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MANY SOLDIERS ARE NOW ON DUTY

SCORES OF PERSONS INJURED IN BELGIUM

Disorders Have Been Widespread and Drastic Measures Will Be Adopted by the Authorities.

Brussels, April 11.—A semblance of order was restored among the rioters in the Rue Stevens early this morning. The police, who had borne the brunt of the fighting, were strongly reinforced by gendarmes and civic guards with loaded rifles. Orders were issued to use all the force necessary to drive the mob out of the Maison du Peuple. Just as the order was about to be executed the chiefs of the socialists offered to evacuate the building quietly. Estimates as to the number wounded during the riots vary from forty to one hundred, but scores of injured were carried off and hidden by friends.

A large number of rioters were arrested and detained. The burgomasters of Brussels and suburban municipalities have proclaimed that meetings of more than ten persons are prohibited and that anyone found carrying a revolver shall be liable to six months' imprisonment. All centers of agitation are "bristling with bayonets." Squads of cavalry are continually patrolling the streets and guarding the shops which were threatened with plundering by the rioters.

A manifesto signed by the general council of the labor party demands a revision of the constitution and universal suffrage. Telegrams from the country districts indicate a widespread character of the movement, which threatens to culminate in a grand coup next week during the reform debate in parliament.

A thousand demonstrators caused disturbance at St. Nicholas last night until granted by repeated charges of the gendarmes. At La Tourne 6,000 men ceased work, forcing the streets and the large industrial establishments at Lacroyers and Haine St. Pierre to join them. The strikers threaten to burn all factories where the workers refuse to quit. Strong detachments of cavalry are now patrolling the district in order to protect the factories.

A telegram from Brussels says work still continues in the Borinage districts, but a strike and disorders are threatened. Troops have been sent to the district to cope with possible rioting.

Another Fight. Brussels, April 11.—Sharp fighting between strikers and gendarmes occurred this morning at Braquegnies, near Charleroi. Several thousand strikers attacked and stoned a body of gendarmes, who retaliated by firing their revolvers. A sharp fusillade followed and the gendarmes were compelled to retire.

A squadron of lancers, however, galloped up and charged and dispersed the mob. Additional regiments of cavalry, infantry and engineers arrived here this morning. A battalion is held in readiness for action at each of the barracks. All the troops are supplied with two packages of ball cartridges and two packages of soap and the cartridges are gendarmes and civic guards are assembling at their headquarters in large numbers and rigorous lines.

THE BRITISH NAVY. Letter From Victoria Read at Meeting of Council of Toronto Board of Trade.

Toronto, April 11.—A letter was read from the Navy League of Victoria, B. C., at a meeting of the council of the board of trade yesterday, urging that Canada should contribute to the support of the British navy. The communication was referred to the committee, who will deal with matters to be discussed during the coronation conference in London. It was decided to call a conference of the Dominion boards of trade to discuss matters to come before the conference.

GENERAL RISING. Macedonians in Bulgaria Called on to Join in Move.

Vienna, April 12.—The Neue Freie Presse to-day publishes a dispatch from Sofia, Bulgaria, announcing that a proclamation has been issued by M. Saraf, the Macedonian leader, calling on the Macedonians in Bulgaria to join in a general rising on April 27th. Bands collecting on the Turkish frontier are to cooperate and invade Turkey at different points.

BACK FROM ENGLAND.

W. F. Bullen Returns After Having Purchased Machinery.

Vancouver, April 11.—General Superintendent Marpole returned to-day from a long holiday to the Old Country. He says Sir F. Smithness will come next month on his annual inspection tour, and important announcements regarding British Columbia affairs may then be made. Mr. Marpole says \$1,500,000 will be expended in this province this year. Great work in immigration for Canada is being done, and a constant stream of people is arriving in the East through the efforts of Lord Strathcona.

