

SERIOUS UNREST IN SOUTH AFRICA

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STIRRING UP STRIFE

Agencies at Work Secretly With a View to Obtaining Independence.

Pretoria, July 5.—Premier Botha of the Union of South Africa, has issued a statement showing that serious unrest exists in South Africa. Strong police and military measures are being taken to cope with the situation.

Premier Botha said that had not prompt and effective military measures been taken, the situation would have culminated in a grave disturbance and probably serious loss of life.

The Boer leader admitted that the government had information pointing to the existence of a movement, having for its object the subversion of the constitution by violent methods.

Continuing Premier Botha, in his statement, says: "There is good reason for suspecting that enemy agencies are at work in this country and that they are intriguing to stir up strife, not only among Europeans, but also among the natives, and by means or methods are deemed too despicable so long as they can attain their object."

There have been few serious troubles in South Africa since the outbreak of the war, although early in the conflict a rebellion broke out in which the establishment of a republic was planned. Premier Botha, who, although he fought against the British in the Boer war, has since been one of the strongest supporters of the empire in the present conflict, personally took the field against the rebels and crushed the rebellion.

At a news conference held in Cape Town, South Africa recently regarding the situation here, although a despatch to the effect of indications that there had been political complications. The finance minister at that time was quoted as declaring that the political situation had become "far better."

At various times there have been outcroppings of the idea of independence, and a year ago, in a speech in Cape Colony, Premier Botha found occasion to condemn the republican propaganda, declaring that it was to South Africa's interests to maintain its connection with Great Britain.

Text of Premier Botha's statement follows: "As prime minister of the union I feel it to be my duty to place before the people a statement of affairs of our union, of which everyone should know. The people must be aware of the state of tension now prevailing—a tension necessarily following on the political activities of various political organizations. But other agencies have for some time been at work to bring about the disturbed political and industrial situation. I therefore desire to inform the people there is good reason for suspecting that enemy agencies are at work in this country, and that they are stirring up strife, not only among Europeans, but also among the natives, and by means or methods are deemed too despicable so long as they can attain their object."

THE DANGER OF THIN BLOOD

If Not Corrected in Its Early Stages Consumption May Follow

In no disease is delay or neglect more dangerous than in anemia, a poverty of the blood. It is very common in young girls and in persons who are overworked or confined within doors. It makes its approach in so stealthy a manner that it is often well developed before its presence is recognized.

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These pills are sold by all medicine dealers, or will be sent by mail at 50c a box or six boxes for \$2.50, by Dr. Williams Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

POWER IN NIAGARA SHORT OF NEEDS

Two Hundred Thousand H.P. More Required Under War Conditions.

Washington, July 6.—Hydro-Electric power in the Niagara district is 200,000 horse-power short of the requirements under war conditions of existing industries, according to a report made public today by the war department. To make up this shortage, it is shown that the steam plants of the Buffalo General Electric Co. and the Niagara, Lockport & Ontario Power Co. are in process of engagement to furnish an additional 62,000 horse-power, while further development of the Hydro-Electric plants of the Hydraulic Power Co. and the Niagara Falls Power Co. at Niagara Falls, will supply another 160,000 horse-power.

The war department has already arranged with the fuel administration for the necessary fuel for the Buffalo company. The two Niagara Falls companies were taken under government supervision last November and power produced is distributed under the supervision of the engineer corps. The statement says other power companies whose output is not being requisitioned, are co-operating in the plans under which only essential war industries are supplied.

Appeals as Premier.—"As the prime minister of the union I wish in the most earnest and emphatic manner to add my appeal to each and everyone, from the highest to the lowest, of whatever political persuasion he may be or to whatever industrial organization he may belong, to regard this matter as of the utmost importance to himself and to the country, and to be continually on his guard against the demon of intrigue and to use his utmost endeavors to curb the passions of those who think something is to be gained by sowing discord and exciting strife."

"While the administration of the country is committed to my government it is determined to take all necessary measures to counteract these intrigues, and I feel confident that in this task it will receive the assistance and support of all good citizens."

LONDON HEARS OF IT

Reported That Trouble Has Been Stirred Up by Germans or Boers.

London, July 5.—South African troubles have been the subject of rumors in London for some days. It has been known that serious strikes have been in progress in the Transvaal mines, and it has been reported that these had an anti-government purpose and had been stirred up by German agents or irreconcilable Boers.

