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CALM BEFORE STORM.

England and Transvaal Prepare for First Blow.

FEAR ATTACK FROM THE BOERS.

Not Likely to Wait Until England is Ready to Crush Them—Merchants at Johannesburg Barricading—War is Now Considered as Inevitable.

LONDON, Sept. 21.—Despite all outward show of calm Great Britain is in practically the same condition today as was the United States a few weeks before the opening of the war with Spain. Beneath the crust of diplomatic reserve the military officers are working night and day preparing for the signal to begin hostilities whether that comes or not.

England is not going to be caught napping any more than the Transvaal. While Lord Salisbury is quietly at home in Hatfield house, Mr. Chamberlain is buried in work at the colonial office and double forces at the royal arsenal and dockyards are straining every nerve to equip and transport the troops to the Cape.

It may be set down for certain that Great Britain will do nothing to precipitate matters and the colonial office is far from admitting that the case is hopeless. The report that Great Britain has demanded the dismantlement of the forts at Johannesburg, together with a material reduction in the armament of the burghers, the colonial office would neither confirm or deny, although it is much doubted. Meanwhile the Marquis of Lansdowne, secretary of state for war, who returned yesterday from Dublin, has held long conferences with General Lord Garnet Wolesley, field marshal, and General Sir Evelyn Wood, adjutant general to the forces, and the activity at headquarters is reflected in the contract, supply and transport departments.

Jelunga Sails With Troops. The departure of the transport Jelunga for the Mediterranean yesterday with 1,100 troops was witnessed by a large and enthusiastic crowd.

At Woolwich activity increases daily, especially in the ordnance department, where Maxim guns, army wagons and other paraphernalia of modern warfare are being hurried forward.

While rumors of the reassembling of parliament are current, the fact is recalled that in the Afghan war in 1878 Great Britain declared war first and then assembled parliament.

Last evening the Marquis of Lansdowne issued a strict order to the staff of the war office, warning all subordinates to refrain from giving the press any information.

The second edition of the Morning Post contains a dispatch from Pietermaritzburg, Natal, saying: "I have never known the situation to be graver. The Boers only await two days' rain on the veldt before beginning hostilities. They are determined on war and consider they can expect nothing else after the last dispatch and are prepared to face the consequences."

Advices from Cape Town are to the effect that the Afrikaners declare the Transvaal will not yield further, and that if the imperial government does not recede from its present position war is inevitable. The South African News supports the contention of the Transvaal that the convention of 1884 abolished the suzerainty.

According to other advices the burghers are rapidly going into laager, while the exodus from Johannesburg yesterday reached 1,000 persons. The stock exchange at Johannesburg has resolved to close the moment martial law is proclaimed, but all current contracts will be carried out until the proclamation suspending all business. In the meantime the merchants are erecting barricades in front of their shop windows.

At Pretoria the interest seems to be centered in the meeting of the Orange Free State Volksraad today, which, it is hoped, may somehow suggest a modus vivendi that would save the situation. On the other hand, advices from Bloemfontein announce the arrival there of a large number of members of the raad, adding that the report of today's sitting is already agreed upon, as the Orange Free State will throw in its lot with the Transvaal, the free burghers being fully armed and ready to start at a moment's notice.

A special dispatch from Johannesburg says 450 persons left by one train yesterday.

War Preparations Complete.

LONDON, Sept. 21.—The Johannesburg correspondent of the Morning Post says: The Boer preparations are as complete as the government can hope to make them. It is believed that martial law will be proclaimed on Thursday if no reply has been received from England by that time.

It is understood that the dispatching of British troops to South Africa will be regarded as a casus belli.

The Boer officers are urging the government to begin hostilities forthwith. It is felt that the Orange Free State can best be forced to action by a successful military demonstration on the part of the Transvaal.

Rioting Renewed at Algiers. ALGIERS, Sept. 21.—The rioting was renewed after midnight in the Jewish quarter, where there were collisions between the anti-Semites and the police. Several persons were injured and the police made six arrests.

BLOODY AFFRAY IN A BANK.

Cashier Murderously Assaulted and His Assistant Fatally Shot.

