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Guns Taken By Burghers

Force of Victorian Mounted Rifles Surprised—Heavy List of Casualties.

Concentration Camps in South Africa—Speech by Cecil Rhodes.

London, June 16.—Lord Kitchener has cabled from Pretoria, under today's date, as follows: "Near Welmansrust, twenty miles from Middelburg, 250 Victorian mounted rifles, from General Beaton's column, were surprised in camp at Steenkop by a superior force of Boers, at 7:30 p. m., June 12th. The enemy crept up to within short range and poured a deadly fire into the camp, killing two officers and sixteen men and wounding four officers and thirty-eight men, of whom twenty-eight were slightly wounded. Only two officers and fifty men escaped to General Beaton's camp. The remainder were taken prisoners and released. Two ponies were captured by the enemy. Full details have not yet been received."

The serious reverse which Lord Kitchener reports is the first accident of the kind that has happened to the Australian contingent, and it is supposed to be due to neglect of proper picketing. Although it is offset by the defeat inflicted upon Dewet, the loss of guns is regarded as a serious matter, which will encourage the Boers to continue the struggle.

Deaths in Concentration Camps.
London, June 17.—Replying to questions in the House of Commons today Mr. Brodrick, the war secretary, said there were 40,229 persons in the concentration camps of the Transvaal and Orange River Colony. The deaths in these camps for the month of May numbered 98 men and women and 318 children.

The announcement of the mortality was received with groans from the Irish members and cries of "Scandalous." Mr. Brodrick added that the authorities were arranging for the release of the women and children who had friends to receive them, but the government could not undertake to feed them in isolated penitentiaries.

The division on the motion made by Mr. Lloyd George (Welsh Nationalist), to adjourn the house on the question of treatment of Boer women and children, which was rejected by a vote of 253 to 134, has resulted in postponing the split in the Liberal party on the government's war policy.

Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, the Liberal leader, supported Mr. Lloyd George in denouncing the policy of concentrating women and children in camps, and with Sir William Verner Harcourt (Liberal) and the Rt. Hon. Wm. Bryce (Liberal) voted in the minority on Mr. Lloyd George's motion.

About fifty Liberal Imperialists, led by the Rt. Hon. H. H. Asquith (Advanced Liberal) and Sir Edward Grey (Liberal), abstained from voting as a protest against the concentration camps.

Mr. Rhodes was glad of the opportunity of saying a few words, which he hoped would be to their good.

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LATE EX-PREMIER HARDY.

Funeral of Hon. A. S. Hardy Was Largely Attended.

Brantford, June 17.—The funeral of the late A. S. Hardy on Sunday was conducted by the Masons, and must be ranked among the most impressive ever seen in Canada. The route from the court house to the church, and from the church to the cemetery, was not sufficiently long to enable all of the carriages to take part. At the head marched 400 Masons in full regalia, the bar of Brantford, city, county and township councils, public and separate school boards, council of Paris and Brantford Board of Trade, each attended in a body. The guard of honor from Dufferin Rifles was also in the procession.

The pall-bearers were: Hon. Mr. Patterson, C. B. Heyl, M. P., T. H. Preston, M. P., James Harley, K. C., Thomas Brooks, Joseph Stratford, Thomas Woodruff, Geo. H. Wilkes, C. H. Waterous and Dr. Digby. The chief mourners were Judge Hardy (brother), Dr. Hardy and Mr. A. C. Hardy (sons), E. L. Gould, A. J. Wilkes, many years a partner of Mr. Hardy's in the practice of law.

There were special trains from Toronto, Hamilton, Stratford and other points all bearing many leading men, and the funeral was the most remarkable demonstration of personal affection towards the deceased.

Offer By The Province

Will Leave Question of Sea Coast Fisheries in Abeyance For Present.

Matter of River License Fees to Be Submitted to Arbitration.

Ottawa, June 18.—The Dominion government has received a telegram from the British Columbia government making an offer for a settlement of the difficulty over the fisheries. Attorney-General Eberts wired that the British Columbia government were willing to leave the question of sea coast fisheries for the present in abeyance. In regard to the provincial fisheries of the Fraser, Skeena, Naas and other rivers, it was suggested to allow the Dominion government to go on collecting license fees the same as at present on the understanding that the matter would be left to arbitration and that the Dominion would refund to the province whatever amount of such moneys as might be held to belong to the province. The province also agrees to amend any portions of the provincial act which may be shown to encroach on Dominion rights.

