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THE PRETORIA PEACE CONFERENCE

REPORTS REGARDING THE NEGOTIATIONS

London Mail Says Basis of Peace is Practically Agreed Upon—Another Version.

London, April 18.—The Daily Mail claims to have authority to announce that a basis of peace has been practically agreed upon at Pretoria, but it says that some little time will elapse before the details of the plan can be perfected.

The paper adds that upon finding on Wednesday that the British government refused to modify its terms with regard to amnesty, banishment and a responsible government, the Boer delegates met on Thursday. The British decision, practically leaving them the alternatives of accepting the British terms or breaking up the conference, proved more reasonable.

When Lord Milner, the British high commissioner in South Africa, promised the delegates one or two weeks on the legislative councils, subject to the approval of the government and pending the restoration of a responsible government, they practically agreed to accept the British terms.

Some details, continues the Daily Mail, which are not likely to create difficulty still remain to be settled. Lord Milner has summoned an Australian expert from Johannesburg, who is to assist in estimating the cost of rebuilding and restoring the Boer farms.

The delegates, he concludes, have so far quite independently of their representatives in Holland.

Dr. Hans Sauer, a Loyalist Afrikaner, who spoke at Bradford tonight, has outlined about the Boer-English peace negotiations. He said he thought it quite probable that the Boers would sign Great Britain for £50,000,000.

Another Report.

London, April 17.—Serious differences, it is said, have arisen between the Transvaal and Free State delegates, who are discussing peace terms at Pretoria.

General Botha and Acting President Schalkburger, it is reported, have given the Free State representatives until April 21st to come to a decision, threatening that thereafter the Transvaal delegation will continue the peace negotiations independently of the Free State delegates.

It is further declared that Botha and Schalkburger had previously agreed upon terms for surrender prior to their visit to Kleinsdrupp, but that out of loyalty to their allies, they insisted on a conference, though with slight hopes that their views would be shared by Gen. Dewet and the other Free State leaders.

The portion of the new British war offer for public subscription, £26,000,000, has been over-subscribed thirty to forty times, and is now quoted at one per cent premium.

London, April 18.—The government leader, A. J. Balfour, in the House of Commons to-day, made the following statement:

"After our conferences between Lord Milner and Lord Kitchener and the Boer delegates at Pretoria, Lord Kitchener, while refusing to grant an armistice, on military grounds, has agreed to give facilities for the election and meeting of representatives of the various Boer commands to consider the position. The Boer leaders have therefore left Pretoria to carry out this plan."

Mr. Balfour added that it is not expected that communication between the authorities and the Boer leaders could be resumed in less than three weeks' time.

Clergymen's Statement.

New York, April 18.—Rev. Dr. Joseph H. Hertz, who was a member of Lord Milner's advisory committee in South Africa and chaplain of the Rand Rifles, has arrived in this city, his former home. When the war broke out Dr. Hertz was expelled from Johannesburg by Mr. Kruger for being a Uitlander. He has visited many of the British concentration camps in South Africa. On those camps and on kindred subjects, Dr. Hertz says:

"The stories of the British cruelty to the Boers in the concentration camps are abundant. It is not the fighting Boer who makes these charges, but the stay at home children attending school in the Orange Free State before the war started, there are now 14,000 at school under British rule."

ENTITLED TO TWO DOLLARS.

CANADIAN NEWS.

The Northwest Elections—Decision Regarding the Lord's Day Act.

Brantford, Ont., April 17.—Voting took place to-day on a by-law submitted by the city council authorizing payment of \$57,000 to the Grand Trunk Railway Company, in return for the company diverting their main line from Linden down through Brantford, making a switch to Homedale and constructing a sub-way under their line. The by-law granting the bonus was carried by a majority of 1,304 votes.

Nominations.

Toronto, April 17.—Liberals of West Toronto have nominated Mr. Thomas Threlkott, and East Toronto Conservatives have nominated Dr. Pine, member in the late legislature. Both nominations were unanimous.

Judgment.

The Court of Appeal to-day gave judgment in a case respecting the constitutionality of the Lord's Day Act of Ontario. The decision, Chief Justice Armour dissenting, sustains the law in regard to the prohibition of Sunday sales, Sunday labor extensions and street cars, but holds the Provincial Act does not apply to corporations operating exclusively under a Dominion franchise, nor to individual employers of corporations.

The Coroner's Corps.

Lieut.-Colonel Pellatt, who will command the Canadian contingent which will attend the coronation, has offered to send the bugle band of the Queen's Own Rifles, the corps he commands, at his own expense.

Burned.

Winnipeg, April 17.—A clerk named Roy Campbell and Mr. Quairrie, a merchant, were badly burned yesterday at Oak Lake by the explosion of a lamp containing methylated spirits.

