

CHAMBERLAIN TO THE BOERS

War Scare Seems to Be Dying Away.

Krueger Would Fight, However if He Saw a Chance to Win—Boers Endeavoring to Stir Up the Natives.

Pretoria, Aug. 30.—The British diplomatic agent here, Mr. Conyngham Greene, has handed to the secretary of state, F. W. Seitz, the reply of the British secretary of state for the colonies, Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, to the Transvaal alternative proposals to join the commission suggested by Great Britain to inquire into the effect which the proposed franchise reform measures will have on the Uitlanders. Mr. Greene also had a long conference with state officials. The nature of the conference was not disclosed, but was subject to the consideration of the executive this afternoon. It is understood another conference may occur at Capetown. The result is anxiously awaited.

Capetown, Aug. 30.—It is said in Afrikaner circles that in spite of persistent warlike rumors there are good prospects of peace. It is believed several strongly worded communications have been sent to Kruger, urging the desirability of using every effort to obtain a peaceful solution of the trouble.

At a meeting of the Scandinavians of Johannesburg, just held, only two of them voted in favor of forming a volunteer corps in case of war.

A deputation of Uitlanders has called on the British agent at Pretoria regarding the trade depression. A merchant, whose stock is valued at £40,000, said his daily sales were but about £8.

London, Aug. 31.—The Pretoria correspondent of the Morning Post says: "The Boer officials, after reading the cabled reports of Mr. Chamberlain's Birmingham speech, consider that war is inevitable. The speech has undoubtedly inflamed the war spirit here. The Boers are now all armed, except those in Johannesburg. Their commissariat is fairly good. All the forts are amply victualled."

"President Kruger does not hesitate to express the view that war is almost inevitable. He has stocked the presidency with ample supplies of provisions to secure his own person from privation, and he is often heard repeating the 33rd psalm."

"The Matabeles are showing signs of unrest. The Boers are energetically engaged in poisoning the minds of the natives against the British, and they have approached the Zulu chief, Dinizulu, who appears undecided which cause to espouse. But the Zulus are prepared for the expected fighting, and it must be remembered that Dinizulu was deported to St. Helena with several other chiefs and kept prisoner there by the British for several years."

Transvaal Police Arrested.
Lorenzo Marquez, Delagoa Bay, Aug. 30.—Two Transvaal police officers were arrested today upon their arrival here.

Threaten Mutiny.
Chicago, Aug. 31.—The Record's copy righted cable from Manila, dated Aug. 3, says: One thousand discharged soldiers on the transport City of Para are being held in submission today by armed guards, consisting of a company of signal corps men. The discharged soldiers threaten mutiny because their officers have ordered them to police their quarters and perform other duties on board the ship which have been required of enlisted men.

The discharged soldiers claim they are no longer in the United States service and insist that they shall have all the rights of regular passengers while aboard the transport. When the officers first gave the orders which caused the trouble the men became so demonstrative that the signal corps company was immediately armed and placed on guard.

The officers of the guard have been instructed to carry out the orders regarding discharged men working while aboard the transport, and serious trouble is liable to occur at any moment. The discharged soldiers are not allowed the freedom of the ship. The officers insist that the men shall do the work which has been assigned to them, and further insist that the transport shall not leave the harbor until the men have satisfied the officers of their intention to behave themselves while at sea.

Treacherous Cake Indians.
Seattle, Aug. 31.—The Cake Indians, well illustrative of the treachery of their tribe, rewarded Dr. B.W. Wood, a Sum-Dum, Alaska, resident, with an attempt upon his life for having rendered a kindness to three of their number. The doctor had been conducting a prospecting party in the Shuck district. While returning from Shuck to Sum-Dum he stopped for water on the beach, where were camped a buck and a squaw. The Indian's canoe was high on the beach, and being too heavy for the natives to handle, Dr. Wood assisted them to launch it. Then the physician rowed on, but had gotten no farther than 300 yards when the buck fired twice at him from a Winchester, the bullets passing uncomfortably close. Dr. Wood pulled for dear life and soon got beyond the Indian's murderous fire. A number of prospectors have been murdered in that section by the Cakes.

Shanghaied From the Adams.
Portland, Or., Aug. 30.—Nine sailors from the United training ship Adams, which has been at this port for the past week, are missing, and it is said they have been shanghaied. Sailor boarding house runners have been seen in company with several of the Adams' crew, and it is reported that a number of the men have been taken on board two British ships now in this port. British Consul Laidlaw is absent from the city, but as soon as he returns application will be made to him for permission to search the vessels.

Cavalry Horses Diseased.
Tacoma, Aug. 30.—It is rumored here that the sailing of the transport Victoria for the Philippines may be postponed on account of a distemper which has broken out among the cavalry horses now awaiting her at this port similar to the epizootic of 1874, which played such havoc with horseflesh.

The animals, Dr. Lee says, were diseased when put aboard the cars at St. Paul, and by the time they reached Tacoma all of them were affected. None of the horses has died, and most of them will soon recover, but it may not be thought expedient to send them on the Victoria. The 500 mules corraled here are to be shipped on the steamship Port Albert.

Another Car Blown Up.
Cleveland, O., Aug. 31.—A combination car on the Wilson avenue line was blown up by a powerful explosive between Scoville and Quincy streets to-night at 9:30. There were six passengers on board, five of whom sustained broken legs. The other passenger and the crew of the car escaped without injury. The explosion lifted the car entirely off the track, destroying the trucks and demolishing the flooring. The car fell again on the trucks and in such a way as to imprison the injured passengers. They were rescued by the crew of the car. The report of the explosion was heard at the public square, three miles from the scene. There is no clew to the perpetrators of the disaster.

Watched By the Filipinos.
Manila, Aug. 3.—It is reported that Aguinaldo has ordered the rebel generals in the province of Cavite to close in on the town of Imus, and it is added that troops are concentrating around the town from the lake country. The rebels, it is further said, have an outpost of 700 men on Das Marinas road, and an equal force in the town of Amabo. The Americans are intrenching the town, and have no fear of the result of any attack by the rebels.

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