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PORTENTS OF WAR.

Both Sides Massing Troops on Transvaal Border.

BELLOUSE TALK IN THE RAAD.

Warlike Harangues Received With Applause—Burghers Inquire Why British Troops Are Gathering on the Frontier. Hostilities Expected at Any Moment.

PRETORIA, Sept. 8.—There was great excitement in the raad yesterday on Mr. Coetser's interpellation of the government regarding the presence of British troops on the borders and the stoppage of ammunition consigned to the Transvaal. President Kruger and most of the prominent officials were present. At the outset the chairman urged members to preserve calmness and to avoid insulting language.

The state secretary, F. W. Reitz, said he had called the previous day on the British diplomatic agent, Mr. Conyngham Green, and had asked him what reply the government could give in the volksraad regarding the alleged massing of British troops on the borders, and whether Mr. Green would communicate with the British high commissioner, Sir Alfred Milner. The reply from Mr. Coetser was continued, had been received, and was on the following terms:

DEAR MR. REITZ: The following is Sir Alfred Milner's reply to the telegram which I sent him at your request: "I do not know to what Mr. Reitz refers when he alludes to the massing of troops. This must be the British troops in South Africa, the position and numbers of which are no secret; but it is a matter of common knowledge that they are here in order to protect British interests and to make provision against eventualities."

Mr. Coetser and other members then made violent speeches, declaring that they could not understand Sir Alfred Milner's reply since the Transvaal had never threatened the English colonies. "It is time," exclaimed Mr. Coetser, "for the Transvaal also to prepare for eventualities."

One member said: "England's action is like putting a revolver into a man's face."

Another concluded a warlike harangue in this strain: "It is time to send our burghers to the borders to ask these troops what they want. The fire is bound to start. So let them light it and allow it to burn out quickly. War is better than the present state of affairs. Business is ruined and the public treasury is drying up. Chamberlain is trying to ruin the country."

These speeches and others attacking Cecil Rhodes were loudly applauded by the house and by the public. President Kruger, who was greeted with loud cheers, began his speech by saying that might was not right, but that right was might and that he knew the Lord ruled and was righteous and would give a good judgment.

The raad adjourned without passing any resolutions.

Transvaal Artillery Takes the Field.
LONDON, Sept. 8.—The Daily Mail publishes the following from Johannesburg: It is reliably reported from Pretoria that a special military train with a body of armed men was dispatched to the Natal border on Tuesday night with an equipment of several heavy field guns and a quantity of munitions.

The Boers, it is stated positively, are concentrating on the border.

A special dispatch to the Morning Post from Pietermaritzburg says the 800 Boers who left Pretoria for Standerton, pushed on to Volksrust, close to the Natal border, where they are now encamped. The same correspondent says the arrangements for the defense of Newcastle, in Natal, south of Laing's Neck, are now practically complete.

VENEZUELA IS TRANQUIL.

Report of a New Outbreak Is Without Foundation.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8.—Senator Pulido, the charge d'affaires of Venezuela, in response to a cablegram sent by him, received a message from the foreign office of Venezuela saying: "The news of a new outbreak in Venezuela is without any foundation." An outbreak occurred in the interior some time ago, but the revolutionists were badly routed and their forces scattered and compelled to seek refuge in the mountains.

For Writing Letters to Women.
OTTUMWA, Ia., Sept. 8.—R. A. Hansel, a well-to-do real estate man of this place, was yesterday held to the federal grand jury in bonds of \$3,000 on the charge of sending obscene letters through the mail to women.

SHERIDAN ARRIVES.

South Dakota and Minnesota Volunteers Reach San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 8.—The United States transport Sheridan, which left Manila on Aug. 10 with the Minnesota and South Dakota volunteers on board, was sighted five miles at sea just before dusk last evening. The transport was boarded by the health officials of the port immediately on her arrival, but darkness set in so rapidly that the work of examining the passengers was given up for the night and the transport ordered anchored off Fort Mason.

