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Chinese Situation

British and U.S. Representatives Have Consultation Over the Tangle.

Some Doubt as to Whether Affairs Have Taken Hopeful Turn.

Foreign Envoys in Pekin Will Hold a Meeting Today.

London, Dec. 19.—"Great Britain's proposed alterations in the preamble of the joint note have been practically accepted by all the powers," says the Pekin correspondent of the Daily Mail, wiring Monday. "Both Russia and Japan, whose support was regarded as doubtful, have agreed. Only the attitude of the United States remains as yet not clearly defined, but the acquiescence of the United States is anticipated, and it is probable that the joint note will be signed and delivered to the Chinese plenipotentiary within three or four days. The German minister has warmly supported the British proposal.

London, Dec. 18.—Mr. Choate, the United States ambassador, had a long conference this afternoon regarding the Chinese situation with the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, the Marquis of Lansdowne, and subsequently Mr. Henry White, secretary of the United States embassy, paid a visit to the foreign office. The greatest secrecy is maintained as to the outcome of these consultations. What could be learned from British and United States sources varied considerably, the former expressing annoyance and anxiety, the latter maintaining that nothing serious was developing.

Some explanation, however, was gathered by a representative of the Associated Press of the extraordinary tangle in which the Chinese negotiations have got lately mixed up, and some reconciliations of the contradictory telegrams that have emanated from Pekin and various European capitals.

It appears that over a week ago the powers came to an agreement to eliminate the word "irrevocable" from the joint note. Then, when it was believed that everything had been settled, objections were raised, and Great Britain, for the sake of peace, though much against her will, agreed forthwith the "irrevocable" clause. In this, it is believed, she was supported by the United States. Once more the joint note seemed on the verge of signature, when a misunderstanding arose in Pekin. This confused the governments and formed the subject of the despatch from Secretary Hay which Mr. Choate transmitted to the Marquis of Lansdowne to-day. As the result of the interview, Mr. Choate has sent a long cablegram to Secretary Hay, in which he attributes the latest misunderstanding to be an error in forwarding the instructions, an error which occurred presumably through the cable company, and which caused Mr. Conger and Sir Ernest Satow, the British minister in Pekin, to take opposite views, although their home governments were perfectly agreed.

The United States embassy, while noncommittal, hopes that to-day's conference will clear the muddle and bring about a signing of the joint note in Pekin within a few days.

On the other hand, the British foreign office is not quite so hopeful. Officials there profess to be rather at sea as to whether the conditions are to be irrevocable or otherwise. Indications point to their being irrevocable. British officials admit that they gave in under protest and with a distinct reservation that, although the demands are irrevocable, this in no way necessitates an enforcement of demands by European troops. To such a course Great Britain cannot and will not agree.

Consequently compliance with the "irrevocable" clause will be somewhat of a farce on the part of Great Britain, and this feature of the case becomes more interesting when taken in conjunction with the statement authoritatively here that Great Britain and the United States are in the same boat in the joint note negotiations.

Pekin, Dec. 18.—Count von Waldersee has issued an order assigning various districts in the neighborhood of Pekin for supervision to the military representatives of the various powers.

Count von Waldersee says he knows that there is a considerable force of Chinese under Gen. Ma in the northern part of the province of Shan, and another south of Tshang Tsang, but during the severe winter that has now set in he does not expect that the Chinese will be aggressive. On the other hand, wherever the allies leave a district for any length of time, bands of robbers and Boxers will congregate. For this reason the Field Marshal advises the co-operation of all the allies to cover the various districts with strong patrols.

It is now understood that a meeting of the foreign envoys will be held tomorrow.

VOLUNTEERS RETURNING.

United States Will Supply Their Place in the Philippines by Regulars.

Manila, Dec. 18.—The volunteer regiments will proceed to the United States to be mustered out in practically the same order as they arrived in the Philippines. They will be replaced by regulars provided by the Army Bill. The 37th volunteer regiment, which is to begin the homeward movement by embarking on New Year's Day, will be brought from the Laguna de Bay district, and will sail on the transport Sheridan. The women and sick soldiers who were to sail on the Sheridan will leave on the Warren on Saturday. The 11th Cavalry, which is to follow the 7th volunteer regiment, will be transferred here from Camarines province, and will sail January 25 on the steamship Meade. The 36th regiment, which began service the earliest—in July, 1899—is now in the province of Ilocos, but will be transported here soon. The announcement this afternoon of the early commencement of the transportation home of the volunteers caused surprise. General Hughes reports that 21,000 persons in the island of Panay have sworn allegiance to the United States.