A reply was sent this afternoon from the Dominion government to the effect that this arrangement would be satisfactory for the present.

The senate of the Ottawa University, last night, decided to confer the honorary degree of LL.D. on Hon. L. G. Power, Halifax, Speaker of the Senate, and Alf. D. Decelles, Ottawa, Librarian of parliament.

David W. Rutherford has been appointed clerk in Nelson, B. C., customs house.

MOLINEUX APPEAL.

The Famous Case is Again Being Heard in Court.

Buffalo, N.Y., June 17.—The second plea for the life of Roland G. Molineux, claimed by the law for the mysterious murder, by means of poison, of Mrs. Catherine J. Adams, in New York, in December, 1899, began to-day before the court of appeals.

John G. Milburn, lawyer and president of the Pan-American Exposition, represents the defendant and former United States Senator David Bennett Hill speaks for the people.

ESCAPED FROM JAIL.
Three Men, Including Epperson, Who Attempted to Kill a Judge, Gain Their Freedom.

Chatham, Ont., June 17.—Epperson the man who attempted to kill Judge Bell and County Crown Attorney Douglas a few days ago and was sentenced to five years in the penitentiary at Kingston, broke jail yesterday, together with Frank Adams, who was awaiting trial on a charge of burglary, and another prisoner named Sedell, convicted of highway robbery and awaiting removal to the Central prison.

TO MAKE INQUIRIES.
Omaha, June 17.—The government has appointed Dr. J. MacLean, professor of economics and sociology in the University of Arkansas, commissioner for the purpose of investigating any complaints as to discrimination in matter of rates and charges for passengers and freight.

SUDDEN DEATH.
Kingston, June 17.—Mrs. Elliott, wife of Rev. James Elliott, is now at Queen St. Methodist Church, who was recently appointed pastor of the Central church, Montreal, dropped dead from apoplexy while ironing on Saturday afternoon.

Official Statements

General Manager McNeill, of C. P. R., Says Trouble Will Soon End.

The President of the International Trackmen's Union is Hopeful of a Victory.

Montreal, June 17.—Mr. McNeill, second vice-president and general manager of the C. P. R., in reply to an inquiry regarding the strike of trackmen, said this evening that while some of the trackmen had quit work, the great majority had not, and he fully believed that within 24 hours the trouble would be over. Those who had gone out were, no doubt, actuated by a desire to redeem their promises to the committee, rather than by any feeling of discontent at their treatment by the company. As a matter of fact, the C. P. R. paid higher wages to its trackmen than any other road on this side of the line traversing similar territory. The wages paid east of Lake Superior, for instance, were higher than those paid by the Grand Trunk or Inter-Colonial. The wages west were better than those paid by the Northern Pacific or Great Northern.

The new rules have been put in force for the purpose of removing any possible cause for complaint that might arise. Some of the questions discussed with the committee were of such a nature that long and careful consideration would have to be bestowed on them before they could have been put in such a shape as to prevent them becoming a source of continual annoyance to the men as well as the company. Under the circumstances the best of the men, those who have been in the company's service for years, were sure to feel that there was no justification for the strike. Meanwhile the company's lines were in splendid condition, and any number of new men were solicited work, the high wages being the chief inducement to attraction even in good times like the present.

On being asked whether the question of recognizing labor unions was a factor in the dispute, Mr. McNeill replied that it was not a factor in the dispute so far as the company was concerned.

The conditions attending work in the track departments of the railway were such that it seemed impossible to formulate any system that would be workable. Nearly every man in the more important branches of the company's service is a member of one or other of the railway brotherhoods or unions, and no friction has resulted or is likely to result.

The president, said Mr. McNeill in conclusion, had made this very plain to the trackmen's committee, when they called on him.

John T. Wilson, president of the International Trackmen's union, will arrive in the city today from Portland, and will assist the men actively in their fight with the railway.

In his statement to the press today Mr. Wilson was enthusiastic over the prospect, saying: "Our men has responded nobly, and I may say truthfully every division of the Canadian Pacific is to-day swept clean of its trackmen, bridgemen and track watchmen. From St. John to Vancouver, B. C., our advice tell only one story. We had not dared to hope more than 90 per cent. would go out to-day, for doubtless many of them have not received the strike order. We are extremely hopeful of victory, and that before a great while. Between Montreal and Ottawa there is only one gang at work, and in all probability they will quit to-night. Between Megantic and St. John, N.B., the men are all out, and they will remain out until they are granted an increase to \$1.50 per day, whether week or year."