The Sheridan carries 900 members of the Minnesota regiment, 632 of the South Dakota regiment, 42 members of the Fourth cavalry and 175 discharged men besides 92 officers. There were three deaths during the voyage, as follows:

JOHN H. COLLINS, sergeant company G, Ninth infantry, died at sea Aug. 15.
FRANK WALLEN, private company B, Third infantry, died at sea Aug. 16.
AUNT CARSON, private company B, First South Dakota, died at sea Aug. 28.

Besides the bodies of the three soldiers who died enroute the Sheridan brought the remains of the following who died during service in the Philippines:

WALTER E. HUTCHISON, private company A, Fifty-first Iowa.
JOHN S. MOORE, first lieutenant, Fifty-first Iowa.
LEE FORBY, captain, First Nebraska.

FLASH FATAL TO FOUR.

Lightning Strikes County Fair Grand Stand at Camargo, Ills.

TUSCOOLA, Ills., Sept. 8.—At the Douglas county fair at Camargo last night lightning struck the north end of the grand stand, killing two men instantly, fatally injuring two more and seriously disabling six others. The dead:

SPENCER BROMBERG, Woodruff, Ills.
ROBERT MYERS, Champaign, Ills.
The fatally injured:

William Oiler, Champaign, Ills.
John Groist, Urbana, Ills.

The party was eating supper under the grand stand when the flash came.

Prisoners Rob Constables.
DES MOINES, Sept. 8.—Constables Shuler and Cameron of Valley Junction, a suburb of this city, were held up on a train by John and Charles Roe, whom they had arrested at Cameron. The robbers took the officers' pistols and what money they had and escaped.

Street Railway For Damages.
DES MOINES, Sept. 8.—William H. Bailey, a prominent Des Moines attorney, has brought suit against the Des Moines street railway for \$25,000 damages. Bailey was run down by a street car last June and claims he thereby lost the use of his right arm.

Iowa Odd Fellows' Annual Picnic.
STOUC CITY, Sept. 8.—The Tristate Odd Fellows' Picnic association will picnic in Sioux City Sept. 13, and it is expected several thousand persons will attend. The association is made up of lodges from all sections of the state.

Bankers' Closing Season.
CLEVELAND, Sept. 8.—The closing session of the American Bankers' association convention opened with prayer. Walker Hill of St. Louis was elected president for the ensuing year.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

Secretary Hay left Washington Thursday for his summer home in New Hampshire.

Jimenez, leader of the successful revolution has been received in triumph at Santiago, San Domingo.

Miller and Judge won a 20-mile cycle race on the Baltimore coliseum track Thursday night in the record breaking time of 31:13.15.

The navy department received word Thursday that the new battleship Kearsarge would be ready for her official acceptance trial about the 25th inst.

James G. Daily, foreman in the composing room of the Philadelphia Public Ledger, and for 32 years in the employ of the paper, died Thursday, aged 59 years.

Mrs. B. M. Bruce, wife of the late United States Senator Bruce, has accepted the position of lady principal of the Tuskegee Normal and Industrial institute.

The new White Star line steamship Oceanic, Captain Cameron, sailed from Queenstown Thursday on her maiden trip to the United States, having 2,044 souls aboard.

Dewey's Health Improving.
GIBRALTAR, Sept. 8.—Admiral Dewey yesterday visited the garrison library and lunched with the United States consul. His health is gradually improving and he believes he will be entirely well upon arrival in New York.

SHAW FOR COMMANDER.

New York Man Unanimously Elected Chief of G. A. R.

JUDGE RASSIEUR WITHDRAWS.

