

## BRITISH HAVE FORMED A STRONG FLYING SQUADRON

She Gives Notice to Continental Marplots That No Nonsense Will Be Tolerated.

## FRANCE AND GERMANY MUST SHUT UP

Surrounded by Enemies at Home and Abroad Conscious of Her Strength, She Knows Her Rights and Will Go Ahead.

NEW YORK, Oct. 13.—A dispatch to the World from London says:

The formation of a British flying squadron has created considerable bewilderment. It is purely a defensive measure and inspired by the bitter hostility to England displayed by the continental press.

The Russian official organs are foremost in threats and incitements to join the action against Great Britain, and though officially Germany proclaims itself neutral, the German press is second only to the Russians in denunciation of England's South African policy.

Through not believing at present that these outbursts of rancor will materialize, the British government is taking timely precautions against eventualities.

The difficulty and delay in mobilizing an army corps for South Africa is regarded as most unfortunate, and calculated to induce Britain's enemies abroad to take advantage of the present crisis to satisfy old animosities.

The report that the Irish members of parliament who have wished success to the Boers were to be impeached for high treason is considered absurd. At the same time the formation of an Irish corps with Kruger excites violent resentment. The Globe, noted for its jingoism, advises the commanders of the British forces that their duty, should they capture any Irishmen among Kruger's forces, would be to "shoot them like dogs."

The meeting of the cabinet tomorrow furnishes the occasion for a big demonstration by the supporters of the government and elaborate police arrangements are being made to cope with the anticipated crowd. This is an innovation. Heretofore the assembling of a cabinet, even at the most critical times, has been witnessed by only a small gathering of idlers or casual passers by.

### THE BOER OBJECTIVE.

Speculation on the Purpose of the Boer Movements.

NEW YORK, Oct. 13.—The Herald says: Judging from the scanty dispatches from the seat of war it would seem that the Boer objective may be for the moment to cut off the British garrison at Glencoe and Dundee. Newcastle, which is less than twenty miles to the south of Laings Nek will be occupied without resistance, to which it does not lend itself. Glencoe lies about midway between Newcastle and Ladysmith and, according to the information that has reached America, there was a strong British garrison there, while at Dundee, a few miles only to the eastward, about 5,000 men were said to be stationed at the last advices.

Assuming that the Transvaal Boers are advancing on Glencoe and Dundee from the north, it is quite on the cards that the Orange Free State forces which is reported to have entered Natal by Reenans Pass which crosses the Drakensburg Ridge, midway between Ladysmith and Harrismith, should move easterly upon Glencoe, leaving Ladysmith on their right. This would expose them to a flank attack, but the British are not likely to assume the offensive until the arrival of further reinforcements. Combining their operations on Glencoe and Dundee, the two Boer forces might be expected to put the British there in a bad pass.

To the west, on the Bechuanaland and Cape Colony frontiers, reports indicate a simultaneous Boer advance on Mafeking, Vryburg and Kimberley. In regard to Kimberley, it will be recalled that recent despatches estimated the

representatives with the usual signs of civility. Montague White, the Transvaal agent has closed his head office here and rushed to Brussels, leaving the Dutch minister his effects. Cunningham Green has also said farewell to President Kruger and started for Cape Colony. I saw yesterday, a private dispatch received in this city stating that Mr. Green had been assassinated, but happily, this rumor has not been confirmed, though another dispatch which I saw last night stated that he was seriously ill. Arrangements by which the American consul has undertaken Mr. Green's duties in the Transvaal is highly appreciated in England. Public opinion has rapidly advanced since President Kruger's incredibly stupid ultimatum, but the moral support of America is eagerly sought. This is not on the principle that one good turn in last year's war deserves another, but because the English people, after being bewildered by the policies of the controversy are now convinced that the unity of the empire is at stake and that the war is righteous and necessary, and they covet the good opinion of America.

While the war has opened quietly and there are no exciting episodes, there is intense interest in the meagre details which are allowed to pass the censorship in South Africa.

The cabinet today will arrange the details of the meeting of parliament. Mr. Chamberlain remains deep in work at the colonial office, but his friends quote him as saying that his work is done for the present except in parliament.

### STEAMSHIP COMPETITION.

Pacific Transportation, Like Atlantic, Getting Down to Natural Plane.

