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PRESIDENT KRUGER'S " ulator who, through persistent misreprehis already overloaded pockets with South African gold." LATEST REPLY

He Accuses the British Government of Breach of Faith With Regard to Recent Proposals.

DETERMINED TO ADHERE TO TERMS OF THE CONVENTION

The President Says He Has Been Striving to Effect a Peaceful Settlement--Oom Paul Playing Into the Hands of the Imperial Authorities.

tural allies, the Orange Free State and Pretoria, Sept. 17.—The reply of the Dutch sympathizers in Cape Colony. He mment of the South African Republis more likely to latest dispatch, dated Septemof the British secretary of the colonies, Mr. Joseph Chamofter acknowledging the receipt British note, proceeds in part as The government deeply rewithdrawal, as the governuderstands it, of the invitation d in the British dispatch of Aurd, and the substitution, in place of an entirely new proposal.

proposals now fallen through, ned in the Transvael dispatches of 19th and 21st, were elicited from ernment by suggestions made by tish diplomatic agent in Pretoria, onyagham-Greene, to the Transvaal secretary, Mr. F. W. Reitz, sugstions which this government

Acted Upon in Good Faith

after specially ascertaining whether would be likely to prove acceptable the British government. This governent had by no means an intention to again needlessly the question of its tical status, but acted with the sole of endeavoring, by the aid of the British agent, to put an end to the ned condition of affairs.

This was done in the shape of a propo which to this government seems, both regards its spirit and form, to be so ded as, relying upon intimations to s government, would satisfy Her Maty's government. This government saw ficulty as to the acceptance of these sals by the people and legislature of Transvaal, and also contemplated ble dangers connected therewith,

risked them on account of Sincere Desire to Secure Peace,

because assured by Mr. Chamberlain such proposals would not be deemrefusal of his proposal, but would ttled on their merits. regards the joint commis

ansvaal adheres to the acceptance of invitation therempto given by Her esty's government, and cannot underwhy such a commission, which bewas deemed necessary to explain the licated details of the seven years' should now be deemed unnecessary. why it should now, without such iny, be thought possible to declare this

inadequate. Further, there must be a misappre on if it be assumed that this govent was prepared to lay the proposfor a five years' franchise and a quarpresentation of the new population e the volksraad for unconditional stance. As to the language, this

Never Made Any Offer.

as is referred to, considering as it such a measure both unnecessary undesirable.

The proposed conference, as distinct quarter. The government is buying the joint commission of inquiry, horses freely to-day." government is likewise not unwilling Negotiations Will be Prolonged. ter upon, but the difficulty is that The evening papers will indicate the ceptance thereof is made dependent riousness of the crisis, but the St. e acceptance, on the side of the James's Gazette says: "It need not be imagined anything will be done on our vaal, of precedent conditions which government does not feel at liberside in a hurry. The cabinet has first to consider and secondly to formulate submit to the volksraad, and, more fresh proposals, therefore, these comthe subjects to be discussed at the ence remain undefined. fighting will immediately commence are obviously a little previous. Of course it This government ardently desires and quite possible the Boers may begin

y accepts arbitration, as its firm in is to adhere to the terms of the n convention of 1884."

dispatch concludes by trusting the British government, on reconation, may deem it fit to make more reach their destination. ous or new proposals, but that this ment will "adhere to Great Briproposal for a joint commission of y as previously explained by the ry of state for the colonies to the al parliament."

'laying Into Britain's Hands. York, Sept. 17.-The London cordents of the leading New York comment at some length in their

etters on the Transvaal situation. sary. The entire people will have to reinions expressed are generally to solves itself into an army, and the wobet that hostilities are imminent. Ford, cabling to the Tribune, says: ssimists are again assuming that in idle speculation respecting l're-Kruger's reply. A downright reon his part to accept the British sals will lead to hostilities, but it est improbable that he will adopt

Meet Mr. Chamberlain

more than half way, and leave the door

open for further discussion, and while

this course will excite irritation here, the

ministers will not break off negotiations

when they know that their forces will

not be ready for a campaign on a large

to take any chances of premature mili-

tary action, it will not be likely to send

an ultimatum if the reply be unsatisfac

tory. While evasion is Kruger's habit.

dilatory tactics are useful to England

military supplies are affoat. The War

Office does not want to fight until every

A Short and Decisive Campaign

f that be the only way of settling the

"The interval of suspense is filled with

of his convictions by protesting, before

Boers comes like a voice from the tomb,

and there are few criticisms of the

Favors a Joint Commission.

