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## Kruger Denies Sovereignty

### Says There Was No Mention of British Suzerainty in 1884 Convention.

### Efforts Will Probably Be Made To Hold Another Convention.

(Associated Press.)  
Pretoria, Sept. 1.—The entire correspondence between the Imperial and Transvaal governments was read in open session to-day, and President Kruger asked the Raad to meet secretly to-night for the purpose of considering a reply. President Kruger claimed that in the convention of 1881 the suzerainty of Great Britain was distinctly stated, but he added, there was no mention of it in the convention of 1884. He denied that the government had excluded the British from political rights.

London, Sept. 1.—The situation in South Africa has become rather complicated. The strong feeling of the Dutch element in Cape Colony evidently influences the Secretary of State for the Colonies, Mr. Chamberlain, to do everything possible to avoid a rupture and explain the further endeavor for a conference at Cape Town to arrange for the constitution of an arbitration court to deal with the question of suzerainty, which rather than the franchise now takes a prominent place in the controversy.

The Standard says a diplomatic only postpones the evil day and prepares for a still severer conflict. Until we resort to decisive measures every day adds to the offensive and defensive strength of the Boers, and proportionately fosters their inflated belief in their own inviolability, which lies at the root of their obduracy. Thus we are confronted with an exceedingly grave question. Special dispatches from Johannesburg express the belief that the Boers will oppose President Kruger going to Cape Town.

Gen. Joubert is credited with saying: "There will be no war, but Great Britain will not get all she wants."  
The Boers are much irritated at the prospect of further delay.  
• Britishers Leaving.  
Cape Town, Sept. 1.—Reports received here from various outlying districts in the Transvaal described them as being in a state of excitement. The Burgers, it is said, are watching developments keenly, but the majority of them wish for a peaceful solution of the crisis. There is a general exodus of British subjects from the larger towns. An order has been issued to commandants and field officers to be in readiness in the event of an outbreak of hostilities.

London, Sept. 1.—Col. Hector Archibald Macdonald, the Omdurman hero, has been urgently summoned to report to the war office. He expects to go to Cape Colony immediately.  
Bulawayo, Matabeland, British South Africa, Sept. 1.—Recruits for Colonel Plummer's camp are going to this place daily. Sixty South Rhodesia volunteers were sworn in yesterday.  
Bloemfontein, Orange Free State, Sept. 1.—The assertion made yesterday in local newspapers that orders had been given for a complete supply of cartridges for the Orange Free State artillery is unfounded.

London, Sept. 2.—This evening the Secretary of State for the Colonies, Mr. Chamberlain, issued the text of the dispatches of August 19 and 21, and of the reply of the Imperial government on August 26. The publication is accompanied by a note emphasizing the advisability of making the correct versions of the dispatches available to the public. The version of the Imperial government published at Pretoria, the Transvaal dispatch of August 19 contains the proposals regarding the franchise which were in principle agreed to by Great Britain will agree that the present intervention does not constitute a precedent, and will allow the suzerainty question to drop itself.

The Standard of August 21 makes the proposed concessions expressly conditional upon Great Britain undertaking not to interfere in the future affairs of the Transvaal, not to insist upon a further assertion of the existence of suzerainty, and to agree to arbitration.  
The reply of the Imperial government, dated August 28, declares that Great Britain considers the proposals not to be an alternative to those of July 21, but as an offer in principle of a franchise which will be hammered out in conditions impairing its usefulness, and which will assure immediate representation. With respect to intervention, the Imperial note says that the government does not desire to interfere from their side under the convention, nor deliver themselves from the obligations of a treaty which would protect its subjects from the same injustice.  
The note concludes by reminding the Transvaal that other matters exist which are of a political nature, and which are proper subjects for arbitration. These, the note says, are the matters which are to be settled by the arbitration already in progress, and which they will form the basis for the proposed Capetown conference.

