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SIR REDVERS BULLER DEFENDS HIS STRATEGY.

There Was No Other Course Than the One He Took--He Deservedly Lost His Command--The Bravest Soldiers Any General Ever Commanded.

London, Oct. 19—The Pietermaritzburg correspondent of the Daily Mail wires as follows:

"In his speech returning thanks for the sword of honor, Sir Redvers Buller made a spirited defence of his strategy. He said that he did not believe that any general had ever faced a situation so difficult as that which confronted him when he disembarked at Cape Town without an army, and with no hope of one for another seven weeks or longer.

"I found Mafeking and Kimberley beleaguered," continued he, "and the two main avenues across the Free State, Bethulie bridge and Norval's Pont, in the hands of the enemy, with Ladysmith nearly surrounded. If I had waited for the army and then advanced on Bloemfontein it would have been at least twelve weeks before I could have exerted my influence on the situation.

"In that time the Boers would have completely overrun and occupied Natal; and what would have been the effect of that on Europe and the British people?"

"General Buller then proceeded to make the interesting announcement that Sir Evelyn Wood had wired asking to be allowed to come out to serve under him. He said he never was so tempted in his life to take a man at his word, for he had begun to look upon Natal as a forlorn hope; but it would have been cowardly to have let Sir Evelyn come to take the risk.

"'I knew that if I failed to relieve Ladysmith,' he exclaimed, 'I should lose the supreme command. I lost it and rightly, I think. But I had taken on the task and was bound to see it through to conclusion.'

"Sir Redvers paid the highest compliments to the loyalty and gallantry of his troops under the tremendous strain, a strain, he believed, such as no soldiers in the history of the world had ever to undergo before."

Boers Bothering Railways.

Pretoria, Oct. 18—The Boers are daily tearing up portions of the railroad and cutting telegraph and telephone wires. Their attacks are intolerable. The repairing linemen cannot leave the garrisoned points without considerable escorts.

The only remedy seems to be to corral all the burghers and deport them, as apparently none can be trusted.

Welcomed to Woodstock.

Woodstock, Oct. 18—(Special)—Private F. C. Brewer, of the 10th Field Battery, arrived home this afternoon from South Africa by way of Quebec. Private Brewer was invalided home with enteric fever and had fully recovered, but on the way out from England to Quebec rhumatism set in and he was detained in that city for several weeks. He was accorded an enthusiastic reception on his arrival here. As the train rolled up to the station cheer after cheer went up from a thousand people in waiting. He was taken to his home in a barouche, in which were His Worship Mayor Murphy, Lt. Col. Dibblee, and Lt. Col. Vince, headed by the Woodstock band, playing patriotic airs. A reception was held in the Opera House in his honor. The returned soldier looks well despite the serious illness he has gone through.

The Bugler Coming.

Bugler McMullin, of the first contingent, will be in town today. He will arrive this evening at 7.15 and will be met by the Artillery band of which he is a member and will be given an at home in the band room this evening. Members of the band are requested to be at the room as early as possible.

HEADS BEFORE DISCUSSION.

Li Hung Chang and Prince Ching Say

IT IS TIME FOR PEACE,

And Promise Punishment and Indemnity--The French Consul Asks for the Punishment First -- Dr. Morrison Says the Note is Arrogant--Shanghai Rumors.

Paris, Oct. 19—The Havas Agency has received the following despatch from Pekin:

"The diplomatic corps has received a joint note from Li Hung Chang and Prince Ching saying that it is time to end the present situation and to treat for peace and that the princes and ministers who were accomplices of the Boxers will be handed over to the courts to be judged and punished according to Chinese law.

"In their quality of plenipotentiaries Li Hung Chang and Prince Ching offer to treat for peace and accept the principle of indemnities for the legations destroyed. The losses are to be estimated by delegates of the powers.

"European nations can be accorded fresh commercial advantages on the old treaties modified; but, as the requirements of the powers vary, each power must formulate its own.

The plenipotentiaries demand an immediate cessation of hostilities because of their offer and request an interview with the Tsung Li Yamen for October 21.

