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CHAMBERLAIN'S SPEECH.

UTTERANCES WHICH HAVE SET ENGLISHMEN TALKING.

Having Once Taken the Transvaal Matter in Hand the Government Will Not Let Go Until Paramount Power Has Been Secured—Strong Words.

BIRMINGHAM, Eng., Aug. 29.—In throwing open his own gardens here this afternoon to the members of the St. Bartholomew's ward Liberal Unionists, Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, secretary of state for the colonies, was drawn into the most important speech on the Transvaal situation he has made since the adjournment of parliament.

"But what am I to talk about?" asked the secretary. In answer to cries of "The Transvaal!" "Yes," he replied, "I know there is one subject which is very deep in all your hearts, and about which I cannot talk or say much, lest I do harm. That is the relation of our race with the Transvaal government. I wish that I could tell you today that the difficulties existing for so many years between our majesty's government and the cis-johannesburg government, which has assumed such a form during the last few years, were happily settled. But, unfortunately, that is not yet in my power. As you know, for three months we have been negotiating. President Kruger has made, perhaps, some little progress, but I cannot truly say that the crisis is passed. President Kruger procrastinates in his reply. He dribbles each reply like water from a squeezed sponge. His offers are accompanied with conditions which he knows to be impossible, or he refuses to allow us to make a satisfactory investigation of their nature. I do not think that we will be denied that we have exhibited patience unparalleled in the relations between a paramount and a subordinate state. The situation, and a subordinate state. The situation, and a subordinate state. The situation, and a subordinate state."

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"If we are forced to do that then I would repeat now words used by Lord Salisbury in the house of lords. I say that if forced to make further preparations, if this delay continues much longer, we shall not hold ourselves limited by what we have already offered, but, having taken this matter in hand, we will not let go until we have secured conditions which once for all will establish us as the paramount power in South Africa and secure for our subjects there those equal rights and privileges which we have done everything in our power to avoid in forced upon us. I am confident we shall have the support not only of the vast majority of Britons, but of the whole empire. In all this bad business there is one thing upon which we may congratulate ourselves, and that is the unity of the empire. No British subject can suffer injustice anywhere without awakening a responsive chord in our most distant colonies, which stand shoulder to shoulder in maintaining the honor and interests of the empire."

PROVINCIAL MILITARY NEWS.

Arrangements for the transfer of the Woodstock Field Battery to Capt. W. C. Good—Special Course at Fredericton.

WOODSTOCK, Aug. 28.—Lieut. Colonel Irvine was in town today, making arrangements for the transfer of the Woodstock field battery. Lieut. Colonel Dible, who had to resign the command under the new militia regulations has been connected with the battery for a great many years and it is through his energy that the battery is now in its efficient state. Capt. W. C. Good, who will be promoted to the rank of major, will have command of the battery. The other officers are Capt. E. B. Carvell, and Lieut. Fields and Grey. The following changes have taken place in the 67th battalion: Capt. Geo. Anderson, of No. 1 company 67th has resigned his commission. His place will be filled by Lieut. J. Bell, with 1 B. Sedell and Col. Sergt. Womersley as lieutenant. Capt. L. B. Harding of No. 4 company has been appointed paymaster instead of Captain H. Bourne. Major Hartley has been gazetted brevet lieutenant colonel.

FREDERICTON, Aug. 28.—A special staff course of instruction for commanding officers of infantry and engineers commences at infantry school tomorrow and will last three days. Instructions will be given in battalion and brigade drill.

LONDON SPECIAL.

Canadian Gazetted to the Imperial Army—The Manchester Line Disappointed in Steamers—The Essequibo Company Determined.

TORONTO, Aug. 28.—The Telegram's special cable from London says Lieut. Arthur Wilkie, cadet of the Royal Military College, Kingston, and son of General Manager Wilkie of the Imperial Bank, Toronto, has been gazetted to the Royal Sussex regiment, formerly the 26th and 107th, and stationed at Sialcote

in the Punjab. He goes to India this week. Baron Von Schellhaas, formerly of the German army, was sentenced on Saturday at Paris to serve a term of one year for swindling the Sun Life insurance Company of Canada. The authorities at Scotland Yard received a cable instructing them to arrest the absconding thief of the Herbert, the Bank at Montreal. The first report of the directors of the Manchester Line Company states owing to delay in the completion of steamers the directors were prevailed from securing the full benefit of the Canadian service. A new arrangement is being made to put the Essequibo-Milford Haven steamship service on a permanent basis.

PICNIC TIME.

Outings in Order on the Border—Salmon Being Killed on the American Side.

ST. STEPHEN, Aug. 28.—Excursions and picnics, private as well as public, are the order of the day and night on both sides of the river. Everyone is talking up the forthcoming picnic on Tuesday afternoon at Crocker's Island, and as it has assumed an international affair by the Calais people joining in the picnic, will no doubt be the largest affair of the kind held here for years. No fish warden has been appointed on the Calais side of the river this season the poachers are having a soft map and getting salmon which are at this season of the year ascending the river to the spawning beds. Sportsmen and all lovers of the sport consider it a loss economy in not making an appropriation for this purpose after years of protection. Mr. Henry Todd is building an addition to his handsome residence at the cove. The fishermen of Calais have indefinitely postponed their excursion which was to have taken to St. Andrews on Thursday but owing to the bad weather was given up that day.

A SCENE IN CHURCH.

Ex Mayor of Montreal Protests Against the Utterances of a Pastor Who Says the Bible is Not Inspired and the Story of Adam and Eve a Legend.