CHICAGO, Sept. 21.—Frederick J. Filbert, the aged cashier of the Pallatine bank, in Pallatine, Ill., is lying close to death as the result of an attack made on him by a young man who gives the name of Walter Lawton. The latter, who is unknown to anybody in Pallatine, is in the county hospital suffering from a bullet wound which will probably prove fatal. Henry Plaggo, 70 years of age, a farmer, whose intervention prevented the outright murder of the cashier, is at his home west of the village, bruised and disabled as a result of his struggle with Lawton, whose motive for the assault, according to his statements, was not robbery, but revenge for alienating his wife's affections. The assault was made with a tackhammer and the aged cashier was struck at least a dozen times before Plaggo interfered. William Gurns, a farmer was among the first to reach the bank rooms. As he pushed open the door he found the old German farmer, Plaggo, bleeding from a number of wounds, but fighting vigorously with a stalwart young man who lay on the floor with Plaggo on top of him. A bloody tack hammer and a revolver with a broken butt lay on either side of the men. The young man's clothing was stained by blood in the region of the abdomen. The crowd, which had gathered rapidly after the alarm had been given, separated the two men and took the supposed robber to the village lockup. He was too severely wounded to offer any resistance, and this fact was all that saved him from violence at the hands of the excited crowd that followed him to jail.

DREYFUS' DECLARATION.

Makes a Statement to the Public That He Will Prove His Innocence.

PARIS, Sept. 21.—The *Aurore* publishes the following declaration from Captain Dreyfus: "The government of the republic has given me my liberty. But liberty is nothing to me without honor. From today I shall continue to seek reparation for the frightful judicial error of which I remain the victim. I wish France to know by a definitive judgment that I am innocent. My heart will only be at rest when there remains not a single Frenchman who imputes to me the abominable crime perpetrated by another."

"ALFRED DREYFUS."

Dreyfus at Nantes.

NANTES, Sept. 21.—Dreyfus arrived here yesterday from Rennes accompanied by his brother, the chief of the secret police, M. Viguire, and one policeman. Inquiry was made concerning the Bordeaux train and all four entered a first-class compartment, in which there were already other passengers. It was intended by thus refraining from any attempt to secure privacy, to avoid exciting curiosity.

Dreyfus Coming to America.

LIVERPOOL, Sept. 21.—A quantity of luggage has arrived here from Havre and Folkestone addressed to Mme. Dreyfus, and rooms have also been taken at a local hotel. The luggage is marked for New York and it is supposed that Dreyfus is going to America.

TELEGRAMS TERSELY TOLD.

Pig iron has advanced \$1 a ton. The Lima, O., oil market passed the dollar mark Wednesday afternoon.

Judge W. G. Piper, late of Moscow, Ida., died at Providence hospital, Seattle, Wednesday.

Elias Hatfield, who killed H. E. Ellis last July at Williamson, W. Va., was Wednesday sentenced to 12 years in the penitentiary.

The schooner *Mary Taylor*, the first of the sealers to return from Bering sea, arrived at Victoria Wednesday with a batch of 54 skins.

Wall street was treated to a sensation Wednesday by the United States Flour and Milling shapers. The net decline for the day was 25 points.

The unidentified body burned in the Kansas City wreck proves to have been a corpse shipped from Galena, Kas., en route to Milwaukee, Wis.

The third day of the supreme session of the Independent Order Knights of Pythias was devoted to reading reports of the different committees.

The Association of Iron and Steel Sheet Manufacturers Wednesday advanced the price of sheet from \$3.10 to \$3.25 a ton to take effect at once.

At Copenhagen Emperor Nicholas and the empress brought their visit to an end Wednesday and embarked on the imperial yacht *Pole Star*, bound for Kiel.

The government has taken steps to secure possession of Mission Rock, San Francisco bay, which has been held by the California Dry Dock company since 1870.

John L. Hanna, chief of police at Dalton, Ga., was shot and killed by three moonshiners, whom he was trying to arrest. A posse of 125 men started in pursuit of the murderers.

Northern Pacific directors met Wednesday and instructed the executive committee to consider the advisability of paying an extra dividend of 1 per cent on the common stock in February.

The financial program of the Argentina government as revealed in congress means protection to the people and industries of Argentina at the expense of the foreign capital invested in the country.

The George H. Friend Paper company of West Carrollton, has bought the Forham mill at Hamilton, O., and the Franklin mill at Franklin. They proposed to make writing paper in opposition to the trust.

The Canadian bank of New York has just received word from a trustworthy mine owner that the yield from the Klondike mines this year will be a third less than last year's output. On that basis the bank expects a yield this year of about \$8,000,000.