"Replying to the note, M. Pichon, the French minister, said that China, having recognized that she has violated the law of nations, was bound to accept, for that reason, the responsibilities involved. Nevertheless he demanded that exemplary punishment be inflicted upon the principal culprits, namely Prince Tuan, Prince Chuang, Kang Yi and Tung Fu Hsiang, adding that so long as their heads had not fallen it was impossible to cease hostilities.

"M. Pichon has been confined to his bed for several days with a slight attack of typhus, but his condition is not grave.

"Owing to the arrival of Count Von Waldersee, General Voyroa (commander of the French forces) has decided to prolong his stay in Pekin until he receives fresh orders."

China Still Arrogant.

London, Oct. 19—The Times, whose Pekin correspondent, Dr. Morrison, describes the tone of the joint note of Li Hung Chang and Prince Ching, as "characteristically arrogant, as if it were China and not Europe that is dictating terms," says editorially:

"This description applies with equal truth to the substance of the circular. To whatever cause this attitude is due it is a bad augury for the progress of the negotiations, which cannot be fruitful until China has been taught her place. M. Pichon has given her the answer her impudence deserves."

No Resistance.

Tien Tsin, Oct. 18, via Shanghai, Oct. 18—A courier reports that the British column of the Pao Ting Fu expedition reached the walled town of Wang Chia Kou October 15, meeting with no resistance, and that the other columns have also been unopposed. The natives are friendly and supplying food to the troops.

The Taotai of Wang Chia Kou asserts that a body of troops, supposed to be French or German, dispersed a force of Boxers around We Nan October 9, inflicting severe losses and burning a number of villages.

General Chaffee has ordered two companies of the 9th United States infantry to garrison Tien Tsin.

The provisional government of Tien Tsin has sentenced six Boxers to death.

How the Russians Took Mukden.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 18—The war office has published further official advices regarding the advance to the occupation of Mukden. These show that the Russians left camp at Liao Jan September 30. The Chinese retired before them in disorder, plundering and burning the villages as they traversed them. The main body of Chinese retired in the direction of Mukden, although large numbers moved eastward and westward.

At Jan Tai General Subbovitch, one of the Russian commanders, learned the Chinese authorities had deserted Mukden and that their flight had been followed by that of the Chinese troops, after pillaging the town. He immediately dispatched a flying column under Col. Artamonoff, which after slight resistance occupied Mukden at 4 o'clock, p. m., October 2.

The Chinese had fired the mines and destroyed the city gates. The Russians found all the buildings belonging to Europeans and native converts burning. The imperial palace had been looted and partially burned.

A few Chinese maintained a weak rifle fire in the streets, but soon retired. The main body of the Russians occupied the town in the course of the following day and cleared out all of the remaining Chinese troops. Considerable stores of war material with some modern guns and rifles were found.

Want Better Representation.

London, Oct. 18—The Manchester Chamber of Commerce has sent a letter to Lord Salisbury, urging that a special mission with a diplomat of the first rank be sent to China to deal with British interests there.

Germans Withdrawing from Shanghai.

Shanghai, Oct. 18—The Germans are withdrawing their troops stationed here and a transport is expected tomorrow.

Shanghai Rumors.

London, Oct. 19.—Special despatches from Shanghai recite numerous rumors in circulation there. Among those are reports that the heir apparent, Pu Chun, son of Prince Tuan, is dead, that Li Hung Chang has been degraded on account of the surrender of Pao Ting Fu and that Prince Tuan has got possession of the emperor's seal and is terrorizing the Dowager.

Want Correspondents Arrested.

London, Oct. 19.—The Shanghai correspondent of the Times, wiring yesterday, says: "The Taotai has applied to the consuls to arrest over 600 Chinese, who reside in the foreign settlement, on a charge of conspiracy. Those named include several well known Chinamen, whose only crime is that they possess progressive ideas.

"This demand is significant of the growing influence of the anti-foreign party. The fact that a tribute of rice is regularly shipped up the Yang Tse Kiang proves that the viceroys are still supporting the Empress Dowager."

Over a Million.

Galveston, Oct. 18.—John D. Demlin, treasurer of the Galveston relief fund, gave out a statement tonight showing that the total contributions to date are $1,095,203.

