

PREPARING FOR A BATTLE

British and Boers Are Massing Their Forces.

ON NATAL BOUNDARY LINE

Eight Hundred Boers Encamped at Natal-Kruger to the American People

Cape Town, Sept. 9.—The Boers, it is stated positively, are concentrating on the border.

A large meeting of the colored residents of this place, held last night, passed resolutions expressing confidence in Sir Alfred Milner, the governor of Cape Colony, and "sympathy for our brethren in the Transvaal, who are denied all rights."

Rushed to the Border

London, Sept. 9.—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, about 20 miles from the frontier, pushed on to Volksrust, close to the Natal border, where they are now encamped. The same correspondent says that the arrangements for the defense of Natal, in Natal, south of Laing's Nek, are now practically complete."

On the Natal Frontier

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Statement From Kruger

New York, Sept. 9.—The World today publishes a special dispatch from Paul Kruger, president of the South African Republic, in response to a message sent by that paper:

"I gladly accede to your request to put the Boer side before the American public. The present agitation against this republic emanates partly from a certain section of British residents, to whom the existence of the republic, which embraces the most flourishing parts of South Africa, is a standing menace, and who suffer from the prevailing jingo mania, partly also from mining capitalists, who, not content with having the best mining laws in the world, wish also to have complete control of all legislation and administration."

"The franchise voting question was taken up by England because it was thought the republic would not yield on that point. Now that the altered franchise does not materially differ from the American—it is in many respects easier—no agitation has become worse. The object clearly is the destruction of our republic and the complete control of the richest mines in the world. The press, entirely controlled by capitalists, spreads unprecedented misrepresentation and prejudice throughout the world against the Boer republic."

"We are determined to defend to the utmost that freedom and self-government for which our people have shed blood in every part of South Africa. Though we have no such powerful friend as you proved to Venezuela and to other republics, we have strong faith that the cause of freedom and republicanism will triumph in the end."

UNITY OF INTERESTS.

Annual Election of the O. R. & N. Co. by A. L. Mohler Elected.

Portland, Or., Sept. 9.—At the annual meeting of stockholders of the O. R. & N. Co., held yesterday at the office of Secretary W. W. Cotton, all Northern Pacific representation was eliminated from the directory, last year's Great Northern representation was continued, A. L. Mohler was re-elected president, no change was made in local directors, and a harmonious policy, which governs the O. R. & N., the Oregon Short Line and the Union Pacific agreed upon, the O. R. & N. to preserve its autonomy.

There were elected six Eastern and nine Pacific coast directors.

Show Was Chosen

Philadelphia, Sept. 9.—The thirty-third national encampment of the O. A. R. came to an end tonight. The election of a commander-in-chief, which it was supposed would be settled only after a warm contest, 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 Leo Ransauer, of St. Louis, had declined to be a candidate.

Storm on the Banks

Halifax, N. S., Sept. 9.—A special from Canada, N. B., says a gale from northwest raged there all day yesterday, and great fears are felt for over 100 small fishing schooners and large boats, which are on the Braden 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. One building was blown down.

Dewey's Retirement

New York, Sept. 9.—A special to the Herald from Washington says: When Admiral Dewey is formally detached from sea duty, immediately after the return of the Olympia next month, he will be granted an indefinite leave of absence and only assigned to duty again upon his own application.

If the admiral holds to his reported determination to retire, he will be placed on the retired list December 29, when he will be 63 years of age. There will be no change in the Admiral's pay upon his retirement.

Canada Is Entertaining

Montreal, Sept. 9.—An international military tournament will be held in Montreal this month, to which all the military organizations from the United States and Great Britain and British possessions are to be invited. It is expected there will be 10,000 troops here. The affair is to be under the management of Colonel Ward, of the army service corps.

The Canadian government is to look after the transportation and a guarantee fund is now being raised.

LAST OF THE VOLUNTEERS.