Montreal, June 18.—General Manager McNeill, of the C. P. R., spoke hopefully today of the outcome of the strike of trackmen on their system. The company believe that time will be on their side, and that in the course of the next few days, when the company have had time to put the whole of the facts before the men individually, those who have gone out will see the advantages which they are sacrificing and will return to work while the company remains disposed to accept their labor.

"Our advice show that several gangs who went out yesterday have returned to work to-day," said Mr. McNeill, "and the reports indicate that more will be likely to follow. The strike, however, is by no means general in some sections, not 10 per cent. have responded to the call of the committee. Some of the trackmen seem to be under the impression that if they should return to work after having once thrown up their employment, they will afterwards be discriminated against, but this is not so. The company have no intention of doing anything of the kind. Looking at the situation all round, I am convinced that the strike is practically over, that it has fizzled out. Many of the men have not yet received our circulars, showing what has been done for them, but this is not so. The company have gone back to work, and we have made concessions of a very substantial character, and that these place them far beyond what other companies who are our competitors are offering. The public need have no apprehension whatever as regards the conditions of the track. Every mile of track is being patrolled. The line is in good shape and is being thoroughly taken care of. This is one of the demands of the committee, which the railway company did not grant. All maintenance of way depot employees shall

be granted passes one a month to and from any point on the roadmaster's division; they are employed, provided that not more than one half of the force will be absent from duty at any one time."

The striking trackmen formerly in the employ of the C. P. R. claim that 400 men joined the ranks of the strikers to-day. They say that only one man is working between Montreal and Toronto, and that only a few men are at work all through Ontario. In the west they say that all the men are out as well as in New Brunswick. The total number of men out is estimated by the strikers' committee at 1,400.

About the only development during the last twenty-four hours is the fact that the bridge-men of the North Bay division have declined to patrol the track. President Nelson has assured the bridge-men that the Trackmen's Association will stand by them. The company is doing their best to have the track patrolled, for which purpose many clerks from the general offices and workmen from the shops have been sent out.

Winnipeg, June 18.—The trackmen on the western division went out in sympathy with the strikers, numbering 350. No trackmen are working in the shop yards. Special constables numbering about 80 were sent out to the Pacific division. Superintendent Leonard has given the men 46 hours to consider their decision, and if at the end of that time they do not return, their places will be permanently filled.

Two Points to Be Settled.
Paris, June 17.—Dispatches received at the foreign office here from Paris, say that at the end of the meeting of the foreign ministers there on Saturday, two points remained to be settled, firstly, fixing the value of the fuel which is tending to depreciate, and is now reckoned at 4 francs 70 centimes; secondly, the claim advanced by countries whose credit is low, such as Russia and Japan. They wish to be allotted proportionately a larger number of bonds than the others, because they are obliged to pay a higher rate of interest. This suggestion did not evoke enthusiasm among the representatives of the other powers, and may give rise to considerable discussion.

Meat Takes Sudden Drop

Now Being Sold at Dawson For Twenty-Five Cents a Pound.

Steamboats Are Running Well on the Yukon—Islander Arrives From Skagway.

Vancouver, June 18.—Steamer Islander arrived from Skagway this morning with news that three houses are quarantined with a mild form of smallpox in that city. Thirteen boats have left White Horse for Dawson, carrying approximately a thousand tons of merchandise. Meat prices in Dawson have taken a drop to twenty-five cents, just the cost of taking cattle in. Gambling has been entirely closed up. Water is getting higher in the Yukon river, and steamboats are running well.

There was little change in the strike situation to-day. Few more constables were sworn in and sent up the line to guard bridges. Local strikers say their strike is not altogether from motives of sympathy with Easterners, but because of their own grievances. There is a report to-day that some Whatcombs are being given jobs as far up as Ashcroft, but this is not confirmed.

SETTLEMENT REACHED.

Employees of R. Hoe & Co. and Cash Register Co., Will Return to Work.

New York, June 18.—It was announced to-day by the International Association of Machinists that the seven hundred and fifty men involved in the strike at the works of R. Hoe & Co., printing press manufacturers in this city, had agreed to work on Thursday night. It is understood that the men return with the agreement of a nine hour day.

A Conference.
Washington, June 18.—President Gompers, of the National Federation of Laborers, today stated that a conference has been arranged between the officers of the Cash Register Company, of Dayton, Ohio, and the representatives of the various labor unions engaged in the strike in the works of that company, with a view of arranging a settlement of differences. About 2,000 persons are engaged in the strike.