Lieut. Herbert L. Evans, of the 44th volunteer infantry regiment, with 50 men attacked on December 12 several hundred bolomen and 50 insurgents, armed with rifles, occupying an entrenched position at Tenoxigan, island of Cebu. The United States troops had three men wounded, and the enemy lost twelve killed and many wounded.

COCK-FIGHTING.

Matches of This Cruel Sport Arranged For Christmas Day.

Nanaimo, Dec. 18.—(Special)—Whispers are already floating through the air that the seat for Vancouver electoral district will have to be filled again pretty soon. The cause is said to be some fresh honors for Mr. Ralph Smith, M. P., which would necessitate his place in the Commons being filled. Whatever there may be in the rumor now circulating, it is believed William Sloan will be a candidate for the vacancy if it occur, and with the strongest chances of success, many here think.

The local sports are going to enliven the exercises on Christmas Day with a regular old-fashioned cocking main. It is understood about a dozen pairs of birds will don the spurs on that occasion, and goodly sums are going up, it is said, on the chances of some of the favorites. Another special sporting feature for Christmas Day is a live pigeon shoot. Members of the S. P. C. A. are cordially invited.

St. Paul's bazaar on Monday night was very successful, a handsome sum being netted for the building fund of the church. The concert in the evening was exceptionally fine, His Worship the Mayor giving a violin solo with much acceptance.

NEW TITLES.

Mr. Goschen and Sir Matthew White Ridley Honored.

London, Dec. 18.—Mr. George Goschen who was First Lord of the Admiralty in the late cabinet, was gazetted today Viscount. Goschen of Hawkhurst, and Sir Matthew White Ridley, who was Home Secretary in the late ministry, was gazetted Viscount Ridley and Baron Wensleydale.

The Disaster At Nooitgacht

Clements Whole Force Narrowly Escaped Being Captured By Boers.

Lord Salisbury Says Operations Must Be Pushed Vigorously in Africa.

Johannesburg, Dec. 17.—Details of the defeat of the British at Nooitgedacht indicate that Gen. Clements' entire force had a narrow escape from capture.

The Boer plans were splendidly laid. If the main British column had tarried a little longer there would have been complete success for the Boers, who exposed themselves undauntedly, yelling and waving their arms. Their rushes were only stemmed by artillery. After the British retreat the Boers held a prayer meeting. Their hymns could be heard by the retiring soldiers. All accounts indicate a heavy Boer loss. Col. Legge exhibited splendid bravery. He shot five Boers with his revolver before he fell with three bullets in his body.

Capetown, Dec. 18.—The Boers who crossed the Orange river into Cape Colony west of Aliwal North on Saturday encountered the Cape Rifles and Brabant's force, who retired with loss.

London, Dec. 18.—Lord Kitchener, in a despatch from Pretoria dated December 17, reports that all the British wounded in the engagement at Nooitgedacht have arrived there and are doing well.

At the annual conference of the National Union of Conservative Associations to-day, Lord Salisbury, referring to the war, said that if they wished to sustain the Empire and maintain the glory of England untarnished, the efforts must not be slackened until the great enterprise had been carried out, for on the issue thereof depended the glory and perpetuity of the Empire. It might require a strenuous effort and great self-sacrifice. The present was a period of some anxiety.

"We," said the Premier, "do not know exactly what has taken place. We earnestly hope that the issue may be better than the beginning. But we have to push through. Maybe there were matters which have not been explained, and when explained they may be the subject of scrutiny as to the steps whereby the present results have been reached. But we must spare no effort whereby the glory and the maintenance of our Empire may be achieved."

Ottawa, Dec. 18.—Col. Lessard, commanding the Canadian Mounted Rifles, sends a letter to the militia department, which he received from Gen. Hutton on October 14, prior to the departure of that general to England. Gen. Hutton says he thinks Canada has good reason to be proud of the manner in which the regiment has upheld the reputation of Canadian troops. The general says it was a source of constant pleasure to him to note how excellently the regiment had profited by its opportunities, and he congratulates and thanks the men for the good work they have performed.

