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KRUGER SENDS AN ULTIMATUM

Calls Upon Great Britain to Withdraw Troops From the Transvaal Frontier Immediately.

FORTY EIGHT HOURS TO COMPLY WITH BOER DEMANDS

Soldiers Landed Since Bloemfontein Conference Must Be Recalled—Purchase of Delagoa Bay—Australian Lancers Leave for Cape Amid Wild Enthusiasm.

(Associated Press.) London, Oct. 10.—A London news agency publishes the following dispatch from Pretoria, filed at 7:40 p.m. yesterday: "An urgent dispatch has just been handed to Mr. Conyngham Greene, British diplomatic agent, requesting an explicit assurance of the withdrawal, within 48 hours, of the British troops from the Transvaal border, as well as a withdrawal of all British forces landed in South Africa since the Bloemfontein conference." Capetown, Oct. 10.—The Transvaal government has sent an ultimatum to Great Britain. The News Confirmed. London, Later.—The more peaceful tenor of the morning's news and comments, which aroused the hopes that President Kruger's birthday would mark dissipation, or the commencement of the dissipation of the clouds hanging over South Africa, had scarcely been digested, when the sensational announcement from Capetown that the Transvaal government had handed a definite ultimatum to the British diplomatic agent at Pretoria, caused a downward plunge of the hopes of those who believe diplomacy would yet save the situation. It is understood from the movements of the ministers and the activity at the government offices that important developments are imminent, although whether they are pacific or warlike remains an enigma. The officials at the colonial office worked all night, and Mr. Chamberlain arrived early this morning. In some quarters it is intimated that the government had received a notification of the Boer ultimatum and was relieved in consequence, as the government consider the Boers are now placed in the position of having forced the war.

Extraordinary Scenes of Enthusiasm. The reports from all the military centres show that the mobilization orders are received with the greatest enthusiasm now that President Kruger has crossed the Rubicon and taken the irrevocable step of issuing an ultimatum. Whatever the official feeling may be, there is no mistaking the significance of the great manifestation, combined with the war spirit of Imperial solidarity, that occurred in the streets of London this morning, when the New South Wales Lancers traversed the city to embark for South Africa. Tens of thousands assembled to do homage to the little handful of soldiers representing the Empire's loyalty. From the arrival of the squadron at Waterloo Station to the entrancing at Fenchurch street station, a tumultuous scene of wild enthusiasm marked the route traversed. The bands followed playing nothing but "Soldiers of the Queen," "Rule Britannia" and "God Save the Queen," in which the dense crowds joined. The Lord Mayor's Farewell. It is doubtful if such a frenzied welcome was ever before witnessed in London. There was an incessant roar of cheers and song until the Mansion House, the official residence of the Lord Mayor of London, was reached. Here traffic was completely blocked by the surging throngs, and it was only with the greatest difficulty that the Lord Mayor, Sir John Voce Moore, in the full robes of office, restrained the singing and cheering, while he addressed the colonial troops, wishing them "God speed" and expressing the interest of the country in their heroic determination to assist in asserting Imperial authority in South Africa. Sir John Moore said: "I hope there will not be war; but the necessities of

p.m. It desires further to add that in the unexpected event of an answer not satisfactory being received by it within the interval, it will, with great regret, be compelled to regard the action of Her Majesty's government as a formal declaration of war, and will not hold itself responsible for consequences thereof, and that in the event of any further movement of troops within the above mentioned time in a direction nearer to our borders, this government will be compelled to regard that also as a formal declaration of war. I have the honor to be, respectfully yours, (Signed) F. W. REITZ, Secretary of State.

The following paragraph immediately precedes the four demands of the ultimatum: "Her Majesty's unlawful intervention in the international affairs of this Republic in conflict with the London convention of 1884 by the extraordinary strengthening of her troops in the neighborhood of the borders of this Republic has caused an intolerable condition of things to arise, to which this government feels itself obliged, in the interest, not only of this Republic but also of all South Africa, to make an end as soon as possible, and this government feels itself called upon and obliged to press earnestly and with emphasis for the immediate termination of this state of things, and to request Her Majesty's government to give assurances upon the following four demands."