A message from Johannesburg yesterday to Reuters' said that all the natives who had refused to work on Wednesday later had resumed their duties.

A correspondent of The Times, telegraphing from Cape Town on Monday, said: "The movement was originated by international socialists working on the educated natives, and was helped by the effect of the increased cost of living."

COMMODITY RATE INCREASE ALLOWED

Ottawa, July 5.—Following the action of the director-general of the United States Railway Administration ordering United States carriers to increase transcontinental westbound commodity rates from the Dominion states to coast points, the Dominion Railway Board has authorized a slight increase in the United States rates in the near future. The new Canadian rates will be in effect August 1. The railway board considered action necessary because of the competitive character of the traffic.

GERMAN AIRPLANE LOST IN THE SEA

Washington, July 5.—A German airplane was lost on the west coast of Canada last night with its crew, according to an official despatch from Copenhagen today. The plane was one of a squadron of four flying at full speed toward the south, and was seen from the shore to fall. A Danish lifeboat went to the aid of the aviators, but could rescue none.

C.P.R. TRAIN JUMPED TRACK

Kamloops, B.C., July 5.—At four o'clock yesterday morning the Imperial Limited C.P.R. passenger train, which left Vancouver Wednesday, struck a landslide on a narrow curved embankment high over the Fraser River, 15 miles east of Princeton, B.C. The locomotive jumped the rails and overturned, carrying with it the tender and baggage car. Only a ten-foot space intervened between the wrecked engine and the 60-foot drop into the stream. Engineer George Lovett sustained a sprained ankle. He was the only one injured. The train proceeded at five o'clock yesterday afternoon.

FOUND GUILTY OF MURDER

Winnipeg, July 5.—John Edward Stokke, not yet 18 years of age, was found guilty of murder for the death of Constable Bernard W. Snowdon, while in execution of his duty on the night of April 5. Sentence will be passed Monday afternoon. He is the second to be found guilty in connection with the same murder. Frank Sullivan, another accomplice, will come up for trial on Monday on the same charge.

TRIPLE TRAGEDY IN NOVA SCOTIA

Kentville, N.S., July 5.—Millidge Raffuse, aged 50, last night shot and instantly killed Mrs. Ross Vener, seriously wounded Mrs. H. Selig, and then turned the gun on himself, inflicting serious injuries, which physicians say will probably prove fatal. Domestic violence is said by neighbors to be the probable cause of the tragedy.

PAYMASTER PLEADS GUILTY

Admits He Stole Sixteen Thousand From Canal Department.

St. Catharines, July 5.—James E. Lawrence, former paymaster of the Welland Canal, today pleaded guilty before Police Magistrate Campbell to a charge of stealing about \$16,000 from the department of railways and canals during 1912 and 1913. At request of counsel for defence, remand of one week was granted, \$30,000 bail being renewed.

TWO YEARS FOR DESERTER

St. Catharines, July 5.—Albert Gott, a deserter who was arrested in western Ontario, was today sentenced to two years in penitentiary by Magistrate Campbell. Gott, who said he had deserted in order that he might support his wife, later admitted that he was married only seven weeks ago.

FRIENDS THOUGHT HE WOULD DIE

"Fruit-a-tives" Conquered Dyspepsia and Restored His Health.

MR. ROBERT NEWTON. Little Bras d'Or, C.B. "I was a terrible sufferer from dyspepsia and constipation for years. I had pain after eating, belching gas, constant headaches and did not sleep well at night. I lost so much weight—going from 185 pounds to 146 pounds—that I became alarmed and saw several doctors, who, however, did me no good. Finally, a friend told me to try 'Fruit-a-tives'."

"In a week there was improvement. The constipation was corrected, and soon I was free from headaches and that miserable feeling that accompanies dyspepsia. I continued to take this splendid fruit medicine and now I am well, strong and vigorous."

DISAPPROVE STAND OF UNITED FARMERS

Kingston, July 5.—That the members of the Odessa Farmers' Co-operative Association are not in favor of the stand taken by the United Farmers as to exemption of all farmers, was announced by President A. L. Davis today at Parrot's Bay at a picnic of that organization, attended by over 2,000 farmers. His announcement was loudly applauded.

