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## BOERS WANT A FIGHT

### Young Men Anxious for War with Great Britain.

British Agent Predicts that War will Surely Come—President Kruger Feeble and Helpless—Younger Council Wants Independence and will Prevail.

SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 30.—David L. Wilson, who claims to be an agent of the British government and to have important papers for the home office, has arrived here en route to London from the Transvaal.

Mr. Wilson says he has no doubt there will be war.

"I have been three years in the Transvaal and know the leaders of the Boer government well. President Kruger does not want war. He is now an old and infirm man. As such he has not the control of the cabinet that he once had. The cabinet is composed of younger blood who want independence, and who, I may say, will never give up until they have either attained it or been wiped out of existence by the British forces. This is why I say there will be war.

"The story sent out that Gen. Joubert has found that the reserve shells in the Pretoria forts are ineffective is probably true. A partial knowledge of this fact has been known for some time in British ministerial circles. There will be no trouble in replacing the ammunition, however.

"Gen. Joubert I know personally is opposed to war. He will lead the Boer forces when war comes. He is a fighter, a man of courage, and will simply be a sacrifice to his ambition.

"When the blow is struck it will be a fatal one in the Transvaal. The British have for months been massing troops and are practically ready at this time, if necessity demanded immediate action."

Mr. Wilson takes issue with the suggestion that the Hon. Jos. Chamberlain is in any way responsible for the trouble.

CAPETOWN, Aug. 30.—It is said in Afrikaander circles here that in spite of the persistent warlike rumors there are good prospects of peace. It is believed strongly worded communications have been addressed to President Kruger of the Transvaal republic urging the desirability of using every effort to obtain a peaceful solution of the trouble.

Hon. Wm. P. Schreiner, premier of Cape Colony, has telegraphed to President Steyn of the Orange Free State earnestly expressing the hope that peace will be preserved and declaring his confidence that he (President Steyn) would do his utmost to this end.

FRETORIA, Aug. 30.—The British diplomatic agent here, Conynham Greene, has handed to Secretary of State Retiz the reply of the British secretary of state for the colonies, Chamberlain, to the Transvaal's alternative proposals to the joint commission suggested by Great Britain to inquire into the effect which the proposed franchise reform measures will have upon the Uitlanders.

Mr. Green afterwards had a long audience with the state officials. The nature of the dispatch is not disclosed, but is subject to the consideration of the executive this afternoon. It is understood that another conference may occur at Capetown. The result is anxiously awaited.

LONDON, Aug. 31.—The Pretoria correspondent of the Morning Post says:

"The Boer officials, after reading the cablegrams of Mr. Chamberlain's Birmingham speech, consider that war is inevitable. The speech has undoubtedly inflamed the war spirit here. The Boers are now all armed, except those in Johannesburg. Their commissariat is fairly good. All the forts are amply victualled. The Johannesburg fort has been strengthened with several quick-fires.

"President Kruger does not hesitate to express the view that war is almost inevitable. He has stocked the presidency with ample supplies of provisions to secure his own person from privation, and he is often heard repeating the 83d psalm.

"The Matabels are showing signs of unrest. The Boers are energetically engaged in poisoning the minds of the natives against the British, and they have approached the Zulu chief Dinisla, who appears undecided which cause to espouse. But the Zulus are preparing for the expected fighting."

CAPETOWN, Aug. 30.—The government has refused to provide facilities for women and children to leave Johannesburg. There is great activity in the Simonstown dock yard in drilling men on shore and overhauling vessels.

Agulnaldo Plans Attack.  
MANILA, Aug. 30.—6:30 p. m.—It is reported that Agulnaldo has ordered the rebel general in the province of Cavite to close in on and attempt to take the town of Imus, and it is added that troops are concentrating around the town from the lake country.

The rebels, it is further said, have an outpost of 700 men on the Dasmariñas road, and an equal force in the town of Anabo. The Americans are entrenching the town and they have no fear of the result of any attack by the rebels.