ANTI-TRUST MEETING.

Governors and Attorneys General Discuss Combines.

TEN STATES ARE REPRESENTED.

Governor Sayers of Texas Is Permanent Chairman of the St. Louis Conference. Till Between Shaw and Jones—Difference of Opinion Among Officials.

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 21.—The governors of Arkansas, Tennessee, Michigan, Missouri, Colorado and Iowa, most of them accompanied by their attorneys general, and the attorneys general and other representatives of Montana, Indiana, Mississippi and Washington responded to the invitation of Governor Sayers of Texas, to meet in conference for the purpose of discussing the trust question, and assembled yesterday at the Planters' hotel, where three sessions were held. The conference will be concluded today, when the committee on resolutions will be ready to report.

Governor Sayers was present with his attorney general and was chosen permanent chairman of the conference.

Most of the day was spent in speech making and almost every one of those present was afforded an opportunity to air his views on the question under discussion. All the speakers were listened to with great attention. There were several tilts between speakers of opposite political faith that gave spice to the proceedings.

At the morning session Governor Stephens of Missouri delivered himself of a partisan fling at the Republican national administration, criticizing its expansion policy and declaring that trusts and imperialism go hand in hand. Governor Shaw of Iowa took up the gauntlet thrown down by Stephens and at the opening of the afternoon session answered him with a speech that brought smiles to the faces of most of those present. In turn the governor of Arkansas put Iowa's chief magistrate on the spit and roasted him for using facetious language at such a gathering.

Attorney General Taylor of Indiana also took occasion to rap the knuckles of Missouri's governor. There seemed to be a great difference of opinion as to the best method of remedying the so-called trust evil. Some of those present thought that the state laws now in vogue were sufficient to control the operations of the combinations complained of, while others were of the opinion that uniform laws should be enacted by the several states and by congress. Some were for the complete annihilation of trusts, while others favored their regulation. Governors Sayers and Pingree in their speeches showed themselves strongly in favor of the first idea as was also Governor Jones of Arkansas. Governor Thomas of Colorado and Shaw of Iowa favored the enactment of laws to restrict the combines. There was almost as much difference of opinion among the attorneys general who were heard.

Shaw's Address.

Governor Shaw said in part: "I regret that the call for this conference did not include all that is in the mind of him who issued it. It was evidently the purpose to make it not only an anti-trust conference, but an anti-expansion and free trade and free silver convention. I say 'evidently the purpose' from the tone of the remarks of the chairman and from the speech of the governor of Missouri. I was interested and diverted by the address from the governor of Missouri. Interested, for he stated that his state had triumphantly exterminated the octopus. I was diverted as he told of the downfall of Rome caused from evils such as now confront us. I was made to regret that in the expansion policy of old Rome she did not acquire some territory as productive of statesmen as the Louisiana purchase, and which might then have produced a governor of sufficient foresight, a legislature of sufficient wisdom, an attorney general of sufficient courage and a supreme court of sufficient erudition and fairness to have successfully coped with multi-millionaires and bankers, which, it was claimed, infested the empire to the great damage of the common people. I prefer a formulated bill, such as I may safely submit to the general assembly of my state, rather than resolutions. I think I am politician enough to draft a set of resolutions so drastic that if heeded all trusts and combinations would immediately take their departure from the commonwealth of which I have the honor to be chief executive; but I am not so confident that I am statesman enough to draft a bill which will compel their everlasting exit, providing they are determined to stay. If the committee, when appointed, shall draft a bill which seems to me comprehensive and effective, I will very gladly recommend it so, for I desire here and now to say that I have no sympathy with any combination of capital which results in monopoly."

Governor David W. Jones of Arkansas, being called on, arose and in vigorous terms scolded Governor Shaw for his facetiousness, saying this was no time and place for remarks not tending to a furtherance of the business before the conference. He then made a speech against "the monsters" termed trusts, he having felt their power among his people. In his opinion the trusts should be annihilated.

Nominate Keefer For Judge. HASTINGS, Sept. 21.—The Republican convention of the Tenth judicial district convened yesterday morning and adjourned steadily until 4 o'clock in the afternoon, when on the 321st ballot there was a general stampede to R. L. Keefer of Harlan and he was declared the unanimous choice of the convention for district judge.

EARTHQUAKE IN ALASKA.

Extends Over Five Hundred Miles and Continues for a Week.