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## Dull Season In London

### Opening of the Shooting Season Has Caused the Usual Exodus.

### Maybrick Case Again Brought Before the English People.

(Associated Press.)  
London, Sept. 2.—Excepting the small incursion of society folk on Thursday to see Mrs. Langtry's first night in "The Degenerates," London remains in the social doldrums. The shooting season has opened, and the exodus of the aristocracy to the country has begun. The revenue cutter Corwin left to-day for Nunivak Island, where E. C. Marston, a trader who says the members of the expedition were massacred and will be taken aboard. The Corwin will then go to the mouth of the Kuskowim and land an investigating party, which, besides the revenue cutter, will include U. S. Marshal Shoup, who arrived here several days ago in company with U. S. District Judge Johnson. It is expected the investigation will last several days. If any evidence of murder is found the suspected natives will be arrested and taken to Sitka on the revenue cutter McCulloch for trial.

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A weekly paper again brings up the Maybrick case, saying the injustice done Dreyfus is nothing when compared with that done Mrs. Maybrick, the American woman, undergoing penal servitude for life after being convicted of poisoning her husband, basing its remarks on the old theory that she ought to be hanged or freed.  
The Plague.  
Reports of the plague abroad create uneasiness here and the authorities have taken a few precautionary measures at the ports, but the bulk of the English are far too satisfied with their sanitary superiority to seriously consider an outbreak in this city.

A Great Gun.  
An astonishing report is going the rounds about a new gun made at Woolwich, which is said to be so powerful that there is no range long enough to test it, so a new range is to be built. It is seriously stated that the first shot went out of sight, and that this was impossible to tell the exact range, but the range was conservatively estimated at fifteen miles. As the extended testing grounds will not be ready for some time, it is said the gun is being shortened so that it can be tested.

The Ritualists.  
Public interest in both the Dreyfus court-martial and the Transvaal crisis has rather flagged during the week, and is not yet keen on the yacht race, though the papers give good accounts of the Shamrock's doings. Sandwiched in between these is the church question, between derygmans and others are constantly appearing in the press. Lord Halifax, the most prominent lay leader of ritualism, issued a manifesto counselling compliance with the archbishop's decision if it is issued by the diocesan bishop, and declaring the ritualists will fight to the bitter end to secure the repeal of the decision.

TURKISH WARSHIP WRECKED.  
(Associated Press.)  
Constantinople, Sept. 2.—A despatch from Constantinople says the Turkish cruiser Ismir has been wrecked in Basik Bay, between the coast of Asia Minor and the north end of the island of Tenedos. It is possible the wrecked vessel is the Turkish Ismidli, formerly the State of Indiana, built at Glasgow in 1874, and purchased by Ottoman government in 1890. None of the standard naval authorities includes a cruiser of the name of Ismir among the Ottoman warships.

PATRIOTIC EXPLOSION.  
(Associated Press.)  
Pittsburg, Pa., Sept. 1.—By explosion of a boiler in the Public Works here to-day four men were instantly killed and several injured. Other men, dead or injured, are believed to be in the wreckage.

## SEEKING FOR PARTICULARS.

### An Investigation Being Made as to the Fate of the Jessie Expedition.

St. Michael, Alaska, via Seattle, Sept. 1.—The investigation of the reported murder of the members of the Jessie expedition by Indians at the mouth of the Kuskowim river last summer has begun. The revenue cutter Corwin left to-day for Nunivak Island, where E. C. Marston, a trader who says the members of the expedition were massacred and will be taken aboard. The Corwin will then go to the mouth of the Kuskowim and land an investigating party, which, besides the revenue cutter, will include U. S. Marshal Shoup, who arrived here several days ago in company with U. S. District Judge Johnson. It is expected the investigation will last several days. If any evidence of murder is found the suspected natives will be arrested and taken to Sitka on the revenue cutter McCulloch for trial.

