

# PEACE IN SOUTH AFRICA PRACTICALLY ASSURED

The Private and Official Advices Received in London from South Africa All Point to the Same Conclusion. Wagon Loads of Clothes Have Been Sent Out to the Boers to Enable Them to Come in Tidy in Appearance. Lord Kitchener Smiles.

LONDON, May 23.—The Associated Press has every reason to believe that peace in South Africa is practically secured. How soon it will be announced depends apparently more upon the convenience of the Boer leaders than upon the inclination of the British government. The private and official advices received tonight in London from South Africa all point to the same conclusion. The delay is technical and the end of the long war seems to be the desire of both British and Boer leaders. The latter, however, are unable to convince all their followers of the wisdom of acquiescing to the terms of peace. Information as to what transpired at today's meeting of the cabinet is closely guarded, but it is not likely that the cabinet transactions were of vital importance. The surmise of well informed persons places the sum total of the deliberations of the cabinet ministers at a decision regarding points of the peace agreement as of entirely minor importance. Another surmise is that the cabinet has merely sent a rather mock ultimatum to South Africa, which can be used by the Boer leaders in explanation to their forces. Both these surmises probably contain an element of truth, but neither can in any way affect the widespread belief in the best informed that the end of the war has come. In fact, those persons who are best acquainted with the actual details of the present negotiations only qualify this optimistic expression of opinion by guarded reservations concerning the extent of personal control of the Boer leaders over their commands. Were the dependent upon the action of their general officers, peace would probably be proclaimed tonight, but Botha, De Wet and other generals seem themselves positively unable to guarantee the degree to which their example will be followed.

and the Boers' terms would be found unexpectedly liberal. PEACE SEEMS ASSURED. LONDON, May 23.—Peace in South Africa is regarded as assured, but an official declaration to that effect is still lacking, and there is nothing official to indicate when an announcement may be expected. Opinion is divided as to whether a statement on the situation will be issued tonight after the cabinet meeting for today, or whether it will be reserved for the meeting of the cabinet of commons on Monday. It seems, however, at the best that the only basis of peace terms will be before the ministers, and that if they are accepted the discussion of the details may still occupy some time, during which, presumably an armistice will be declared. In the meanwhile, outside the Boer command immediately connected with the negotiations, fighting continues. Lovat Scouts surprised Foch's command in Cape Colony Wednesday last, and captured most of the Boer supplies. WAGON LOADS OF CLOTHES. LONDON, May 23.—Interesting references to peace are contained in a letter from Klerksdorp, Southwestern Transvaal Colony, dated April 25th. It says: "Seventy to eighty thousand British troops are here waiting for General Delarey's answer from the peace conference, and every hour we are expecting them (the Boers) to march in and surrender. We have actually sent out wagon loads of clothes to enable them to come in tidy. So there is every prospect of peace. Lord Kitchener comes here from Pretoria every other day and seems to be in particularly fine spirits. He actually smiles, and that is a thing he not often does. We attach great importance to those smiles in regard to peace." INTEREST IN CABINET MEETING. LONDON, May 23.—Great public interest was manifested in today's cabinet meeting, more than has been the case in any meeting since the earlier stages of the war. The ministers reached Downing street, where the foreign office, the colonial office and the government offices are situated, from all parts of the country, and were greeted by hundreds of people anxious for some sign of the probable trend of affairs. The stock exchange has fully made up its mind as to how things are going, and declares that the best peace was signed at Pretoria yesterday. The cabinet meeting adjourned at 5:10 p. m. The Associated Press has ascertained that the government regards the war as practically ended. TO "SAVE THEIR FACES." Advices received by the war office indicate that whatever decision the

