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RESOLVED TO PROTECT CONTRACT LABOR.

A Government Resolution Guaranteeing Fair Treatment for Laboring Men--The Conservatives Criticise and Want the Whole Civil Service List Included.

Ottawa, March 22--In the house today Mr. Gibson introduced a bill to amend the patent act.

Mr. Sutherland introduced a bill to make further provision respecting grants of land to members of the militia force on active service in the Northwest.

Hon. Dr. Borden laid on the table the correspondence relating to the case of Col. Hughes.

Mr. Innes has given notice that he will move in the house an amendment to the Comoro and Cape Scott railway bill.

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LONDON FULL OF RUMORS OF MAFKING'S RELIEF.

The War Office Says No Word on the Subject Has Been Received--The Reported Reverse of General Gatacre is Apparently Untrue--Lord Roberts Preparing to Launch a Final Thunderbolt--The Milwaukee Has Reached the Cape With All on Board Well.

London, March 23, 4 a. m.--Again there is a persistent rumor that Mafeking has been relieved. It is even asserted that the war office has received a despatch positively announcing the relief.

Mr. Casgrain moved an amendment to the amendment that these words be added "That these resolves be contained in an act of parliament."

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Mr. Clarke, of Toronto, followed, saying he was in accord with the principle of the resolution but he thought it would be a dead letter unless supplemented by an act.

Mr. Belcourt, of Ottawa, said he had been prepared to support the resolution and that he would now support the amendment. He thought the civil service of Canada should have due consideration.

Mr. McMillen said that the statement made by Mr. Wallace in regard to the mail carrier at Woodbridge was not correct. The contract had been given out by public tender and the lowest tender was taken.

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ANOTHER CASE OF MR. HAZEN NOT WANTING WHOLE TRUTH

Mr. Roy Leaves for Montreal Badly Shaken--Mr. Johnson Arrives With Only Documents Which Might Help the Opposition Leader.

Fredericton, March 22--Owing to some members of the bridge committee being engaged on the law committee the inquiry was not resumed until after 11 o'clock this morning.

Mr. Roy was again placed on the stand and further cross-examined by Dr. Pugsley. Dr. Pugsley took the contract chart of the Hamilton company which the witness produced yesterday and from this chart examined him as to the cost of bridges mentioned there.

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KENTUCKY TROUBLE GROWING

The Approaching Trials Will Bring Matters to a Crisis.

Both Sides Preparing.

French Militia Companies Ordered Out to Protect the Court House and Jail at Frankfort--A Probability of Much Bloodshed Today.

Frankfort, Ky., March 22--An authorized statement on behalf of Col. David G. Colson was given out today in which it is stated that he knows nothing of the alleged confession of Sergeant F. W. Golden or Berry Stewart.

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Mr. Mulock moved the following resolution, which was seconded by Mr. Gibson: "That it be resolved that all government contracts should contain such conditions as will prevent abuses which may arise from the subletting of such contracts, and that every effort should be made to secure the payment of such wages as are generally accepted as current in each trade for competent workmen in the district where the work is carried out, and that this should be enforced in such a manner as to take immediate steps to give effect thereto. It is hereby declared that the work to which the foregoing policy shall apply includes not only work undertaken by the government itself but also all work aided by grant of Dominion public funds."

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GEN. METHUEN AND HIS OFFICERS IN PARLIAMENT.

Mr. Wyndham says No Direct Charge has been Brought Against Lord Methuen--The Over Taxation of Ireland.

London, March 22--Replying in the House of Commons today to a series of questions on the subject of Gen. Lord Methuen and his alleged disagreements with the officers of his column, which have caused considerable scandal, the parliamentary secretary for the war office, Mr. Geo. Wyndham, declared no charge had been brought against Gen. Methuen by Col. Gough or any other officer.

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THE MILWAUKEE REPORTED AT CAPE TOWN.

Col. Gordon Reported the Men All Well and Thirty-Eight Horses Dead.

Ottawa, March 22--The following cable was received at the militia department today: "Cape Town, March 21, 1900--Transport Milwaukee arrived at Cape Town today. All well; 38 horses dead. (Signed) COL. GORDON."

WILKINSON WAITS FOR ROBERTS' NEXT MOVE

Which He Thinks Will Astonish the Boers By its Rapidity and Effectiveness.

London, March 23--Mr. Spencer Wilkinson, reviewing the general field operations in the Morning Post, says: "The rumors of Boer victories are not worth much; but they may serve to remind us that for a day or two there has been no specific account of General Gatacre's movements. It is probable that his force is moving northward on the east side of the railway. Interest in Mafeking increases in accordance with the reports of the Boer forces having retired from the Vaal River and the Free State is very bitter."

Government officials are taking observations at the present moment. Parliament has been adjourned until the 27th, and a large following and is conferring with the British agent, Sir Godfrey Lagden.

NO NEW PEACE OVERTURES HAVE BEEN MADE.

Recent Correspondence Between Lord Salisbury and President Kruger Has Been Over Treatment of Prisoners.

London, March 22--It has been learned that no new peace overtures have been made to Lord Salisbury, nor are any expected at present by Great Britain. The telegraphic correspondence has been confined to the treatment of prisoners.

THE DATE OF DEPARTURE IS NOT YET FIXED.

The Mafeking Relief Column Does Not Yet Know When It Will Move--Railway to Content.

London, March 23--A despatch to the Times from Kimberley, dated Thursday, says: "The date of the departure of the Mafeking column from here has not yet been fixed. The head of the railway has reached Content, about 36 miles north of Kimberley."

AN ARTILLERY DUEL ON THE MAFKING LINE.

A Boer Battery Silenced--The Big Gun from Kimberley Was Taken to Pretoria.

