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TRANSVAAL TROUBLE

The Air Filled With Wild Rumors But Nothing Definite.

CABINET MEETING TOMORROW

Something May Be Known Then—Troops Marching on Both Sides.

Pretoria, Sept. 21.—General Joubert, Boer commander-in-chief, is quoted as saying in an interview: "The situation is serious. Probably the heaviest fighting would occur on the Natal border. The British will likely attempt to invade the Transvaal by way of Van Riebeeck's Pass."

Urgent messages are reaching the road from members who are demanding authority for the Boers to mass at strategic points.

SAILED FROM BOMBAY

Bombay, Sept. 21.—Major General Hunter and his staff with Devonshire regiment and a squadron of the Nineteenth Hussars, sailed today for Cape.

IRITATING HAPPENINGS

London, September 21.—The speech of Sir William Vernon Harcourt, former Liberal leader, to his constituents at New Tredegar last night and a message from the Cape Town Afrikaner members of parliament to President Kruger have proved red flags to the "War of Any Price" party. The Cape papers declare that the Harcourt members of parliament amounts to almost treason and the same terms are applied to Sir William Vernon Harcourt's remarks about the English anti-Boer papers.

Those who claim the situation has not yet passed the Rubicon of pacific negotiations, see in President Kruger's answer to the Afrikaners a genuine desire to avoid hostilities. The report that he personally petitioned Queen Victoria to avert hostilities certainly does not bear out the alarmist reports of English correspondents in South Africa that President Kruger was determined long since upon war. Nevertheless preparations for that eventuality continue energetically on both sides.

BOTH SIDES PREPARING

Boer are lagging and British troops are reaching Kimberly and Ladysmith. The onward march of the latter is being marked by enthusiastic ovations from the seated inhabitants and hordes are hurrying southward for safety. The last report emanates from New Castle, Natal, saying that the Transvaal forces are encamped at Zandvoort and intend to raid the Natal immediately after they understand Chamberlain's reply is not satisfactory.

The British army nursing service sails from Southampton tomorrow and Major General French sails Saturday. He goes to Durban, Natal, in command of the cavalry brigade.

The foregoing includes all the actual developments but they help little to solve the universal question: "Will there be war?" The answer of President Kruger to the Orange Free State to Sir Alfred Milner, British high commissioner for South Africa, is not regarded as a satisfactory explanation of the Free State's position and by no means dissipates the increased seriousness with which the situation is regarded. Since the first it has been reported that the Free State would aggressively assist the Transvaal.

WHAT VANITY FAIR SAYS

Vanity Fair, frequently well informed regarding political secrets, today emphatically reiterates the assertion that there will be no war. It said: "President Kruger is an old man but he is no dotard. He would like to get his own way but not at the cost of defeat. Climb down he will. We maintain the belief there will be no war."

Vanity Fair takes the view, which is shared by several weeklies, that the alarmist daily papers have created a fictitious crisis. Conservative sitting of conflicting opinions and rumors now prevailing regarding the outcome of the dispute will be more practicable after tomorrow's cabinet meeting, though the official announcement of the ministers' decision is likely to be delayed at that time. The London edition of the Standard and Diggers News of Johannesburg gave out a cable dispatch today, purporting to be from Johannesburg, saying the returns from field corn of the Transvaal and Orange Free State show 52,000 bushels ready to take the field on short notice.

WHEAT FAILURE

A Board of Trade Firm Is Short on Wheat.

Chicago, Sept. 21.—Barrett, Farnum & Co., Board of Trade firm, failed today. It is understood they are heavily short of wheat.

There was a bear panic in the wheat pit just before 11 o'clock today when suspension of Barrett, Farnum & Co. was announced. Brokers for that house have been heavy sellers of wheat for the past three days, their sales Tuesday having amounted, it is said, to over 5,000,000 bushels for December delivery. Opening trades today were 71 1/2¢ and the market easily slid off to 71 1/2¢. Around this figure brokers for the firm of Barrett, Farnum & Co. appeared to be heavy buyers. The market jumped to 73 cents. At that point the suspension of Barrett, Farnum & Co. was announced. For a moment the market looked very panicky. December dropped to 72 cents. At this figure enough support was forthcoming to check the decline.

FOR SALE—Lease of a popular health resort near Las Vegas. For terms and particulars call on M. Romero or H. B. Johnson. 265-6t

THE TRUST.

Some Able Men Assemble to Discuss the Question.