London, Sept. 18.-The Transvaal sit-

nation is practically unchanged. The

general apprehension with regard to the

outcome was reflected by a decline in

consols and stocks on the Stock Ex-

change, where, although stocks continu-

places is taken to indicate a firm, un-

present tension, race hatred would de-

Troops Moving to the Frontier.

hostilities in which case our troops will

have to defend British territory. But,

unless the Boers take the offensive, ne-

gotiations will be prolonged until docu-

ments on their way to South Africa

Women Want Guns

the situation to the Manchester Guard-

ian. She says:

Olive Schreiner (Mrs. Cronwright)

ontributes an eloquent cable letter on

"Let England clearly understand what

war in South Africa means. The larg-

est empire the world has ever seen will

hurl its force against a small state of

about thirty thousand, including lads of

sixteen and old men of sixty, without

a standing army or organized commis-

men will prepare bread and meat, which

when they go to meet the enemy. To-

day the women of the Transvaal are de-

part in the last stand. We may crush

commission as first proposed by

tionalities will increase."

which says:

ed depressed, there was not the slight-

est approach to excitement.

thing is in readiness for

South African question.

thise and force a quarrel.

the Daily Chronicle,'

yielding position.

scale before the end of October.

New York, Sept. 18 .- A special to the Herald from Washington says: "Arrangements have been made by the war department for the departure for Manila by November 1st of all troops intended for General Otis. This means that Secretary Root's statement that every mo ther's son of the reinforcements will eat their Christmas dinner at Manila will

out. Only the international spec-

sentations, and by means of the press

has wrought this evil, will gain and fill

SOLDIERS FOR MANILA.

(Associated Press.)

FROM OTTAWA.

(Special to the Times.) Ottawa, Sept. 18.-Hon. C. H. Mackntosh and Mrs. Mackintosh passed through Ottawa yesterday on their way to Quebec from British Columbia to attend the marriage of their son Charles St. P. Mackintosh, which takes place at Quebec on Wednesday next. Hon. D. Mills has completed his ar rangements and will start for the Pacific Coast on Wednesday. He will be accompanied by Mrs. Mills and his private secretary, Mr. Clarke. Registrar Girouard, of Yukon, accom-

basca, who goes as forest ranger, left

"Since the gavernment does not want | Col apse of a Corner of the Queen's Hall Building, Mo treal

when her battalions are going out and Fortunately Few People About and No One Was Injured.

(Associated Press.)

Montreal, Sept. 17 .- At 8 o'clock this evening the southeast corner of the Queen's Hall building, in which was the discussion of a bluebook, in which old straw is threshed over. Mr. John located W. H. Scroggie's big retail dry-Morley has also again shown the courage goods store, fell in. Ten minutes later, when the congregation of Christ Church large audience at Manchester, against Cathedral, adjoining, would have been dismissed, there might have been loss the settlement of the Transvaal question otherwise than by pacific means, but even

The building fell gradually, and warnthis belated apostle of the Manchester ing was given to the few people on the school insists that Kruger must not street at the time, so that no one was withdraw his offer of the five year fran-Mr. Herbert Spencer's plea for the

The building is an imposing one, or cupying a whole block fronting on St. Catherine street, between University course of the government, barring the and Victoria streets, and was four leaders of the Manchester Guardian and storeys high. On an upper floor, adjoining the Scroggie establishment, is situatthe Queen's theatre. The building

An Old Fashioned One, and this spring the Scroggie firm, which started business in the corner store and in expansion of business took in four stores adjoining up to the theatre, put in a modern front and remodeled their end of the building. The repairs had only been completed a short time. The text of Kruger's reply was issued This afternoon at 5 o'clock the watch-

afternoon, but he adds nothing of im- man employed in the building heard ominous sounds and immediately notified portance to the summary obtained vesthe agent of the Ogilvie estate, which terday evening. The language in many owns the building. He arrived, but there was no sign of anything being wrong and the sounds ceased.