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Control Of Canal

Senate Committee Advises That United States Should Own Isthmian Waterway.

Necessity Compels It to Maintain Prestige as an American Power.

When Great Britain Protests Is Time Enough to Consider Her.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 18.—Senator Corrigan, chairman of the Senate committee on inter-oceanic canals, to which was referred the prediminary report of the Isthmian canal commission, today submitted a partial report thereon in connection with the protocols of agreement with Costa Rica and Nicaragua, relating to the proposed canal, which were submitted recently to the senate. In the course of the report it is said that the statement of the Walker commission and the protocols referred to have a bearing upon what is known as the Hepburn bill now on the Senate calendar.

"That bill," says the report, "is a declaration of the policy of the United States for a canal under control of this government. It is the law of necessity rather than the expectation of the profit or advantage to the United States that compels us to construct, own and control a ship canal through Costa Rica and Nicaragua, and the geographical relation of these states to our country and the prestige of the United States among American governments point to us as the power which must incur the expenditure and be invested with the authority to control the canal as a marine highway for ships of all nations. The assured profits of this enterprise in money, calculated on a basis that is even much larger than is indicated in any report that has estimated the cost, are a sufficient justification of the expenditure that is necessary to acquire the right of way and construct the canal."

Proceeding, the report says the passing of the Hepburn bill by an almost unanimous vote in the House must have called for a protest from Great Britain if that government considers that a right of hers is in conflict with that measure. If the passage of that measure through the Senate calls forth such a protest then it will be an appropriate time for its consideration and for taking measures for answering it. Until then we can never know the grounds of the objections that Great Britain may choose to make.

The friends of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty occupied all of the time of the Senate in executive session today, Senators Foraker and Morgan being the speakers. Previous to the taking up of that treaty the Senate ratifie dfive conventions. Among the documents disposed of was an agreement supplementary to the Hay-Pauncefote treaty itself and extending the time within which it may be ratified until March 4th.

The other treaties which were ratified were as follows: Extending for one year the time within which a commercial treaty with Argentina may be ratified. Extending for one year the time within which the treaty with Great Britain for reciprocity with Jamaica may be ratified. The new extradition treaties with Bolivia and Chili. When the Hay-Pauncefote treaty was taken up, Senator Bard of California, gave notice of an amendment providing that the United States shall have the right to "discriminate in favor of United States goods shipped through the canal in United States vessels engaged in the coastwise trade."

Senator Foraker's speech from first to last was a defense of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty. He referred to the protocols agreed upon between Nicaragua and Costa Rica regarding the canal, and said that the ratification of the Hay treaty is a debt the United States owes to them. These countries, if they should see fit, might rise up and refuse to allow the United States to do anything, hence the United States could not afford to do anything that would offend them. For this reason he wanted the neutrality of the canal assured and the pending treaty ratified.

VENEZUELAN REVOLUTION

United States Citizens Fear For Their Lives and Ask For Help.

New York, Dec. 19.—A second cablegram was received this afternoon by Vice-President Avery D. Andrews of the National Asphalt company, concerning the revolution which has broken out in Venezuela. This second cablegram asserts that the situation is extremely desperate as regards United States citizens and their property in the South American republic. The message, which was sent by a representative of the National Asphalt company, which has extensive interests in Venezuela, is urgent in its appeal for immediate action by the United States for the protection of its people, whose lives and property are endangered. A general attack, the cablegram says, is being planned upon all the United States interests in Venezuela and, if succor by the prompt despatch of warships by the United States government, is not forthcoming at once, the results may prove disastrous. The cablegram is dated from Caracas, and goes on to say that the revolution has been engendered by the fight between the National Asphalt company and its rivals for the possession of the Bermudose Asphalt lake. The lake is situated 20 miles from the coast of Venezuela and contains extensive and rich deposits of asphalt. It has been in the possession of the National Asphalt company or its constituent company, the New York and Bermudese company, for over 12 years.

CHINESE REFORMERS.

British Columbia Organization Sending Memorial to the Queen.

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 19.—(Special.)—The chinese reformers of British Columbia are sending a memorial to Queen Victoria, setting forth the wishes of the reformers and how they view the Chinese crisis from their light. It is in the form of a letter to Her Majesty, in which the Chinese reformers outline their views on the situation, explain the Boxer movement and champion the cause of reform in China. A similar memorial is being sent to the President of the United States by the reformers of California.