St. Louis, September 21.—A conference of governors and attorney generals to discuss the trust question was held here today. Members of the committee on resolutions toiled until after midnight trying to bring together the widely divergent views presented. They finally came to a conclusion to put the matter left in their hands to a sub-committee composed of Governor Benton McMillin, chairman, and Attorneys General Smith and Campbell to put into proper shape. At the time set for the resumption of the sessions of the conference the sub-committee was at work formulating resolutions which will be presented in proper shape for recommendations.

Shortly before 10 o'clock Chairman Sayess called the conference to order. He announced Governor McMillin stated the committee on resolutions would be ready to report at 11 o'clock. The conference took a recess until that time. At 11 o'clock the committee on resolutions asked for further time and the conference recessed another hour. On resuming McMillin presented a set of resolutions. They say: "We believe the best present available remedies lie along the following lines: Enforcement and enforcement by the several states and nation of legislation that shall adequately and fully define as crimes any attempted monopolization or restraint of trade in any line of industrial activity, with provisions for adequate punishment to both the individual or corporation that shall be found guilty thereof; the punishment to the corporation being to the extent of its dissolution."

Enactment by each state in the union of legislation for the adequate and proper control and regulation of corporations chartered by that state and we recommend as efficacious a system of reports to and examination by the state authorities of the corporations organized under its laws to the end that they may be brought to a fair observance of the laws under which they are created.

Enactment by each state of laws that will prevent the entrance of any foreign-created corporation into its limits for any other purpose than interstate commerce, except on terms that will put a foreign corporation on a basis of equality with the domestic created corporation of the state involved.

Enactment of state legislation declaring a corporation created in one state to do business exclusively in other states than where created will be prohibited from admission into any state.

That no corporation be formed in whole or part by another corporation. That no corporation shall own or hold any stock in another corporation engaged in similar or competitive business.

The resolutions were unanimously adopted by representatives of the states remaining, Governor Shaw of Ohio and Thomas of Colorado and Attorney General Taylor of Indiana having gone home last evening, which left only eight states represented.

Shipping Gold to America. London, September 21.—Regarding the 100,000 pounds of bar gold purchased in the open market here yesterday for shipment to New York, Messrs. Brown, Shipley & Co. said to a reporter: "There has been no drain yet. This is a fugitive transaction and not important. No one can ship gold at the Bank of England's present rate of profit."

J. S. Morgan & Co. said: "The shipment is without influence. It was purely a transaction on gold picked up in the open market."

At Home With Friends.

Carpentras, Department Vaucluse, France, Sept. 21.—Former Captain Dreyfus arrived here this morning and went to the home of M. Valabreque, a relative.

Amusements

The initial performance of the Blethen company at the Lyceum last night was greeted by a crowded house, with well merited applause, the play produced being entitled "The Slow Mr. Swift," a howling comedy, wherein Mr. Swift, a New York stock broker searching for a wife, is involved in humorous cases of mistaken identity. The production was a finished piece of work by the company and if their productions continue as excellent as the first, Leadville may consider itself fortunate in having such talent playing here. The specialties, consisting of songs, were most excellently rendered, especially the duet by Buella Blethen and Fannie Calvin, showing much training and droll long and well-merited applause, as did also the solo "She Was Bred in Old Kentucky" illustrated. The moving pictures were new and well displayed. On the whole they offer a superior production to the Pringle company and should be well patronized by lovers of a thoroughly interesting and amusing play. There is a change of bill tonight, the one tonight being a drama entitled "The Wife or One False Step." The new opera chairs improve the appearance and comfort of the house greatly and are very convenient.

A Matter Demanding Attention.

To the Editor of The Optic. One of the owners of the Straus building tumbled down today, taking with it about one half of the adjoining side. Since this took place when propped all round, we can conjecture what the result would have been had all the props been removed. Still work is going on upon the front of this semi building as though the owner thought he might be allowed to put a roof over this death trap. Is the city prepared to allow a tragedy like that at Mora to be repeated here? If not, let the proper officers compel this structure to be torn down and a suitable foundation put under it, for in no other way can it be made secure and habitable.

CITIZEN.

Cats! Cats! At Crites. 260-11

ALBUQUERQUE FAIR.

Opened Auspiciously Tuesday With Large Crowds Attending.

A special from Albuquerque gives the following description of the opening of the street fair in that city on Tuesday: The Albuquerque street fair and carnival of sports opened today with great eclat. At 2 o'clock this afternoon the governor and his staff, the president and members of the committee of the fair association, the mayor and city council, a troop of the Ninth cavalry, company G of the Albuquerque guards and a long line of citizens in carriages formed in procession and marched through the principal streets to the grand stand on the Midway.