Vereeniging conference may arrive at, most, if not all, the Boer leaders who went to Pretoria will not continue the fight. The present negotiations were merely for the purpose of enabling the Boer leaders to "save their faces." After they learn the results of this afternoon's meeting of the cabinet the Boer leaders are expected to announce their reluctant acquiescence with the British terms. The war office does not expect any serious defections of the rank and file from the line taken up by Generals Botha and DeWet. LONDON, May 23.—The British public is still quite ignorant of the course of events in South Africa and there are no demonstrations tonight on the London streets, although on all sides the question asked is, "Is it peace?" SOUTH AFRICAN SHARES. The appearance to Mr. Broderick, the secretary of state for war, at the Volunteer Service dinner tonight was watched eagerly in the hope of gaining an inkling to the government's private frame of mind. But Mr. Broderick's listeners had to be contented with one brief and adroitly turned reference to the present situation. Responding to the toast, "The Imperial Force," the secretary said: "I would go beyond my duty should I enter into details of the communications which are now passing and which prelude, as we all hope, the surrender of the Boers." Mr. Broderick then proceeded to reiterate the officially declared intention of the government not to be drawn into any compromise which would jeopardize future peace. FEELING AT PRETORIA. PRETORIA, Thursday, May 23.—The feeling here has been decidedly pessimistic for several days, is now more cheerful, though no real news of the conferences between Lord Kitchener and Lord Milner and the Boer delegates has been allowed to leak out. It is known, however, that the delegates came to Pretoria as the result of a complete deadlock at Vereeniging, where the Free States and the Transvaalers, though anxious for peace, refused to abandon their allies. This is the cause of the Boer delegation being now here. It was at first thought that the delegates would merely report a refusal to accept the British terms. Everybody expected them to depart immediately, and that hostilities would actively recommence. To the general surprise, however, the delegates are still here and the hopefulness of today is the outcome of the general conviction that some arrangement is pending which may solve the difficulty at Vereeniging.

IS ALMOST CERTAIN. Peace in South Africa Within Ten Days Is Almost Certain. NEW YORK, May 23.—A special dispatch from London says: "Peace in South Africa within ten days is almost certain. Some optimists assert that the negotiations will be successfully terminated within 48 hours. It is stated on good authority that there was a division in the cabinet regarding the answer to be sent to Lord Kitchener and Lord Milner in reply to suggestions made by the Boer leaders. Mr. Chamberlain, who is a more suspicious and a more practical man of business than some of his colleagues, insisted upon certain points which his colleagues wished to pass over lightly. It is stated by some gossips that Mr. Chamberlain went so far as to threaten to resign his office if certain precautions were neglected, but this is not generally credited and it is not believed the difference of opinion was a serious one. Mr. Chamberlain, it is pointed out, would hardly risk unpopularity by bringing on a political crisis just before coronation. The proposals of the Boers probably related to the release of the prisoners and amnesty to the Cape rebels, a point upon which Mr. Chamberlain is more flexible and indulgent than his colleagues. Another cabinet meeting is expected early next week. CELEBRATED VICTORIA DAY. PRETORIA, May 25.—The Boer deputation is still here and the conferences at Vereeniging continue. Nothing definite of the result is known, but it is believed that the negotiations are proceeding favorably. At the celebration of Victoria Day yesterday a large crowd gathered in the square here, expecting to hear a proclamation of peace. There were no disturbances. As confirming the probability that peace is not distant the Right Hon. R. J. Sedden, the premier of New Zealand, who is now visiting here, has sent a cablegram home in which he said: "I have had a satisfactory interview with Lord Kitchener and Lord Milner. I don't think another New Zealand contingent necessary." PEACE EXPECTED ANY MOMENT. LONDON, May 25.—The Daily Mail in its issue this morning says the announcement of peace may be expected at any moment, and that it will be found that the government has remained inflexible in all vital points at issue.

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## SOUFRIERE IS STILL ACTIVE

The People of St. Vincent Frenzied--Ran From the Streets.

## Rumblings of the Crater Appalling--The Lava Streaming.

KINGSTON, Island of St. Vincent, B. W. I., Monday, May 19.—Another great eruption of Soufriere volcano occurred today. Throughout the day the adjoining districts trembled and some of the tremors were felt here. Smoke issued from the craters and fissures of the mountain, and the atmosphere throughout the island of St. Vincent was exceedingly hot. While in the bright moonlight, the worshippers were returning from church at 8:30 p. m., an alarming luminous cloud suddenly ascended 30 to 40 miles high in the north of the island and drifted to the northeast. Incessant lightning played on the mountain, and one severe flash seemed to strike about three miles from Kingston. The thunderous rumblings in the craters lasted for two hours, and then diminished until they became mere murmurs. The remainder of the night was clear. Ashes fell from 10 o'clock until midnight. The inhabitants were frenzied with fear at the time of the outbreak. They ran from the streets into the open country, crying and praying for preservation from another terrible calamity. No one on the island of St. Vincent slept that night, which seemed to pass very slowly.

