

Will See it Through

Britain Will Back Up Reform in the Transvaal.

Important Statements Made in the Imperial Parliament.

Richard Croker Is to Invest \$2,000,000 at Killarney.

Agitation in England for Removal of Restrictions on Settlement of Waifs in Canada—Privy Council Decisions—Steamers in Trouble.

London, July 29.—In the House of Commons yesterday the colonial office vote furnished the Liberals with an opportunity for a debate upon the government's policy in the Transvaal.

H. Campbell-Bannerman, the Liberal leader, said he thought that in view of the negotiations pending reticence and reserve must rule debate. While he did not sympathize with Boer opposition to franchise extension, he saw nothing from the beginning to the end of the story to justify armed intervention.

While in South Africa with one of the states would be one of the direct calamities possible. The speaker pleaded for further friendly and prudent action through Dutch sympathizers at the Cape. He saw no reason why this should not achieve auspicious success, as a similar course had done in Canada in time past.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN.

The secretary of state for the colonies, Mr. Chamberlain, opened his speech in reply by declaring that Sir H. Campbell-Bannerman's language was calculated to embarrass the action of the government. The grievances of the Uitlanders, Mr. Chamberlain said, were admitted on all hands to be serious, but the most serious part was that the outrageous treatment to which they were subjected was part of the settled policy pursued by the Boers. The situation was dangerous to the empire and the position of Great Britain in South Africa. Referring to offers of colonial help, Mr. Chamberlain said if the matter were happily arranged it would always be a satisfaction to think that in time of trouble the country might count upon the LOYALTY OF THE COLONIES.

Mr. Chamberlain justified the right of intervention, firstly, because it was the right of every civilized power to protect its own subjects; secondly, because Great Britain had the right of intervention under the convention as the suzerain power; and, thirdly, because the convention had been broken in letter and in spirit. Referring to Sir H. Campbell-Bannerman's eulogy of the Boers, Mr. Chamberlain said that the Boers were entirely adequate and satisfactory. When they were quoted as impartial judges, whose assistance the government ought to have, the house must remember that they had been at least a little premature. In dealing with the latest proposals, Mr. Chamberlain said: "President Kruger had invited friendly advice, and the government has been invited to assist in appealing to him that a joint inquiry should be held. These proposals were with a view of determining what representation could be made to the Boers, which can be the ONLY BASIS OF SATISFACTORY SETTLEMENT.

If the inquiry is accepted, experts will be appointed, and the government hopes that then it will be possible to reach an agreement. In any case the government will press for necessary alterations in order to secure the object in view. Mr. Chamberlain said that the case of the Uitlanders, and are bound to see it through. We shall not rest until a concession satisfactory to us has been reached. I anticipate that we will be successful, but we will not let our hands in regard to measures that may be necessary to fulfill anticipations."

The house adopted the colonial office vote without a division, after a protracted debate upon the South African policy of the government.

IN THE LORDS.

In the House of Lords, the Earl of Camperdown called attention to the Transvaal situation. The Earl of Harewood and others followed, all declaring that any departure from the recognized policy of the government would be an act of inestimable danger to the empire. The Earl of Selborne, under secretary for the colonies, made a statement similar to that made in the House of Commons by Mr. Chamberlain.

THE PREMIER SPEAKS.

Lord Salisbury reminded the house that he absolutely dissented from the policy of 1881, which was tainted with the grave fault of optimism. Nevertheless, President Kruger assented to the protocol of the 1881 convention, to friendly co-operation of the races, while he has since taken an absolutely opposite line, his one effort being to separate the English and South African Governments, and to reduce the English to the status of a subjugated race. The premier declared that he was not surprised that panic overtook President Kruger at the interruption of the government might look forward to a peaceful solution of the crisis. Her Majesty's Government, he said, had put their hands to the plow, and certainly did not intend to withdraw them.

COLONIAL SYMPATHY.

Regarding the proposed resolution in the Dominion Parliament in support of Sir Alfred Milner's proposals for the removal of the grievances of the British subjects in the Transvaal, it is learned today that the British ministry would cordially welcome such an expression of Canadian opinion. New South Wales, Queensland, India, Lagos and Malaya have each sent expressions of sympathy, and have offered troops in the most improbable event of hostilities. The British ministry feel that their efforts to secure justice to British subjects and bring the

Transvaal crisis to a speedy and pacific end would be greatly aided by evidence that the Queen's subjects all the world over, including Britain's premier colony, Canada, are of one mind when British rights are jeopardized.