The reply, however, concludes: "If It was not until 8 o'clock when they Her Majesty's government is willing and feels able to make this decision, a joint began once more. People passing along the streets heard Chamberlain would put an end to the

One or Two Dull Reports and then a shower of plate glass fell crease and die out, and the prosperity out onto the sidewalk. Everybody in and welfare of the South African rethe vicinity got out of the way, and as | and has taken out 300 ounces to date. public and the whole of South Africa they did so, the wall fronting on St. will be developed and furthered, and Catharine street slowly toppled over infraternization between the different nato to the street, falling with a deafening crash. The wall on the University by Capt. Langley and D. M. Brogan. street side also fell.

Both St. Catharine and University The second edition of the Times contains a dispatch from Johannesburg, places of safety and the spluttering of largest being 5 ounces. oup in contemplation. Quantities of broken electric light wires added to the impressed forces forwarded in the direction of the Natal border indicate some brigade were called out, but their sermove on the part of the troops in that

rices were not required. was not damaged.

Wright's "What Happened to Jones" company was to open an engagement in lous metal this season. the house to-morrow evening, which must of necessity be cancelled. The loss is placed at \$25,000 on the building, and \$30,000 on the Scroggie mentatories on the crisis who are sure stock.

Colored Non-Unionists Killed During a Fight at

Carterville, I 1. - Soldiers Now Guard the Mir s (Associated Press.) Canterville, Ills., Sept. 18 .- Soldiers are

patrolling the streets and guarding mine perty against attack, as a result of a battle in which seven colored non-union miners were killed and two wounded on

Although all is quiet, it is feared a further outbreak may come at any no-So far no arrests have been made of hese who participated in the shooting.

DREYFUS'S RELEASE. (Associated Press.)

London. Sept. 18-It is reported Maitre Labori and Madame Dreyfus visimminent, but their fears are manding guns that they may take their ited Folkestone, five miles from Dover, on Saturday and engaged apartments, the little people with aid of Australians where Madame Drevfus and her chiland Canadians, since the British Isles dren will dwell in the event of her husseem unable to crush them alone; we band's pardon. M. Labori is reported tle flag of independence, so dear to the ly expressions toward himself and Dreywhich would alienate his na- Boers, but we shall have placed a stain fus while at Folkestone.

All Soldiers for Otis Will Sail Before The Atlin Globe Says the Daily Output of the District Is \$23,125.

> The Season Closed on Sept 15th - What the Miners Are

northland, recently sent a commis to make a tour of the creeks and ascertain how many men were working and what was the daily output of the Atlin placer district. In the issue of September 7th, received by the Alpha, the comnissioner sums up as follows:

No. of men Daily employed. output Pine Creek, etc..... McKee Creek 300 Wright Creek Birch Creek ... Otter Creek

Total daily output In the above calculation, says the Globe, a general average on all the creeks has been made and our commissioner has been careful to put it on a conservative basis—that is, an average of \$12.50 to the man actually engaged in mining. It will probably be object-

ed that the average is too low, but it is the safe side anyway. Now, we are going to estimate that this average has been and will be kept up for 60 days during the season. If it had not been for our troubles here, and official blundering, the season have been at least 120 days. But tak-ing the lowest number of days, it will be seen that for the whole season the aggregate output of the camp will be \$1,687,500. This is a very appreciable part of the whole mineral output of the Dominion, and it certainly gives

Atlin the first place among the goldproducing camps of British Columbia. The season has now closed. Last Friday was to have been the closing day, The Atlin Claim of Sept. 9th contains season in which all placer claims need not be represented shall commence Sep- be despatch to investigate. tember 15 and continue until July 1,

Speaking of his reasons for settling hese dates, Mr. Graham said he already had complaints of ice in the sluice boxes, and therefore thought September 15 the proper date. The opening of the season on July 1, 1900, would give everybody plenty of time to get in and not have to make the trip over the ice.

The Atlin Globe's correspondent on group on McKee, owned by Capt. Langley and others, they are working 12 men and Boing a large amount of work and must be taking out lots of gold judging from the numerous large pieces that they are continually picking up.