General Elections.

A Regina dispatch says the general election decisions will not be held until Premier Haultain returns from the coronation, and the best informed say dissolution will be in the fall.

A Fire.

The residence of Frederick E. Jackson, a Portage la Prairie district farmer, has been destroyed by fire, with all contents.

Found Dead.

Brockville, April 17.—Robert Clark, of Reid's mills, went out hunting and failing to return, a search party started out. He was found dead, his face buried in leaves and dirt. He is thought to have taken an epileptic fit.

Aged Ninety-Nine.

Hamilton, April 17.—Mrs. Margaret Wilson, for 90 years a resident of this city, is dead, aged 96.

NEW NORTHERN STEAMER.

Statement by Capt. Troup—F. J. Wheeler to be Manager of Terminal Railway.

Vancouver, April 19.—Capt. Troup this morning announced that the steamer for the Canadian Pacific northern coast trade will be constructed in the Star yard, Victoria. The machinery contract has not yet been awarded.

The steel spans for the bridge across the north arm of the Fraser, arrived at New Westminster to-day. There were seven carloads.

Rails for the Liverpool-Leander connection of the Great Northern will be shipped from England in June, and will arrive before the first of the new year.

F. J. Wheeler, general agent of the Great Northern, is to take the management of the Victoria Terminal railway with headquarters at Victoria.

A SPECIAL OFFER

Daily Times for Nine Months for \$3.

The publishers of the Times are aware that a large number of residents of the districts and of other cities and towns than Victoria would like to become subscribers to the daily edition, but are unwilling to pay the regular rate of subscription, owing to the fact that the paper cannot reach them from six to seven hours, to three days after publication.

The management have decided to quote an extraordinary low rate to out-of-town subscribers, in the hope that the response will be sufficiently great to warrant a permanent reduction. For a limited time subscriptions from date to December 31st, over nine months, will be taken for \$3.

This reduction will give residents outside the Capital an opportunity of following the proceedings of the legislature, a full report of which will appear daily.

In addition to the full reports of the debates, the Times will continue to give the current political gossip at the seat of government, which is frequently more interesting and important than the actual proceedings in the House. Most of the noteworthy political developments of the past few years have been foreshadowed in the Times before they were forecasted by any other paper.

A series of political cartoons by the Times's own artist will further increase the attractiveness of the paper.

The half-tone illustrations of public men of the province, with sketches of their careers, epigrams, views, etc., will be maintained.

The special telegraphic service from Ottawa from the Times staff representative there will be continued. This service is unsurpassed by that of any other paper in Canada.

The full foreign telegraphic news, as well as that of the Dominion, will appear regularly.

Wce-a-Week Times This Edition for the Rest of the Year for 75 Cents.

In order to still further extend the wide circulation of the twice-a-week Times, the publishers have decided to reduce the subscription price for new cash subscribers from now until the close of the year, nine months, to 75 cents.

The features outlined in regard to the daily will be maintained in the twice-a-week Times.

The publishers have in addition arranged with the department of agriculture at Ottawa for an original article weekly, about a column in length, prepared under the authority of the minister. The matter will consist of agricultural news, interesting to all readers, supplemented by brief accounts of the latest experiments and researches at the Government Experimental Farms, and recipes, useful to agriculturists, horticulturists, arboriculturists, horse-breeders, stock-risers, bee-keepers, dairymen, poultrymen and others.

The market reports will be improved and will be given particular prominence.

Other features are contemplated which will further increase the attractiveness of the paper, to the editing of which special attention will be devoted.

This offer is good for a limited period only. Those who wish to subscribe should do so at once. Remittances by mail should be by P. O. Order or Registered letter to THE TIMES PRINTING AND PUBLISHING COMPANY, VICTORIA, B. C.

GRAND FORKS HAS ENTERED PROTEST AGAINST THE V. V. & RAILWAY INJUNCTION

Strong Resolutions Adopted by the Conservative Association and at Public Meeting.

Grand Forks, April 17.—At a meeting of the Liberal-Conservative Association, the action of the government in the injunction on the Vancouver, Victoria & Eastern were adopted, setting forth that this road had expended several million in construction and had completed the line to Gilpin, about seven miles below Grand Forks, and the said railway, one of the best in Canada, is being constructed without government aid, and that it has been ascertained that the government of British Columbia is concerning in the action restraining the said road.

Be it resolved, that the Liberal-Conservative Association of Grand Forks strongly deprecates the action of the government as calculated to engender evil feelings in the Boundary country, and that such action is unwarranted, unprecedented and discriminating, and should be desisted from, and that for the reasons aforesaid the government should withdraw its opposition to the construction and completion of the said line.