PRESS COMMENT.

The morning papers generally express satisfaction at the outcome of yesterday's debate in the House of Commons. The Times says: "The result of the discussion is all that the nation could desire. If it has done nothing else, it has exploded the delusion that Mr. Chamberlain is at variance with Mr. Balfour and Lord Salisbury on the Transvaal policy." The Standard echoes the remarks of the Times. The Daily News remarks upon the large measure of agreement which the debate developed between the Liberal and Conservative parties, and says: "When this fact is recognized, nothing ought to have a more salutary effect in South Africa and contribute powerfully to a peaceful settlement."

AN IRISH PALACE.

London, July 29.—It now transpires that the persons who figured as purchasers of the Lakes of Killarney and the Muckross estate were merely agents of Mrs. Edward McConkey, a niece of the late Samuel J. Tilden. Mrs. McConkey enlisted the aid of a famous Irish peer on the one side, and of Richard Croker on the other. Her idea was to create around the Lakes of Killarney an aristocratic settlement. She has sold a slice adjoining Muckross House to Richard Croker for \$1,000,000, and he is required by the terms of the sale to put a proportionate amount in a residence, and to employ at least 50 Irish servants.

PAUPER EMIGRATION TO CANADA.

London, July 29.—Philanthropists here are again urging the local government board for more extended immigration of pauper children from British workhouses. A most influential signed memorial has been presented to Hon. Mr. Chaplin, president of the board, urging the government to remove certain present restrictions on the settlement of orphans and deserted children in Ontario and Manitoba, and suggesting that the whole expense of emigration be met by the public funds; that emigration societies receive an annual treasury grant and that regulations forbidding the emigration of girls over 12 be relaxed. The petitioners complain that the British Government seem merely desirous of checking the emigration of unsuitable children. They understand the Ontario Government have formed an excellent impression of the Barnardo and other child emigration agencies, as a result of special inquiries under the new Ontario child immigration law.

OCEAN LINERS IN TROUBLE.

London, July 29.—The British steamer "Hermes" reports that on July 10, in latitude 6 south, longitude 24 west, the American ship "Servia," under Capt. Gilmore, was sighted, minus her mizzenmasthead.

PRIVY COUNCIL RULINGS.

London, July 29.—The privy council has dismissed the appeal from the judgment of the supreme court of Canada, in the case of J. N. Antell against the Manufacturers' Life Insurance Company. The privy council has allowed the appeal from the judgment of the supreme court of Lower Canada in the case of the Montreal Gas Company against Cadeau. Their lordships held that the liability of a consumer was limited to pay for the gas supplied to him, and therefore the company was justified in cutting off the gas at Cadeau's two houses, because he had not paid for gas used in one of them. The privy council has allowed the appeal in the case of the Union Colliery Company of British Columbia, Ltd., against the British Columbia Coal Company. Their lordships held that section 4 of the local mining regulations, as far as it related to China, was ultra vires of the provincial legislature of British Columbia, and therefore illegal.

FIRST VICTORY FOR DREYFUS

The Captain Gets 20,000 Francs Back Pay.

Monument To Be Erected to Parnell—Closing Up the Peace Conference.

Rennes, July 28.—Maitre Labori spent two hours with Dreyfus, and informed his client that 20,000 francs, the amount of his four years' salary, has been placed in the clerk of the court's hands by the government.

Mme. Dreyfus expresses much uneasiness at the continuance of the intermittent fever. The prisoner's health is shattered beyond repair. The doctors think it will take years to eliminate the malaria, and its constitutional effects from his system.

The first victory for Dreyfus was won when ex-Magistrate Queney de Beaurepaire's new testimony was publicly given out. The Echo de Paris declares that when he produced the dossier at Rennes, the president of the court martial asked him to show precise proofs of Dreyfus's guilt. Then De Beaurepaire started a torrent of abuse of the prisoner, and made a movement to show his collection of papers, which were intended to blacken Dreyfus's character before the period of his arrest and condemnation.

