

THE WAR CLOUD IN SOUTH AFRICA.

The Boers Make Defiant Reply to the Demands of Great Britain.

AN ULTIMATUM EXPECTED.

No Immediate Aggressive Action Expected Unless President Kruger Takes the Initiative Before the Arrival of British Troops.

By Cable to the Morning Star. PRETORIA, September 16.—The reply to the Transvaal government was headed to the British agent here, Mr. Conyngham Greene, at 11 o'clock this morning. It will be published here Monday at 9 o'clock A. M. There are no further developments in the situation.

CAPETOWN, September 16.—Further telegrams from Pretoria to day confirm the forecast of the reply of the Transvaal to Great Britain which does not accept the demands of the British government as a whole. Great excitement prevails at Pretoria over the consequences which may ensue. The young Boers are asking to be led into the field immediately. It is impossible to predict what will be the situation after the delivery of the reply in London. The feeling here is that it will be impossible for the imperial government, and undignified upon its part, to again enter upon an interchange of arguments. The reply of the Boer government has arrived here.

Serious Phase of the Crisis. LONDON, Sept. 16.—Sunday will be an anxious day for Great Britain. The reply of the Transvaal government, it is known to-night, has been formulated and is in the hands of the British agent at Pretoria. Furthermore the wires at the foreign office are busy with a long dispatch from the British cabinet. From the tenor of their recent communications to Mr. Chamberlain, they could scarcely be expected to do otherwise. However, as frequently pointed out in these dispatches, this presumed action on the part of the Boers does not make any certainty, though it does place the British cabinet in a position where it must take steps so aggressive that war or utter submission will be the only alternative remaining to the Transvaal. This new, serious phase of the crisis also increases the interest, as is demonstrated by the fact that the Boers will take time and diplomacy by the forelock and raid Natal, confiscate the mines, arrest the Outlanders for high treason, and otherwise resent, while the British transports are in mid-ocean, what they believe is an attempt to rob them of their independence.

If the course of diplomacy is not forestalled the British cabinet will meet again and formulate specific demands, far more sweeping than the demands of President Kruger in the shape of an ultimatum.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

Winston Republican: Mr. Charles M. Kreeger, of Tobaccoville, this county, has been seen in newspapers. During the past season he has picked 42,000 blackberries and dewberries. He counted the berries as he gathered them.

Maxton Scottish Chief: One of our most energetic farmers was in our office this week. He says he planted his cotton crop with the expectation of making 25 bales. So far he has picked over his crop the third time and has only gathered 5 bales up to date and thinks he has good cause to get galled. He says there is plenty of cotton in his section that will not produce more than one bale to every 10 acres in cultivation.

Statesville Mascot: A severe storm in the Mooreville section Saturday night did much damage to timber and cotton. A large amount was beaten from the bolls. The cotton crop in that section is only half as good as last year. Mr. J. Justice has commenced the man a fine for failure to fence his cotton mill. He exhibited quite a lot of samples of various colors in his office Tuesday, and they are as fine as we have seen.

Greensboro Telegram: A very peculiar case of hydrophobia is reported by the Stanley Enterprise. About three years ago, a young man named Charles Little, a young man who lives in Stanley county, dropped some foam on Little's hand. Sores broke out on the hand and the dog proved to be mad. Some time ago Little started to Albemarle, but going a few days he returned to continue further. Later he became mad and was carried to the hospital at Morganton for treatment. The hospital physicians diagnosed the case as a very plain case of hydrophobia and the young man died in terrible agony last Friday.

Wilson Times: The murder of young Turnage, the negro British boy, passed through here Wednesday on his way to Greenville to be safe where he had been taken for the shelter of Pitt county. He looks hale and hearty, and talks freely about the killing of Turnage. He says he held him in a net and fired the building to cover the proofs of death. Last Saturday afternoon lightning struck a tobacco barn on the superintended by Mr. Ed. S. Toney, and descending into the barn, burnt the leaves from the stems of about 200 pounds of tobacco and not injuring the stems of the leaves. It was a peculiar sight to see the sticks taken out with only the stems hanging to the strings.



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GEO. O. GAYLORD'S NEW SHOE STORE, J. R. BOYD, General Manager.

CURRENT COMMENT.

Mr. Astor declined one of Kipling's poems because it reflected on England. If Kipling is wise he will offer him something warm from the New York tax assessors.—Washington Post, Ind.

A break has come in the Klondike boom. Many of the navigation companies are going out of the business, finding it unprofitable. Travel is diminishing constantly, and prices of freight and necessities of life are being liberally scaled. There is no doubt a great deal of gold in that section, and that much business will be done there for a number of years, but will be upon what may be called a legitimate basis. The boom days are about over.—Savannah News, Dem.

A writer in the August number of Harper's Magazine disposes completely of the story that there was a massacre at Fort Pillow during the civil war. The Confederate forces simply whipped the stuff out of the Union troops there, and did it in a purely solitary way. Forrest was pitted against a commander who was a baby in his hands, and he licked him as he had licked a mob before, and he licked the able one afterward. If there was a useless sacrifice of life it was entirely the fault of the Union general.—Atlanta Journal, Dem.

If General Otis were the able commander that Corbin insists he is and that the President has heretofore believed him to be, there should be some variation in the stories about him that come from Manila. The best of men have their detractors, and there are always grumblers who give pessimistic reports, but when a man is doing well these are more than offset by the number of his champions and of those who are more than willing to speak well of him. Otis has no champion except Corbin, and none of the men who know him best and have had most experience with him has a good word to say for him.—Philadelphia Ledger, Ind.

Raleigh News and Observer: Friday afternoon Durham Smith, an aged white man, died while working at the turpentine still of Mr. J. D. Ballentine near Varina on Mr. Mills railroad. Smith was about seventy years old and leaves a wife and ten or twelve children. Less than two years ago Smith became a convert to Mormonism and since that time his house has been headquarters for the regular standards down to the Racket level. I have about \$1,000 worth of fine sample goods in my store.

ARGUMENT IN THE TAX CASE.

Concluded Before Judge Simonson—His Decision Will be Announced Later. [News and Observer, 16th.] ASHEVILLE, N. C., Sept. 15.—Argument in the tax case was concluded this afternoon 5:40 o'clock. The whole hearing has consumed exactly three days. Judge Simonson takes the papers and all evidence and will announce his decision later. Twenty days are given counsel to file briefs. Fertilizer rate and telegraph tax cases will be taken up to-morrow, the rate case first. They will consume about two hours each.

The first class battleship Kearsarge left the Norfolk ship yard yesterday and will proceed direct to New York. Her guns will be put into dry dock and prepared for service.

Hoop Iron and Nails.

60,000 lbs Hoop Iron. 1,150 kegs Nails. 1,000 Second Hand Machine Casks. 1,000 bags Shot. 40,000 lbs Rib Sides. 2,300 bundles Cotton Ties. 1,000 rolls Bagging. 1,000 bushels Pure Va. W. G. Meal. 25,000 Cross Cut Cigarettes. 1,000 barrels Flour.

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Advertisement for "These Fine Shoes" by Duttenhofer's for Ladies, emphasizing quality and style.

Advertisement for Seasonable Goods, listing various household items and foodstuffs.

Advertisement for Sole agents for Rob Roy Flour, listing various flour products.

Advertisement for McNAIR & PEARSALL, offering various goods and services.

Advertisement for T. D. LOVE, Wholesale Grocer and Commission Merchant.

Advertisement for -SCOTLAND HOTEL-, located in Gibson, N.C.

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