## NEIGHBORS CALL ON M'KINLEY.

### Presid at's Stay at Canton Is Marked By the Constant Visits of Friends.

CANTON, O., Aug. 31.—President McKinley's brief visit to this, his home, for the purpose of rest and quiet, is marked with almost constant calls and informal visits from his old neighbors and friends, and it cannot be said that he is finding a marked degree of quiet. But he seems to be thoroughly enjoying the little chats with his old friends and this evening is in the best of spirits and is rested and benefited by the brief stay here. Aside from a trip to the cemetery this morning with Mrs. McKinley, her sister, Mrs. Barber and Miss Kate Barber, where they laid fresh flowers on the graves of departed parents and relatives and the little detour about the city which followed, the president remained practically all day at the Barber residence. There was a large flood of telegrams and mail delivered to him there, a large portion of both being messages of congratulation on the sentiments expressed in his address at Pittsburg. Only the most urgent matters of public business were forwarded from Washington to receive attention here, but even these kept the secretaries well occupied.

It is understood that some personal business received attention here, but nothing definite was done in arranging for the furnishing of the recently purchased home on North Market street, although the matter was given some attention. It is understood that possession will probably be taken about October 1. No plan for its occupancy has been definitely decided upon.

There are several county society meetings in progress and delegates were among the callers at the house. Each also endeavored to have the president appear at a sociable, but he was obliged to decline. He did, however, go to a pure food show at the tabernacle, in response to an urgent invitation from the Episcopal church, which is managing the entertainment. Mrs. McKinley also graciously patronized the pure food show by liberally responding to a request for flowers from the White house conservatory, which tonight held the place of honor in the flower booth.

### Treasury Is Full of Gold.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31.—Today's treasury statement shows that the amount of net gold on hand was \$247,880,601. This is the largest amount on hand at one time in the history of the department, the next largest amount having been \$246,873,026, on December 31, 1898. This situation is accounted for by the fact that during the last two weeks or more, the revenues of the government, of which from 80 to 90 per cent are paid in gold, have largely exceeded the expenditures.

At New York the customs receipts, with the exception of from 8 to 10 per cent, are being all paid in gold and at other important points the excess of gold has been nearly or quite as large. The receipts today exceeded the expenditures by \$1,460,668 and for the month the excess amounts to nearly \$4,500,000. Since July 1, however, a deficit is shown of \$4,036,658. The total receipts for the month are \$49,978,173, of which \$20,546,897 came from customs, \$24,327,039 from internal revenue and \$5,194,437 from miscellaneous sources.

The expenditures amount to \$45,518,000, of which \$14,981,000 was charged to the war department, \$4,598,000 to the navy, \$13,130,000 to pensions and the remainder to civil and miscellaneous interest and Indian accounts. For August last year, the payments to the war department amounted to \$24,115,934.

### Pleasantly Entertained.

From Thursday's Daily.

The announcement of the approaching departure of Mrs. Snyder, who left this morning for Tabor—her new home—has given a fresh impetus to social life and the past two weeks have been busy ones to the society people of Plattsmouth. Picnics, tea parties and evening parties have followed each other in quick succession and the end is not yet.

Last evening Mrs. Agnew entertained twelve ladies for tea, most delightfully. The refreshment table was beautifully decorated with sweet peas and ferns, asparagus, the name cards at each plate being small posters of unique design, forming pleasing souvenirs of social event long to be remembered.

The ladies who were invited to bid a final farewell to Mrs. Snyder were: Mesdames Waugh, Wise, White, Wagner, Wilson, Atwood, H. Herold, Chapman, Bennett, Urub and Fellows.

During the evening some very charming songs were given by Miss Kitty Agnew, Mr. Tucker accompanying.

### Proverb Proved.

The Parisian editor was greatly exasperated. He gave expression to numerous fervid and more or less lurid ejaculations. "What's the matter?" inquired his assistant. "I was just getting ready to write about the three duels I fought to-day when I ran the point of my pen into my thumb. There is no use in trying to deny it. The pen is mightier than the sword."