AN INSULT TO ELECTORS.

George E. Foster, the Man Who Favored Portland, Me., and

NEGLECTED ST. JOHN

When He Was in Power, at a Meeting in Carleton Last Night Denounced Hon. Mr. Blair, Who Has Done More for St. John Than Any Man Who Ever Sat in Parliament.

The City Hall, Carleton, held some 400 electors Thursday night at a meeting dressed by Hon. Geo. E. Foster and Dr. Stockton, in their interests. Mr. A. C. Smith presided. Mr. J. D. Hazen, M P, Dr Alward and Mr. W. H. Thorne were among those on the platform. The meeting was a good one and the speakers were well received. Many Liberals, to judge from those who remained seated when cheers were called for, were among the audience. The hall was less than three-quarters filled. Dr. Stockton spoke first and went over practically the speech he made Wednesday night at Fairville.

Mr. Foster spoke over an hour and directed his remarks mainly to the winter port question. He went over ground formerly covered—the building of the I. C. R. and the building of the C. P. R. Short Line from Montreal to St. John. Then he recounted the inception of the winter port business. He said that after the experimental year (1895) it was the public policy of the Conservative government to make the service permanent. But the Liberals came into power and he charged that they did not make it a permanent service, that steamer contracts were delayed and that consequently inferior vessels had to be accepted. He said that what St. John wanted and asked in interviews with Mr. Shaughnessy and Mr. Blair was that there be direct voyages, high class vessels, subsidy contracts for from 5 to 10 years at least, and an agreement between the C. P. R. and I. C. R. He said that Mr. Blair had expressed himself as agreed that subsidies should be for three years at least and had promised in May, 1899, to discuss an agreement with the C. P. R.; that it was not till December that this agreement was made and that Mr. Blair repudiated the agreement three days after it was made. But the C. P. R. had made its contracts meanwhile and carried out the agreement. Mr. Foster said that part of the agreement was that the matter would be taken up again this season looking to permanency but that as yet Mr. Blair had made no motion towards this end and the reason for it all was that Mr. Blair could not give in to the C. P. R. The speaker went into details of propositions of C. P. R. to I. C. R. relative to carriage by the former road of freight originating on the I. C. R. He also spoke of the Grand Trunk railway, claiming that the freight received by the I. C. R. from that railway was hauled to the seaboard at a loss. He gave details of the government contract with the Grand Trunk. He accused Mr. Blair of not fulfilling his promises and closed by quoting the words of Prophet Elijah to the worshippers of Baal seeking to make them applicable to the present situation.

The meeting promptly adjourned when Mr. Foster finished his speech.

TALKING TEDDY.

The Hero of San Juan is Now in West Virginia.

Parkersburg, W. Va., Oct. 18.—In the run down the Ohio River railroad stops were made at Benwood, Moundville, New Martinsville, Sistersville, St. Mary's and Waverly. The two first named are in Marshall county, which is strongly Republican. At Moundsville Governor Roosevelt was handed a copy of the same circular which created such a sensation in the west a few days ago, in which he was accredited with some severe remarks about what should be done to the strikers. These circulars had been liberally circulated in this part of the state.

Governor Roosevelt denied that he had ever at any time said any word which might be construed into anything like what was printed in the circular, and he said the man who got it up knew he was lying.

A crowd of probably 25 hoodlums collected on the outskirts of the crowd at St. Mary's and undertook to prevent Governor Roosevelt from making himself heard. They were partially successful for a while despite the Governor's scathing shots at them. The town and county are largely Republican, however, and a crowd of McKinley men took a hand in the matter and quieted the disturbers.

The demonstration in this place is conceded to be the biggest political affair in the history of the state. Preceding two meetings there was a big parade, participated in by marching clubs and rough riders.

The streets were lined with people. Governor Roosevelt spoke first to 5,000 people in the big wigwam and was then hurried to the auditorium, where he addressed an audience of 2,000. Other speakers were Col. Curtis Guild and Former Democratic Congressman Bynum, of Indiana.