SEATTLE, Sept. 21.—The steamship City of Topoka arrived from Lynn canal last evening with news of a terrible earthquake, which began Sept. 3 and continued until Sept. 10. The steamer Dora carried the news to Juneau.

The earthquake extended from Lituya bay, 150 miles below Yakutat, 500 miles northwest into the Cook inlet country. It was the greatest phenomena witnessed in Alaska since a similar occurrence in the Russian days. Three distinct shocks were felt at Juneau. Buildings were badly shaken. The earthquake was most severe at Yakutat, Kanan island, at the entrance to Yakutat bay, sank 20 feet into the sea. At high tide only the tops of trees are visible. Huge fissures opened in the earth.

GREETING TO IOWANS.

Governor Shaw Cables Them Goodspeed on Their Voyage Home.

DES MOINES, Sept. 21.—Governor Shaw cabled Colonel Loper of the Fifty-first Iowa at Manila, which sails today, as follows:

"Greeting to officers and men. With prayers of state you have honored for a propitious voyage and a safe return. 'SHAW.'"

The governor officially announced yesterday that he would be unable to be in San Francisco when the regiment lands.

Plans for a Reformatory.

DES MOINES, Sept. 21.—The quarterly conference of the state board of control and the officers of state institutions ended yesterday. The board and superintendent agreed with Warden Jones in the proposition that Iowa should provide some sort of reformatory between the industrial schools and penitentiaries, where offenders between the ages of 18 and 30 can be placed. Warden Jones suggested that if one Iowa prison were made into a reformatory there would be ample room left in the other for confirmed criminals.

Seven Years for Wilson.

FALLS CITY, Sept. 21.—William Wilson, who suffered a severe surgical operation at the hands of a mob a few weeks ago for a criminal assault on the 5-year-old daughter of A. W. Burchard, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to seven years in the penitentiary. The judge said that he had taken into account the punishment the prisoner had already suffered.

Reunion of Iowa Veterans.

IOWA CITY, Sept. 21.—Iowa City has opened its doors to the surviving representatives of the Twenty-second, Twenty-fourth and Twenty-eighth Iowa regiments and a reunion, such as only old soldiers can have, is in progress. Many of those here have not met since their muster out and many are meeting for the last time on earth.

Inauguration of President MacLean.

IOWA CITY, Sept. 21.—The board of regents and the faculties of the State university of Iowa have arranged for the inauguration of George Edwin MacLean as president of the university on Friday, Sept. 29.

CONDITION AT ZAMBOANGO.

General Bates Cables Results of Second Trip Among Southern Islands.

MANILA, Sept. 21.—Cable reports from Iloilo concerning the results of General Bates' second trip among the southern islands indicate that only about 400 rebels at Zamboanga refuse to recognize American authority. Pending the outcome on the island of Luzon, the city of Zamboanga is practically deserted. The rebels are in camp four miles in the country. The Moros and Filipinos are unfriendly and disturbances between them are liable to occur. Jolo is quiet and the natives continue friendly.

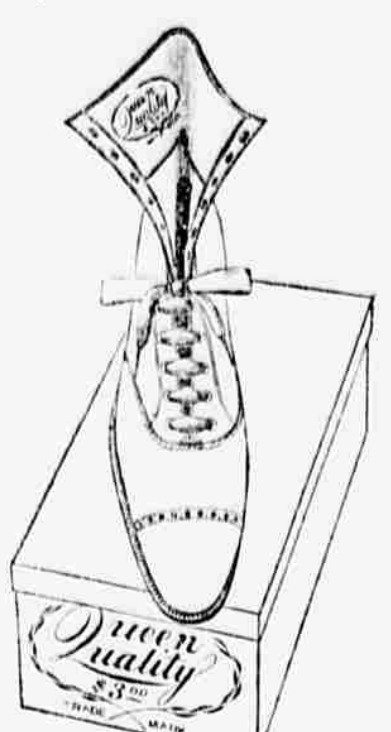
Fatal Runaway at Hamburg.

HAMBURG, Ia., Sept. 21.—John O'Neil, an old citizen of this county, was killed last night while returning home by being thrown from his wagon. He had been drinking and the team ran away.

Earthquake Kills Hundreds.

SMYRNA, Asia Minor, Sept. 21.—There was a disastrous earthquake yesterday morning at Aidin, a town on the Mender, 81 miles southeast of this place. Hundreds of persons were killed in the valley of Menderes.

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