Manila, Sept. 8.—The Iowa regiment, the last of the volunteer organizations on duty in the island of Luzon, has been drawn from Calala to barracks at Calamba, preparatory to departing for home. The number who will sail is 806. Less than 300 of the regiment were left on duty at the front when the order came for their relief, 406 being on the sick list. This regiment has undergone hard outpost duty for three months, during which it has been very much exposed to rain. Seventy-five members of the regiment have been killed. All the Iowans participated in some of the fighting between Malolos and San Fernando, and not one of them was killed in battle. Thirty-nine were wounded and nine died of disease.

The insurgents continue to make demonstrations in the vicinity of Iloilo. The American outposts were obliged to fire volleys the past three nights.

Mail Advice From Zamboanga

Mail advice from Zamboanga reports that the town has been practically deserted.

The facts concerning the recently reported fighting between Dato Mundi and the insurgents are that the insurgents attacked a village in Dato's dominion on a neighboring island, killing two of the villagers. Dato's men subsequently drove off the insurgents, of whom several were killed.

The recent issue of Filipino paper money amounts to \$5,000,000. The acceptance of this issue is made obligatory, and the bills are made redeemable in three years.

The insurgents have issued a call upon the property owners in the interior to supply gratis to the insurgents army carts, horses and cattle.

NOW A TRADES-UNION MAN.

McKinley Elected a Member of Chicago Bricklayers' Union.

Chicago, Sept. 8.—President McKinley is now a trades-union man. He was today elected a member of the Bricklayers' and Stonemasons' International Union, No. 21, of Chicago.

President McKinley, of this union, said today that since the chief executive is in the corner stone of the new postoffice it is necessary that the president join the union before he is allowed to handle a trowel in Cook county. A card of honorary membership was made out for the president to sign, but it will not be forwarded to him until the matter has been further discussed.

"We may have to take the card away from him," said Secretary Starn today. "If Mr. McKinley sets a stone prepared by nonunion labor."

RESTS WITH WILLIAM.

Dreyfus' Fate Depends on the Emperor of Germany.

Remes, Sept. 8.—The salvation of Captain Dreyfus hangs on a word from Emperor William. This is the general opinion here tonight. If the kaiser consents to allow Colonel Schwarzkoppen, the German military attaché at Paris in 1894, to testify before the court-martial, or to send a deposition, or what is considered still more probable, to allow his deposition to be accompanied by the actual documents mentioned in the borders, then Dreyfus is saved. If the emperor, however, decides that it is not in the interests of Germany for Colonel Schwarzkoppen to intervene, then Dreyfus' case is hopeless and his condemnation certain.

Scurvy Among Guano-Gatherers.

San Francisco, Sept. 8.—The steamer Sequoia, which has arrived from Clifton Island, reports that scurvy is causing much distress there. Five men have succumbed to the disease, and 25 others are afflicted with the malady. In all there are only about 50 men on the island engaged in collecting guano for shipment to this city.

Those in the island were in a state of dire distress when the steamer arrived on August 11, for she had been expected months before. Only 16 men were fit to be at work, and a few days more would probably have put them on the sick list. The stores of the Sequoia were levied upon, and lime juice and vegetables were dealt out to those who were ill, with the result that when she sailed all showed signs of improvement.

War in Venezuela.

Washington, Sept. 8.—After a long period of peace, trouble has again appeared in Venezuela, and a revolutionary movement is now in progress. The information has come to the state department from an unofficial source, but is believed to be trustworthy.

The extent of the movement is not known here, but as there have been for some time past rumors of discontent, it would not be surprising if this last manifestation should prove to be of large proportions.

Orders will be issued to the cruiser Detroit to proceed at once to La Guayra, Venezuela. The Detroit is now with Sampson's fleet at Philadelphia.

Gold on Lookout Mountain.

Chicago, Sept. 7.—A special to the Daily News from Chattanooga, Tenn., says while digging a well on Lookout mountain, G. H. Jarnigan and others discovered gold quartz in large quantities. The gold vein was struck about six miles from Chattanooga, and gives evidence of being a rich one.

Transvaal's Reply.

Pretoria, Sept. 8.—The latest reply of the Transvaal to the British demands has been published. In this reply regret is expressed that the proposals of Great Britain are unacceptable. The Transvaal government admits Britain's rights under the convention and international law, to protect her subjects, but denies the claim of sovereignty. The reply agrees to a further conference regarding the franchise and representation.