Col. Hall, secretary of the state committee, says West Virginia is safely Republican.

Wondering About Von Buelow.

Berlin, Oct. 18—The retirement of Prince Hohenlohe is, naturally, the principal theme of discussion here. The Agrarian and Liberal press says the chancellorship has practically long been vacant. The press generally adopts an expectant attitude, and there is much curiosity as to Count Von Buelow's policy in respect to the Prussian diet and the imperious dmands of the junker squirearchy. The general feeling is that a strong, young statesman becomes the responsible chief in command of the state and empire.

An Act of Courtesy.

Madrid, Oct. 18—The cabinet has decided to postpone the reopening of the cortes until November 20, on account of the Spanish-American congress which meets November 12 and lasts until November 20. The Spanish government will take an active part in the congress and an exceptional welcome will be given to the official delegates from the Central and South American Republics.

THE C. P. R. REPAIRED.

A Freight Has Passed Over the Line.

TRAFFIC RESUMED.

Today Boston and Montreal Trains Will Arrive and Depart as They Did Before the Track Was Swept Away in the Flood of October 11.

Traffic will be opened over the Canadian Pacific today. For a week a thousand expert track and bridge builders have been toiling night and day under the personal supervision of Superintendent Timmerman and Engineer Barbour and have at last put the road in a safe and passable condition for traffic. The work has been a gigantic one. The washouts were of an extraordinary extent and in many other places where the water did not succeed in entirely removing the track bed the damage was so extensive that repairs were necessary. It has been a busy week for track men, bridge builders and section men. Last night a freight was run over the line from Fredericton Junction to St. John to settle it. There will be no express from Boston this morning, but this afternoon, for the first time since the washouts of Thursday, October 11, passenger trains will run on schedule time, east and west.

The Shore Line railway is sending out the regular train from Carleton each morning, as far as St. George, the train returning as a special. This morning the train will get below Bonny River, the repairs being completed to that point.

There was a large number of passengers down river last night. The I. C. R. waited for them, being detained some 30 minutes.

THE YOUTSEY TRIAL.

The Defence Has Rested Its Case.

Georgetown, Ky., Oct. 18—The Youtsey trial is drawing rapidly to a close. All the testimony is in, the instructions have been given the jury and the speeches are being made. A verdict is expected by tomorrow afternoon.

There is no improvement in Youtsey's condition, though he is not any worse today. Opinion here as to the verdict is divided, some thinking it will be guilty, while others believe in acquittal or a hang jury.

H. Gardner Wallace was the first witness today. Wallace said he was in the assistant adjutant general's office when the shots were fired and "Tallow Dick" Coombs, Mason Hockersmith and Dr. Pruett were in the room with him and others whom he did not know.

The defense then closed finally.

Col. T. C. Campbell, attorney for the prosecution, was put on the stand for the commonwealth.

The examination of one witness for the commonwealth and of two in rebuttal for the defense closed the testimony this afternoon and was followed by the reading of the court's instructions to the jury.

John M. Stevenson opened the argument for the defense.

STORMING THE CAPITAL.

Bogus Attack Partly Succeeded.

Ottawa, Oct. 18—The Ottawa military took part today in tactical exercises. The affair passed off successfully. An attack was made on the city and the umpire decided that the attacking party had succeeded in its attack on the right flank of defense, but not on the left.

Toronto, Oct. 18—A Thanksgiving day sham fight and review of the Toronto and Hamilton garrison troops took place in High Park here today, and was witnessed by over 20,000 people. The weather was fine and mild and the whole affair more successful than any similar occasion for many years. The invading force under Col. Delamere, of the Queen's Own Rifles, consisted of 930 men with two guns, a troop of cavalry and field hospital. Col. Mason, of the Royal Grenadiers, was the brigadier of the defence with 910 men, two guns, a cavalry patrol and a field hospital. The troops dug trenches and went through all the manoeuvres as in regular war. After several hours fighting Col. Peters, D. O. C., gave the victory to the defence.

THE BODY ALL COLLECTED.

Missing Head and Limbs of George E. Bailey Assembled.