W. P. Bullen, of the Marine railway, has returned, having made large purchases of machinery in the Old Country for steel plate, iron and ship repairing. Kauffman, the alleged San Francisco murderer, arrived by to-day's train and went south from Mission.

TRADE FIGURES FOR PAST NINE MONTHS

Show Increase of Over \$20,000,000 Compared With the Same Time Last Year.

(Special to the Times.) Ottawa, April 11.—The trade figures issued to-day shows that for nine months ending March 31st last the aggregate trade of Canada was \$302,495,478, an increase of over \$20,000,000 compared with the same time last year. There was thirteen millions of an increase in imports and over seven millions in exports. In duty there was an increase over last year of over two millions collected.

Bell Telephone Bill. The Bell Telephone bill for increasing the capital stock of the company from \$5,000,000 to \$10,000,000 was up before the Senate railway committee to-day. The members of Ottawa, Toronto and Westmont were present, asking in the interests of municipalities that the bill be postponed until the government bill on telephones is taken up. A resolution to postpone for a year was defeated on the casting vote of the chairman. The bill will come up on Wednesday next.

Pardoned. Arthur Brantley, a young English lad, five years ago was sentenced to be hanged for the murder of a farmer in western Ontario. Brantley was pardoned and his neighboring farmer's son owned a rabbit, which Brantley said belonged to him. The farmer took up the row with Brantley and the lad shot him. The death sentence was changed to imprisonment for life, and now a pardon has been granted Brantley. There were extenuating circumstances in the first instance and a favorable report from the judge.

Remains of Cecil Rhodes Placed in Rocky Tomb. Bulawayo, April 10.—Amid an immense throng of British officials and natives, the body of Cecil Rhodes was committed to its rocky tomb in the Matopos Hills to-day. The coffin was heaved in a Dolon truck, and the services were given by the Rev. Dr. Jameson. The coffin was laid upon it as it was lowered into the grave.

IN A FIT OF JEALOUSY. Sinner Employee Wounded His Wife and Then Committed Suicide. Anaconda, Mont., April 12.—Fred Bauer, an employee of the Washoe smelter of the Anaconda company, in a fit of jealousy shot his wife and then put a bullet through his own brain. Bauer died almost instantly and his wife is now at the hospital with but little chance of recovery.

PROCEEDINGS BEGAN. Against a Logger Who Escaped From House During Quarantine. Vancouver, April 12.—Dr. O. J. Egan paid a visit here yesterday and as a result prosecution was begun in the police court to-day against Joffe, the logger who escaped from a house during the recent quarantine in Vancouver.

LOGGERS KILLED. Chemsinus, April 11.—John Barr, logger, working in the camp here, was instantly killed this morning by the top of a rotten tree striking him on the head. Coroner Nares has been notified, but it is not likely an inquest will be held.

TRAVELLER FOUND DEAD. Peterboro, April 11.—Harry L. Boal, traveller for Chase & Co., Boston, was found dead in his room in the Oriental hotel yesterday. He had arrived only the day previous, and is supposed to have thrown himself down on his face on the bed and was smothered.

FISH FRY. Port Stanley, Ont., April 11.—Mr. Parker of the Sandwich fish hatchery, deposited one million white fish fry in Lake Erie at this port yesterday.

RAILWAY AGENT DEAD. Chicago, April 12.—William M. Dodd, for twenty-one years city passenger agent for the Chicago & Northwestern railway, in a Chicago, died at the St. Augustine hospital early this morning, aged 89.

LEAVE MONEY FOR FUNERAL. San Jose, Cal., April 12.—Arnold J. Harlan, who arrived here on Thursday from New York, committed suicide in the Oak Hill cemetery near this place, by shooting. He left a letter to the coroner stating that he had deposited \$250 at the St. James hall to defray his funeral expenses. He was about 30 years of age and bore evidences of culture and refinement.