NOW A BARON.

The Sudden Elevation of a Montreal Dressmaker's Husband.

Montreal, Dec. 19.—Vere Gould, whose wife conducts a dressmaking establishment, received word this morning that he had fallen heir to the title of baron and valuable estates in Ireland in the Killarney lakes region. The title dates back to Henry VII, when a bearer of the name was mayor of Cork.

Mr. Justice (Joseph Alphonse) Onimet died this morning, aged 55.

Searching For Lost Boy

Son of Cudahy the Omaha Pork Packer Has Disappeared.

Score of Detectives and Half a Hundred Men Hunting For Him.

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 19.—Detectives are scouring this city and surrounding country for some trace of Edward Cudahy, Jr., the 15-year-old son of the rich packer, Edward A. Cudahy. The boy left his home last evening with some books which he presented to a boy friend, the son of C. B. Dustin, living only a few blocks distant. This was the last seen of him.

Feeling certain that their son has been kidnapped for the purpose of securing a ransom, the Cudahys notified the police and employed a score of private detectives, who at once went to work on the case. As the boy had little money with him the theory that he might have decided to take a trip unknown to his parents, is not credited.

Half a hundred men employed by Mr. Cudahy have been scouting the city and country throughout the day in hopes of locating the boy or securing a clue which would lead to a knowledge of his whereabouts, but without success.

Business at Mr. Cudahy's packing plant in South Omaha was practically suspended today, nearly the entire force there joining in the search. The boy's parents are distracted at his disappearance, and the father has offered to pay a substantial reward for his recovery.

An anonymous letter has been received at the Cudahy house, substantiating the fears of the family that he has been kidnapped. It was not until nearly 9 o'clock this morning the disappearance of young Cudahy began to assume a really serious aspect. At that hour a man on horseback rode rapidly by the Cudahy mansion, and as he passed the front gate he threw a letter into the yard. Aservant took the letter into the house, where it was read. In substance it was: "Mr. E. A. Cudahy: Your son is safe. We have him and will take good care of him and will return him to you in consideration of the payment of $25,000. We mean business. (Signed) Jack."

The remainder of the note the police refuse at present to disclose, as they say it relates to the place where the money is to be left and where the kidnappers are to leave the bo yin case Mr. Cudahy complies with their terms.

The servant who saw the man on horseback was able to give a good description of him and this is the clue upon which the police are working at present.

As to the anonymous letter, however, Mr. Cudahy is undecided as to whether it emanates from kidnappers or from some crank who threw it in the yard with no other purpose than creating a furore.

STRATHCONA'S NEW HONOR.

He Is Installed as Rector of Aberdeen University.

London, Dec. 18.—Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal, the Canadian high commissioner, was installed to-day as Lord Rector of Aberdeen University. He met with a cordial greeting from the students. In his rectoral address Lord Strathcona dealt with the unity of the Empire. He referred to the gratifying growth of the Dominion of Canada, the federation of Australia, and the similar federation of South Africa to follow the war. The speaker did not altogether favor an Imperial parliament. He thought a consultative Imperial council would meet all the needs.

At the close of his address Lord Strathcona announced that he would give £25,000, provided £50,000 more was raised within a year, to wipe out the debt of the university.

BADLY BEATEN.

St. Catherines, Dec. 18.—(Special.—Hugh Cameron is lying at his home in this city in a very precarious condition as the result of injuries inflicted on Saturday night by a colored man named Jones. He has lain unconscious ever since, and it is feared he will die. Jones was arrested and is remanded until Saturday.

WATCHES FOR SOLDIERS.

Vancouver Will Present Returned Warriors With Gold Time Pieces.

Vancouver, Dec. 18.—(Special.)—Gold watches are to be purchased for 15 returning South African heroes, and tablets for the dead will be erected with money contributed by citizens and the city council.

There is a rumor on the waterfront to the effect that the tug Flyer, owned by Giley Bros., New Westmnister, has been wrecked in Saturday's storm. She has

Note Is Decided

Foreign Ministers at Pekin Have Come to An Arrangement.

They Decline to Make Public Yet What Are the Terms.

