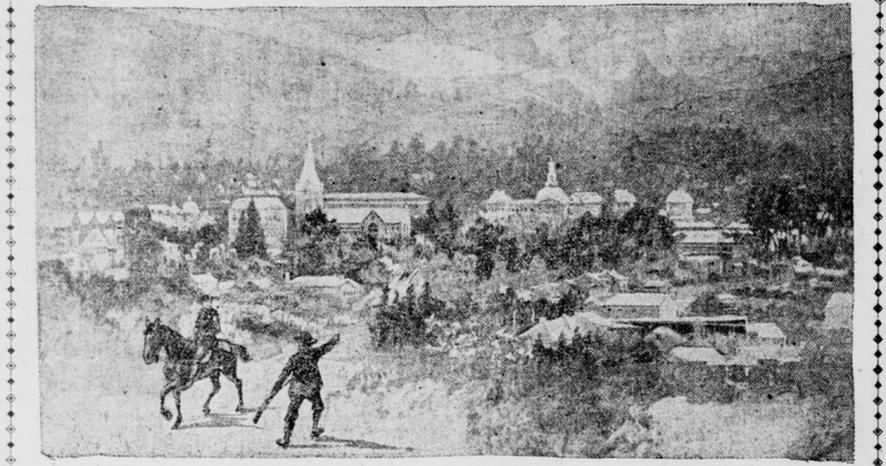


KRUGER IS ABOUT TO DECLARE MARTIAL LAW



View of Pretoria, Capital of the South African Republic.

LONDON, Sept. 30.—The correspondent of the Morning Post at Johannesburg sends the following: A Government official who has just returned from Pretoria, where he saw President Kruger, assures me that martial law will be proclaimed to-day or Monday next.

Government that British subjects of Englishmen having been commiserated by certain officers and officials, or notified to hold themselves in readiness with horse, saddle and arms, and ammunition, and that notice had been given to merchants and dealers by some official that their shops and places must be closed and also that British subjects have been forbidden by them to export or sell the purpose of exporting horses, etc., I have hereby the honor to give you special instructions and to urgently forbid your doing any act which might compromise us and bring us into collision with any other power.

There appears to be unusual excitement in the Admiralty Department. George J. Goschen, First Lord of the Admiralty, was busily engaged there for the greater part of the day. It is rumored that unexpected complications have arisen and that extensive preparations are to be made to guard against contingencies.

The meeting of the British Cabinet, on whose deliberations practically hangs war or peace in South Africa, began at 1 o'clock this morning. President Kruger's reply to the last note of the Imperial Government was the pivot of the day's discussion.

The Cabinet adjourned at 3:15 p. m. The Ministers were heartily cheered by the waiting crowds.

Mr. Chamberlain says it understands that Mr. Chamberlain submitted a dispatch containing the following demands on the Transvaal:

- 1. Five years' franchise qualification without hampering conditions at Johannesburg on a freely elected basis.
2. The separation of the judiciary from the executive and its independence of Volksraad.
3. The abolition of the dynamic monopoly.
4. The removal of the fort dominating Johannesburg, though the defenses at Pretoria may be retained.
5. The teaching of the English language in the schools.

An official of the Foreign Office this evening told a representative of the Associated Press that the Cabinet, in the absence of the Transvaal's reply, had agreed to draft a dispatch formulating its own proposals, which will be communicated to the Transvaal Government in a few days.

Commanding General Joubert yesterday addressed a crowd of burghers at the Pretoria station. His remarks were loudly cheered. The officers of the German corps left for the front to-day, and the Hollanders' corps paraded in the principal square of Pretoria and saluted President Kruger.

TROOPS ORDERED TO LAND AT DELAGOA BAY
LONDON, Sept. 30.—It is reported that the Indian contingent has sailed orders to land at Delagoa Bay. Rumors are current this morning in Johannesburg that the Boers will take the initiative Monday on the border east and west of Charlestown. It is said that Prince Christian Victor of Schleswig-Holstein, who is a major in the King's Royal Rifle Corps, has been ordered to South Africa on special service. He served in the Ashantee and Nile campaigns.

BOERS HAVE NO NEW PROPOSALS TO MAKE
LONDON, Sept. 29.—A dispatch to the Times from Pretoria says: "It is generally expected that a state of war may be proclaimed at any moment. President Kruger granted me an interview to-day and declared he had done all possible for the sake of peace. He had accepted Mr. Chamberlain's own offer of a common inquiry, but Mr. Chamberlain deliberately broke the thread of negotiations, troops were massed on all sides and war was forced upon him. He said it was impossible to accede to the dispatch of the 12th."

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TWO MEN PERISH IN A POWDER-MILL EXPLOSION
Portion of the California Powder Works Plant Near Santa Cruz Destroyed.

SANTA CRUZ, Sept. 29.—Another serious explosion occurred at the California Powder Works near this city to-day. Two workmen, Joseph Steiner and L. Larsen, lost their lives. The mill that was blown up was the fuse coming mill, which is located near the double wheelhouse. The building, which was only constructed last year, was modern in every respect and consisted of three sides of masonry work, with an open front, surmounted by a galvanized iron roof. As usual the direct cause of the explosion is a mystery. Beyond the blowing off of the roof the building was not damaged to any great extent. The loss cannot as yet be estimated, but it will probably foot up in the neighborhood of \$100,000.

WILD EXCITEMENT IN THE SOUTHERN COTTON EXCHANGES

NEW ORLEANS, Sept. 29.—The wildest panic ever witnessed on the floor of the New Orleans Cotton Exchange occurred to-day shortly after business opened, and in the midst of the excitement the complete suspension of future business pending the investigation of what at the moment was assumed to be a conspiracy to swindle the Cotton Exchanges of the country. The panic was due to an apparent attempt to suspend business based on alleged Liverpool advances, and it was roughly estimated that \$70,000 had been lost on the local transactions as a result. Later in the day the exchange, after receiving legal advice, declared null and void all future transactions of the day. This action, however, promises to be bitterly contested, and litigation is likely to be the final outcome.

ARBITRATION MAY BE RECOMMENDED
ST. PETERSBURG, Sept. 29.—Discussing the attitude of Germany in regard to the Transvaal crisis, the Russia says: "It is still an open question as to whether Russian diplomacy, on the basis of the Hague conference, may not make the experiment of recommending that Great Britain and the Transvaal refer their dispute to a court of arbitration. In view of the hostile feeling against Great Britain, it is not probable that numerous volunteers from Europe will go to the aid of the Boers, as Russian volunteers aided Serbia. If Great Britain attempts to prevent such movement in Russia, perhaps, will speak a decisive word."

MANY VOLUNTEERS FROM THE COLONIES
MELBOURNE, Victoria, Sept. 29.—A conference of the military commandants of all the colonies except New Zealand is sitting here to discuss the equipment and dispatch of an Australian force to South Africa. Volunteers are coming forward largely from all the colonies. About 1400 Victorians have already volunteered.

OTIS' STORY OF THE FIGHTING
He Tells How Porac Was Captured.
Special Dispatch to The Call.
MANILA, Sept. 30, 10:15 a. m.
General Otis and General Schwan are visiting Angeles, the northernmost town held by the Americans. The visit is possibly connected with a conference with rebel leaders.

RECEPTION TO MAJOR RICE.
BAKERSFIELD, Sept. 29.—The people of Bakersfield gave Major F. S. Rice, late commander of the California Heavy Artillery, a rousing reception this evening at Scribner's Opera-house. The major talked for two hours of his experience in the Philippines, after which he came down and shook hands with his fellow-owners.

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