STEAMER ASHORE. Passengers and Mails Being Land by Tugs. London, April 12.—The British steamer Kilmara Castle, homeward from the Cape of Good Hope with 350 passengers on board, stranded off Brighton, Isle of Wight, at 8 o'clock this morning. The sea is calm, but the vessel's position is somewhat dangerous. The passengers and mails are being landed by tugs.

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 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, so 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 generous 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 to-day.

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 fore-shadowed in the Times before they were foreshadowed 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, snapshots, views, etc., will be maintained.

The special telegraphic service from Ottawa from the Times staff representative 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.

Twice-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 subscribers from now until the close of the year, nine months, to 75 cents.

This feature 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 receipts, useful to agriculturists, horticulturists, arboriculturists, horse-breeders, stock-raisers, 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, 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.

THE PEACE STORY IS UNCONFIRMED

BOER LEADERS HAVE REACHED KLERKSDORP

Steyn, Dewet and Delarey Among Those Who Will Attend the Conference.

London, April 11.—Frederick Rutherford Harris, former secretary of the British Chartered South Africa company, was asked this morning at his residence, Langley castle, Uxbridge, Middlesex, if he had received a telegram announcing that the Boer leaders had accepted the British terms. Mr. Harris replied that the rumor was entirely without foundation. A similar report of the alleged agreement was carried by the Central News agency and published by some of the many papers, which issued extra editions.

It appears to have been originated in the town of Potchefstroom, adjacent to Langley castle. The dispatch appearing in the Standard and Bullionist is not confirmed from any other quarter. The editor of the paper says several words of the code message issued were vague, but he believes his general interpretation of the dispatch to be correct.

The Conference. Klerksdorp, Transvaal Colony, April 9.—The approach of President Steyn and Generals Dewet and Delarey, with their staffs, who, as already cabled, arrived here at noon to-day, was signalled at 11 a.m. by the arrival of a flag of truce at an outpost. An officer with an escort was sent out and the president and the general rode into Klerksdorp in the Cape carts. The Orange State envoys were accompanied by Judge Hertzog, Commandant Olivier and six other persons. General Delarey had with him his secretary and a dozen Boers. The Free State representatives are quartered in the old town. General Delarey joined the Transvaal party in the new town. A conference was pitched midway between the two towns and free communication was permitted the Boer delegates, but they were suitably guarded.

Seeking Amnesty. London, April 11.—From government sources the Associated Press ascertains that the peace negotiations are not expected to come to a conclusion so quickly as this morning's premature report indicated. The belief that there will be considerable parleying also exists in circles intimate with Boer leaders on the continent, who maintain that no peace can be arrived at unless the British grant some form of amnesty to the Cape rebels. Whether this contention will prove well-founded or otherwise is only a matter of conjecture, but it appears certain that the Boers will hold out till all expedients of negotiations are exhausted in an endeavor to gain this point.

Some of those who are in close touch with South Africa believe that 10 days may elapse before a definite conclusion is reached. In the meanwhile the presence of such representative Boers at Klerksdorp, and other factors, creates an all-round hopeful feeling. This was reflected on the stock exchange to-day in the advances of consol and Bantars.

Up to 11:30 the government had no official news bearing out the statements that peace had been arranged.

No Armistice. London, April 11.—The war secretary, Mr. Brodrick, informed the House of Commons to-day that the government had received no communication from the Boer leaders regarding the terms of peace, and said that no armistice would be granted during the absence of the Boer leaders from their commands.

Mr. Brodrick was asked if Lord Kitchener had been authorized to offer any terms of peace besides unconditional surrender. He replied: "I am not in a position to make any statement, nor am I able to add anything to my statement of yesterday regarding the conference between the Boers."

DR. TALMAGE. This Afternoon's Bulletin Says His Condition is Extremely Critical.

Washington, April 11.—Rev. Dr. T. Dewit Talmage is slowly dying at his residence in this city. He has been unconscious for the past 48 hours. After the afternoon consultation the following bulletin was issued: "Dr. Talmage has grown steadily worse. His condition is extremely critical."