British Modifications Have Been Conceded By the Other Powers.

Pekin, Dec. 19.—At a meeting of the foreign ministers late this evening, everything in regard to the terms of the joint note was agreed to, including the British modifications. The ministers refuse to disclose anything in regard to the matter, believing that the home government should give the particulars to the public.

Washington, Dec. 19.—While nothing had been heard from Mr. Conger up to 10 o'clock regarding the agreement said to have been reached in Pekin this evening as to the terms of the joint Chinese note, the officials confidentially hope that the statements are correct, and that the way is now paved for its formal presentation to the Chinese plenipotentiaries.

The officials here are unable to say just what the modifications referred to in the Pekin despatch are, but it is believed they rest on the exclusion of the "irrevocable" clause.

Minister Conger has instructions from this government on this subject, and the preamble to the note, it is understood, will not contain that word. The Chinese peace envoys will be given a reasonable time within which to consider the demands made, and then will follow the formal negotiations for the settlement of the peace terms.

Officials here still decline to make public the text of the note agreed upon, but it is believed that the essential features of the agreement do not differ materially from the points already made public. It is now learned that the entire misunderstanding which has delayed the consummation of the agreement at Pekin was caused by the change or omission of a single digit in a complex group of figures making up one of the cipher messages of instructions to Mr. Conger. Curiously enough, the change in this single digit exactly reversed the meaning of the entire message, so that Mr. Conger, in opposing the British view, was exactly contrary to the spirit of his instructions, though in accordance with their letter.

HAZING AT WEST POINT.

Committee of Congress Will Look Into Charges Against Cadets.

Washington, Dec. 19.—The special committee appointed by Speaker Henderson to investigate the circumstances connected with the death of Oscar L. Booze, who is alleged to have died as a result of injuries received from hazing while a cadet at West Point, held its first meeting to-day, and decided to enter upon the investigation immediately after the holiday recess. The committee has determined to probe the Booze case to the bottom. It will examine some of the young men who were in Booze's class but have failed or left the academy for other reasons, in order to procure evidence which is not prejudiced by the atmosphere of the academy. Further, the committee will investigate the general subject of hazing sufficiently to make an intelligent recommendation to congress.

IMPROVED RIFLES.

Canadian Arms May Be Remodelled to Make Them More Efficient.

Ottawa, Dec. 19.—(Special)—It is said here that if the British government decides to remodel the Lee-Metford rifle to the Mauser system of loading, by means of clips, all the Canadian magazine rifles will be remodelled in a similar manner.

WANT WHARFAGE.

Lake Superior Company Wishes Ore Dock Room at Montreal.

Montreal, Dec. 18.—At a meeting of the Montreal harbor board today an application was read from the Lake Superior Power Company of Sault Ste. Marie, asking for space in Montreal harbor in which to build an ore dock. The company will probably be given 800 feet of wharf frontage close to the Lachine canal entrance.

BRANDON MAYORALITY.

A. C. Fraser Elected by Small Majority Over John Hanbury.

Winnipeg, Dec. 18.—(Special.)—Municipal elections were held today throughout Manitoba at points outside Winnipeg. The chief interest centered in the Brandon city mayoralty contest, where A. C. Fraser was elected by seven majority over John Hanbury.

GERMANS COMPLAIN.

Say They Were Badly Used When Expelled From the Transvaal.

Berlin, Dec. 18.—At a meeting today of the Pan-Germans, protests were entered against the expulsion of Germans from the Transvaal. Some speakers so expelled, allege they were brutally treated by the British government. Enquiry was demanded.

SETTLED.

Tangiers Pays For the Murder of a United States Citizen.

Washington, Dec. 18.—A message from United States Consul Gummery at Tangiers informs the state department that the Moorish government had settled the claim of the United States for $5,000 indemnity on account of the murder of Marcus Eszaguia, a naturalized United States citizen, in Morocco last spring.

MUST GO TO SCHOOL.

Compulsory Law to Be Introduced at the Next Sitting of the Manitoba Legislature.

Winnipeg, Dec. 19.—(Special.)—Premier Roblin announces today his intention of introducing at the next session of the Manitoba legislature, an act which would make the attendance at school of children between the ages of 6 and 14, compulsory.

KILLING CHRISTIANS.

