN, Sept. 14, via Shanghai, Sept. 15.—British signal officer reports a sharp engagement between a company of the 14th U.S. Infantry and 2,000 Boxers at Mo Tao (Ma Tow?) on the road to Pekin. The Americans made a gallant stand, and a detachment of Bengal Lancers near by, hearing the firing, came to their rescue and charged the Boxers in the rear. The Chinese were routed, leaving 200 dead. The Americans had no casualties. The Germans report an engagement

with a heavy force of Boxers west of Pekin yesterday (Thursday). The German loss is said to have been 20. Indications now point strongly to the withdrawal of all the poers from Pekin to Tien Tsin.

The British have issued an order pronibiting the selling or renting of any building within the limits of the Brit-Gen. Fuihishima is here arranging

Tsin, and all nationalities are scrambling for buildings. One British bat- Pekin during the winter months. But tery and two hundred Australians have

LONDON, Sept. 18, 4.30 a. m.-There is no additional news from China this morning. The Daily Graphic asserts that all the powers have accepted Li also that the powers have agreed to insist that a central government, satisfactory to the powers, shall be estab-Marcinick, while handing her mother lished in China, and that full retribution shall be exacted for the attacks No communications, however, have John-Boston route.

GOVERNMENT BAKING POWDER yet passed between the powers concerning indemnities, and a Berlin despatch says it is believed there that Dr. Mumm Von Schwartzenstein, the German minister, will purposely delay negotiations until Count Von Waldersee has arrived.

(Copyright, 1900, the Associated Press. PEKIN, Sept. 13, via Tien Tsin, Sept. 15, via Shanghai, Sept. 17.—Provost courts have been opened in Pekin by, all the military commanders. The Germans have made robbery a capital

Captain Wm. Forsyth, with 300 men of the Sixth U. S. Cavalry, will start tomorrow on a tour in the district to the northeast of Pekin to rescue Christians and to make a ten days' reconnaissance. Other expeditions have been planned, but the general sentiment is opposed to such undertakings, as they tend to keep the country disturbed. The British report that the Bengal Lancers entered Hiang-Asiang ahead of the Germans and temporar ily hoisted the British flag. They assisted the Germans in the attack. The Chinese lost two hundred.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17 .- The police guard which has been maintained at the Chinese legation for several weeks is about to be withdrawn as no longer necessary. The matter was the subject of a conference at the state department this afternoon between Acting Secretary Adee and the local chief

LONDON, Sept. 17.—The British commander at Taku cables that a fatigue party, engaged in destroying gunpawder at Tung Chow, has been blown up. Eleven Welsh Fusiliers were wounded, two British Indian soldiers were killed, and 13 British Indian soldiers were wounded, and Captain Hill and eleven British Chinese Infantry soldiers were wounded.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17.-The state department has received a despatch from the consul at Fu Chau, China, transmitting a copy of an agreement entered into between the viceroy and Tartar general of Fuh Kien province and the foreign consuls at Fu Chau, which provide that in his absence Chinese authorities will do everything in their power to protect the lives and property of foreign officers, merchants and missionaries resident in Fuh Kien and at Amoy; that Central and Southern China shall not be attacked by the foreign powers so long as the local authorities maintain order, and that the admirals of the several nations will be informed that it is not advisable that a number of naval vessels should visit Fu Chau lest the people be al-

The agreement is signed by the Russian, United States, Japanese, British and French consuls, and by Viceroy Hsu Ying Kur and General Shan

Lien. earing upon the Chinese situation went to confirm the prediction made last week by the officials, that there would be no immediate important developments. Several cable massages were exchanged and there were some consultations, notably between Acting Secretary Adee and the Chinese and Japanese ministers and the French charge d'affaires, but these were without visible result. The general impression is that nothing can be done until the Chinese themselves have progressed further toward the restoration of the government at Pekin. Meanwhile the military preparations for a winter stay in China go on without essation, though the officials are careful to point out that these are only precautionary measures and are not to be taken as an indication of a final determination on the part of the government.

Count Von Waldersee, who will command the allied armies, is expected to arrive at Shanghai next Wednesday or Thursday. There have been no announcements of his purposes, but it is expected that these will be developed as the result of instructions which he will receive on arrival. Although a military commander, it is the understanding among officials that he probably will exert considerable influence on the diplomatic situation, as he is a diplomat as well as a soldier. He was with the German embassy at Paris before and after the Franco-German war, and has had wide experience in the diplomatic field. The Japanese minister, Mr. Taka-

hira, had a conference with Acting Secretary Adee today concerning the status of Chinese affairs. Japan's course has been clearly defined in her answer to the Russian proposal. In this answer Japan announces her purpose of withdrawing from Pekin all "superfluous" forces, and continuing there only such force as is considered necessary. Just what number will constitute this superfluous force does not appear, although it is expected to be the bulk of the Japanese detachment now at Pekin. The efforts made by China to start peace negotiations have led to the suggestion that Marquis Ito, the distinguished Japanese statesman, represent that country in the negotiations. A strong public sentiment has been developed in Japan in his behalf, but he has expressed an unwillingness to accept the post, feeling that the conditions do not require his services. It was Count Ito who represented Japan in the negotiations with Li Hung Chang for the settlement of the Japan-China war. winter quarters for the Japanese

The suggested removal of the Chinese capitol from Pekin to Shanghai is now practically abandoned. The The Germans are pouring into Tien main season given is the difficulty of communication between Shanghai and aside from this was the strong feeling in certain quarters that it would be undesirable to esablish a seat of government where British influence is so strongly dominant. The discussion has led to the general understanding among officials that Tien Tsin offers the greatest advantages outside of Pekin for purposes of negotiation, and it is likely to be the headquarters, military and diplomatic, of the foreign establishments not maintained at Pekin.

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