Similar resolutions were adopted at a public meeting this evening.

ROBBERS' HAUL.

Visited New York Mansion and Made Off With Silverware and Gems.

New York, April 19.—Great mystery has been thrown around a robbery which has just occurred in a Fifth Avenue mansion. It is generally admitted that the burglars made away with more than \$25,000 worth of silverware and gems.

FOR PREVENTION OF RAILWAY LOCKOUTS

OBJECT OF BILL BY HON. WM. MULOCK

Premiers of Australia and New Zealand May Visit Canada on Their Way Home.

Ottawa, April 18.—Hon. William Mulock's bill regarding railway disputes is to prevent lockouts by arbitration between the companies and employees.

Information has been received that Premier Barton of Australia and Premier Seddon, New Zealand, will not come through Canada on their way to the coronation ceremonies, but they may return home this way.

The inquiry.

At the public accounts committee to-day, J. Y. Rochester was asked for his private books to show what he paid for poles for the Yukon telegraph line. He refused and the chairman sustained him.

The Canadian Pacific Railway bill, giving power to a company to go mining, lumbering, smelting and carry on works of irrigation on their own lands, passed the railway committee to-day. It also extends the time for the building of a road from New Westminster to Vancouver for five years.

So far the medical officers appointed to go to South Africa with the fourth contingent are Surgeon Major Elliott, Quebec; Surgeon Capt. A. R. Murray, New Brunswick; and Surgeon Capt. W. H. Gray, Chatham, Ontario. The fourth has not yet been selected.

BUTCHERS' PETITION.

Imperial Parliament to Remove Restrictions on Importation of Canadian Cattle.

London, April 17.—A meeting of the Butchers' Association here to-night, at which representatives of the entire meat retail trade of London were present, unanimously petitioned parliament to remove the existing restrictions on the importation of cattle from Canada and Argentina.

The meeting asserted that the action they advised was imperative in order to prevent a meat famine during the coronation of the King.

Reasons similar to those adopted to-night will be presented at a meeting of the representatives of the meat trade from 120 cities of the United Kingdom, which will be held at Manchester on April 23rd.

In reply to a question in the House of Commons this evening, R. W. Hanbury, president of the board of agriculture, said the government had no reason and that it could not entertain a proposal to remove the restriction on cattle imported from Canada.

QUEEN WILHELMINA REPORTED TO HAVE PASSED A FAIRLY GOOD NIGHT.

The Hague, April 18.—An official bulletin this morning from Castle Loo states that Queen Wilhelmina passed a fairly quiet night. Her fever continues. The alarming fever which complicated the Queen's condition is now officially admitted to be typhoid.

A special edition of the official journal this morning publishes the doctor's statement as follows: "The supposition entertained by the Queen's physicians since the commencement of Her Majesty's illness has become a certainty. It is now established that the Queen is suffering from typhoid fever. Up to the present time the malady has run its ordinary course."

STRIKE AT PRISCO.

Street Railway Employees Will Quit Work To-Morrow Morning.

San Francisco, April 19.—The local division of the Amalgamated Association of Street Railway Employees voted last night to go out on strike next Sunday morning. The strike will affect all the lines in the city except two. It is expected that nearly three thousand men will go out.

SPAIN'S FORMER KING.

New York, April 19.—The death of the former King of Spain will not affect the dispatch to the Herald. A council of ministers just held decided that the foreign Princes shall arrive on May 14th, and that a grand reception shall be given instead of a ball. The former King's body will be brought to Spain and interred in the escorial.

FROM PATAGONIA.

Halifax, April 19.—The advance guard of the Welsh colony in Patagonia, under Mr. Leads, arrived yesterday. He thinks many of them will eventually make their way to the Dominion.

QUEEN WILHELMINA.

Her Majesty Passed a Quiet Night—Fever Following Its Usual Course.

The Hague, April 19.—A bulletin issued this morning from Castle Loo announces that Queen Wilhelmina had a quiet night, that the disease, typhoid, is following its normal course, and that no complications have supervened, although Her Majesty's strength is diminishing slightly in proportion to the duration of the disease.

Gloom Over Country.

New York, April 19.—Dispatches from Holland disclose the fact that there is general gloom over the condition of Queen Wilhelmina, says the London correspondent of the Tribune. The hereditary prince of the Orange blood, but the succession is undetermined. The Dutch constitution provides that in default of a legal heir the sovereign and states-general shall designate a successor. This has not been done, and the states-general will exercise the right of selection in case of the Queen's death.

PROPOSED DUTY ON NICKEL MATTE

JOHN CHARLTON ON INDUSTRY IN CANADA

Suggests Steps Which He Thinks Would Result in Ore Being Refined at Home.