BRIGADE UNDERMANNED

Guelph, July 5.—A good deal of concern is expressed at the fire brigade being short a number of men and even higher wages have failed to fill the vacancies. A special committee this afternoon with John Sutherland, representing the Fire Underwriters' Association, discussed the difficulty, and it was decided that the fire department should be able to secure just as good or better wages at other vocations without their being tied up for four or five hours in the day as these men have to be.

WILSON GIVEN POWER TO TAKE OVER WILES

House Passes Bill Which Now Goes to Senate for Ratification. Washington, July 5.—The joint resolution authorizing the president to take over and operate until the end of the war all the communication, cable and radio systems in the United States, was passed tonight by the house. It now goes to the senate, but indications were that action on it there would be deferred until after the mid-summer recess, planned to begin the end of the week.

ESCAPED PRISONER RECAPTURED

Man Who Broke Out of Chatham Lock-up Arrested at Leamington. Chatham, July 5.—Elmer McCormick, wanted by the county authorities on charges of burglary and jail-breaking, was arrested yesterday afternoon at Leamington, brought to this city and remanded to jail for one week for trial.

GERMANY CLAIMS GOOD CROPS

Amsterdam, July 5.—Until well into June of the present year the gravest fears were entertained in Germany of the failure of German crops, owing to the drought in April and May, writes Dr. Dirkmann, in The Taegliche Rundschau, but later the change of weather brought an improvement that without exaggerated expectations of the new cereal year beginning Aug. 1, promises to be better than the last one.

HURRY, SAYS WILSON

Washington, July 5.—President Wilson informed congress today that he would like to see the resolution authorizing him to take over telegraph and telephone lines passed before the proposed recess of congress.

MORE RAIDS IN IRELAND

Dublin, July 5.—Numerous police raids were conducted in Ballymore, East Riding, and the vicinity today. Arms were confiscated and many arrests were made.

SHERIFF AS JAILER

Oxford County Council Wants Him to Assume the Position. Woodstock, July 5.—The office of governor of Oxford County jail will be abolished, if the recommendation of the county council to the government is carried out. They want the position, which has been vacant since the death of Chas. Wilson, to be held by the sheriff. At no time during the past few years have there been more than half a dozen prisoners confined in the jail at one time.

BELLEVILLE VITAL STATISTICS

Belleville, July 5.—The vital statistics for this city for the months of April, May and June show that there were 25 births, 44 marriages and 49 deaths. Of the deaths 10 were over 70 years of age and two over 90. The increase of births over the same period last year was 28, marriages eight and deaths 10.

STRENGTH OF BARRIEFIELD CAMP

Kingston, July 5.—The strength of Barrie Field Camp is now 110 men. Since May 5 two drafts have been sent overseas, one of which consisted of 200 and the other of 600. Another draft to consist of 400 men is rapidly taking shape.

SUSPENSION OF ACT HELD ULTRA VIRES

Montreal Judge Renders His Finding on the Habeas Corpus Act. GIVES FIVE REASONS

Forms Part of English Law in Canada and Parliament Cannot Suspend It. Montreal, July 5.—Mr. Justice Bruneau in the practice court division of the superior court today rendered a decision on a test case which declares that the military service order-in-council is ultra vires insofar as it concerns the Habeas Corpus Act. The test case consisted of the appeal of Max Periman, an alleged Russian subject, for a writ of habeas corpus on the ground that he is illegally detained by the military authorities.

Periman's case was one of a number which were bulked together. They asked for a writ of habeas corpus on the ground that as foreigners they could not be made to serve in the Canadian army. The military authorities released Periman some days ago after discovering that he was a foreigner. Mr. Justice Bruneau, however, rendered his decision. He finds that the order-in-council is ultra vires for five reasons:

1.—Because the writ of habeas corpus as established by the imperial statute of 1767, formed part of the English law in Canada and the Canadian Parliament can neither suspend nor abolish it.

2.—Legislation relative to habeas corpus is exclusively provincial. In the case at issue the federal executive infringes a civil right that can only be determined by the provincial parliament.

3.—Even had parliament the right to legislate in this matter that could only be by legislative act and not by order-in-council. Further the parliamentary would not have in that event the right to delegate its powers to the executive.

4.—The suspension of habeas corpus is repugnant to the spirit of English law. The colonial laws validity act proves that clearly.

5.—The War Measures Act passed by the federal parliament in 1914 does not give executive power to suspend the habeas corpus act.