Again Postponed

Fog Prevents the Two Big Yachts From Competing for the Cup.

The Next Race Will Take Place Off Sandy Hook on Thursday.

(Associated Press.) New York, Oct. 10.—A heavy mantle of fog hung over New York and vicinity at dawn, and the waters were almost as smooth as glass. The pilot boats of Stapleton, Staten Island, rode listlessly at their anchors, with masts and spars sullenly waiting for air enough to get under way for the Hook. Off the Battery, ten newspaper and other tugs and a sidewheeler were taking their living freight on board, but there was absolutely no animation in the scene, the hustle and bustle of three disappointing days of last week having taken all the vim out of "Going to the Race." At 7 a. m. the weather veins began to move, and after a few indecisive flutters they gently turned westward, then pointed northwest as the light morning air from that point began to filter over the rivers and bays. Off Sandy Hook the wires reported that a dense fog and mist prevailed there at 6 a. m. Indications are not encouraging for those hoping for a fine yachting breeze, but the weather sharps are not so dejected as the average citizen. The wind off Sandy Hook at 8:30 a. m. was N. W., blowing at the rate of about 5 miles an hour. No Wind. Sandy Hook, 9:30.—(By Associated Press despatch boat).—There will apparently be no race to-day unless the heavy fog lifts and there is more wind. At this hour both the Shamrock and Columbia are still at their moorings. The fog is very thick and the breeze is not strong enough to make the yachts' engines tall out. There were only five men beside Captain Barr on board the Columbia when the Associated Press tug went alongside. The captain was walking the deck impatiently. On the Shamrock, Mr. C. Oliver Iselin and his friends were reading newspapers. When asked if he would race to-day, Mr. Iselin replied that he would not unless it cleared. He could not say whether or not there would be a race to-morrow, but he was waiting to have a consultation with representatives of the New York and Royal Ulster Yacht Clubs. Sir Thomas Lipton also said that he should not attempt to race to-day in the heavy fog and with little or no wind. The Shamrock's full crew was on board, and a man was at the topmast head working for an hour. Obscured by Fog. Long Branch, 10:45.—The weather bureau reports no immediate prospects of the fog clearing. The wind is five miles per hour. Mackay-Bennett Cable Boat, 10:45.—The committee boat and torpedo boat are lying upon their sides. The yachts are not in sight. There is no wind, and everything is obscured by a fog of about half a mile. The Race Off. Mackay-Bennett Cable Boat, 11:25.—The race has been declared off.

NEW MAIL ROUTE.

New York, Oct. 11.—To-day's Tribune says: "Plans are being perfected for the construction of a short railway in Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia, the completion of which it is said will make possible a saving of 48 hours in the time required for bringing mail from Europe to this port. The line is to be built by the Cape Breton Railway Extension Co., Ltd., which was incorporated under a

special act of the Nova Scotia legislature passed March 30, 1899, and now organized for business. It is understood that the interests behind the enterprise are the Vanderbilts, Louisburg, on the east coast of Cape Breton Island, 2,240 nautical miles from Liverpool, has an excellent harbor never icebound, and with a pier having a depth enough alongside for admitting the largest vessels at low water. It is proposed by the company just organized to build a railway from this port, which may be made the western terminus of a fast mail carrying British steamship to Hawkesbury, on the Straits of Canso, a distance of 80 miles. From Hawkesbury existing railways would carry the international mails to all parts of the Dominion of Canada and the United States, the lines on this side of the border by which the mails would reach New York city being controlled by or in close relation with the Vanderbilt roads."

MUTINY ON A TRANSPORT.