Ottawa, April 19.—When the House met yesterday, John Charlton, on a motion to go into supply, presented a resolution on the condition of the nickel industry in Canada. He said that there was now under formation in the United States a nickel company with lands of \$22,000,000, which was to be associated with the steel industry with \$1,000,000, and which was intended to control the markets of the world. The question was whether Canada should permit this. The United States imposed no tariff duty on refined nickel, but added matte free, but to be refined in the United States.

He said that he could not refine his own nickel instead of exporting it. He intends to bring this about by placing an export duty on nickel matte. In addition to this he called attention to the disadvantage with which Canadian manufacturers of higher wearables winter, and are coming on the trade of the coronation visitors.

London trade is already doing its new dress for the coronation. Electricians and resisters are testing buildings for illuminations, the hotels are making in new pajamas, the Strand and other thoroughfares have been repaired, and visitors may depend that they will see the best side of London this year.

The first fleet ship to come under the navigation regulations, the German ship Henriette, from San Francisco, arrived in the Tyne yesterday. The American wheat on board decreased will have to pay duty of 2000.

THE FUTURE.

This Year's Race Will Be Worth Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars.

New York, April 19.—The announcement is made by the Cony Island Jockey Club that this year's steeplechase will be worth \$75,000. It is the most valuable race in America. It will be decided on August 20th, and a fortune will be handed over to the owners of the winner.

When the entry to the state closed on January 2nd, 1900, the club had received 1,241 nominations. Of this number 255 subsequently became void from various causes. 100 were declared out on payment of \$10, 02 at \$20, 10 at \$50 and 12 at \$70, leaving 433 youngsters eligible.

WILL HE BE CHOSEN?

Remark of the Pope Regarding His Successor.

Rome, April 19.—Considerable importance is attached to a recent remark of the Pope, who, in conversation with Father Lorenzo Frossi, the Italian composer, asked him for news of his friend, Cardinal Giuseppe Sarto, the patriarch of Venice. "Hold him very dear, Frossi," said His Holiness, "as in the future he will be able to do much for you. We firmly believe he will be our successor."

INDIAN DROWNED.

Nanaimo, April 19.—A well known Indian named John Kwasomant, of the Kwasan tribe, is reported to the provincial police here as having fallen overboard from his canoe near Nanaimo Bay on his way home from here on Tuesday. Another Indian and two Klutchers were with him. Provincial Officer McLeod and Stephenson started out to investigate the matter to-day, but the rough weather prevented a launch being taken out.

REBEL ACTIVITY.

Canton, April 18.—The rebels are besieging Nan Ning, an important city in the province of Kwang Si, and it is reported that the place has already fallen. The telegraph wires beyond Wu Chow, between Canton and Nan Ning, have been cut.

FIRE IN PLATE MILL.

Pittsburg, Pa., April 19.—The Moreshead plant of the American Tin Plate Company, in the south side, was consumed by fire at an early hour this morning to the extent of about \$10,000.

DECORATED STATUE OF BEACONSFIELD

HOW PRIMROSE DAY IS BEING OBSERVED

Preparations For the Coronation—Thousands Witnessed Struggle For English Football Cup.

London, April 19.—Judging from the extensive observance of Primrose Day, admirers of Lord Beaconsfield, who died on April 19th, 1881, are as numerous as ever. People thronged to the statue of the statesman at Westminster, which was adorned with the usual massed of primroses and a number of handsome floral trophies.

The Sheffield United and Southampton clubs met this afternoon at the Crystal Palace grounds to contest for the possession of the English cup, the blue ribbon of British football. The invasion of London by the provincial army of ardent admirers of the "Muddled Oats," who, after a season's struggles, met in the final the champions of the daybreak. The various railroads carried nearly a hundred excursion trains, bringing upwards of 20,000 visitors, men, women and children, who thronged the parks and crowded their way to the Crystal Palace, where they witnessed a Metropolitan football event more numerous than themselves.

The game resulted in a draw, each of the teams scoring a goal.

King Edward will make his first appearance on the turf since his accession on April 22nd at Epsom. When the friends of William C. Whitney hope he will have a chance to see Jockeyboy carrying the valuable city and suburban prize. The late Dorby winner, with Danny Maher, the American jockey, is a prime favorite, but the 24 probable starters make up a field strong enough to result in what is anticipated will be one of the greatest struggles of the year.

A general American invasion of Great Britain has already begun. Almost within a night familiar figures have sprung up in the London streets. Americans seem to be on every side and are more welcome, for the storekeepers and hotel proprietors have had their wearisome winter, and are counting on the trade of the coronation visitors.

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