No. 8 which is worked by Mr. Mason No. 5, owned by A. L. Belyea, work-

the lawyer's account in the bank, Next comes the Vancouver Mining This property has been one of the Bonanzas of the creek, and on which they

are working full blast. The upper quarter of the Discovery claim is being worked by the original locator, Robert Black, who has had axemen at work for the past two months,

Robert McKee, the discoverer of the creek, is working the lower quarter of Discovery, the middle half being owned McKee has taken out about the same quantity as Mr. Black, receiving over streets were blocked with the debris, 200 ounces with last Sunday's clean-up. while a great cloud of dust, through Since then he struck a pocket from which figures could be seen rushing to which he was taking lots of nuggets, the

All the property below Discovery is excitement of the moment. The fire owned by the Atlin Syndicate Mining Company. Most of this they are only prospecting as they intend working it The break extended the width of two by the hydraulic process next year. Mc stores from the corner and as far back | Kee creek being an ideal one, owing to as the entrance to the theatre, which the grade, which is about 1 per cent. from what I could learn, McKee creek will give up over \$125,000 of the pred

The Pine creek correspondent of the Atlin Claim says, under date of Sept. 4th: The best show Pine creek has ever had is to-day. All properties, with few exceptions, are being worked to advantage. By this is meant creek claims, of tage. By this is meant creek claims, of course. The drawbacks incidental to opening up claims and the other causes opening up claims and the other causes that have retarded the complete working of this creek, fortunately, are things of the past. In conversation with mir ers, your correspondent has found that there is unanimity of opinion that the 100-foot claims are too small by onehalf. For instance, take the case of a claim-owner on Pine who has three wheels on a 100-foot claim. The man above him has two wheels, also a 100foot claim. Here you have five wheels in 200 feet of placer ground, when in reality three wheels could do the entire work. If the ground was uniformly rich and big pay taken out then and only then would 100-foot claims be profitably

W. H. Hyle, representing Philadelphia capitalists, left for the above-named city on Tuesday, where he goes to report and also secure hydraulic machinery for the working of Discovery on Spruce, 1, 000 feet, and also ten hill claims adjoining Discovery. Mr. Hyle has been on the ground for about a month and is fully satisfied that with improved machinery the ground can be profitably worked. The

good one. F. Miller, Discovery on Pine, has done Co., Toronto.

away with night work, and is working 15 men during the day only. He has three strings of boxes running parallel with the creek and not a minute is lost C. Bentley Jones, representing Rant &

Jones, 7 above, is working six men on his claim: they have our claims on Pine all told and employ 24 men, with a daily pay roll of \$125.

claims in the neighborhood of 10 above old numbers, expected to turn the creek yesterday. The doctor said this camp was greatly overestimated and the claims too small. Another feature that will soon make itself felt is ice. He Seventy More Victims of the three occasions last week, and if this continues it is safe to predict that the end of mining for this year will be no later than the first week in October.

It was reported that an extraordin The Atlin Giobe, Mr. William Bail- ary large clean-up had been made on lie's latest addition to the press of the Caledonia group, but you might just count as to get the former. No change interest. A day and night shift continue NIT-NAT CAROUSAL.

> A Drunken Tribesman Makes Trouble at Carmanah.

The braves of the Nit-Nat tribe Oarmanah Point are responsible for the sensation which has temporarily eclipsed that excited by the tidings of a derelict off the Clayoquot shore.

The story, which is as yet lacking in details, was brought down this morning on the Queen City by Mr. E. H. Braden from San Juan. It was to the effect

from Carmanah, as it was found impos-Braden and handed over to Superintenthis morning.

The telegram was from Johnny, one of en days to Selkirk, the tribe, and set forth that Sam, another of the dusky braves, while under the seventy more victims of influence of liquor, had been making his enemies to be as the grass of the field. Superintendent Hussey despatched a telegram at once to the Dominion lighthouse keeper at Carmanah, Mr. Daykin, asking for details. These arrived this aftermoon, and indicated that the affair was less serious than at first supposed. Mr. Daykin states that the Indian assaulted by Sam is not dead, though hadly an advertisement in which Gold Com- injured, but that an old blind woman is mission Graham orders that the close even in a more ser ous condition in consequence of Sam's carousal, Police will

> THE EIGHT-HOUR LAW. A Well-Known Mining Man's View-The Law Is All Right.