Lynn, Mass., Oct. 18—The entire body of George E. Bailey, of North Saugus, who was murdered about October 8, is now in the possession of the Lynn police and has been positively identified.

The missing head and arms were found by the police in dragging Glemmere (floating bridge) pond this afternoon. These arms were taken to a local undertaker's rooms and there identified by people who knew Bailey well. John C. Best, who is held on suspicion of having committed the murder, was confronted with the head, but all he would say was that he thought it might be Bailey's.

Must Stop Ruling for a While.

Copenhagen, Oct. 18—It is announced that the immediate danger attaching to the illness of King Oscar has passed, but that he will require a long rest.

CAMPAIGN NEWS.

An Attempt to Coerce a Street Railway Man

IN STEPHEN.

His Vote or His Job, and He Took the Vote--Mr. Cook Challenged by Sir Wilfrid Laurier to Produce Proofs to Back Up His Senatorship Charges.

Hon. A. G. Blair arrived in the city Thursday from Campbellton. Friday the minister went to St. George to speak. On Saturday morning he will take the steamer to Grand Manan, speaking at North Head in the afternoon and Grand Harbor in the evening.

Returning to St. John on Sunday Mr. Blair will remain here on Monday and Tuesday. On Wednesday he will be with Premier Laurier at Moncton, while next Friday he will address a meeting in Andover and in Bristol on Saturday.

Mr. Cook Challenged to Give Proofs.

The Montreal Gazette of October 15 publishes the following letter from Sir Wilfrid Laurier:

To the Editor of the Gazette.

Sir—In the Gazette of this morning there appears a telegraphic report of a meeting held at Owen Sound, Ontario, in which the following statement occurs:

"During Mr. Tucker's address reference was made to the manifesto of Mr. H. H. Cook, and in reply Dr. Horsey claimed that Mr. Cook had left his party because he had been refused a senatorship.

"Mr. Tucker afterwards telephoned Mr. Cook, and learned from him that the reason he had left his party was that Sir Wilfrid Laurier and other members of the cabinet, through an agent who was sent specially to Toronto to interview Mr. Cook, offered Mr. Cook a senatorship, and stated that, owing to his long and useful career in the Liberal party, he would receive it upon payment of $10,000."

Commenting upon the above, you say editorially:

"Mr. Cook was an old, prominent and hard-working Liberal, and was to get his seat at a bargain, for $10,000. What did the unknowns pay? Who was to get Mr. Cook's $10,000, and what was to be done with it? These are questions that Sir Wilfrid Laurier must answer personally. He is the head of the government that named the senators. He personally advised the governor-general when senators were appointed. He cannot go to the country on polling day with this charge unanswered and with the senatorial toll taker unexposed and unpunished."

I am not prepared to admit that a man in public life should be answerable for charges of this character, unless they are supported by some kind of evidence, which would give them color at first sight. I, however, waive the right of ignoring such an accusation, and I here and now make the statement for myself and my colleagues that there is not a shadow of foundation in the charge of Mr. Cook; that I never, directly or indirectly, through an agent or otherwise, made any demand upon him for any sum of money, big or small, or for anything else.

I give the whole charge the most unqualified and emphatic denial, and I challenge the proof of the same.

WILFRID LAURIER.

Montreal, October 13.

Wright.

Hull, Que., Oct. 18—L. N. Champagne was today unanimously nominated by a Liberal convention of Wright county to be their candidate in the dominion election.

A Month Late.

Quebec, Oct. 18—The dominion elections in Chicoutimi and Saguenay and Gaspe, it is announced, will take place thirty days from November 7, the date for the polling in other constituencies in the dominion is 7 and 8.

Conservative Coercion.