Yokohama, via San Francisco, Oct. 10.—The transport Newport, on the homeward voyage, had on board a large contingent of discharged United States soldiers. These men, finding they outnumbered the rest of the passengers and filled with an overwhelming sense of the importance of citizenship, carried things with a high hand. Dissatisfied with their accommodations, they practically took possession of the ship and driving officers from their quarters and took possession of the cabins. Yokohama, via San Francisco, Oct. 10.—The transport Newport, on the homeward voyage, had on board a large contingent of discharged United States soldiers. These men, finding they outnumbered the rest of the passengers and filled with an overwhelming sense of the importance of citizenship, carried things with a high hand. Dissatisfied with their accommodations, they practically took possession of the ship and driving officers from their quarters and took possession of the cabins. Yokohama, via San Francisco, Oct. 10.—The transport Newport, on the homeward voyage, had on board a large contingent of discharged United States soldiers. These men, finding they outnumbered the rest of the passengers and filled with an overwhelming sense of the importance of citizenship, carried things with a high hand. Dissatisfied with their accommodations, they practically took possession of the ship and driving officers from their quarters and took possession of the cabins.

Rising in Manila

The Filipinos Are Giving United States Soldiers Considerable Trouble.

It is Rumored the Hospitals Will Be Attacked—Gen Schwan's Advance.

(Associated Press.) Manila, Oct. 10.—Major Bell, with 120 picked men of the 34th Regiment, made a reconnaissance yesterday in the direction of Florida Banco, four miles out of Guagua, and encountered a body of 100 insurgents, whom they routed, capturing a lieutenant and three armed privates. Near Florida Blanco they met another body of insurgents and routed them, capturing another lieutenant and one private. Returning with twenty scouts Major Bell encountered the enemy a third time. The round of reconnaissance resulted in scattering the insurgents in that locality. The last two days have witnessed considerable outpost fighting by small bands of insurgents on the northern lines. Simultaneously with the affair near La Loma church yesterday the outposts of the American forces at Collesan, Deposito and Marquina were fired on. It appears insurgents in the neighborhood are operating in bands of from five to twenty, and it is rumored attacks are to be made upon the hospitals. The uprising in Manila will result in extra vigilance on the part of United States troops. General Schwan's advance into Malabon is expected to take place in the morning. Malabon Occupied. Manila, Oct. 10.—General Schwan's column entered San Francisco de Malabon without opposition this morning. The Filipinos had fled, but it is not known where. WINNIPEG LIBERALS. Elect Ald. Mathers to Succeed E. D. Martin as President. Winnipeg, Oct. 10.—At the meeting of the Winnipeg Liberal association last night, Ald. Mathers was elected president in place of E. D. Martin, who is a candidate in the interest of the Liberal "kickers" for the Commons to fill the position held by the late Mr. Jamieson. Mr. Martin made a speech attacking the Liberal government, to which Mr. Isaac Campbell replied. Interest in this little family quarrel is increased by the fact that Martin is a brother of Joseph Martin, of Vancouver, who has promised to take the stump to add his brother in his election. The Conservatives are all sympathizing with Martin. AN INSANE AMEER. London, Oct. 10.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says: "Russian accounts represent Abdurhaman Khan, Ameer of Afghanistan, as insane and likely to provoke a conflict between Russia and England. "These accounts say the Ameer is sanctioning brutal executions and the torturing of officials daily and that his actions are resulting in a general exodus."

AUSTRIAN REICHSRATH.

(Associated Press.) Vienna, Oct. 10.—The official Wiener Zeitung publishes a letter from the Emperor Francis Joseph to Premier Count Clary, ordering the closing of the Austrian Reichsrath.

BOERS HAVE BEGUN HOSTILITIES

Orange Free State Troops Cross the Frontier and Are Now Advancing on Ladysmith.

A STRONG FORCE OF BRITISH READY TO MEET THEM

War Office Accepts Offer of Canadian Contingent, Which Will Leave Shortly—Threatened Rising of Dutch in Cape Colony