The blue ruin predictions to the effect that the eight-hour law is sapping the vitality of the mining industry in the province are not shared in by Mr. Smith Curtis, the well-known mining man, who has addressed the following letter to Mr. McKee creek, says: On the Victoria J.S.C. Fraser, president of the Associated Boards of Trade of Fastern British Co-lumbia, Rossland, B. C. The letter retesting against the law, and reads as fol-

Dear Mr. Fraser,-I see published in the Nelson Miner a memorial addressed and his partner, has proved so far the in the name of the above association to richest claim on the creek, having at the minister of mines of this province, times paid as high as 4 ounces a day to regarding the eight-hour law respecting

ed on a lay by Mr. Hubble, is fattening to discuss the matter by the delegates at Swift, Quebec; R. Southward, Chicago; the recent Rossland meeting of the above W. G. Hanson, Calgary; A. Broston, association, and there was no vote tak- New York city; R. C. Co.'s property, Nos. 1, 2 and 3 above. en endorsing the views or principles Angles; T. Hutton, Vancouver; W. Gilenunciated in the memorial but the matter was sometime after midnight at the H. Best, Chicago; Napoleon Seymour, last sitting referred to a committee to Montreal; J. F. Hayden, Nova Scotia; prerare a memorial which, of course, would embody their own views, but not Durr, Ohio; D. Staindefer, Los Angeles; necessarily the views of even a bare majority of the delegates. I doubt very Canada; G. Ryan, Winnipeg; G. Barrett, jority of the delegates, I doubt very much if it does so, I know it does not Dawson; J. Mills, Montreal; W. C. Burexpress my dissent. I emphatically be- dett, Spokane; M. P. Borden, Canada; lieve the eight-hour law is right; N. H. Thomson, Canada; W. Bell, Tothat it has come to stay, and that any concerted attempt on the part of mine Filion, Canada; W. A. Oliver, Edmonowners to secure its repeal may lead to the very disaster which the memorial- Cormiek, Canada; J. W. McLaren, Philists declare i.s passage has made imin- adelphia; L. R. Cole, Philadelphia; M. S.

I protest against the memorial being ted boards, and I beg to express my regret that the document was not put forth over the signatures only of the commit- J. Stoneman, Canada; J. W. Burton tee who prepared it, and as representing Utah; R. Cunning, Manitoba; "R.M.

I reserve the right to publish this let-I am, your faithfully, (Signed) SMITH CURTIS.

Grand Forks, B. C., Sept. 7th, 1899. J. D. BARRIE'S FAILURE.

---(Associated Press.) London, Sept. 18 .- The failure of Jas. Davitt Barrie was announced to-day.

Almost all the sufferings that women endure can be traced to irregularities of the delicative and sensitive feminine organism. A healthy women is never irregular. It is the pale, weak, nervous woman who suffers with headaches, backaches, bearing down feelings and gloomy forebod ings when the monthly action comes on. Set the nerves right and the pains and aches will disappear. There will be no more irregularities when the whole body s under the control of healthy nerves. science has ever devised for exhausted nerves is

DR. CHASE'S NERVE FOOD

and it has proven so wonderfully bene ficial to women that it is now considered specific for ailments peculiar to women. Besides restoring and revitalizing the nerves. Dr. Chase's Nerve Food make new, red corpuscles in the blood, rounds consideration given for out the form, and gives new vitality and may take their land and lower the lit- to have been much affected by the kind- this bunch of claims is said to be a elasticity to every movement. 50 cents a box, at all dealers, or Edmanaon, Bates &

Dr. Runnalls, operating Dr. Mitchell's Miners Adrift on a Pile Raft on the McQuestin River.

> Edmonton Trail at Wrangel.

According to news received by the Alpia, it recetly fell to the lot of five oldas well try to get the group's bank ac time prospectors to get up against hard luck to the extent of being for nine hours has taken place in the working of this advift on a pile raft in the middle of the property since the Vancouver-Victoria swift and swollen McQuestin river, and syndicate secured a 7-12th's controlling a subsequent experience of seven days on a rotten onion and beef-extract diet, at work and the clean-ups are uniform. at the expiration of which time they staggered into Fort Selkirk, hungered nigh unto desperation and, in fact, nearer dead than alive.

