

Why the War Halts

Peculiar Position in the Transvaal the Subject of Speculation.

Boer Time to Strike is Now; the British Two Months Hence.

Conjecture as to How European Powers May Turn Difficulty to Advantage.

By Associated Press.

London, Oct. 7.—Judging from the reports from South Africa a state of war practically exists between Great Britain and the Transvaal. It seems almost paradoxical in conjunction with the fact that the British diplomatic agent, Mr. O'Connell, still remains at Pretoria and the further fact that the negotiations continue.

A reason for the paradox lies in the curious relations between the two governments. As had already been stated, Great Britain is not likely to make a formal declaration of war against what she considers a depending nation, the process being a mere issue of orders to the military forces to restore the state of sovereignty which she alleges originally existed.

Thus war appears to be the only possible outcome. If the Boers are determined to prosecute the war, it is a question of days. If England is allowed to take her own time, then two months may elapse before the first blow is struck.

Although diplomatic negotiations are well nigh forgotten in the exciting developments which are in a peculiar stage and deserve rather than to be in the cabinet council it was officially stated that the Boers had not replied to the latest despatch, and that the foreign office while desirous of an answer from the Boers, the papers daily heralded the arrival of the reply in this connection.

What those new demands consist of is still a mystery. First it was asserted that another cabinet council would pass upon them, but this was contradicted by Chamberlain, who in answering a despatch from the progressive members of the Cape house of assembly, said the demands had been communicated to the Transvaal.

As the possibility of war increases British conjectures as to the friendly attitude of other European powers becomes. Reference is frequently made to probable Russian aggression in Asia while it is hinted that France in the event of a war with the Boers will be active in Northern Africa.

Germany's support in the settlement of Delagoa Bay. It seems certain that an entirely new line of government is being considered by the three powers interested in Samoa.

BRITISH PRESS OPINION.

Meanwhile further transports from London with hospital supplies have arrived at Durban and the men and material have been forwarded to Ladysmith.

Filipinos' New Hope.

That Democratic Success in States May Secure Their Independence.

They War Not With Americans But With the Mad Imperialists.

Tennessee Regiment's Lucky Escape From Casualties on Philippine Service.

By Associated Press.

Manila, Oct. 7.—Aguinaldo in a proclamation announcing the release of American prisoners and authorizing Filipino soldiers in northern provinces to return to their homes, says:

In America there is a great party that insist on the government recognizing our independence. That party will compel the United States to fulfil the promise made to us in all probability and great faith, though not put in writing. Therefore we must show our gratitude and maintain our position more resolute than ever.

Democratic pray to God, that the great political election and imperialism fall in its mad attempt to subjugate us by force of arms.

There are some Americans in the Philippines who have conspired because they disapprove of a war of what Mr. Atkinson calls criminal aggression. When offered a chance to return to their own country they refused to do so.

Throughout the proclamation Aguinaldo denounces the "imperialists" instead of the Americans as in former documents. He calls the word to witness means. He calls the word to witness means.

Some people on seeing the American prisoners cried out, "We do not want war against the United States. We only desire our independence against the imperialists. The sons of that mighty nation are our friends and brethren."

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Highwayman on What?

A Gentle Prisoner at Kamloops Whom the Gaois of Two Countries Have Coveted.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, Oct. 7.—Interesting facts develop in connection with the arrest of Martin Everett, now in Kamloops jail.

Friends of Everett ask the United States government to interfere, going so far as to say that the United States sheriff handed him over to the Canadian authorities.

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The Ameer Is Insane.

Brutal Executions and Daily Torture of Officials by His Direction.

Reported General Exodus From Afghanistan of Terror Stricken Inhabitants.

While Russian Accounts Speak of Armed Conflict With the British.

By Associated Press.

London, Oct. 10.—The Daily Telegraph's St. Petersburg correspondent says:

Russian accounts represent Abdurhaman Khan, Ameer of Afghanistan, as insane and likely to provoke a conflict between Russia and England.

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BOLD GAMBLERS' NOVEL FREAK.

Steer Boat Load of New Yorkers From the Yachts to Their Games.

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New York, Oct. 7.—A crowd of sportsmen from Philadelphia came to New York recently bringing a big boat, the Georgia, with them.

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FIRE AT SUSSEX.

HOM. Railway Station and Several Houses Destroyed.

Sussex, N.B., Oct. 7.—(Special)—Fire did \$75,000 damage here early this morning. Both telegraph offices were burned out, besides the Queen's hotel, depot, and a number of houses.

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TACKLING MINISTER FISHER.

Vancouver Demands of Prohibition Apostle Explanation of Plebiscite Fraud.

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WOMEN ON A JAMBOREE.

Three Hundred in a House of Refuge Demolish Furniture and Windows.

Hudson, N. Y., Oct. 9.—Three hundred inmates of the Hudson house of refuge for women began to raze an apartment at midnight last night in the several cottages, as though by preconcerted arrangements.

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