The mayor made a short address, introducing Governor Otero, who eloquently delivered the formal opening speech. The governor's address at an end, the fun commenced on all sides. Simultaneous programs were given on four stages on the Midway. Dancing, singing, acrobatic feats, concert, comedies, etc., went on all the afternoon and evening. Booths of every description crowded the Midway grounds and the scene is a lively one.

On the athletic grounds the Albuquerque Browns defeated the San Juan from Fort Wingate in a one-sided base ball match. There was a balloon ascension and parachute drop in the afternoon and another in the evening. The mounted drill by the Ninth cavalry under calcium lights and colored fire was very beautiful. The battle of Manila and numerous other attractions were also put on so that the opening day was a successful one.

All the principal streets of the city are full of elegant booths erected by the merchants. Simon Stern has eclipsed all others. His booth is a perfect representation of the battleship Olympia. The library ball at the armory was a splendid success, and the presentation of "Lucretia Borgia" at the new theater was largely attended. Crowds continue to pour in. The weather is delightful.

A Word From The Sheriff.

Las Vegas, September 20, 1899. Editor of the Las Vegas Optic, East Las Vegas, N. M.

Dear Sir: My attention has been called to an article that was published in the 18th inst. issue of your paper, and in which certain criticisms are made with regard to my supposed leniency to criminals, and my lack of energy in ferreting out crime.

I do not desire to reply in detail to all the matters contained in said article; I deem it sufficient to say that I have made, and still am making, all efforts to protect the public from wrong doers to the best of my ability. With regard to the charge that I have employed the county prisoners to work at a private dwelling, I will say this: Those prisoners did no work, but the greater part of their labor was on the street and the public is the beneficiary. For whatever work they have performed for private individuals, the county is receiving at the rate of 50 cents per day for the labor of each prisoner, and those amounts you will find duly paid into the county treasury. This action is justified under section 479, Compiled Laws of 1884, which provides that the sheriffs shall supply prisoners with the means of support, and procure their employment in order that they may subsist by their labor.

Under section 341, Compiled Laws of New Mexico, 1897, the laws leave it to me to say how, where, and when the county prisoners should be put to work. The county commissioners, unlike the county commissioners of almost all the states, have nothing to say in this territory, with regard to the employment of county prisoners. Had the law said that I was to compel the county prisoners to work at some useful employment, beneficial to the public, or for the benefit of the public only, then The Optic would be right in censuring my actions in this regard.

With this, Mr. Editor, I will close this letter; and you will oblige me by publishing it in The Optic for the benefit of those whom your article of the 18th inst. may have prejudiced against me.

Yours respectfully,

Jose Gabriel Montano, Sheriff of San Miguel County, New Mexico.

Sunday School Social. The officers and teachers of the Presbyterian Sunday school are preparing an entertainment for the scholars of that school to take place tomorrow, Friday evening. In order that none of the little ones may be kept from coming, the entertainment will begin at 7 o'clock and close at 9. A leading feature of the evening will be a fine program given by Mr. Eversly with the large Edison phonograph. The entertainment is for all children of the congregation, and they are urged to bring their parents with them also. Members of the school will confer a favor by seeing that every child of the congregation is personally notified of the entertainment and the early hour.

Cheap for Cash. On account of ill health I desire to reduce my stock, and will sell for the next thirty days everything in the building here at a greatly reduced price. It will pay you to see me before placing your orders elsewhere. 267-6t S. A. Clements.

The view that children take of "circus day" is a very strict one. A little one was heard to remark yesterday: "This is a legal holiday, because, you know, circus day is always a holiday."

Atkins & Edwards have moved their grocery store to the Edwards & Behl building on National street, where they have more commodious quarters, and propose to increase their stock.

For saddle and harness repairing, carriage trimming, etc., call on J. C. Jones, next to S. Patten's, Bridge street.

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Thompson's Feed Store Well Building, Bridge Street.

The Southwestern Prosperous.

On Tuesday the Southwestern Savings, Loan & Building Association held their first annual stockholders' meeting, at which nearly 4,000 shares of stock were represented. The report of the old board of directors showed the business of the association to be in a very prosperous condition and rapidly growing. The following board of directors were elected for the ensuing year: F. A. Manzanara, Henry G. Coors, Jas. E. Duncan, Thomas Ross, Arthur N. Jordan, A. D. Huggins.

The new board of directors will meet on the 5th of October, at which time they will organize for the election of officers.

The El Portenir result, a lease of which is advertised for sale elsewhere in this issue, has had the most prosperous season known during the past summer and the prospects are good for a good business this winter.

Thirty-four tickets were sold at this point Tuesday to persons going to the Albuquerque fair.

The committee interested in getting up the musical show entertainment for the east side fire department will meet tonight at the city hall.

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