This is the story in brief the Yukan arrivals tell of the hazardous adventures of Lorenzo Gates and his four compan-ions, Hotchkiss, Clark, Jackson and Shephard, all said to be men trained in the hardships of a prospector's life.

It all came about through a broken oar, which rendered them practically helpless in a stream that ran like a mill race. They were ascending the Mc-Questin. The boat with but one oar became unmanageable, capsized and threw that under the influence of firewater a all into the water, luckily near a wood battle royal had been generated among drift, which the prospectors reached by the tribesman, resulting in the wounding swimming. By means of a rope saved of many and the murder of one brave. from the wreck they tied the drift logs This information was sent to San Juan together, constructing a raft on which they floated nine hours. Reaching shore sible to communicate with Victoria. This they went for a cache known to have telegram was brought down by Mr. been made last winter, but in this they found nothing save decayed onions and dent Hussey, of the provincial police, a jar of beef extract, which constituted their only food during the tramp of sev-

The Ghastly Edmonton Trail

reached there on the Stikine river steamer Strathcona. The majority are destitute and will be taken out at the expense of the United States government. Many are sick with scurvy contracted months ago. They related tales of misery and suffering almost beyond belief. During the past winter many narrowly escaped starva-

eighteen months, and were loud in their denunciation of the boomers of this secalled trail, the Hudson Bay Company

and other trading companies. No new deaths are reported. It is supposed that there are still seventy-five sufferers on the trail, and these will be obliged to come down the Stikine in small boats, as the Hudson Bay river boat Strathcona will make no more trips. List of Victims

F. H. Crane, of Yarmouth, N. J., is on crutches, his foot having been frozen and amputed. S. Wells, of Quebec; J. B. Kuhn, of Buffalo, and J. Green are scurvy victims. B. O'Brien, Vancouver, B. C.; S. B. Ray, Nova Scotia; S. F Parker, Bridgeton, N. J.; G. B. Parker, Bridgeton, N. J.; E. Bell, Calgary; J. P. McGill, Manchester, England; S. T. Lowe, Montana; J. C. Burke, Canada; J. M. Stato, Quebec; F. Wells, Quebec: A. M. Reid, Canada; A. L. Martin, Los Angeles, Cal.; F. H. Crane, Nova Sco-As you know there was no time left Canada; P. E. Bowen, Canada; A. M. lies, Chicago; G. Wellman, Winnipeg; Louis Snyder, Edgerton, Mo.: J. W. ronto; A. J. Knife, Wisconsin; J. N. ton; W. Barnet, Philadelphia; A. Mc-Montgomery, California: W. Clann, California; E. Stewart, Winnipeg; resented as the views of the associa- Williams, Chicago; H. McDonald, Kansas; C. Delaria, Philadelphia; W. E. Davis, Chicago; W. M. Davis, Chicago; Westover, Vancouver; D. Ross, Prince Edward Island: S. Lindstrom, Chicago: J. B. Kuhn, Buffalo: J. Green, Ch'cago: A. R. Brooke, Edmonton; F. W. White, Woodstock, Canada; C. C. S. Hansen,

N. W. T.
The Story in Rhyme. Blazed on a tree, about 150 miles out from Hazleton, there is a story in verse of the much advertized Ashcroft trail. Each stanza is headed with a drawing. the work of W. O. Wills, of St. Louis, who recently came from Glenora on the

To the stragglers on the trail, this poem, for its pathos and grim realism. appealed strongly: This is the pan of virgin gold,

From K'ondike's River swift and cold, Found by a northern miner bold:

This is the steamboat owner sly Who wanted his boats to the North to ply; And so bought over the honest P.-I..

And put his rates up ever so high.

This is the editor false and cute. Who said it was proven beyond dispute, By evidence men could not refute. That the best way was by the poor man's route.

This is the poor man-innocent fool, Who had never been to a lying school And din't know that he was the tool Of selfish liars, false and cruel. This is the grave the poor man fills After contracting fever and chills, ramping over the northern hills,

Leaving his wife to pay the bills. -HEIAthat is the place where these men will go. Who swindled these poor people so. Robbed them of their hard-earned dough, And only gave them ice and snow.