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FINAL REPLY TO THE BOERS.

Announcement Made at the Close of the British Cabinet Council Today—Surmise as to Conclusion Reached.

Boers Given a Time Limit Regarding an Agreement as to a Conference—Practically an Ultimatum—Substance of the Cabinet's Decision—Lord Salisbury and Other Members of the Cabinet, Also Commanding Officers in the Army, Greeted With Great Enthusiasm—Cabinet Meeting Lasts Five Hours—Reticence as to What Occurred—Fears of Boers Taking the Initiative—More Troops from India—Operations Near the Transvaal Border.

London, Sept. 8.—It is understood the result of the cabinet meeting attended three fights.

Parliament will not be summoned.

The reserves will not be called out.

Ten thousand troops will be sent to South Africa.

A representative of the Associated Press learns that a strongly worded dispatch has been sent to the Transvaal, which will be published here immediately on its delivery there.

The Pall Mall Gazette this afternoon says:

No official account has been issued of today's cabinet meeting, and it is hardly probable that one will be permitted to appear. From authoritative sources we are in a position to state that we believe it to be substantially correct the result of their momentous deliberations. There is every reason to believe Mr. Chamberlain's dispatch was found to contain a taking position of the British case, with a firm back, refusal to entertain the Boer request that Sir Alfred should resign immediately over the Transvaal and a politely reminder that the offer of a joint inquiry into the Transvaal grievances remains open. We believe that the dispatch will be in this, since it may be expected to take on a strong tone that we believe will be tempered which is urgent or unfavorable in any essential condition.

THE CABINET COUNCIL.

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It is a week all the cabinet ministers were present. It was reported that Mr. Ritchie, the first lord of the treasury, had met afterwards with some of his colleagues in the cabinet, and there was some talk of a crisis.

The first indication of the possible decision of the cabinet came from the stock exchange, where the time movement on the report that the ministers had decided not to send an ultimatum to the government of the Transvaal, but to insist that the Transvaal send office a conference at Capetown, but it is too early yet to give this as definitely the substance of the action contemplated or taken.

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WAR REGARDED INEVITABLE.

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"Continuing, the dispatch says:

"With the transportation and equipment, the Boers now seem to fully realize that war is inevitable. The Transvaal protocol contains open invitation to Europe to come and intervene in the dispute. The dispatch will be sent in this, since it may be expected to take on a strong tone that we believe will be tempered which is urgent or unfavorable in any essential condition.

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