Send the News to your friends.

## HAZING TO BE STOPPED

### Cadets at West Point Warned to Cease Practice of Hazing.

Secretary Root Reaches This Decision in Approving the Findings Against Philip Sheridan Smith, a Cadet From the Fifth Nebraska District—Smith Dismissed From the Academy.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31.—"Hazing at West Point must stop." That is the decision Secretary Root has reached in approving the findings against Philip Sheridan Smith of Janiata, Adams county, Neb., for hazing a "plebe" within ten hours after his return to the academy after undergoing punishment for former practices. Roderick Dhuu Sutherland, congressman from the Fifth Nebraska district, appointed Smith to a cadetship at West Point in the early spring of 1897 and he entered the class of that year. He was there but a few months when he was court-martialed and sent home on probation to report to the military academy on August 18, 1899.

With this decision against him he forfeited pay during the entire time of his sentence. But within nine hours of his reporting for duty in the third class, to which he had been reduced, although he by right should have entered the second class, he was caught red-handed hazing a "plebe" and without even so much as a trial he was summarily dismissed from the military academy by the commandant, which decision is approved today and as a foot note Secretary Root of the war department says: "Hazing must be stopped at West Point."

The infraction for which Smith finds himself out of West Point is alleged in the report to have been "cruel physical exercise and the recitation of a humiliating verse which he compelled the under classmen to take." As to the verse, only West Pointers may imagine. As to the exercise it is thought it was the well known hazing practice called "engaging." This exercise is executed by bending the knees as far as possible toward the ground and at the same time extending the arms out from the sides to the height of the shoulders, perpendicular with the body and gently moving the hands up and down. The original position is then resumed and one "engale" has been done. The "plebe" soon becomes weary. Fifty "engales" produce fatigue, 100 aching muscles. But the number required is "N," that is, the indefinite number which can be done before consciousness reels or cramps ensue.

### Second Lieutenant W. Frank Mohr of Harrisburg, Pa., Thirty-ninth United States volunteers, has been ordered to report to the recruiting station at Fort Crook, Neb., to assist in recruiting for the regiment.

### Drives Back the Natives.

MANILA, Aug. 31.—5:30 p. m.—Dispatches just received from Cebu announce that the American troops under Colonel Bayless, with two field pieces, sailed, on Monday, into the hills against a band of natives who recently ambushed four of our soldiers and who have been generally troublesome. The American force found the natives entrenched and drove them from their trenches further into the hills. There were no casualties on the American side, though there were some heat prostrations. The natives' loss is not known.

The United States cruiser Charleston landed men, who guarded the city during the absence of the troops.

5:30 p. m.—The Fourth infantry having prepared to give the insurgents a warm reception, the latter have ceased their preparations for an attack on Imus.

Hamilton Clark, of Chauncey, Ga., says he suffered with itching piles twenty years before trying DeWitt's With Hazel Salve, two boxes of which completely cured him. Beware of worthless and dangerous counterfeits. F. G. Fricke & Co.

### OLD KISSING CUSTOM.

#### It Dates from Ancient Times and is Still Observed.

Old-fashioned Hungerford is once more celebrating Hocktide with all its quaint customs and ancient ceremonies, says Notes and Queries. This interesting ceremony began with the annual "macaroni supper," and will be continued today, when the two managers of the rival banks, who have been elected "tuttimen" for the ensuing year, go round to the houses of the tenants in the town and exercise their prerogative of kissing all the ladies in each house. Hungerford is one of the last remaining unreformed boroughs of England, and still retains its ancient official nomenclature, electing to have in place of mayor and corporation, a constable, a portreeve, a keeper of the coffers, a hayward, two ale tasters and a bellman. The tuttimen (who are also collectors of the poll tax) have from time immemorial called at every house in the borough and received from each inhabitant, if he be male, a penny, and in case of the ladies a kiss, the ceremony being announced from the balcony of the town hall by a blast from the Hungerford horn blown by the bellman. Afterward a dinner is held, at which the officers for the ensuing year are elected.

