

Deceived By British.

Offensive Reference to Diplomatic Agent by President of Orange Free State.

Miller Tells that Republic Its Duty-Afrikaners Advise Submission.

Boers Making Display of Their Forces But Not Likely to Fight.

By Associated Press.
Bloemfontein, Orange Free State, Sept. 21.—The volksraad met today, with a full attendance. President M. Steyn read a carefully prepared speech. After welcoming the burghers, he expressed regret that the relations between the Transvaal, Great Britain and the Outlanders have become strained. Members, he said, were aware of the meeting of Sir Alfred Milner and President Kruger at Bloemfontein, when President Kruger made proposals which, although refused by the British High Commissioner, were unanimously considered throughout the Orange Free State as exceedingly fair.

Proceeding to review the negotiations, President Steyn said the Transvaal had been deceived by the British diplomatic agent at Pretoria, Mr. Gonyngam Greene, and he practically accused the Imperial government of arbitrariness. He was disinclined to advise the Transvaal government on the latest British demands. The present critical state of affairs could not be a matter of indifference to the Orange Free State, and he had therefore convened the volksraad to decide upon the course to be taken. "There is nothing to be done," he said, "but to wait and see what the British government will do. If it persists in its course, we will have to fight. But I trust that the British government will see the wisdom of a peaceful settlement."

Believe Kruger Won't Fight.

London, Sept. 21.—Those who claim that the Transvaal situation has not passed the Rubicon of pacific negotiations see in Kruger's answer to the A. C. Under a genuine desire to avoid hostilities, which he personally has personally petitioned Queen Victoria to avert hostilities certainly does not bear out the reports of English correspondents that Kruger is determined to fight. The Boers are generally on both sides. The Boers are generally on both sides. The Boers are generally on both sides. The Boers are generally on both sides.

Displays of Force.

London, Sept. 21.—The London edition of the Standard and Diggers' edition of Johannesburg gave out a cable despatch, reporting to be from Johannesburg, saying that returns from the Field Cornets of Transvaal and Orange Free State show that 52,000 burghers are ready to take the field at short notice.

Taking Steyn in Hand.

Capetown, Sept. 21.—Sir Alfred Milner has sent a despatch to President Steyn informing him that the British and Transvaal governments are still engaged in a friendly settlement, and should this be disappointed, he looks to the Orange Free State to present a strict neutrality, and prevent military intervention by any of its citizens. It is dated September 19, and says: "I am prepared to give formal assurance that in no case will the integrity of Orange Free State be respected under any circumstances. So far as Her Majesty's government is aware, there is absolutely no reason to justify any disturbance of the friendly relations between Great Britain and Orange Free State, and there is no ground for any suggestion that the British government desires to impair the independence of that republic."

FAMOUS CHURCH BURNED.

Stood Nearly Four Hundred Years, But Now a Pile of Rubble.
Lima, Peru, Sept. 21.—A great fire this evening almost completely destroyed the famous and beautiful church of San Francisco, founded by Pizarro in 1535.

A Worse Earthquake

Skagway Scared on Friday Last by Most Severe Shocks of Series.

Huge Depression in Earth at Haynes Mission—Glaciers in Fragments.

Apprehension of Apalling Disaster to Come—Reports From Yukon Points.

From Our Own Correspondent.
Vancouver, Sept. 22.—The steamer Cutch arrived at Vancouver from Skagway today, with 88 passengers from Atlin and Dawson. E. Stronberg, P. Coulson, John Keller and E. V. Miller, of Seattle, and a dozen others gave their experience of the third shock of earthquake, which was entirely different from the two previous. At 8 o'clock on Friday night last a gentle swaying motion started, and was kept up nearly two minutes. Those who watched the measurement of the earthquake, which was estimated at 38 inches; that is, when the lateral movement was severest Skagway was rocked back and forth a foot and a half. Strange to say, little damage was done, possibly owing to the fact that the earth was grooved many feet deep, as if with a huge plow, while Takah Harbor, as a result of the earthquake, having splintered into huge masses.

ANDREE PASSED THE POLE.

Buoy Found by Norwegian Captain—Message of His Success.

FRANCO-GERMAN AMITY.

Joint Expedition in Africa Despatching Natives With Great Cordiality.

Paris, Sept. 21.—The Governor of Dahomey cables that the Franco-German commission which is deciding the Togo boundary is being treated by natives. The commission has had to fight several engagements, defeating the natives and inflicting considerable loss upon them, while losing only one native trooper. The French and German troops, with the greatest cordiality, have the command of the French Commissioner.

THE WITNESS WAS DECEIVED.

Declares Sir Charles Tupper Completely Vindicated From Malicious Charge.

Special to the Colonist.
Montreal, Sept. 22.—Sir Charles Tupper has a letter in the Times referring to the charge that he was prejudiced against Major Walsh because the latter stopped a consignment of liquor alleged to have been sent into the Klondike by a trading company of which Sir Charles is chairman.

SHERBROOKE BOY'S FOLLY.

Committed Murder in Jealousy of Another's Attention to Worthless Woman.

Wilmington, Del., Sept. 20.—Monty Cole, of Sherbrooke, Quebec, was today indicted by the grand jury for murder in the first degree in the killing of William A. Montague on May 17 last.

THE DEWEY CRAZE.