Gross Carelessness and Neglect.

Chicago, Sept. 7.—The Pittsburgh Bridge Company and Charles M. Pearson, superintendent, were held responsible by a coroner's jury today for the death of 11 men who were killed in the collapse of the arches of the Coliseum building, in course of construction, August 28. Gross carelessness and neglect are charged.

The Columbus Street Railway Company

declared its first quarterly dividend to employees. It is on a 4 per cent basis, figured on yearly wages, and averages about \$7.50 per employee.

WHEAT BADLY DAMAGED.

Thirty Districts Report Injury to Fall Sown Grain.

Reports received by R. G. Dun & Co. from their correspondents in the grain centers of Oregon, Washington and Idaho, show that the damage to wheat in 44 districts runs from a nominal figure to 50 per cent of the crop, and, in a few instances, 50 per cent is exceeded. Sixteen districts stated that there has been no loss whatever. Out of the 44 centers mentioned, 20 reported the injury to fall wheat and 22 the injury to spring wheat as exceeding 10 per cent. The greatest damage was caused by heavy rains, and in many cases the correspondents declared that if the storms continued the crops in their neighborhoods would be nearly destroyed. In a few fields in Washington and Idaho, hot weather also had an injurious effect, and in some instances cold weather caused the freezing of fall-sown wheat last winter.

Reports of the prospects for fall trade partook of the discouragement of the farmers in the damaged districts. The predictions, as a rule, were "fair," "not very fair," and "not flattering," while one correspondent thought it necessary to add to these lines, "there will be no disaster," and another tempered his opinion "fair" with "considering." Many who are stationed in thriving places said the outlook might be called fair if the rain would stop.

PACIFIC COAST TRADE.

Portland Market.

Wheat—Walla Walla, \$8.50; Valley, \$9.00; Blumstein, \$9.50 per bushel.

Flour—Best grades, \$3.25; Graham, \$2.65; superfine, \$2.15 per barrel.

Oats—Choice white, 42¢; choice gray, 39¢; choice barley, 16¢; 17¢; 18¢; 19¢; 20¢; 21¢; 22¢; 23¢; 24¢; 25¢; 26¢; 27¢; 28¢; 29¢; 30¢; 31¢; 32¢; 33¢; 34¢; 35¢; 36¢; 37¢; 38¢; 39¢; 40¢; 41¢; 42¢; 43¢; 44¢; 45¢; 46¢; 47¢; 48¢; 49¢; 50¢; 51¢; 52¢; 53¢; 54¢; 55¢; 56¢; 57¢; 58¢; 59¢; 60¢; 61¢; 62¢; 63¢; 64¢; 65¢; 66¢; 67¢; 68¢; 69¢; 70¢; 71¢; 72¢; 73¢; 74¢; 75¢; 76¢; 77¢; 78¢; 79¢; 80¢; 81¢; 82¢; 83¢; 84¢; 85¢; 86¢; 87¢; 88¢; 89¢; 90¢; 91¢; 92¢; 93¢; 94¢; 95¢; 96¢; 97¢; 98¢; 99¢; 100¢.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 45¢; 46¢; 47¢; 48¢; 49¢; 50¢; 51¢; 52¢; 53¢; 54¢; 55¢; 56¢; 57¢; 58¢; 59¢; 60¢; 61¢; 62¢; 63¢; 64¢; 65¢; 66¢; 67¢; 68¢; 69¢; 70¢; 71¢; 72¢; 73¢; 74¢; 75¢; 76¢; 77¢; 78¢; 79¢; 80¢; 81¢; 82¢; 83¢; 84¢; 85¢; 86¢; 87¢; 88¢; 89¢; 90¢; 91¢; 92¢; 93¢; 94¢; 95¢; 96¢; 97¢; 98¢; 99¢; 100¢.