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## Silver Service For Bodley

### Victoria's Crack Marksman Captures the Rifleite Match at Ottawa Meet.

### Bomb. Bodley, Sergt. Lettice and Corporal Richardson in the Bisley Hundred.

(Special to the Times.)  
Ottawa, Sept. 1.—The score of the British Columbia rifleman in the Victoria match was as follows, the ranges being 200 and 600 yards at 7 and 10 rounds respectively:  
55. Corp. Richardson, Victoria (22nd)..... 89  
54. Lt. Stuart, Vancouver..... 88  
53. Gr. Miller, Westminster..... 87  
52. Sgt. Lettice, Victoria..... 86  
51. Sgt. Kennedy, Victoria..... 85  
50. Sgt. Moscrop, Vancouver..... 84  
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3. Sgt. Kennedy, Victoria..... 37  
2. Sgt. Moscrop, Vancouver..... 36  
1. Sgt. Lettice, Victoria..... 35

The weather for the Walker match was exceedingly hot, although an approaching thunderstorm promises to clear the atmosphere. The ranges were at 500 and 800 yards with 10 rounds at each range. The trophies consist of a Challenge Cup and Team Prize for teams of six officers, non-commissioned officers and men, the cup to be held for the year by the commanding officer of the corps to which the winning team belongs. A smaller cup also presented by Hiram Walker & Sons, and to be won individually goes together with \$5 to Victoria, being captured by Bomb. Bodley with a score of 95.  
Pte. Walls of the 1st Prince of Wales Fusiliers and Corp. Peddie of the Royal Scots made 94.

The British Columbia team scored as follows:  
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Ottawa, Sept. 1.—The British Columbia rifleman won the seventh prize (\$15) in the Gowand and British Challenge Rifle match. The shield is awarded to the team making the highest score in the "Extended Order" competition and was won last year by the Victoria team.  
The Governor-General's match is being shot at Rocklife rifle range to-day. The weather, which has been exceptionally bright, changed to-day, and the sky was hidden with clouds and a wind blowing, which bothered the marksman.

The Strathcona medal competition resulted in six men tying for first place with a score of 20, who will have to shoot off for the medal. These are: Gunner W. Miller, 5th C.A., Westminster; Corp. Carroll and Pte. Madole, of C.C.F.C. (Ottawa); Pte. Drysdale, Prince of Wales Rifles (Montreal); Corp. J. T. Peddie, Royal Scots (Montreal), and Capt. Hutcheson, 43rd Battalion (Ottawa).  
In the 1,000 yards extra series, Gunner Sharpe, 2nd C.A. (Montreal) is the winner with a score of 24. Corp. F. Richardson, 5th C.A. (Victoria), is third with 22, and wins 10. Lt. J. D. Stuart and Bombardier Bodley, 5th C.A., with scores of 21 and 20, win \$5 and \$4.  
Ottawa, Sept. 2.—The Governor-General's match was shot off yesterday afternoon in very bad light, which toward the end of the match made the shooting very wild. The first stage of the match was fired at three ranges—200, 500 and 600 yards, with seven rounds at each range. The second stage was open to the first 150 competitors in the first stage. It was fired at 800 and 900 yards, with ten rounds at each range. \$500 is presented by His Excellency the Governor-General, and a gold medal and \$500 by the association.  
The leading scores in this match were:  
Medal and \$200—Col. Sergt. Skedden, 13th Batt., Hamilton..... 170  
150—Sergt. Corrigan, 50th Batt..... 169  
140—Capt. Hutcheson, 43rd Batt..... 168  
The only two B. C. marksman who made anything were Bomb. Bodley and Lieut. North Sea canal, one vessel was sunk, nine persons, including two women, being drowned.