## LAVA Poured Down. ROSSLAND WON.

Reports received here from the districts in the vicinity of the volcano say that the rumblings of the crater were appalling, and that streams of lava flowed down the mountain side. The villagers who fled to Chateau Belair and Georgetown for safety are now pouring into Kingston, this being the furthest town from the Soufriere. The Royal Mail steamer Wear is bringing refugees here from Chateau Belair. Kingston is now congested, and the demands on the government are increasing rapidly, as more and more people are obliged to leave their homes.

## 200 REFUGEES ARRIVE. POINT A PITRE, Island of Guadeloupe, May 21.—The steamer Horton arrived here with 200 refugees from Port de France, Martinique, on board. It is reported here that the French steamer Salvador, with a thousand people on board who are unable to remain at Port de France, is coming here and that everybody who can do so is leaving the town.

## THE DIXIE ARRIVES. WASHINGTON, D. C., May 21.—Secretary Moody has received a cablegram from Captain Berry of the Dixie announcing the arrival of the relief ship at Fort de France today. He added that he would leave half the relief at Martinique, where there already was sufficient food, and carry the remainder to St. Vincent.

## ISLAND RESEMBLES A SAHARA. LONDON, May 22.—The correspondent of the Daily Mail at Kingston, Island of St. Vincent, describes in a dispatch the conditions on that island. He says that 60 per cent of the persons injured cannot recover. The whole island resembles a Sahara and the graves of the human and the remains of animals are seen on every side.

## RIVERS HAVE BEEN CHOKED. Owing to the difficulty of breathing the correspondents could not get near La Soufriere. Everywhere on the island the rivers have been stopped by the dust and lava, and in one valley the dust lies 60 feet deep. Most of the deaths on St. Vincent were caused by a blast of heated sulphurous air.

## REAL ESTATE DEAL. J. J. Honeyman has sold his residence on Spokane street to Charles Dempster. Mr. Honeyman, it is understood, intends to move to the Coast.

## JEW'S OF ROUMANIA

EXODUS OF WOMEN, GIRLS AND YOUNG CHILDREN TO UNITED STATES. PINCHED WITH HUNGER AND WRETCHEDLY POOR--CANNOT FIND EMPLOYMENT.

VIENNA, May 22.—A large party of Roumanian Jews, principally women, girls and young children, stopped at Vienna today on their way to the United States. A majority of the immigrants intend to join relatives in Philadelphia and Milwaukee. All are pinched with hunger and are wretchedly poor. They are enthusiastically confident, however, that in the United States their condition will be bettered. This party is only the beginning of what promises to be an exodus of Roumanian Jews during the next three months, owing, it is said, to oppressive legislation. Dr. Theodore Herzl, the founder of the Zionist movement, informs the representative here of the Associated Press that the condition of the Jews in Roumania is fast becoming untenable. The new industrial law, which excludes Jews from every department of industry will become effective next September, said Dr. Herzl, and it is already impossible for Jews to find employment.

## GEORGE McDONNELL IS DEAD. CORNWALL, May 23.—George (Postmaster here, is dead, aged 50 years.

## SLAUGHTER OF INNOCENTS. WOODSTOCK, Ont., May 22.—John King, government inspector, has had 300 hogs slaughtered and the carcasses burned. The animals had hog cholera.

## THE KING'S PLATE. TORONTO, Ont., May 22.—The King's plate was run today and resulted in a win for Hendrie's Lyddite; Fly in Amber, the favorite, ran second.

## COAL HAS ADVANCED. TORONTO, May 22.—Coal has gone up 50 cents per ton. The strike is given as the reason.

## MORE MINES WILL SHIP

The Miner has reason to believe that during June—that is to say, before the end of the next five weeks—the Centre Star and War Eagle mines will resume shipments to the Trail smelter. When shipping operations are commenced, as predicted here-with, The Miner believes it will be on a continuous and substantial scale—not a matter of clearing out ore bins or getting rid of ore broken down in stopes—but a steady output with a large daily tonnage, such as the Centre Star and War Eagle are capable of producing. In fact, the mines will be shipping on their regular commercial basis. The presumption is that this will materially benefit the city of Rossland. Active shipping operations usually entail an increase in the working forces where development is always carried ahead on the scale adopted by the War Eagle and Centre Star mines. The addition to the tonnage of the camp from week to week will in itself assist to bring the city to the attention of the world in a most favorable light, and the general weal will be advanced. To Trail the inauguration of regular and extensive shipments from the War Eagle and Centre Star mines means much. It will result in the blowing-in of the copper furnaces, that have been dark for many months, and necessitate large increases in the smelter crew.