CASE DISMISSED. Brockville, Ont., April 11.—The charges against R. A. McCalland, the Brockville banker, of fraudulently converting \$14,200 to his own use, came up yesterday in the police court and no evidence being forthcoming the case was dismissed.

The material used in the great wall of the pyramid of Cheops.

SUGAR QUESTION.

Russian Government Does Not Propose to Alter Present Legislation.

St. Petersburg, April 10.—Prior to his departure from this city for Lauranno, Switzerland, on April 8th, preliminary to his leaving for the United States, Count Lamsdorff, the United States ambassador to Russia, invited the attention of Count Lamsdorff, the foreign minister, to the Dornont sugar and tariff controversy between Russia and the United States, making special inquiries as to the effect of the Brussels convention on the future sugar policy of Russia. At his farewell call, Count Lamsdorff informed the ambassador that the government was considering the sugar question, but had not yet decided to change the present legislation.

WARSHIPS SENT.

To Ning-po, China, Where an Anti-Foreign Outbreak Has Occurred.

London, April 10.—A dispatch to a news agency from Shanghai, published here to-day, says that allegations of cruelty against Catholic missionaries have caused an anti-foreign outbreak at Ning-po, a city in the province of Chekiang, and one of the ports open to foreign trade on the Ning-po river, where a statement was circulated that some of the missionaries gouged out a boy's eyes. Two British and two German warships have been dispatched to Ning-po.

FATAL QUARREL REGARDING LETTERS

ITALIAN STABBED TO DEATH BY SPANIARD

Joe Jam at Portage La Prairie Causes Flood—Argument in the Rice Murder Case.

Winnipeg, April 10.—Ven. Archbishop Joseph Lothhouse, of Fort Yale, has been elected bishop of the New See of Keewatin.

Track Flooded. The river at Portage La Prairie rose six feet last night, an ice jam being the cause. The water backed up, flooded over the already half-covered banks and flooded the C.P.R. line. The dump was completely swept away and the line rendered impassable. Through C.P.R. trains are now going East and West by the Scur's branch, with but a few hours' delay.

A Protest. The Dominion Alliance Executive made a further protest to-day to the Lieut. Governor, praying that the official consent to repeal the liquor act be withdrawn.

Accidentally Shot. Margaret, the little daughter of the Rev. J. C. White, Baptist clergyman at Lethbridge, Alta., was accidentally shot with a rifle in the arm by her brother while at play. She may recover.

Dates for Nominations. Toronto, April 10.—The Conservatives have announced the dates decided upon for nominations of candidates for Toronto ridings in the Ontario legislature as follows: North Toronto, April 14th; South Toronto, April 16th; West Toronto, April 18th; East Toronto, April 17th.

Argument in the Rice Murder Trial upon the reserve case is to be heard in the Court of Appeals at Osgood hall on Monday. Rice was convicted of the murder of County Constable Boyd and is under sentence of 19 years for burglary at Aurora.

A Tragedy. Sudbury, Ont., April 10.—On Sunday an Italian was killed by a Spaniard at Copper Cliff. The former accused the latter of having opened his love letters and came to town armed with a revolver with the intention of doing damage to his adversary. The Italian fired at the Spaniard and wounded him in the breast. In the meantime the Spaniard drew a knife and plunged it into the heart of his assailant, killing him instantly.

PURCHASED THE LAND. And Injunction Proceedings Against Great Northern Railway Have Been Stopped.

Grand Forks, April 10.—As the result of a deal which was closed to-day, the injunction proceedings for the Great Northern railway from crossing the ranch of John A. Manly, 5 miles below this city, have been dropped.