When you want to smoke a 10-cent cigar try Otto Wurl's "Silver Wreath"—union made—you can find it on the market.

## A Narrow Escape.

Thankful words written by Mrs. Ada E. Hart of Groton, S. D. "Was taken with a bad cold which settled on my lungs; cough set in and finally terminated in consumption. Four doctors gave me up, saying I could live but a short time. I gave myself up to my Savior, determined if I could not stay with my friends on earth, I would meet my absent ones above. My husband was advised to get Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption, coughs and colds. I gave it a trial, took in all eight bottles. It has cured me, and thank God, I am saved and now a well and healthy woman." Trial bottles free at F. G. Fricke & Co. Regular size 50c, and \$1. Guaranteed or price refunded.

## Lottery Scheme for Spain.

Under the auspices of the Spanish government a great lottery scheme will be launched in Madrid August 1, the proceeds of which, minus the prizes, will be turned over to the government for its most pressing needs. It is thought that by September the salaries of civil and military servants recently suspended can then be made good. Circulars are being sent out all over Europe, and it is expected that 500,000,000 pesetas, or about \$100,000,000, will be netted by the government. There are five capital prizes of 500,000 pesetas each. The lottery is now new in Spain, but Spanish lotteries have never been popular in other states of Europe, investors preferring to take their chances with the Dutch or Prussian lotteries. The Spanish lottery in 1897 brought the treasury 3,000,000 pesetas, in the same year the Portuguese lottery gained 1,750,000 milreis (nearly \$2,000,000). The lottery is authorized in other countries of Europe. In Italy last year the government gained \$2,000,000 lire (\$12,400,000), showing that the poor lazzarone was not without his savings. In Holland the official lotteries gained \$300,000; in Denmark the winnings amounted to about half a million more. But the Prussian lottery, which is annually operated under the direct authority of the state, is the most popular. There are a number of prizes of 500,000 marks every year, and in 1897 the receipts of the treasurer amounted to over 100,000,000 marks.—New York Times.

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## King Cotton.

For many years the southern states held what was practically a monopoly of cotton, but within the past few years other countries have been giving so much attention to this staple that the south is likely to lose its prestige in this respect. Russia has been within the last few years giving much attention to the raising and acreage to cotton, with results that are satisfactory to herself and surprising to the public. Fifty years ago Russia had 350,000 spindles; now she has over 5,000,000, of which supplies more than double the old-time amount of spun goods. Russian cotton is much valued by what are called ponds, one pond being about equivalent to thirty-six English pounds avoirdupois. This enormous output of Russian cotton shows what progress that country is making in the manufacture of such goods. It is said to be almost if not quite equal to the American supply, its length and strength varying but slightly from the best quoted grades in our own markets.

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The Forum for September is a number of world-wide interest. Mr. William T. Stead, editor "Review of Reviews," gives his views of "The Conference at The Hague;" President Robert E. Jones of Hobart college discusses "Washington's Farewell Address and Its Applications;" Mr. Ramon Reyes Lala, a native Filipino, writes entertainingly of "The People of the Philippines;" Prof. Rudolf Eucken of Jena tells of the "Progress of Philosophy in the Nineteenth Century;" Charles D. Abney, Jr., contributes an article on "Cotton Spinning at Shanghai;" Sir William H. Rattigan, an eminent jurist of India, portrays "Indian Famines;" and A. Caban furnishes a review of "The Younger Russian Writers."

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### Austria Has No Colonies.

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## Sealed Proposals.

Sealed bids will be received at the office of the county clerk until 12 o'clock (noon) of September 5, 1899, for hard and soft coal to be delivered at court house, jail, poor house and paupers for the ensuing year. The board reserves the right to reject any or all bids. JAMES ROBERTSON, County Clerk.

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