Goldwin Smith Thinks the Admiral No Hero, and That Canada Should Not Assist in Adoration.

Toronto, Sept. 22.—Goldwin Smith, writing in a local paper, says: "Nothing could show the extent to which the hero Dewey has been turned by the war more than her adoration of the hero Dewey. What did the hero Dewey and his comrades do? They did in almost perfect safety and destroyed, at long range, a line helplessness, with some hundreds of the poor Spaniards who manned them, and who alone had no opportunity of showing heroism on the occasion. So perfectly secure did the Americans feel that the adjournment to breakfast in the middle of their sport. There was among them a single casualty, and had they all gone tiger-hunting, one casualty at least probably would have occurred. For this, however, Dewey is declared to be the equal of the great seamen who conquered in the terrible days of Aboukir, Copenhagen and Trafalgar. If he were so inclined, he might probably be elected President of the United States."

CHAOS IN FAR ALASKA.

Effects of the First Earthquake Much More Severe Than Hitherto Reported.

Juneau, Alaska, Sept. 14, via the City of Topeka.—The Alaska Commercial Company's steamer Dora, Captain Johnson, arrived from the westward last Sunday, September 10, and reported a terrible earthquake extending from Lituya Bay, 150 miles below Yakutat, 500 miles northwest into the Cook Inlet country. It was the greatest phenomenon witnessed in Alaska since a similar occurrence in the early days of the Russian traders. Darkness and chaos were on the face of the earth.

THE CZAR'S VISIT.

Kiel, Sept. 21.—The Czar and Czarina arrived here at 9 a. m. to-day.

YELLOW FEVER.

Key West, Fla., Sept. 21.—Twenty-four cases of yellow fever and two deaths were reported here to-day.

STOCK YARDS FIRE.

Quarter of a Million Dollars Consumed in Short Time in Chicago.

MONTEJO PUNISHED.

Retired Without Right of Promotion For His Ill Luck at Manila.

FREIGHTS MEET ON BRIDGE.

Four Trainsmen Killed, Bridge Wrecked, and Engines and Cars Immersed.

A NEW CUNARD.

London, Sept. 21.—The new Cunard Line steamship Vermin, for the Liverpool-Portland service, was launched on the Tyne to-day in the presence of 20,000 people. She was christened by the Countess of Ravensworth.

BANK CLERK SUICIDES.

Lost His Position in Montreal and Gave Way to Despair.

YUKON LIQUOR PERMITS.

From the Winnipeg Telegram.

MOUNTAIN TOPS FALL.

George M. Esterly, a Kodiak Island Miner Man, Reports that the Mainland at Yakutat and vicinity is fast being settled 20 or 30 feet.

SIZED UP BY TRADES COUNCIL.

Sir Wilfrid's Glib Promises When Office Seeking Count for Nothing.

Special to the Colonist.

Montreal, Sept. 22.—The Dominion Trades and Labor Council this morning, after an interesting debate, passed a resolution favoring the formation of a new political party.

By Associated Press.

Montreal, Sept. 22.—The Dominion Trades and Labor Council ended its session to-day by passing a lot of resolutions dealing with a variety of subjects, the most important of which was one concerning Sir Wilfrid Laurier for failure to keep promises made to Western Liberals prior to the last general election, that he would put an end to Chinese immigration, which he has since had an opportunity and neglected to do, because such a course was out of line with Imperial policy.

JAS. TENNANT DEAD.

Toronto, Sept. 21.—Jas. Tennant, of the firm of Jas. Tennant & Company, is dead.

Branching Out.—Mr. H. L. Salmon, of this city, is rapidly coming to the front as one of the heaviest handlers of cigar and tobacco lines in the Pacific Northwest.

Politics In Medicine

Militia Department Orders Purchase of Drugs From Party Favorites Only.

Dominion Creek Claims Allotted at Prices That Discourage Prospecting.

D. C. Fraser, M. P., Slated for New Office—Another Quebeccer Rewarded.

Great Water Power.

Supporting Ponton's Alibi.

Four Witnesses Say He Was With Them When Alleged to Have Arranged Robbery.

ADD TO HIS TROUBLES.

Other Creditors of Defaulting Gait School Teacher Have Him Again Arrested.

VISITORS FOR THE COAST.

Minister of Justice and Chief Justice of New Brunswick on the Way.

Winnipeg, Sept. 22.—Chief Justice Tuck, of New Brunswick, is here, bound for the Pacific Coast.

HIS TERM.

Kingston, Sept. 22.—W. W. McWhirter, in penitentiary for life for murder of the old Williams couple near Brampton some years ago, died to-day, of consumption. He was sentenced to be hanged, but this was commuted.

MOTOR CHAMPIONS.

Baltimore, Md., Sept. 22.—Charlie Miller and his riding mate, Joe Judge, at the Hartford track, defeated Turner and Steenson for the championship of America.

FOUR FIREMEN INJURED.

Strathroy, Sept. 20.—During the burning of an old barn this evening four firemen were seriously injured by falling walls. Frank Uggert probably fatally.

MANCHESTER RACES.

London, Sept. 21.—At the first day of the Manchester September meeting to-day, the De Trafford handicap of 500 sovereigns for three-year-olds and upwards was won by Scrivener. Red Queen, ridden by Sloan, was unplaced. Ten horses ran; one mile and a half.