The land in question is vested in the Yale Hotel Company, whose directors adopted a resolution agreeing to dispose of the tract comprising 1,000 acres, the purchaser being the railway company, and the compensation \$50,000. After the paper had been signed by the contracting parties, the purchase money was deposited in the Eastern Trust company here, to the credit of the vendor. All obstacles to the immediate extension of the road into Republic have now been removed. Two weeks will probably be required in excavating a cut on the Manly property.

ANOTHER JUDGE FOR THE YUKON

PROVISION WILL BE MADE THIS SESSION

Several Other Important Matters Will Be Settled—Sir Mackenzie Bowell on Treadgold Concessions.

Ottawa, April 12.—A bill will be introduced this session giving three judges to the Yukon Territory, instead of two, as at present. This will give a court of appeal to the Yukon without the mining judge sitting on it. At present all mining appeals have to go to the Supreme Court of British Columbia to be heard. The appointment of a new judge will not only dispense with this, but it will enable mining cases to be decided by a court thoroughly conversant with all details and circumstances surrounding them. Miners of the Yukon have been asking for this and the representations which Commissioner Ross has made to the government since coming to Ottawa have been successful in carrying out their wishes.

It has already been mentioned that a bill will be introduced giving representation in the House of Commons to the territory. In addition to this several other important matters looking to development of the Yukon will be carried out by the government before the commissioner returns to Dawson. Mr. Ross has not only the confidence of the government, but of the opposition as well. Sir Mackenzie Bowell, speaking in the Senate of the Treadgold concession, said that if the government carried out the views and advice given to them by Mr. Ross they would be doing the right thing in the interest of the country. There is no doubt the government will do this.

THE PEACE TERMS.

Edinburgh Paper Gives Conditions Which the Boers Are Ready to Accept.

Edinburgh, April 12.—The Evening News of this city, whose editor is in close touch with Mr. Kruger, declares on the highest authority that the Boers are prepared to accept the following conditions: "They will not make absolute independence a condition feature if they can come to a satisfactory agreement as to future international government; the establishment and confiscation of property proclaimed must be cancelled and confiscated property must be restored to its owners with remuneration for private stock and property destroyed, or taken by the British; full recognition of the state debts contracted before and after hostilities up to the date of annexation; recognition of the claims of the Boers on the language question is to be mutually agreed upon; amnesty for the Cape rebels; the release of all political prisoners; a date to be fixed when all prisoners of war will be returned to South Africa; the offices of one or two friends powers to be accepted to superintend the carrying out of the terms outlined."

Lord's Statements. Directly Holland, April 12.—Dr. Leyds, the Transvaal agent, and other Boer leaders, had a long conference yesterday evening. Dr. Leyds afterwards asserted the meeting was not connected with the conference proceeding at Klerksdorp, Transvaal Colony. Hence, however, he added could not be coincidental without previous consultation with the Boer representatives in Europe.

Opinion in London. London, April 12.—"Peace is within measured distance." That probably sums up the present crop of rumors, conjectures and deductions which has Great Britain by the ears.

"Is it peace?" meets the eye in flaming pictures of afternoon newspapers, and the question is echoed throughout the United Kingdom.

It is announced that the ministers at to-day's meeting, which lasted an hour, discussed a communication from Lord Kitchener. This is quite within reason, and government circles expect several similar messages from Lord Kitchener before anything definite can be announced. While Lord Kitchener's message may have been of vital importance, the Associated Press has good reason to believe that the sudden summons of the cabinet ministers was due to a desire to decide whether or not the presentation of the budget could be postponed until the Klerksdorp negotiations are settled one way or the other.

NOTES FROM TORONTO.

Toronto, April 12.—Hon. Dr. Montagu and Mr. W. P. Bull, barrister and solicitor for the Jersey Cattle club, have been invited to address the annual meeting of the Jersey Cattle club of Callaghan to be held at Los Angeles on May 1st. These gentlemen will leave the city for the coast next week.

The Clydesdale Breeders' association directors at a meeting held here yesterday decided to protest against the importation of bronchos into the country.