The Grand Aggregate match is valued at \$600, the prizes to be awarded to those competitors who have made the highest aggregate scores in the "Bankers," "McDonnell," "Donation," "Minister of Militia," "Victoria," "Walker" and the first stage of the "Governor-General's" matches.  
In this match Pte. Langstrathe, of the 54th (Sussex) Battalion, led with an aggregate of 506; Surgeon-Lieut. Bertram, of the 77th Batt. (Dundas), whose score was 495, followed by him; Bomb. Bodley, followed with 501. The British Columbians who secured places on the first hundred, and who are therefore eligible for Bisley, are:  
29th—Bomb. Bodley, Victoria..... 447  
28—Gr. Miller, Westminster..... 446  
24—Corp. Richardson, Victoria..... 469  
24—Sergt. Lettice, Victoria..... 463  
In Extra Series B. at 1,000 yards and five rounds, the British Columbians scored as follows:

Butte, Aug. 31.—Once more F. August Helms comes to the front. It would be a dull day in court when he failed to file a suit. This time the Montana Ore Purchasing Company only wants some land condemned, but they have brought suit against the Butte & Boston Company and the old Colony Trust Company from whom they leased the land in order to get what they want. They leased the land at \$30 monthly rental for a dump to run tailings on to. The federal court, in a suit not long ago, decided that the M. O. P. Company could not use leased ground for such purpose and Helms "wants to know" if he cannot; and if not, why not? He says the land is of no value; that it is covered now with tailings; that his contractor cannot work without that particular bit of ground. He asks the court to appoint three disinterested persons to appraise the land.

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## SERIOUS CHARGES AGAINST POLICE

### Rossland Chief and Jailor Accused of Levying Blackmail on Evil Doers.

(Special to the Times.)  
Vancouver, Sept. 1.—A police special from Rossland says: The police commissioners held a session behind closed doors last night to investigate sensational charges against Chief of Police John Ingram and Jailor Wm. Mitchell. They are accused of levying blackmail on gamblers and prostitutes. Several Chinamen have testified that they paid Mitchell \$5 per month each. It is alleged that a regular system of extortion prevailed. J. S. Clute, one of the police commissioners, declines to sit on the case, as his law partner has been retained by Ingram.

INHUMAN SOLDIERS.  
Wholesale Slaughtering and Barbarous Torture of Natives in the Soudan.  
Paris, Sept. 1.—The Matin to-day publishes details of the investigation into the conduct of Capt. Voulet and Capt. Charoigne, charged with barbarous cruelties to the natives in the French Soudan, which led to the sending of an expedition under Lieut. Col. Klobb after them. According to the paper the two officers mentioned, who were in command of a column of troops, began their work of barbarity by beheading a native who had declared he did not know about what he was being questioned. A letter said that Voulet captured 80 natives, of whom he killed 24, including women and children; shot a soldier for wasting ammunition, and burned a village of 10,000 inhabitants.

Chanoinc, it is asserted, barbarously punished 20 of his men without trial, for not pursuing a native who had wounded a soldier. He also burned a village, and, having lost six men in an engagement, he rushed a village and captured 22 of the inhabitants, of which number he killed 10, placing their heads on pickets.  
It is further charged that Chanoinc allowed his men to mutilate the bodies of the natives who were killed, by cutting off their heads.

All these acts, according to the Matin, occurred in January last.

NINE PEOPLE DROWNED.  
(Associated Press.)  
Amsterdam, Sept. 1.—In a collision last night between two river steamers on the North Sea canal, one vessel was sunk, nine persons, including two women, being drowned.

HUNGARIAN CROPS.  
(Associated Press.)  
Vienna, Sept. 1.—The Hungarian Ministry of Agriculture has just issued its annual estimates of the world's harvests. This points to a considerable deficiency. While the stocks remaining from last year are much smaller than is generally supposed, the wheat yield is 110,000,000 hectolitres below that of last year and about 31,000,000 short of the entire world's demand. The estimated yield of rye is 100,000,000 hectolitres, or barely 25,000,000 less. The total deficiency in all cereals is about 97,000,000 hectolitres.

About 100 tons of hay was destroyed by fire early yesterday morning on Mr. John Turner's farm near Royal Oak. It is feared the blaze was of incendiary origin.

Must not be confounded with common earthy or purgative pills. Little Liver Pills are entirely unlike them in every respect. One trial will prove their superiority.

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