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“THE PRESS.”

SATURDAY, September 9, 1899.

THE SITUATION.

GREAT BRITAIN'S REPLY

To our Last Despatch.

Suzerainty Maintained

The Joint Commission.

Reply Wanted Immediately

LONDON, September 8, 8.30 p.m. (Reuter).—Reuter's Agency learns that the result of the Cabinet meeting to-day is that a strongly-worded despatch will be sent to the Transvaal, and that the contents will probably be published when the document has been received by the Boer Government.

The officials maintain the utmost reticence as regards the purport of the despatch.

Cabinet Meeting.

Ministers Cheered.

“Pall Mall Gazette's” Version

LONDON, September 8 (Reuter).—The Cabinet met to-day to consider the Transvaal situation at 12.30, and separated at 3 p.m., which is the usual length of the Cabinet sittings.

Large crowds awaited the Cabinet Ministers and cheered them as they

appeared, Lord Salisbury being singled out and accorded a tremendous ovation.

The *Pall Mall Gazette* published a special edition immediately after the meeting was concluded, in which it stated that in the discussion the Ministers showed a united front and arrived at a unanimous decision.

The result arrived at, says the *Pall Mall Gazette*, is that a strongly worded despatch will be sent to Pretoria, refusing to entertain the request of the Boer Government asking Great Britain to relinquish her Suzerainty over the Republic, and reminding the Transvaal that the offer of the Imperial Government for a Joint Commission of Enquiry cannot remain open indefinitely.

The *Gazette* adds that the despatch contains a strong hint that no evasive answer will be accepted by the Imperial Government.

The London Market

Weak and Demoralised.

An Ultimatum Feared

LONDON, September 7, 7.30 p.m. (Special). (Delayed in transmission).—The market is generally weak and demoralised, the Transvaal situation causing alarm, while there is an apprehension that the Cabinet may decide to send an ultimatum to the Transvaal.