(Associated Press.) London, Oct. 11.—According to latest reports from South Africa, the Boers have not waited for the expiration of the time limit, but have already crossed the border. They would be entitled to do this in virtue of the notification contained in the last paragraph of the ultimatum. The British acknowledgement reached Pretoria so speedily as to justify a belief that the war party in Great Britain welcome the act which deprived the country of all peaceful alternatives and has given it great superficial advantage to be derived from the fact that its adversary has voluntarily assumed the stigma of virtually declaring war, and despite the newspaper attempts to veil the real feeling, the war party is in reality delighted that diplomacy has said its last word, and action can now proceed. Must Act on the Defensive. There will inevitably be a long period of suspense, together with a great deal of chaffing at the delay, as all indications go to show that Great Britain is so unprepared as to be compelled to remain on the defensive for some weeks. All the aggressiveness must come from the Boers. It seems highly probable that the "tongue of Natal," as far as Newcastle, will be in the hands of the Boers before many hours. From that point, however, in event of a further advance, they would probably find the British forces at Ladysmith and Dundee capable of repelling their attacks. Ready for Invaders. At Ladysmith the garrison, which has to guard against onslaught from the Orange Free State, was reinforced yesterday by the Gordon Highlanders and a strong contingent of Indian troops, and the authorities are now confident of their ability to deal out an unpleasant surprise to the Boers in the event of any attempt to rush the position. At Dundee there are about six thousand men. This force ought to be sufficient to stem a Boer advance by the way of Zululand and to maintain a line of communication with the base at Pietermaritzburg, the headquarters of Gen. Sir Geo. Stewart White. On the Bechuanaland border the situation seems to give the Boers temporary advantage. There is considerable anxiety in the districts of Vryburg and Mafeking, although it is hoped the reinforcements recently dispatched there will be sufficient to protect the town of Kimberley. Reported Dismissal of Cape Cabinet. The attitude which the Cape Colony ministers will adopt on the actual outbreak of hostilities is much discussed here. Dispatches from Capetown say the cabinet will resign, while there are persistent reports in London that Sir Alfred Milner, governor of Cape Colony, has already dismissed Mr. William P. Schreiner and his colleagues. It is evident one or other of these contingencies must occur, as the governor and commander-in-chief must be in a position to carry out defensive measures without regard to possible obstruction from the part of an unympathetic cabinet. Advancing on Ladysmith. London, Oct. 11.—A bulletin says the Orange Free State troops have crossed

the border and are advancing on Ladysmith. A dispatch from Pietermaritzburg, Natal, says: "Intense excitement prevails here owing to the persistent reports that the Orange Free State troops have already crossed the border and are advancing upon Ladysmith."

Later.—A dispatch from Pietermaritzburg says the invaders entered Natal by the important pass of Cundy Clough, 37 miles southwest of Newcastle. Mr. White's Departure. Mr. Montague White, consul general of the South African Republic in London, closed the consulate this afternoon and immediately left for the continent. Revolt of Dutch Imminent. An important South African firm in London has just received a dispatch from Capetown saying that a revolution of the Dutch in Cape Colony is regarded as imminent. Rosebery on the Situation. Lord Rosebery, former premier and Liberal leader, has finally declared his position relative to the South African question. In a letter, under to-day's date, he says: "I have maintained silence because I am loth to re-enter politics. To-day, however, I can speak without touching powder, for a situation has been created which is beyond party politics. I think there is much in the last three years of our relations with the government of the Transvaal; to criticise, if not to condemn, but that is all over for the present."

"It is needless to discuss how we could best have attained our simple and reasonable object of rescuing our fellow countrymen in the Transvaal from the intolerable conditions of subjection and injustice, and of securing equal rights for the white races in South Africa; for an ultimatum has been addressed to Great Britain by the South African Republic which is itself a declaration of war."

"In the face of this attack upon the nation, the people will undoubtedly close their ranks and relegate party controversies to a more convenient season: There is one more word to be said: Without attempting to judge the policy which concluded a peace after the reverse at Majuba Hill, I am bound to state my profound conviction that there is no conceivable government in this country which could repeat it."

Will Occupy Newcastle. Newcastle, Natal, Oct. 11.—A telegram from the government says war with the Transvaal will probably begin to-night (Wednesday), and that the Premier felt it his duty to warn the people. A public meeting was held and it was decided to leave the matter in the hands of the corporation. Ex-President Escombe, who is a pro-Boer, spoke reassuringly, stating that there was no immediate danger, that he anticipated no harm from the Boers and no panic, and that people were leaving at their own discretion. Capetown, Oct. 11.—The Boers are expected to occupy Newcastle, Natal, to-morrow (Thursday) morning. Excitement at Mafeking. Capetown, Oct. 11.—Noon.—The rd-