"Our instructions are explicit," interrupted the soldier judge. "Your matter is a new accusation, upon which we have no power to judge. The court of cassation decision restricts us exclusively to the dossier."

PROPOSED STATUE TO PARNELL.

Dublin, July 28.—A meeting, convened by the lord mayor, was held at the Mansion House, to inaugurate a fund for the erection of a statue of Charles Stewart Parnell. The members of the '98 centenary committee opposed the erection of the statue as inopportune, and likely to jeopardize the plans for the Wolfe Tone memorial. After a stormy session, resolutions in favor of the erection of the Parnell statue were adopted.

WINDING UP AT THE HAGUE.

The Hague, July 28.—The committee charged with the duty of drafting the final acts of the conference, met

this morning, with all the principal delegates in attendance. The impossibility was admitted of arriving at an immediate understanding regarding the form in which powers not signing the convention might adhere to the decision of the conference.

The committee decided to accept the proposal of M. Bourgeois, of the French delegation, that this question be left to be settled by subsequent negotiations, and that the arbitration convention remain open, pending settlement of the form of adhesion.

The plenary conference met this afternoon for final acceptance of the arbitration convention with the preambles. The signatures will be appended tomorrow after the closing of the sitting of the conference.

TRADE IN GOOD SHAPE

Bradstreet's and Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of the Business Situation.

New York, July 29.—Bradstreet's review says: Canadian trade reports deal rather with prospects than with current midsummer demand, which is, however, seasonable, and the outlook generally is regarded with great confidence. Toronto reports prospects never better. Country trade is taking a better grade of drygoods, and importations are very heavy, the preferential duties on British goods not acting to exclude French and German manufactures. Canadian cotton and woolen mills are very busy, and complaints of delivery not being prompt enough are common. A suspension of a small bank at Montreal is not regarded as likely to seriously retard business, and the confidence in a large fall trade at that city is unabated. Crops in British Columbia are reported very good, the yield of oats will be 10 per cent larger than last year. The jobbing trade is busy and collections are satisfactory. Trade is dull in the Maritime Provinces, but hay crop prospects are good. Business failures for the week ended 18, against 16 last week and 24 in this week year ago.

R. G. Dun & Co.: Canadian reports show no special activity in business, though a fair volume of trade for the season. St. John reports but a moderate trade, with light stock, and though prices are still well kept up, and prospects for the fall are considered good. Wholesale trade at Halifax is quiet but fair, and fish markets are fair, with coal and gold mining active. Montreal reports a fair and active trade, with collections generally satisfactory at Quebec. Toronto trade is satisfactory in hardware, metals and leather, and fair for the season in other lines. At Hamilton trade and collections are good in retail, and favorable prospects for fruit crops. Winnipeg reports steady wholesale trade, with fair collections. At Victoria wholesale business is fair, with collections satisfactory, and some grocers' collections are fair, with trade not above average.

Bank clearings for the Dominion of Canada were: Montreal, \$14,548,635—Increase 6.2 per cent; Toronto, \$8,190,609—Increase 12.4 per cent; Winnipeg, \$1,923,576—Increase 6.6 per cent; Halifax, \$1,254,061—Increase 13.3 per cent; Hamilton, \$678,921—Increase 8.4 per cent; St. John, N. B., \$608,904—Decrease 7.5 per cent; Vancouver, \$1,004,799; Victoria, \$826,705.

OVER THE LINE.

Bradstreet's: The cereal markets show little change in price. Corn crop prospects in the surplus producing states are still bright. Liberal rains at the south, particularly in the Atlantic Coast States, have improved the prospects in the south and a slight shading in price is noted for the week. Among the textiles, cotton goods retain all their old strength. Fall demand for drygoods is good, but competition from some foreign sources is feared. Manufacturers of woolen goods are purchasing more freely of fine domestic grades, and prices tend upward, although there is less speculative buying reported at leading markets. Leather is firm, and some grades of hides have advanced in sympathy with active business in boots and shoes, but complaint is heard that the full measure of the advance in the raw material has not been realized in the manufactured product.