Eggs—17¢; 18¢; 19¢; 20¢; 21¢; 22¢; 23¢; 24¢; 25¢; 26¢; 27¢; 28¢; 29¢; 30¢; 31¢; 32¢; 33¢; 34¢; 35¢; 36¢; 37¢; 38¢; 39¢; 40¢; 41¢; 42¢; 43¢; 44¢; 45¢; 46¢; 47¢; 48¢; 49¢; 50¢; 51¢; 52¢; 53¢; 54¢; 55¢; 56¢; 57¢; 58¢; 59¢; 60¢; 61¢; 62¢; 63¢; 64¢; 65¢; 66¢; 67¢; 68¢; 69¢; 70¢; 71¢; 72¢; 73¢; 74¢; 75¢; 76¢; 77¢; 78¢; 79¢; 80¢; 81¢; 82¢; 83¢; 84¢; 85¢; 86¢; 87¢; 88¢; 89¢; 90¢; 91¢; 92¢; 93¢; 94¢; 95¢; 96¢; 97¢; 98¢; 99¢; 100¢.

Cheese—Oregon full cream, 15¢; Young America, 13¢; new cheese, 10¢ per pound.

Poultry—Chickens, mixed, \$3.00; 4.50 per dozen; hens, \$3.50; broilers, \$2.50; 3.50; 4.50; 5.50; 6.50; 7.50; 8.50; 9.50; 10.50; 11.50; 12.50; 13.50; 14.50; 15.50; 16.50; 17.50; 18.50; 19.50; 20.50; 21.50; 22.50; 23.50; 24.50; 25.50; 26.50; 27.50; 28.50; 29.50; 30.50; 31.50; 32.50; 33.50; 34.50; 35.50; 36.50; 37.50; 38.50; 39.50; 40.50; 41.50; 42.50; 43.50; 44.50; 45.50; 46.50; 47.50; 48.50; 49.50; 50.50; 51.50; 52.50; 53.50; 54.50; 55.50; 56.50; 57.50; 58.50; 59.50; 60.50; 61.50; 62.50; 63.50; 64.50; 65.50; 66.50; 67.50; 68.50; 69.50; 70.50; 71.50; 72.50; 73.50; 74.50; 75.50; 76.50; 77.50; 78.50; 79.50; 80.50; 81.50; 82.50; 83.50; 84.50; 85.50; 86.50; 87.50; 88.50; 89.50; 90.50; 91.50; 92.50; 93.50; 94.50; 95.50; 96.50; 97.50; 98.50; 99.50; 100.50.

Potatoes—75¢; 80¢; 85¢; 90¢; 95¢; 100¢; 105¢; 110¢; 115¢; 120¢; 125¢; 130¢; 135¢; 140¢; 145¢; 150¢; 155¢; 160¢; 165¢; 170¢; 175¢; 180¢; 185¢; 190¢; 195¢; 200¢; 205¢; 210¢; 215¢; 220¢; 225¢; 230¢; 235¢; 240¢; 245¢; 250¢; 255¢; 260¢; 265¢; 270¢; 275¢; 280¢; 285¢; 290¢; 295¢; 300¢; 305¢; 310¢; 315¢; 320¢; 325¢; 330¢; 335¢; 340¢; 345¢; 350¢; 355¢; 360¢; 365¢; 370¢; 375¢; 380¢; 385¢; 390¢; 395¢; 400¢; 405¢; 410¢; 415¢; 420¢; 425¢; 430¢; 435¢; 440¢; 445¢; 450¢; 455¢; 460¢; 465¢; 470¢; 475¢; 480¢; 485¢; 490¢; 495¢; 500¢; 505¢; 510¢; 515¢; 520¢; 525¢; 530¢; 535¢; 540¢; 545¢; 550¢; 555¢; 560¢; 565¢; 570¢; 575¢; 580¢; 585¢; 590¢; 595¢; 600¢; 605¢; 610¢; 615¢; 620¢; 625¢; 630¢; 635¢; 640¢; 645¢; 650¢; 655¢; 660¢; 665¢; 670¢; 675¢; 680¢; 685¢; 690¢; 695¢; 700¢; 705¢; 710¢; 715¢; 720¢; 725¢; 730¢; 735¢; 740¢; 745¢; 750¢; 755¢; 760¢; 765¢; 770¢; 775¢; 780¢; 785¢; 790¢; 795¢; 800¢; 805¢; 810¢; 815¢; 820¢; 825¢; 830¢; 835¢; 840¢; 845¢; 850¢; 855¢; 860¢; 865¢; 870¢; 875¢; 880¢; 885¢; 890¢; 895¢; 900¢; 905¢; 910¢; 915¢; 920¢; 925¢; 930¢; 935¢; 940¢; 945¢; 950¢; 955¢; 960¢; 965¢; 970¢; 975¢; 980¢; 985¢; 990¢; 995¢; 1000¢.

