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Hope for Peace. An Evil Day When the Claim of

The British Liberal Leader Sees

Suzerainty Was Resurrected.

President Kruger Will Not Precipitate Hostilities.

Imperial Parliament to Meet in Ten Days-Reserves Likely To Be Summoned.

London, Oct. 7 .- Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, speaking at Maidstone yesterday, at a luncheon specially arranged to give the leader of the opposition in the House of Commons an opportunity of expressing the view of official Liberalism regarding the Transvaal crisis, said that neither side had shut the door upon further negotiations. "Great Britain," he continued, "has not made her demands as suzerain power, but in virtue of international law and as the power responsible for the well-being of South Africa. If the Boer Government have refused the reasonable requests of the dispatch of the secretary of state for the colonies on Sept. 8 through dear and suspicion regarding a possible attack upon their independence, the speeches of the Duke of Devonshire (lord president of the council of ministers) and Sir Matthew White Ridley (secretary of state for the home department) constitute assurances which ought to EXTINGUISH SUSPICION AND

FEAR. These speeches are quite as authoritative as any dispatches, and bind the honor of the government and the country. They ought to open the way to an agreement, Party interests must stand aside at this juncture, as well as the reputation of ministers. I do not believe that diplomacy has said its last word, although the country is on the brink of war. It is a remarkable thing that, when the question is asked, What are we going to war about? no answer can be given. This country has never yet gone into a great war in such a state of uncertainty. From patriotic motives Liberals cannot and should not embarrass the government, but the time for free speaking will come byand-bye. At the present moment the interests of party, the reputation of

Vernon Harcourt and Sir Edward Clarke, "It was an evil day," he continued, "when this claim was dug from the grave in which it was decently buried in 1884, by the wise and experienced men who then conducted British affairs-the men who buried it because it was devoid of efficacy and a fruitful source of difficulty. I believe the country has confounded the word 'suzerainty,' which is valueless, with the great fact which is essential and cardinal—the predominance, supremacy, paramountcy or whatever you may wish to call it, of British you may wish power in South Africa, which is indisputable and founded on the necessary facts of the situation."

MR. MORLEY'S VIEWS. Addressing a peace meeting at Carnarvon, Mr. John Morley, Liberal member of parliament, asked the country to realize the predicament to which it has been brought by unhappy diplomacy and the Bediamite action of the press and the war party. "If," said Mr. Morley, "President Kruger had accepted the franchise proposals of September, with reliance upon the

convention of 1894, he would have been planted behind diplomatic entrenchments from which by fair and reasonable action he could not have been forced. Even as it is, there is still room for a satisfactory settlement; but just as the Transvaal made a mistake the government capsized it, withdrawing the franchise proposals.' PAN-AFRICAN CONSPIRACY DIS-

CREDITED. Mr. Morley dwelt upon the moderation and reasonableness of the recent speech of the Duke of Devonshire, which proved that Great Britain did not desire to interfere with the Transvaai's inde-pendence. The speaker said he had always pressed the urgency of the Transvaal meeting Great Britain halfway. He regretted the withdrawal of the five years' franchise. He dilated upon the eventual danger of having at the back of a strategic post like the Cape, a disaffected population, held down by force of arms, and said that he failed to see why the Transvaal and Great Britain were unable to come to terms. Mr. Morley spoke de-

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PRESIDENT KRUGER HOLDS THE BOERS BACK.

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It is stated that Right Hon. Harry Escombe, former premier of Natal, is going to Pretoria in the interest of peace. H. M. S. Philomel suddenly left Durban yesterday for Delagoa Bay.

ARMY CROPS FOR AFRICA. The Daily News this morning asserts that an army corps will be mobilized

It is now practically certain that parliament will meet on Oct. 17. Reserves will be at once summoned in sufficient number to bring up to war strength the regiments warned to hold themselves in readiness for war in the Transvaal. It is estimated that onesixth of the reserves will be required.

Right Hon. Joseph Chamberlain has received the offers of all the colonial governments which tendered the services of troops for South Africa. THE . EXODUS.

A Johannesburg dispatch says: Thousands of people have desired to leave, and the government has decided to escort them out of the country. Last night two natives entered a clothing store kept by a Jew and stabbed the proprietor in the neck, severing his wind-pipe. Two Jewish store-keepers in the East Rand have been killed by robbers, and the Kaffirs are searching the place where they think liquor is stored. The war commission, acting under the government's orders, will issue an order to shopkeepers to remove the barricades erected, declaring that the government's guarantee of protection ought to be

KAFFIRS KICKED OUT. The government is ejecting thousands of Kaffir miners from the Rand and sending them into the northern districts of the Transyaal, in order to avoid the dangers of a collision with the whites in the event of war. The Inish corps supporting the Boers has started for the frontier.