NEW YORK, Oct. 13.—A dispatch to the Herald from Panama says:

The competition between the Pacific Mail and the Pacific Steam Navigation and the South American Steamship companies has begun in earnest on the Central American coast route, the passage rates having been reduced by the first named company 50 per cent from Panama to Ocos, in Guatemala, and all intermediate ports in Costa Rica, Nicaragua and Salvador. The other two companies, which work conjointly, have reduced the rates 25 per cent for the same ports.

It is rumored that they propose running next month to San Francisco also, when the competition will become livelier, as the German line from Hamburg, touching South Pacific and Central American ports to San Francisco, is already in the field.

### AFTER AGGY.

A Three-Column Movement Aims to Trap the Rebel Leader.

NEW YORK, Oct. 13.—A special to the Herald from Washington says:

While General Schwan is engaged in scattering the enemy in Cavite province, Generals Lawton and MacArthur are making preparations for an important movement to the north of Manila. General MacArthur and Lawton will proceed to the north in the hope of trapping Aguinaldo and his forces between the three columns. General Schwan's movement to the southward of Manila is merely in the nature of a demonstration and for the purpose of scattering the insurgents who have entrenched themselves in Cavite province, the home of Aguinaldo and the nest of the rebellion.

### UNDERWEAR TRUST.

New York Mills Organize and Will Advance Prices 15 Per Cent.

ALBANY, N. Y., Oct. 13.—Practically all the mills in this state are now organized under the name of the American Association of Knit Underwear Manufacturers, which has decided to make a 15 per cent advance in the price of fleeces underwear, which is the kind most generally worn, and in which line the competition heretofore has been the fiercest.

This advance has been fully warranted, the association claims, by the advance in the cost of cotton and wool to the manufacturer. It has also been decided to do away with special discounts and long credits.

### THE "KID" WINNER.

NEW YORK, Oct. 13.—"Kid" Morpartland got the decision over Owen Zeligler at the end of the twenty-fifth round tonight.

### CHICAGO FIGHT A DRAW.

CHICAGO, Oct. 13.—The fight between Joe Kennedy of California and Frank Childs of Chicago was declared a draw at the end of the sixth round.

## ADVANCEMENT OF NAVAL OFFICERS

### SEVERAL WILL SOON RETIRE

The President Will Avoid Renewal of the Strife Over the Schley-Sampson Nominations.

NEW YORK, Oct. 13.—A special to the Herald from Washington says:

The next navy officer to retire, according to a list prepared by Rear-Admiral Crowninshield, is Captain P. A. Rearick, formerly of the engineer corps, who will go on the retired list on November 12, 1900. Captain John Lowe will follow him on December 11, 1900.

No officer holding the grade of rear-admiral will retire before 1901. The first who will reach the retiring age is Rear-Admiral F. V. McNair, superintendent of the naval academy, who will be retired on January 13, 1901. Rear-Admiral Kautz, commander-in-chief of the Pacific squadron, will retire sixteen days later. Captain N. M. Dyer, who commanded the Baltimore in the battle of Manila bay, will retire on February 19, 1901, and the next retirement will be that of Rear-Admiral Schley, on October 9, of the same year. Rear-Admiral Sampson will remain on active duty until February 9, 1902.

Fortunately for Rear-Admiral Sampson, Rear-Admiral Howison's retirement two days ago created a vacancy for him in the grade of senior rear admiral. Otherwise he would have had to remain as the senior of the junior rear admirals until 1901.

Should the president re-submit to congress and the latter approve the nominations of Rear-Admirals Sampson and Schley for advancement eight and six months respectively, the effect would be to make Sampson the senior rear admiral of the navy and Schley number two on the list, thus overstepping Rear-Admirals McNair and Howison, which was not contemplated in the original scheme of promotion. The change is due to the fact that two officers senior to Sampson and Schley have retired since the nominations made at the last session.

It is extremely doubtful if the president will be willing to again reduce Rear-Admiral McNair, who was pushed down as a result of the promotion of Admiral Dewey, or to place Rear-Admiral Howison further down of the list when the officer performed creditable service during the war with Spain. Naval officers consequently believe the president will avoid a renewal of the strife over the nominations.

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