For July shows the largest increase in any month this year—16.1 per cent larger than last year, and 10.4 per cent larger than in 1892. Failures for the week ending July 24, 1899, in the United States, against 225 last year, and 20 in Canada, against 26 last year.

A SAD END

To the Life of the Late A. D. Stewart—A Picturesque Personality.

[Montreal Witness.]

Ex-Mayor A. D. Stewart, of Hamilton, news of whose death on the Edmonton trail, on March 13, has now been confirmed, had a remarkable career. Born in Leghorn, Italy, the son of a Presbyterian clergyman of aristocratic lineage, Mr. Stewart was educated at the university of Edinburgh, and then studied medicine under Lord Lister and other famous physicians. He came to Canada, and entered a bank in Toronto; later on he was deputy sheriff of York county, and in 1860 chief of police at Hamilton. Though he had very little previous experience he proved a veritable Sherlock Holmes, and his fame as a detective spread throughout Canada and the States. In 1865 he was selected to prepare the evidence against Riel and acted as marshal of the court at the trial and execution. The following year at a meeting of the police commissioners he had a violent altercation with the then mayor, Mr. Alexander McKim, over some trivial matter, and used such insubordinate language that he was requested to resign. He disappeared from public life in Hamilton for a year or two and was a Pinkerton detective in New York. Returning to Hamilton in 1890 he was elected to the city council for three successive years. In 1894 and 1895 he was mayor of the city, and sat as chairman of the board which had dismissed him in 1886. He was a keen and able sportsman, a game warden of Ontario, and latterly a hotel-keeper. Was secretary of the Jockey Club, secretary of the Hunt Club, president of the Tiger Football Club and connected in some way with every athletic organization in the city. In March, 1898, he sold out his effects and started with a party of young Hamilton men for the Klondike. They experienced great hardships and he died of scurvy on March 13. An excellent and forcible speaker, a good writer, a man of magnificent physique, indomitable courage and fascinating social qualities, it was said of Mr. Stewart when he decided to go to the Klondike that within a year he would either be dead or mayor of Dawson City. Unhappily the tragic alternative was realized.

LYNCHING ENCOURAGED

By the Action of the Georgia Supreme Court.

Masked Men Make Away With Three Mormon Elders.

Chicago, July 29.—A special from Atlanta, Ga., says that a decision rendered by the supreme court of Georgia will be the result of encouraging lynchings in the state. The case was that of Dorsey vs. the State, and came up from Carroll county.

THE SUPREME COURT SPLIT.

Upon the decision, the justices refusing to affirm the sentence of guilty by the lower court for the following reasons: First—In order to secure a conviction for criminal assault, the evidence must show beyond all reasonable doubt an assault. Second—The intent and third a purpose to carry into effect this intent with force. If either of these elements are lacking the offense is not made out.

LAWLESSNESS JUSTIFIED.

Justice Lumpkin, who spoke for the dissenters, said: "Evidence warranting a jury in finding that a negro, who concealed himself by the side of a public road, at a lonely point thereon, at a late hour in the afternoon, suddenly sprang up with a pistol in his hand, and rudely accosted an unprotected white woman who was passing the place, with the words: 'I have got you where I have wanted you for a long time,' whereupon she immediately turned and fled, and he pursued her until she came within reach of aid, sufficient to support a verdict of criminal assault, and where such a verdict has been returned upon evidence of this character, and approved by the trial judge, the supreme court ought to set it aside." It will be difficult to secure the performance of the three conditions named, hence the belief that lynchings will increase.

MORMON ELDERS SPIRITED AWAY.

Atlanta, Ga., July 29.—A special from Covington, Ga., says that a mob of 50 masked men made away with three Mormon elders who have been proselytizing in Jasper county.

The story is to the effect that the three elders visited the home of Wm. Cunnard near Newton factory, Jasper county, yesterday, and endeavored to persuade Mrs. Cunnard to join the church. While they were at Cunnard's home 50 masked men on horseback came up and asked the elders to accompany them. They refused to do so, and while they were parleying Mr. Cunnard was seized and taken away. Several shots were exchanged and in the excitement Mrs. Cunnard had her jaw shattered. The mob finally secured the elders and rode off with them. Nothing has been seen of them since.

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[New York Sun.]

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