

Fighting Imminent.

Johannesburg is Depleted of Horses To Take Boer Army to the Front

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The obstacle which seems to stand in the way of a peaceful settlement appears to be the rooted conviction of the Boers that we cherish designs hostile to their independence. That such apprehensions are unfounded has been asserted as strongly as possible in our despatches and unofficially by members of the government. "The stage of negotiations reached is that we do not see any advantage in pressing the proposals which we made in regard to the franchise and the admission of Outlanders to a vote in the assembly which governs the affairs of the South African republic. Those proposals have never been an essential point of difference. They were made on the suggestion of Sir Alfred Milner, British high-commissioner in South Africa and Gov-

Awaiting The War.

London Correspondents Speculate as to How Hostilities Will Break Out.

A Favorable Sign That Kruger Holds Back While British Unprepared.

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By Associated Press.
New York, Oct. 1.—Isaac N. Ford, in his London letter to the New York Tribune, reviews with minuteness the Transvaal situation and discusses it in detail. He says: "A bright light remains open for Kruger's retreat, since the despatch which the cabinet considered in detail yesterday will not be sent for a few days, until Lord Salisbury and Mr. Chamberlain have full leisure for revising it. Probably a fortnight will be filled with dilatory tactics, unless the Boers strike the first blow and place the British garrison in Natal on the defence. If they do not make an attack the new budget of demands will be sent out and an army corps of thirty thousand men with it.

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MOTHER AND CHILD DROWN.

Windsor, Sept. 30.—A double drowning occurred at Tecumseh, a village near here, when Mrs. George Stanley and her child were drowned. The child was the first to go overboard. The little one fell into a large covered cistern near the house, and the mother sprang in to save her, and was unable to climb up the slippery walls.

SNOW IN ONTARIO.

London, Sept. 30.—About 6 inches of very wet snow fell here this morning, causing great destruction among shade trees and small trees throughout the city. Sidewalks and roadways in all directions are badly obstructed.

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