MONTREAL, Aug. 28.—The Anglican church at Ste. Agathe, a popular summer resort in the Laurentian mountains, yesterday morning was the scene of an unusual incident. The service was conducted by Rev. Mr. Garth, rector at Naranagansit, R. I., who, in the course of his sermon denied the divine inspiration of the Bible as usually maintained by the Church of England. He said he believed that the Bible was no more divinely inspired than the writings of Shakespeare, George Eliot, or any other great writer. The story of Adam and Eve he dubbed a legend impossible to believe. The sermon created a veritable storm. Almost before the rector concluded his sermon R. Wilson Smith, former mayor of Montreal, and chief contributor to the fund for the construction of this summer resort church, rose to his feet and protested long and loudly against any such doctrine being accepted in a church to which he belonged. He believed the Bible from cover to cover and did not consider any man who believed otherwise should say he belonged to the Church of England. The incident caused a tremendous sensation and a majority of the congregation left the church in disgust, threatening never to return.

Harvey Station.

HARVEY STATION, Aug. 28.—Mr. John M. Swad, one of the most enterprising and prosperous farmers of Tweedside, has purchased a Ford & Wood saw mill and is to be connected with Messrs. P. MacNutt & Company, of St. John. Mr. W. F. Burdett, one of the managers of the firm, and an assistant here on Saturday putting up the machine and testing it. They resided about three and a half acres of wheat in this section of the county and much interest is taken in it. Mr. McLeod, a young theological student from Pictou, N. S., who has been supplying the pulpit at Brockway and Bailie for some time this summer, had charge of Rev. Mr. McLean's services here yesterday. He had a very large audience at the upper church in the morning, and was delighted with his eloquent discourse on Christ's Temptations. His sermon at the station in the evening also called forth much favorable comment.

A Big Manganese Order.

MONTREAL, Aug. 28.—A representative of the Mineral Products Company operating the manganese mine at Hillboro informs your correspondent that the company on Saturday closed an order of \$50,000 for ferro manganese on hand at the company's smelting works at Bridgeville, N. B. The company at present is getting the raw product at G. Weir & Son's machine shop here with a view to doing away with making it into bricks for shipment to the smelting works. C. F. Hanington, C. E., who went out to Crow's Nest 28th inst., is home on a 10 day holiday trip. He is much pleased with the west.

STRONG EVIDENCE.

ONE JUDGE OF THE COURT-MARTIAL CONTRADICTS ANOTHER.

Captain Freytagger Says That Col. Maurel Heard All the Dossier Documents—Gen. Mercier Always Blames the Dead or the Absent.

RENNES, Aug. 28.—A dramatic scene took place toward the end of the session. Maitre Labori asked to have Captain Freytagger, one of the members of the court martial of 1894 which convicted Dreyfus, called in contradiction of the deposition of Colonel Maurel, the presiding judge on that occasion, who had testified that he had read only one of the documents of the secret dossier communicated to the court martial. As the captain, his breast glittering with decorations, advanced to the witness stand with a firm step and an air of fearless energy, he created an excellent impression. He is a finely built officer, and has a handsome, honest face, adorned with a short beard, forming gray and a flowing blonde moustache. His hair is almost white, although he is only 48 years old.

SAYS ALL DOCUMENTS WERE READ.

When asked to recount what occurred, he said: "I was a judge of the court martial of 1894. My belief in the prisoner's guilt was due to the testimony of experts and the recollections of Colonel Maurel, chief of the dossier, and Colonel de Paty de Clam. I should say it was strengthened by the reading of documents which were communicated to us, the judges, in a private room. (Great sensation.) The secret dossier contained: "First—a biographical dossier, including Dreyfus's acts of treason committed at the school at Bourges, at the military college and while on the headquarters staff. "Second—The document known as the 'Oe Canaille de D...' document. "Third—A letter which, by showing the resemblance of the handwriting, proved the genuineness of the 'Oe Canaille de D...' document, and which the plot was the 'D'Avignon letter.' (Cries of 'Oui!')

"Fourth—a telegram from a foreign military attaché, very distinctly answering the prisoner's guilt. "That telegram, if I remember rightly," continued Freytagger, "was in the following terms: 'Dreyfus is arrested. Embarassy warned.' (Renewed cries of 'Oui!')

"The witness asked whether one or more of the documents were read, and he said all were read. That was in direct contradiction of Colonel Maurel, who caused almost an uproar in the court room. General Mercier and Colonel Maurel jumped up simultaneously and asked permission to speak. Their action caused intense excitement. M. Labori at once demanded that the president of the court should call Colonel Maurel. The latter mounted the stage, though apparently with reluctance, and the judge asked him to read the dossier. "How do you explain this?" asked M. Labori.

COLONEL SAVAGELY CONTRADICTS.

"The colonel replied savagely: 'I have only a word to say. The other day Maitre Labori drew me from the ground of argument of Colonel Maurel, and I read only a simple document. These were the words, 'I read only one document.' I did not say only one document had been read.' This statement called forth an outburst of indignation from the audience. The colonel threw a fierce look of hatred at M. Labori and the public as the general shouted, 'Silence!' Captain Freytagger steadily faced the judge's deliberations. In reply to questions of counsel for the defence, who would have made me any more than I wished, I declared I had read only one document. After reading that document I handed the dossier to the clerk, saying, 'I am tired.' "That caused another great sensation, and the interruptions almost developed into uproar, which caused Colonel Maurel to order the commandant of gendarmes to maintain silence. Colonel Maurel, as he spoke, was greatly excited and trembled. 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