St. Stephen, Oct. 16—The political pot is boiling very rapidly at present and for a party that has been mentioning they were going to have a walk-over in Charlotte the Conservatives are doing more work than ever was done by that party in the county. Their stock in trade so far as speeches and distributing literature is concerned, consists of the usual charges of broken promises, disloyalty of Hon. Mr. Tarte and denouncing of Hon. Mr. Blair, but these cries are falling on deaf ears as the people of Charlotte are more intelligent than that party are willing to admit; they read and judge for themselves and the cry of race or religion is not so popular as in olden times. Mr. Armstrong is making a fine impression wherever he appears and will gain votes from his opponent by his gentlemanly bearing and honest manner in presenting the facts to the electorate, and there is no reason why he should not gain votes, for his cause is just and all here recognize the fact that the great tide of victory is sweeping with irrepressible force from the Pacific to the Atlantic and will overwhelm the Conservative candidate on November 7th. To show to what depths the leaders of that party are willing to descend to carry their point, an instance occurred here on Saturday, when Mr. C. W. Young who, although an American, is one of their most trusted leaders on account of being a large stockholder in the soap factory of this town and who has expressed the fact that he does not care for party, excepting as to which will give him the greater protection on soap. Mr. Young is also president of the electric road and on Saturday in conversation with one of his most trusted conductors he gave this young man to understand that he expected him to vote the Conservative ticket, but the young man replied that as his father as well as himself had always been Liberals he could not change his political principles. The genial president told him if he did not do as he requested he had better go to the Liberals for work. The young man secured another job and on Monday handed in his resignation. As Mr. Young has found that his bulldozing course in dismissing the conductor, who is very popular, is liable to hurt his candidate, he is endeavoring to smooth over the matter, but will be unsuccessful. Is it any wonder that the Liberals are feeling sure of winning when such methods are pursued, as well as when they know that in Mr. Armstrong they hold the winning hand in the contest now on.

Sir Wilfrid to Speak in Montreal.

Montreal, Oct. 18.—The Liberals are making arrangements for a big mass meeting in Windsor hall Monday evening next, when Sir Wilfrid Laurier will speak. Robert Mackay has accepted the Liberal nomination for St. Antoine division against Dr. Roddick, Conservative candidate.

BRITISH MANUFACTURERS WAKING UP.

Iron Masters Inquiring About South Africa Contracts.

Birmingham, Eng., Oct. 18—The Midland iron masters are inquiring in official quarters about the reported intention to prefer American manufacturers to British in awarding contracts for the extensive railway and bridge construction contemplated in South Africa.

Several of these principal iron men, who are acting co-jointly in making these inquiries, intend to organize a campaign to press the government into favoring British manufacturers, if it is found that any contracts are likely to go to the United States, even though the American bids should be lower than the British.

KILLED AT A CROSSING.

J. Kileen Was Thrown Seventy Feet

Ottawa, Oct. 18—J. Kileen was killed at the Canadian Atlantic crossing at Concession street this morning. He was thrown about 70 feet. Policeman Kileen, who discovered deceased, was his cousin, and the unfortunate man has a brother in the city.

Troubles of a Reformer.

London, Oct. 18—Bands of medical students this afternoon raided the meeting held by Mr. John Alexander Dowie, the Zionist of Chicago. Groups of students formed in all parts of the hall, bellowed interruptions and jeered in chorus. Mr. Dowie violently denounced the disturbers and sent for the police. The latter entered the hall during the scene of uproar and arrested six of the students, which restored order.

The Pope Forbidden to Bless.

Rome, Oct. 18—The pope intended to visit St. Peter's today and bless the French and Italian pilgrims, but Dr. Lapponi forbade him to do so, as the pontiff was suffering from a slight cold. It is hoped he will be able to visit St. Peter's Saturday next.

MINERS HAVE NOT ACCEPTED THE OPERATORS' OFFER.

The Ten Per Cent. Advance--Wages to Come Out of the Reduction in the Price of Powder--Miners Cannot Agree to This Plan.

Scranton, Pa., Oct. 18—Representatives of nearly all the big coal companies of the region conferred here today and made an agreement to amend the notices already posted by attaching the following:

"In further explanation of the above notice, this company desires to say that it is its intention to pay the advance in wages above noted until April 1, 1901, and thereafter until further notice."