Vegetables—Beets, \$1; turnips, 90¢; cabbage, 75¢; cauliflower, 1.00; 1.10; 1.20; 1.30; 1.40; 1.50; 1.60; 1.70; 1.80; 1.90; 2.00; 2.10; 2.20; 2.30; 2.40; 2.50; 2.60; 2.70; 2.80; 2.90; 3.00; 3.10; 3.20; 3.30; 3.40; 3.50; 3.60; 3.70; 3.80; 3.90; 4.00; 4.10; 4.20; 4.30; 4.40; 4.50; 4.60; 4.70; 4.80; 4.90; 5.00; 5.10; 5.20; 5.30; 5.40; 5.50; 5.60; 5.70; 5.80; 5.90; 6.00; 6.10; 6.20; 6.30; 6.40; 6.50; 6.60; 6.70; 6.80; 6.90; 7.00; 7.10; 7.20; 7.30; 7.40; 7.50; 7.60; 7.70; 7.80; 7.90; 8.00; 8.10; 8.20; 8.30; 8.40; 8.50; 8.60; 8.70; 8.80; 8.90; 9.00; 9.10; 9.20; 9.30; 9.40; 9.50; 9.60; 9.70; 9.80; 9.90; 10.00; 10.10; 10.20; 10.30; 10.40; 10.50; 10.60; 10.70; 10.80; 10.90; 11.00; 11.10; 11.20; 11.30; 11.40; 11.50; 11.60; 11.70; 11.80; 11.90; 12.00; 12.10; 12.20; 12.30; 12.40; 12.50; 12.60; 12.70; 12.80; 12.90; 13.00; 13.10; 13.20; 13.30; 13.40; 13.50; 13.60; 13.70; 13.80; 13.90; 14.00; 14.10; 14.20; 14.30; 14.40; 14.50; 14.60; 14.70; 14.80; 14.90; 15.00; 15.10; 15.20; 15.30; 15.40; 15.50; 15.60; 15.70; 15.80; 15.90; 16.00; 16.10; 16.20; 16.30; 16.40; 16.50; 16.60; 16.70; 16.80; 16.90; 17.00; 17.10; 17.20; 17.30; 17.40; 17.50; 17.60; 17.70; 17.80; 17.90; 18.00; 18.10; 18.20; 18.30; 18.40; 18.50; 18.60; 18.70; 18.80; 18.90; 19.00; 19.10; 19.20; 19.30; 19.40; 19.50; 19.60; 19.70; 19.80; 19.90; 20.00; 20.10; 20.20; 20.30; 20.40; 20.50; 20.60; 20.70; 20.80; 20.90; 21.00; 21.10; 21.20; 21.30; 21.40; 21.50; 21.60; 21.70; 21.80; 21.90; 22.00; 22.10; 22.20; 22.30; 22.40; 22.50; 22.60; 22.70; 22.80; 22.90; 23.00; 23.10; 23.20; 23.30; 23.40; 23.50; 23.60; 23.70; 23.80; 23.90; 24.00; 24.10; 24.20; 24.30; 24.40; 24.50; 24.60; 24.70; 24.80; 24.90; 25.00; 25.10; 25.20; 25.30; 25.40; 25.50; 25.60; 25.70; 25.80; 25.90; 26.00; 26.10; 26.20; 26.30; 26.40; 26.50; 26.60; 26.70; 26.80; 26.90; 27.00; 27.10; 27.20; 27.30; 27.40; 27.50; 27.60; 27.70; 27.80; 27.90; 28.00; 28.10; 28.20; 28.30; 28.40; 28.50; 28.60; 28.70; 28.80; 28.90; 29.00; 29.10; 29.20; 29.30; 29.40; 29.50; 29.60; 29.70; 29.80; 29.90; 30.00; 30.10; 30.20; 30.30; 30.40; 30.50; 