Turks Are Slaying Them in the Central Provinces.

London, Dec. 19.—A despatch to the Daily Express from Vienna reports recent Moslem excesses against the Christian population in the central provinces of Turkey, where 200 Christians have been killed.

BANQUET TO SIR CHARLES.

Winnipeg Conservatives do Honor to the Old Chieftain.

Winnipeg, Dec. 19.—(Special.) — The banquet given by the Conservatives of Winnipeg tonight to Sir Charles Tupper, the retiring opposition leader, was very largely attended and a success in every way. All the prominent party workers and leaders from western points were present. Premier Roblin presided, and among the guests were Hon. H. J. Macdonald, Mayor Wilson, Dr. Roche, M. P., F. W. C. Haultain, Premier of the Northwest Territories; N. Boyd, M. P. from Donald; Dr. McInnes, M.P.P. from Brandon; Hon. Dr. McFadden, C. W. Ferguson, M. P. P. for Saskatchewan.

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Reported In Cape Colony

Three Thousand Boers Said to Have Crossed From Orange River Colony.

Dewet Is Northeast of Ladybrand With a Strong Force.

London, Dec. 19.—It is reported this afternoon that Gen. Knox has been forced to abandon the pursuit of Gen. Dewet, owing to the situation created in Cape Colony by the Boers crossing the Orange river.

It is said that 3,000 Boers have entered Cape Colony, and that a considerable number have reached Philipstown.

The report adds that Dewet, with about 4,500 men, is northwest of Ladybrand, and that an attack on Winburg is momentarily expected.

Amsterdam, Dec. 19.—Mr. Kruger arrived here to-day. He was met at the railroad station by the municipal and communal authorities. Speeches were exchanged in the royal waiting room. A bouquet was presented to Mr. Kruger, whose appearance was the signal for rounds of applause. Very large crowds of people lined the route to the town hall, where the burgomaster made a speech, in which he said he hoped Mr. Kruger would succeed in his efforts to secure honorable peace.

Mr. Kruger in reply said: "In 1884 we obtained our independence, but that memorable action has been obliterated. The invaders are ten against one, but we await the day when God will make known His Will. We rely on His help more than on emperors and princes. I have not come as a fugitive, but by order of my government, with the object of terminating a war in which the British employ women and children against us."

A luncheon followed. Mr. Kruger subsequently visited the headquarters of the South African refugees.

FROM VANCOUVER.

Preparations For Soldiers' Welcome—Candidates Chosen—Killed by a Train.

Vancouver, Dec. 19.—Great preparations are being made for the reception of the returning South African heroes. Every fraternal society in Vancouver has been asked to take part in the welcome home festivities. The school children in the city will occupy a stand erected for them at the C. P. R. station, and sing patriotic songs when the soldiers step off the train. It is expected that the contingent will reach here on Friday, the 28th inst. Grand preparations are also being made to entertain the Westminster contingent by the Royal City people.

Fire broke out last night in Miller & Co.'s bicycle establishment and did considerable damage. A quantity of bicycle supplies were destroyed.

The People's association have chosen Ald. McQueen to represent them in the mayoralty contest as a moral reform mayor; Messrs. Morgan and Prentice as license commissioners, and Dr. Brydon-Jack, Jas. McNair and C. W. Murray as school commissioners.

The Vancouver Liberal association held their annual meeting last night. The following officers were elected: Honorary president, J. C. McLagan; president, T. S. Baxter; vice-presidents, H. B. Gilmour, R. G. McPherson and H. J. Duncan; secretary, W. A. Blair; treasurer, R. Kelly. A vote of sympathy with Mr. Jos. Martin in his present illness was passed.

On the occasion of Frank Daniels' performance in the Ameer, the box receipts were $1,035. This is one of the biggest houses financially in the history of the opera house.

Primrose and Dockstader's minstrels drew a big house last night. The audience enjoyed the new features.

A man name Greenfield refused to pay for his meal in a restaurant last night and the proprietor broke a wooded ladle over Greenfield's head, which bled so profusely that the doctor ordered that the injured man must not be removed for some time.

A boy named Robert McPhee, whose mother keeps a boarding house at Barnett, while playing around a shunting train last evening, got beneath the wheels and was killed. His body was terribly mangled.

A Battle Expected

Clements and Delarey Are Ready For Another Trial of Strength.