The following statement was issued to the press:

"The representatives of the larger coal companies after their meeting this afternoon, stated in reply to inquiries, that they had offered their men a ten per cent. advance as indicated by the notices they had posted; that this notice specifically stated that the reduction of powder from $2.75 to $1.50 would be considered in arriving at the wages of their contract miners. It was expected that when the notices were posted that the offer was to stand until April 1, and indefinitely thereafter, but inasmuch as there seems to be some misunderstanding in this matter, they have agreed to add to their notice a clause to the effect that it is their intention to pay the advance in wages until April 1, 1901, and thereafter until further notice."

National President Mitchell, District President T. D. Nicholls, District Secretary John T. Dempsey, and National Organizer Fred L. Fletcher, of the United Mine Workers, have all been quoted as saying that the resolutions of the Scranton convention contemplated a straight advance of ten per cent., and that the matter of having this increase made up in part of a decrease in the cost of powder, was not to be agreed to.

The powder question, they said, was left out of the present negotiations with the understanding that it should form one of the grievances to be adjusted in the conferences which the operators agree to have with their men to "take up any grievances they may have."

President Mitchell stated that he would have to decline to discuss its probable effect in reaching a settlement until he had given the matter careful consideration. He would not say whether or not it would be possible to deal with the difficulty without calling another convention.

President Nicholls, whose whole district is affected by the powder question, said that it looked to him as if another convention was necessary.

No Notices at Scranton.

Scranton, Pa., Oct. 18—No notices have as yet been posted at any of the mines in the Lackawana region acceding to the demands of the strikers as made in the Scranton convention.

There is no conference of the individual operators here today, but some of the mining superintendents have gone to Wilkesbarre to attend a meeting of superintendents.

Still Striking at Hazleton.

Hazleton, Pa., Oct. 18—As far as ending the coal miners' strike is concerned, not a move in that direction was made by the United Mine Workers' officials today. The feeling is prevalent here tonight that the decision of the operators' meeting at Scranton today to insist that the reduction in the price of powder must be taken into consideration in determining the net ten per cent. increase in wages, has complicated matters somewhat. Further delay in reaching an amicable adjustment of the trouble is now feared. The situation otherwise is precisely the same as that which was obtained when the first notices of the coal companies were posted on October 3. Up to tonight four companies in the Hazleton region have posted notices accepting the Scranton convention demands.

A meeting of Union Mine Workers was held here today and arrangements were made for holding a labor demonstration in this city next Monday. The feature of the demonstration will be a parade followed by a mass meeting at which President Mitchell will be the principal speaker.

REPRESENTATIVE GUARD OF HONOR.

The Duke of York Will Be Accompanied to Australia by All Branches.

London, Oct. 18—It is officially announced that the Duke of York will be accompanied to Australia where he is to open the commonwealth parliament by a guard of honor composed of details of men from every branch of the British army, including volunteers.

The Indian troops sailed for Australia October 17.

CHATHAM LIBRARY OPENED.

A Large Gathering Participated in the Ceremonies.

Chatham, Oct. 18—(Special)—The holiday passed off quietly, the business places were closed and service was held in the different churches.

A large number enjoyed the entertainment in the town hall this evening, when the public library was formally opened. Addresses were delivered and the Citizens' Band was present. Refreshments were sold during the evening. The proceeds will be devoted to the library fund.

Stamps Stolen.

New York, Oct. 18—The World tomorrow will say:

Forty thousand dollars is believed to be a conservative estimate of the amount of money, post office orders, cheques and stamps stolen from post office station "H," in the Grand Central Palace, Monday night, or on its way to the general post offices. Officials tried hard to keep secret not only the fact that the robbery had occurred, but the amount of money stolen. They even went so far as to keep the matter from the New York police and the secret service agents.

Thanks of the Amiralty.

New York, Oct. 18—The Cunard and White Star liners have received newspaper clippings from English papers containing a letter from the British admiralty thanking these companies for the services rendered by the vessels of these firms as transports during the South African campaign.

Died Gamely.

Victoria, B. C., Oct. 18—Alexander King, an old prospector found guilty of the murder of Herbert Davenport, at White River, Yukon Territory, in June last, was hanged October 3. He was utterly unconcerned on the scaffold.

Gazetted a Cabinet Member.

Madrid, Oct. 18—General Linares has been gazetted as minister of war, and General Azcarraga as president of the senate.