Settled.
Dayton, Ohio, June 18.—It is announced here that the Registry works will re-open to-morrow morning, the strike having been settled.

FREE TRADE.

Will Shortly Be Established Between Porto Rico and the United States.

Washington, June 17.—Secretary Hay to-day received the following telegram from Governor Allen, of Porto Rico, at San Juan: "By unanimous vote to-day the boards of departments voted the date for the special session of the legislature for July 4th. The date of the proclamation will be announced at the session."

The proclamation referred to is that which will declare free trade with the United States and Porto Rico, after a designated date in conformity with the terms of the Foraker act which allowed two years to test the ability of the island to sustain itself through internal taxation. Governor Allen's reports have indicated that under the Holland act Porto Rico is now ready to assume free trade.

TORPEDO BOAT DISABLED.

Washington, June 17.—The little torpedo boat Stockton broke down again this morning on her trial trip. Judge Advocate Gen. Ledy has received the following telegram from Rear Admiral Evans, the chief of the naval trial board: "Port Montro, Va., June 17.—Stockton disabled. Air pumps on starboard engine disabled. She returns to the navy yard at once. The board leaves for Washington to-night."

Nothing is known as to the extent of the accident, but from the fact that the board returns to Washington, it is assumed that the repairs will occupy some time.

GOING BACK TO WORK.

Portland, Me., June 17.—Mr. Evans, general manager of the Maine Central railway, says the committee who ordered the strike of trackmen now realize that the strike is over and four members of the committee have gone back to work. The company is now taking back some of the best men. Some, however, they will not re-employ, especially those who have been the means of persuading others to leave, and those who endeavored to obstruct and intimidate the new men.

ANOTHER DAUGHTER.

St. Petersburg, June 18.—The Carina to-day gave birth to a daughter.

Chinese Not Wanted

Foreign Ministers Refuse to Allow Native Soldiers to Return to Peking.

The Kaiser Orders Squadron to Meet German Ships Returning From China.

Peking, June 18.—The foreign ministers have declined to assent to the request to allow 3,000 Chinese soldiers to come to Peking now. They consider that it would be inadvisable to permit such a step to be taken before the latter part of August, by which time the international troops, with the exception of the legation guards, will have left the city. The ministers also declined to permit international troops to guard the Forbidden City until the Chinese soldiers shall arrive.

To Meet German Squadron.
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HUNTING OUTLAWS.

Five Hundred Texans are Chasing a Party of Mexicans.

Chicago, June 18.—A special to the Tribune from San Antonio, Texas, says: "Five hundred citizens of Southwest Texas are engaged in a man hunt, a party of Mexican outlaws being the quarry. Already there has been a fight between the Texans and Mexicans near Belmont, in which one Mexican was shot to death, one was hanged and one was wounded. The one was hanged in an effort to get him to divulge the whereabouts of the band of Mexican outlaws. The manhunt is the result of three murders within the last few days. The victims were Sheriff W. L. Morris, of Kansas county, Sheriff Robt. Glover, of Gonzales county, and Tony Schabel, a wealthy rancher."

TO BE TRIANSPERRED.

Father Fallon Will Be Removed From Ottawa.

Ottawa, June 18.—It is understood that orders have been received from the head of the Oblat Fathers for the transfer of Father Fallon from the pastorate of St. Joseph's church, Ottawa. This is the young priest who has taken such a prominent part in defence of the Roman Catholic religion in the controversy with Hon. S. H. Blake, Toronto, regarding the coronation oath. His parishioners talk of calling an indignation meeting.

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Another Conference

Kitchener and Botha's Representatives Will, It Is Reported, Meet Next Week.

Boer Commandants Repudiate Kruger's Authority—Burghers Busy in Cape Colony.

London, June 18.—The Sun, which, however, has not heretofore been over-reliable on this subject, hears that Mr. Kruger has actually cabled to General Botha declining to concede anything, and that in consequence of this decision, General Botha and the commandants agreeing with his peace views, have decided to repudiate Mr. Kruger's authority, and a further consultation with Botha's representative, and Lord Kitchener will be arranged for next week.

In Cape Colony.
Molteno, Cape Colony, June 18.—Kritzing and Fouchet, the Boer commandants, are busy placarding Cape Colony with proclamations to the effect that in accordance with the powers assumed when the northern part of Cape