Pension Committee's Report Is Adopted Without Dissent—Committee of Five Appointed to Seek Relief From Pension Laws—Encampment at an End.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 8.—The 33d national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic came to an end last night. The election of a commander-in-chief was conducted and carried out in the most peaceable manner imaginable. Colonel Albert D. Shaw of Watertown, N. Y., was unanimously elected to the highest office of the organization, after Judge Lee S. Rassiour of St. Louis had declined to be a candidate. The friends of Colonel Shaw and Judge Rassiour claimed the victory until the Missouri veteran at yesterday's session of the encampment withdrew from the contest in favor of his New York opponent. Aside from the selection of a commander-in-chief the pension question received the major portion of attention. Resolutions were adopted that rule 225 now in practice was a hardship in that it required proof of identity and injuries which many old soldiers could not furnish and asking that the president re-establish rule 164, which is not so stringent in its requirements. The resolution also deplored the practice in the pension bureau which bars widows who have an income of \$96 a year and asks that the limitation be increased to \$250 a year.

Pursuant to the resolutions a committee of five was appointed to seek relief from the administrative offices and failing there to ask congress to amend the law in favor of the veterans.

Chicago secured the next encampment and it is expected that Judge Rassiour will then be elected commander-in-chief.

Irving Robbins of Indianapolis was elected senior vice commander-in-chief, and M. Minton of Louisville junior vice commander. William H. Baker of Lynn, Mass., was elected surgeon general.

SONS OF VETERANS MEET.

Eighteenth Annual Encampment Begins at Detroit.

DETROIT, Sept. 8.—Whether there is really any friction between the Sons of Veterans and the G. A. R. and whether the two societies shall in the future camp together are the serious questions being considered by the 18th annual encampment of the Sons of Veterans, which began here yesterday.

The military feature of the order seems to be on the wane. There is a desire among the delegates to eliminate the drills and military sections and make of the order a patriotic society of a purely civil character.

Kidnaping Complaint Made.

OMAHA, Sept. 8.—A formal complaint of kidnaping Antonio Rose has been made against Deputy Sheriff Barry of Cleveland. A telegram and a letter have been sent to the sheriff of Cleveland apprising him of the abduction of Rose and asking that no returns be made upon the requisition papers in the possession of Barry, and that the prisoner, who has now reached the scene of his alleged crime of embezzlement, be returned to Omaha.

Late Corn Slightly Hurt.

OMAHA, Sept. 8.—Weather reports received by the Union Pacific are to the effect that the hot winds of the past two or three days have but slightly injured the late corn, while not injuring the early corn at all. The late corn thus affected is but a slight percentage of the entire state product, and is that grown in the western part of the state in the sand hills.

Suspected of Tilton's Murder.

DES MOINES, Sept. 8.—Patrick Winslow of Oak Park was arrested yesterday for the murder of Edward Tilton, the farmer who was found dead in a hayrack in that suburb Tuesday night with a big jagged hole in his forehead. Winslow had threatened Tilton early in the evening and it is believed that he is guilty, though the evidence is circumstantial.

No Action on Rate Question.

KANSAS CITY, Sept. 8.—After a three days' session the Transmissouri Traffic association adjourned without having taken action on any of the important questions considered. The question of carload or 100 pound rates on live stock, the feeding in transit question and the grain rate controversy all went over to the next monthly meeting.

Thrashing Operations.

CREIGHTON, Neb., Sept. 8.—Many farmers have finished their thrashing in this community. Some of the grain is lighter than at first estimated, but the quality is good and the yield fair. The corn crop is excellent and will excel any previous crop in the history of Knox county.

Wreck at Sutherland.

NORTH PLATTE, Neb., Sept. 8.—The wrecking crew was called out from here for Sutherland, where a wreck occurred between two working trains. Two gravel cars were smashed and the track torn up. No lives were lost. Trains were delayed a few hours.

DISORDER IS FEARED.

Trouble Likely to Follow Verdict in Dreyfus Case.

WILL BE DELIVERED MONDAY.

Beginning of the End Has Been Reached. Testimony Is all In and Arguments Have Begun—Each Side Confident of the Result.