30.60; 30.70; 30.80; 30.90; 31.00; 31.10; 31.20; 31.30; 31.40; 31.50; 31.60; 31.70; 31.80; 31.90; 32.00; 32.10; 32.20; 32.30; 32.40; 32.50; 32.60; 32.70; 32.80; 32.90; 33.00; 33.10; 33.20; 33.30; 33.40; 33.50; 33.60; 33.70; 33.80; 33.90; 34.00; 34.10; 34.20; 34.30; 34.40; 34.50; 34.60; 34.70; 34.80; 34.90; 35.00; 35.10; 35.20; 35.30; 35.40; 35.50; 35.60; 35.70; 35.80; 35.90; 36.00; 36.10; 36.20; 36.30; 36.40; 36.50; 36.60; 36.70; 36.80; 36.90; 37.00; 37.10; 37.20; 37.30; 37.40; 37.50; 37.60; 37.70; 37.80; 37.90; 38.00; 38.10; 38.20; 38.30; 38.40; 38.50; 38.60; 38.70; 38.80; 38.90; 39.00; 39.10; 39.20; 39.30; 39.40; 39.50; 39.60; 39.70; 39.80; 39.90; 40.00; 40.10; 40.20; 40.30; 40.40; 40.50; 40.60; 40.70; 40.80; 40.90; 41.00; 41.10; 41.20; 41.30; 41.40; 41.50; 41.60; 41.70; 41.80; 41.90; 42.00; 42.10; 42.20; 42.30; 42.40; 42.50; 42.60; 42.70; 42.80; 42.90; 43.00; 43.10; 43.20; 43.30; 43.40; 43.50; 43.60; 43.70; 43.80; 43.90; 44.00; 44.10; 44.20; 44.30; 44.40; 44.50; 44.60; 44.70; 44.80; 44.90; 45.00; 45.10; 45.20; 45.30; 45.40; 45.50; 45.60; 45.70; 45.80; 45.90; 46.00; 46.10; 46.20; 46.30; 46.40; 46.50; 46.60; 46.70; 46.80; 46.90; 47.00; 47.10; 47.20; 47.30; 47.40; 47.50; 47.60; 47.70; 47.80; 47.90; 48.00; 48.10; 48.20; 48.30; 48.40; 48.50; 48.60; 48.70; 48.80; 48.90; 49.00; 49.10; 49.20; 49.30; 49.40; 49.50; 49.60; 49.70; 49.80; 49.90; 50.00; 50.10; 50.20; 50.30; 50.40; 50.50; 50.60; 50.70; 50.80; 50.90; 51.00; 51.10; 51.20; 51.30; 51.40; 51.50; 51.60; 51.70; 51.80; 51.90; 52.00; 52.10; 52.20; 52.30; 52.40; 52.50; 52.60; 52.70; 52.80; 52.90; 53.00; 53.10; 53.20; 53.30; 53.40; 53.50; 53.60; 53.70; 53.80; 53.90; 54.00; 54.10; 54.20; 54.30; 54.40; 54.50; 54.60; 54.70; 54.80; 54.90; 55.00; 55.10; 55.20; 55.30; 55.40; 55.50; 55.60; 55.70; 55.80; 55.90; 56.00; 56.10; 56.20; 56.30; 56.40; 56.50; 56.60; 56.70; 56.80; 56.90; 57.00; 57.10; 57.20; 57.30; 57.40; 57.50; 57.60; 57.70; 57.80; 57.90; 58.00; 58.10; 58.20; 58.30; 58.40; 58.50; 58.60; 58.70; 58.80; 58.90; 59.00; 59.10; 59.20; 59.30; 59.40; 59.50; 59.60; 59.7