BOERS MASSING. A dispatch from Mafeking announces that Commandant Croude, of the Boer forces, has been promoted to the rank of general, and is massing 6,000 Boers with which to artillery Ramathiabama, north of Mafeking. The dispatch announces that Gen. Cronde has sent a message to the imperial troops that he will cross the border at the first shot fired in Natal.

A GROWL.

ficial in Pretoria, in reply to a friend in London, says: "We do not want any guarantee of independence. We stick to the London convention. We have lost all faith in British statesmen, and have nothing more to say."

The London Daily Mail's Rome correspondent says that the British Gov-ernment has applied to Signor Marconi, with a view to using his wireless electricity in the Transvaal campaign. Mining shares had quite a boom in the street, owing to a report that the Portuguese Government had asked Britain to protect its frontier. Rand mines were nearly two points above the closing figures, and others

#### PLAGUE SPREAD BY RODENTS

A Universal Raid on Rats in Seaports Is Proposed.

London, Oct. 6 .- Dr. Manion, in the course of his address at the inauguration of the School of Tropical Medicine, caused a sensation by the emphasis he laid on the declaration that the ordinary rat is responsible for the majority of plague outbreaks. He says that in the fact that rats are peculiarly subject to this infection lies the present danger of the British Isles.

one rat, he says, arrives the port of London on a ship hailing from a plague port, the rat would die; its body, teeming with plague bacilli, would be eaten by other rais, and so the plague would get a foothold. Or the fleas infecting the sick rodent would transfer themselves to other rats, which in turn, would become infected with the plague. Thus we would have, before long, an under-ground epidemic of the bubonic pest in

"At the present juncture," Dr. Manson continued, "were I the responsible sanitary head of any town in Europe, in anticipation of a possibility com-pared with which the horror and destructiveness of a general European war would be a triffe, I would do my utmost to have every rat-and, if possible, every mouse—in my district promptly exterminated."

In view of Dr. Manson's position and reputation, for it was he who first suggested that mosquitoes were responsible for malarial infection-the London papers seriously discuss the idea of starting a universal raid on the rats in all the large seaports.

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Owing to Scarcity and a Big Increase in Cost of Raw Material.

Montreal, Oct. 7 .- Within the next few weeks there will be an advance to the consumer in the price of the various manufactures of iron. This is due to the scarcity of the raw material, and the fact that since last October the price of iron in the pig has advanced about 125 per cent.

The first of the iron men to move in this matter are the nail manufacturers. At a meeting of the representatives of the Canadian Wire Drawers' Association held here there were present, in addition to the representatives of the local firms, the following gentlemen representing firms outside Mont-real: W. H. Thorne, St. John, N. B.; Edward Stairs, Halifax: Mr. Bigsby, Yarmouth, N. S.; C. A. Birge, president of the American Screw Company; T.
H. Whitten, president of the Ontario
Tack Company, Hamilton; W. R.
Hobbs, president of the Hobbs Hardwart Company and president of the Western Wire Nail Company, of London. The whole question of the iron market was discussed, and it was decided that, owing to the enormous increase in the price of raw material and the great scarcity of iron, the prices of wire nails and wire of all kinds would have to be increased.

The members of the association who were at the meeting were very reticent as to what had taken place, and refused to say what had been decided

upon.
The representatives of the Nail Manufacturers' Association met at the Windsor for the purpose of discussing the question and deciding on a similar course of action. It is understood that the Manufacturers ers' Association, representing the various kinds of manufactures in iron, will follow the lead of the nail manufac-turers, and increase the price of their goods to the trade. This, of course, will mean an advance in the prices to the consumer of that class of articles into the manufacture of which iron en-

## A TIMELY LETTER.

Mr. Owen Byrne Writes of Common Complaint.

Backache and Kiducy Trouble Especially Prevalent in the Fall-Change of Weather and Damp Affects Kidneys-Dodd's Kidney Pills.

Perth, Oct. 6.-Mr. Owen Byrne, of this place, was troubled with backache and other Kidney Trouble a short time ago, but got over it. A great many people wished to know at the time how the cure was effected, and a signed statement of his case was published at the time. Mr. Byrne was cured simply and solely by Dodd's Kidney Pills. THE CLAIM OF SUZERAINTY.

Pointing out the absurdity of going into war for a difference of two years in the opposing franchise proposals, Sir Henry Campbelf-Bannerman declared that the claim of suzerainty had been finally exploded by Sir William Vernon Harcourt. At this season of the year when so many people are suffering from Kidstages is a comparatively simple mat-

Not only Backache, but Diabetes, another formerly incurable disease, Rheumatism, Heart Disease, Dropsy, Bladder and Urinary Troubles, men's Weakness and Blood Disorders yield to Dodd's Kidney Pills. Mr. Owen Byrne, Perth, says: "I was

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