RENNES, Sept. 8.—With the speech of the government commissary, Major Carriere, the Dreyfus case entered upon the final stage of headings and the verdict will be delivered on Monday at the latest. There is talk of the trial ending today by holding an extra afternoon session for M. Labori's speech and the declaration of the judges. This is, however, declared unlikely, as the government is likely to desire to have the judgment held over Sunday to avert demonstrations on the verdict when the workmen are free.

The government is not only fearful regarding Rennes, but is particularly concerned regarding Paris and other large towns where passions have been heated, and the verdict, whichever way it is given, is practically certain to give rise to trouble. It is understood that the government has intimated its desire to the president of the court-martial, Colonel Jouanet, and there is no reason to believe that he will not fall in with its view. Colonel Jouanet yesterday took the most important decision yet taken and took it entirely upon his own responsibility, although he is undoubtedly only the mouthpiece of the whole body of judges. His decision to exclude the testimony of Colonel Schwartzkoppen and Major Panizzardi was most significant, as it meant that the court had already reached a conclusion and that the pleadings of counsel were merely a waste of time and might be dispensed with if they were not a necessity.

Court Has Made Up Its Mind.

The court has made up its mind, but which way? This is the vital point and forms the sole topic of discussion. Both sides are equally confident that the court will decide in accordance with their view. The Dreyfusards declare that the judges cannot convict Captain Dreyfus after rejecting the decisive evidence which Schwartzkoppen and Panizzardi would have given in his favor. The anti-Dreyfusards, on the other hand, explain the ruling on the ground that the judges recognize that the evidence of the two military attaches would be worthless because they would be morally bound to save their agent at any cost.

From the popular point of view the scene in court when Colonel Jouanet delivers the judgment will be divested of its most sensational feature, owing to the absence of the central figure. Captain Dreyfus will be taken to an adjoining room when the judges retire to consider their verdict. The reading clerk will read to him the verdict in the presence of a couple of gendarmes. The public will thus be robbed of the spectacle of his emotions, which are bound to be most profound whether the decree sends him to the arms of his family or back to the penal settlement.

Speculation as to the Verdict.

The verdict may be a condemnation, an equivocal acquittal, or a form of acquittal that would be equivalent to the Scotch verdict, "not proven."

The last will be the case if the judges should pronounce against him by a vote of four to three. That is he would be freed, even though the judges in his favor should be in the minority. Captain Dreyfus thus has five chances against the prosecution's three.

Extraordinary measures have been taken to spirit Dreyfus away whether convicted or condemned. His departure from Rennes will be enveloped in the same mystery as when he arrived.

Costly Blaze at Brooklyn.

NEW YORK, Sept. 8.—Fire in Brooklyn last night destroyed a pier shed 500 feet in length and extended to the steamship Duceros and the steam barge Rahway, owned by the Pennsylvania Railroad company, doing damage to the extent of \$100,000. The steamship was towed into the stream and the fire extinguished, but the barge was almost destroyed. Several smaller boats were also damaged. Three watchmen were badly burned.

Fear for Fishermen's Lives.

HALIFAX, Sept. 8.—A special from Caranet, N. B., says a gale from the northwest raged there all day yesterday and great fears are felt for over 100 small fishing schooners and large boats from there, which are on the Bradel bank and the combined crews of which will number over 300 men. One boat, bottom up, has drifted ashore and it is supposed the crew were drowned.

List of Iowa Delegates.

CHICAGO, Sept. 8.—The following additional delegates who will attend the conference on trusts were made public yesterday: Governor Shaw added to his list from Iowa: Paul McLean, editor Gazette, Creston; Edward H. Thayer, editor Age, Clinton; Cato Sells, ex-United States district attorney, Vinton; John J. Hamilton, News, Des Moines.

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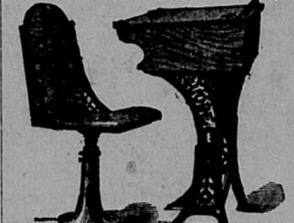
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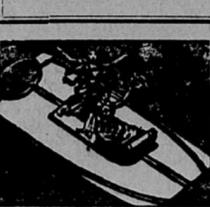
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