War Office Gives No Information of Invasion of Cape Colony.

Government Making Efforts to Supply Kitchener With Horses and Mules.

Krugersdorp, Transvaal, Dec. 19.—A pitched battle is imminent between the British, under Gen. Clements, who has been reinforced, and the Boers, under Gen. Delarey.

London, Dec. 20.—The war office last evening could give no information regarding reports of a Boer invasion of Cape Colony. The officials expressed the opinion, however, that the newspaper accounts were exaggerated, and that probably the troops who have been employed in chasing Gen. Dewet will be diverted to deal with the invaders. Having regard to the customary methods of the war office, this can only be interpreted as confirming the reports.

Lord Kitchener in the meantime keeps a tight rein over the news, which increases the public disquietude. There is a persistent rumor that he has demanded heavy reinforcements. According to the Daily Mail, private telegrams received in London yesterday describe the situation in Cape Colony as somewhat ominous. It seems that the invading Boers are receiving considerable assistance from the local Dutch, and that the troops at the disposal of the British authorities are not sufficient to cope with any serious spread of military operations. It is believed that the government has at last awakened to the seriousness of the situation, and is making the utmost efforts to provide Lord Kitchener with horses and mules.

The British losses at Nooitgedacht, according to the official accounts, were 82 killed and wounded, with 44 missing and still unaccounted for.

London, Dec. 19.—Lord Edward Cecil, fourth son of the Marquis of Salisbury, returned to Hatfield House last evening from South Africa. He was received with picturesque rejoicing. His carriage was encircled by torch-bearers. The family group, headed by Lord Salisbury, together with Lord and Lady Lansdowne, Mr. Arthur Balfour, Mr. George Wyndham, and Lord Selborne, stood upon the steps of the Elizabethan mansion to bid him welcome. All were surrounded by tenantry of the estate, bearing torches.

STUDENT GETS DAMAGES.

Montreal Hotel Pays for Leaving Elevator Shaft Open.

Montreal, Dec. 19. — The jury today awarded $3,000 damages to A. W. Poole against Henry Hogan, proprietor of the St. Lawrence Hall. In October, 1899 Poole came to Montreal with Queen's University football team and stopped at the hotel. Going to his room one night he fell down the elevator shaft. The question turned on the fact as to whether the elevator door had been left open or it it had been closed and opened by Poole The jury decided it had been left open, and assessed the damages at $3,000.

FINNS FOR QUEBEC.

A Large Settlement to Be Placed in Lake St. John District.

Quebec, Dec. 19.—Rene Dupont, colonization agent of the Lake St. John railway, says the Quebec government is negotiating to bring out a big colony of Finns to settle in the Lake St. John district.

BIG ENGINES.

C. P. R. Building Ten Monsters for the Western Trade.

Montreal, Dec. 19.—Work began today in the C. P. R. company's Hochelaga shops on ten heavy consolidated engines, which will be put into service next year on the Northwestern divisions of the system. The speed and hauling capacity will be an increase of 45 per cent over the ordinary wheel locomotives.

BANQUET TO OTTER.

Governor-General Will Be Present at the Toronto Dinner.

Ottawa, Dec. 19.—(Special.)—The Governor-General has accepted the invitation of the Toronto garrison to attend the banquet in honor of Colonel Otter next week.

The total assessment for the city of Ottawa for the coming year is $25,067,205.

The Dominion Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis hold a convention in Ottawa next month.

KILLED BY TROLLEY.

Mrs. Evans of Toronto Meets Her Death From Street Car.

Toronto, Dec. 19.—Mrs. Alice Evans, widow of the late Ald. Evans, was run over by a trolley car at the corner of Queen and Peter streets this afternoon, dying from her injuries in an hour. The motorman in approaching the corner waved his hand in warning to the woman. She took it for a signal to go ahead, and walked in front of the car.

WHAT IS DR. CHASE'S NERVE FOOD?

In appearance Dr. Chase's Nerve Food is an oval, chocolate-covered pill. In this condensed form it contains all of nature's most strengthening and invigorating tonics and restoratives, and for this reason it is unapproached as a blood builder and nerve restorative. It cures all diseases caused by thin blood and exhausted nerves and makes pale, weak, nervous men, women and children strong and healthy. 50 cents a box.