## THE SAVAGES WIN

WET TEST AT GREENWOOD TAKEN BY THE WAR EAGLES IN SPLENDID STYLE. THE HUB AND HUB RACES GO TO GREENWOOD, ROSSLAND FINISHING THIRD.

The crack fire team of the Centre Star and War Eagle mines returned from Greenwood yesterday morning flushed with the victory over the

Greenwood, Grand Forks and Mother Lode teams in the wet test races. The boys, besides winning this, the principal event in the day's sports, came within an ace of capturing the hub and hub race, and would probably have taken that event if a couple of accidents had not intervened between them and certain victory. At almost the last minute Fred Crowell had to give up his place and retire on account of a lame leg. To make matters worse Mitchell's hook broke, with the result that he, too, had to leave the team. This left the local boys with only five men on their team, while the rest of the competitors had all the way from seven to eleven men on their teams. Despite this great handicap, the War Eagle boys went at it to win if they could, but the fates were not propitious. Greenwood taking the first place, with Grand Forks second and the Rossland boys in third place. The boys had to leave before all the events were run off in order to catch the last train out for Rossland, which left at 2:35 in the afternoon.

## GOOD NEWS FOR ROSSLAND

The Miner understands that developments of an interesting and important nature are contemplated by the management of the Le Roi No. 2 mine, the effect of which will be to benefit the Golden City at home and abroad. Additional men are being added to the crew at the Le Roi No 2 daily. These increases are not large from day to day, but in the aggregate they will be considerable. We understand that next month will see a most substantial addition to the payroll of the mine as the outcome of the inauguration of a program, the details of which have not been announced by the management. At this particular juncture, when there is a disposition in some quarters to take a pessimistic view of matters, it is gratifying to report a move on the part of one of the most important mines in the camp, which indicates implicit confidence in the property.

A mountain climbing race was a new feature, and was won by James Morgan of the Mother Lode mine. The Grand Forks team won the baseball match against Greenwood by a score of 8 to 2. Phoenix beat Greenwood in the tennis match. The boys were all treated royally, and came back praising the way the sports were managed by the Greenwood people. They all declared that they never had such a splendid time in their lives before, and were only sorry that they could not stay the program out. The officials in charge of the sports treated the boys cordially. C. L. Foster, an old Rossland man, treated the boys especially well, even going so far as to give up his rooms for them to sleep in. The attendees at the sports were very good, some 1500 people being present. Quite a few came over from all the Boundary points, most of them coming from Grand Forks, Eholt, Sonnington and other towns around Greenwood. R. P. Williams, who acted as nozzel judge, saw to it that the local boys were treated fairly, and got drenched as a result.

## THE WEEKLY OUTPUT. Figures for the Week Ending on Saturday.

Le Roi	Week	Year
Le Roi No. 1	2870	98,835
Le Roi No. 2	1500	24,750
War Eagle		210
Centre Star		3,410
Rossland G. W.		2,400
Giant		160
Cascade		390
Bonzanza		90
Velvet		250
Spitzee		20
Total	4870	134,795

THE OUTPUT. The output of ore for the week ending May 24th and for the year to date is as follows: The shipments from the Rossland camp for the last week continue to be low, although closely approximating to total for the first few weeks of the year. Nothing of special interest occurred at the big mines during the week except the facts foreshadowed in Saturday's Miner, which the next few weeks will disclose. Matters are progressing smoothly at all the mines.

## PUT MEN AT WORK.

A small force of men has been put at work on the New St. Elmo mine on Red Mountain under the superintendence of Henry Krumb, M. E. At present the crew is small, but there is a probability that the force will be increased on a substantial scale at no late date. The prospect work at the west end of the company's property has been resumed and will be continued for the present. It will be remembered that last fall the management of the company in New York sent an expert to Rossland to examine the New St. Elmo and confer with Mr. Krumb as to the development of the property. This engineer was highly pleased with the outlook for the mine, and reported to his principals to this effect, recommending a certain plan of development, entailing the employment of a crew of 30 to 40 men on the start. The company was favorably impressed with their representative's statement as to the New St. Elmo, and it is believed that during the season now opening his plans will be carried into effect.

## DIED SATURDAY. George Kosa, an Austrian miner, died on Saturday at the Sister's hospital. The remains were removed to Lockhart & Jordan's undertaking establishment and will be interred today. Kosa formerly worked at the Centre Star mine.

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