MORE APPLICATIONS FOR HABEAS CORPUS

Calgary, July 5.—Eight applications of soldiers for habeas corpus were presented to Justice Stewart today. The cases were adjourned until next Monday. The applicants were Cecil Richard Madge, George Philip Davis, Chas. J. Brown, Cyril Odell, Elliot, Eugene Christianson, Rasmus

ENGLISH CHANNEL TUNNEL SCHEME

Strong Support for Plan is Voiced at Parliamentary Conference. COST EIGHT MILLION

Freight and Passenger Toll Would Pay Seven Per Cent. Annually. London, July 5.—Strong support for the English Channel tunnel scheme from the French and Italian delegates was voiced yesterday at the international parliamentary conference here. A resolution in favor of constructing the tunnel was carried unanimously.

It was estimated by the sponsors of the resolution that the passenger traffic from France alone would be 3,000,000 persons annually, instead of the 100,000 that traveled by steamer before the war. The probable passenger and freight traffic between Great Britain and the continent was figured at a profit of £1,118,000 or seven per cent. on the tunnel company's capital of £16,000,000.

The tunnel, which should be completed within five years of its commencement, would be worked, ventilated and pumped by electricity supplied from a power station in Kent, possibly 10 miles or more inland. It was suggested that the tunnel should be maintained under the authority of the war office and a big in the level of the rails forming a water lock by which the tunnel could, in case of emergency, be flooded from floor to roof for a mile, would be under the control of the commandants at Dover castle and the neighboring forts.

Against the danger from enemy submarines, depth bombs or mines, the tunnel would be protected by a covering of the chalk bed of the channel of a minimum thickness of 100 feet. The water depth above the channel would at no vulnerable point be less than 180 feet.

RETURNED OFFICERS ARE IN HALIFAX

Halifax, N.S., July 5.—About fifty returned Canadian officers were in the city today. Among the party was Colonel Blondin, postmaster-general of Canada, and Brig-General McFarlane, C.B., of the British army, who is on his way to Ceylon. General McFarlane has been in the British army for thirty-three years. In 1915 he was in command of a brigade on the British front, but has recently been commanding troops in Ireland.

The names of the officers are as follows: Lt.-Col. W. M. Davis, Vancouver; Major J. W. Clark, Kamloops; Major W. J. Hamilton, Winnipeg; Major A. M. Moffatt, Walkerton; Capt. C. C. Cathoon, Toronto; Capt. Thomas D. Patterson, London; Capt. F. Shaw, Perth; Hon. Capt. G. A. Gordon, Winnipeg; Lt. J. Blake, Toronto; Lt. W. S. Duff, Vancouver; Lt. J. C. McLean, Victoria; Lt. H. M. Macdonald, Winnipeg; Lt. J. D. Morgan, London, Ont.; Lt. M. G. Hueston, London, Ont.; Hon. Lt.-Col. W. Beattie, C. M. G., Cobourg, Ont.; Major Donald McLaughlin, Calgary; Hon. Capt. A. C. Campbell, Toronto; Lt. Fred Parkinson, Toronto; Nursing Sister R. E. Hamilton, Warkworth, Ont.; Major H. E. Smith, Rosedale; Capt. H. E. Rowald, Stratford; Lt. J. P. Crerara, Ottawa; Nursing Sister A. B. Hamilton, Elmwood; Nursing Sister F. K. Tomlinson, Victoria; Hon. Capt. S. Wilkison, Mission City, B.C.; Lt. F. S. Hubbs, Hastings, Ont.; Nursing Sister E. L. Chisholm, Toronto; Nursing Sister A. O. Flery, Fairview; Lt. Robt. Brown, Innisfail, Alta.; Lt. A. D. Jukes, Lt. C. W. McKeague, Winnipeg; Lt. A. E. Parsons, M.C., Middleton; Lt. C. H. Tanner, Toronto; Lt. S. J. D. Evans, Victoria; Lt. D. H. Russell, Kamloops; Lt. E. U. Whiting, Vancouver; Lt. C. F. Bailey, Ottawa; Capt. S. V. Cooke, Ottawa; Hon. Lt. M. B. Dix, Winnipeg.

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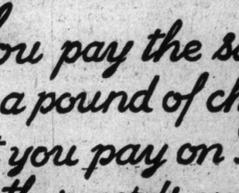
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