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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.

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.

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."

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 anxiously, but the majority of them wish for a peaceful solution of the crisis.

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. Bulwazy, 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.

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. Partridge shooting commenced on Friday, taking to the country the few who still remained in the metropolis.

The arrival of rain during the week and the consequent banishment of the hot weather afforded intense relief. The recent hot spell was apparently responsible for a considerable increase in the United Kingdom death rate, especially among children.

CHAMBERLAIN AND THE BOERS.

The Colonial Secretary More Conciliatory, but the Raad Will Not Recede From Its Position.

(Associated Press.) London, Sept. 2.—The present Transvaal crisis shows a radical change in the diplomatic methods of Secretary of State for the Colonies Chamberlain in the negotiations following the Jameson raid.

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 doling. Sandwiched in between these is the church question, letters from derygmans and others are constantly appearing in the press.

London, 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.

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.

Editor Arrested. Editor Pakeman, of the Transvaal Leader, has been arrested on a charge of high treason. It is generally believed a critical stage in the negotiations has been reached and warlike rumors prevail.

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 Kus-kowin 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 Kuskwim 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.

London, Sept. 1.—The town is preparing for the inevitability of war. The inmates of the children's home are going to Natal. The town council is providing a three months' supply of food for the men and animals connected with the scavenging department.

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

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