



GOSSIP ABOUT THE LATE CECIL RHODES

NEW LIGHT ON THE LOBENGULA TREATY Leaves a Fortune Estimated at Over Fifteen Million Pounds—The Tobacco War.

London, March 29.—Amid the maze of biographies, character studies, criticisms and eulogies of the late Cecil Rhodes which continue to appear, here is a letter published to-day which throws new light on the historic Lobengula treaty by which Mr. Rhodes made Rhodesia. It is signed "One Who Knows," and points out that neither Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Maguire nor Mr. Rudd deserve credit for the famous concession, but that it belongs to P. R. Thompson, member of parliament for Wynberg, Cape Colony, known as "Matabee Thompson."

"Dear Thompson—Stick to it. I trust to you alone. Upon you depends the whole thing. The concession is a matter to be your work. The charter is mine. Without the latter the former would be unworkable. Nature abhors a vacuum. I ask you is there a better chance in the world for you, besides being one of the richest men in the colony, you will have the kudos (glory) Napoleon was prepared to share with the world so long as he got Europe to work on these lines. Can't you give me the country something? After all you deserve something. If any doubt your power show them this. I will pay all checks you draw for you, you will fail me. Stick to the post."

"One Who Knows" adds: "Without Mr. Thompson's nineteen months of daily labor and peril at the king's kraal at Bechuanaland, there would have been no Rhodesia to-day."

A financial authority of the Daily Telegraph estimates Mr. Rhodes's holdings in South Africa at over £15,000,000, and in a forecast of the future of Rhodesia, draws a curious comparison between the agricultural possibilities of that country and those of Iowa. The selection of Iowa is due to the fact that Robert Benson, a director and leading spirit in the land company of Iowa, is now a director of the Charter Trust Company, and is otherwise largely interested in Mr. Rhodes's territories. It is said that a network of farms will be started in Rhodesia on the American plan.

The tobacco war here has created a great deal of general interest, far greater than usually associated with such disputes. Academic organs like the Spectator devote many columns to a serious discussion of the results of such a wholesale disintegration of a British system by American capital. The Spectator draws a comparison of the rival methods. It says: "English capitalists will risk millions in a trade with the greatest pluck, but American capitalists will actually sacrifice them rather than be beaten. Such was the enjoyment of their otherwise rather dull and over-worked life. They will feel disgraced if they do not win, and will make their last dollar rather than be pitted on exchanges which to them are fields of glory or humiliation."

"What else have they to live for? Politics offer no excitement. They cannot found families in the English sense, and as for luxury, they enjoy it like the Roman nobles, while they have it, or do without it in serene content."

"These characteristics have been attributed to Rhodes, 'honest ill for the British trade.' The Outlook believes the campaign has so far gone to the advantage of the invaders, but does not believe President Dike will ever be able to create a monopoly in England. The Outlook, however, warns its readers that it is evident he will inflict more damage on the Imperial Tobacco Company than it can inflict on him."

NO STRIKE AT PRESENT.

Committee Will Try to Arrange Terms Between Mill Managers and Operatives.

Lovell, Mass., March 29.—At the conclusion of an all night conference between a committee of citizens and representatives of the textile council of this city, it was announced early to-day that the threatened strike of the 16,000 cotton mill operatives had been averted for the present. The strike order will be deferred for a week at least to give the citizens a chance to use their good offices with the mill managers to bring about the increase in wages demanded by the operatives.

ARCHBISHOP EYRE DEAD.

New York, March 27.—A special from Glasgow says: "The most Rev. Charles F. Eyre, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Scotland, and is dead. Archbishop Eyre was the son of the late John Lewis Eyre, and was born in 1817 at York. He for many years was canon of the diocese, and for some time was vicar-general. He was appointed Roman Catholic archbishop of Scotland in December, 1888."

CANADIAN BRIEFS.

Farmer's Wife Drowned in Manitoba—Railway Smash Near Jarvis.

Winnipeg, March 27.—A Glenboro dispatch says: "Mrs. Hopkins, the wife of a farmer living eight miles north, was drowned to-day while endeavoring to escape from their house, which was being submerged by the rapidly rising waters of the Assiniboine river. Mrs. Hopkins was with her husband in a wagon on the way to higher ground when the box was lifted off the wagon by the water and the woman drowned."

Candidate Nominated.

The Liberals of the new Ontario constituency of Port William and Lake of the Woods met in convention at Rat Portage Monday night, nominating D. C. Cameron, of Rat Portage, as candidate for the Ontario legislature.

Election Protest.

A protest was filed to-day in the courts against the election of D. A. Stewart, Liberal member for Lisgar, Manitoba. The petition is filed on behalf of Richardson, one of the defeated candidates, and makes charges of bribery and corruption.

Fisherman Electrocutted.

Gorrie, Ont., March 28.—A strange fatality occurred in Gorrie this evening, which resulted in the death of Henry Sanderson. He was in the net of fishing near the bridge when his fishing pole came in contact with a live electric light wire, and as a consequence he was instantly killed.

Asphyxiated.

Toronto, March 28.—Henry Newcombe, aged 72, one of the partners of Newcombe & Co., piano manufacturers, was found dead in his bed this morning. He had been asphyxiated by gas. In turning it off last night on retiring, Mr. Newcombe accidentally opened the cock beside the lighting tap and used for connecting a small gas heater.

Three Killed.

Jarvis, Ont., March 28.—Two Wabash freight trains running over the Grand Trunk tracks collided near here this morning. Engineers of the Ontario and McGill and Brakenham McDonald, of St. Thomas, Ont., were instantly killed. The accident was caused by the engineer of the Wabash train not observing orders to stop at this station. A large number of loaded cars on both trains were wrecked and the loss to the company will be heavy.

C. P. R. Stock.

Montreal, March 27.—At a special general meeting of the shareholders of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company to-day, a resolution authorizing an increase of the company's ordinary capital stock to the extent of nineteen millions five hundred thousand dollars over and above previously authorized ordinary capital stock of sixty-five millions of dollars was unanimously adopted. The resolution provides that the whole of the increased stock shall be offered for subscription to the holders of ordinary capital stock at present outstanding in the proportion of 30 per cent. of their respective holdings at this date as shown by company's stock register.

Verdict to Captain.

Toronto, March 27.—The Mail and Empire some time ago said Capt. Bateman had been cashiered from the army. The paper afterwards apologized, but the captain refused to accept it. To-day a jury gave him \$500 damages.

OBITUARY.

Hannover, Prussia, March 29.—Prince Deming (better known as Count Von Mungo-Ledeburg) who has been, during the course of his career German ambassador to France, Great Britain and Russia is dead. He was born in London on December 3rd, 1820.

London, March 29.—William Stephen Temple, died at Cairo, Egypt, yesterday evening. He was born in 1847.

London, March 29.—Sir Sidney Gosdolin Alexander Sheppard, formerly judge of the Supreme court of Cape Colony, and who has held various other positions in South Africa, is dead.

ARBITRATION COURT.

First Session of New South Wales Body Will Be Held Next Month.

Sydney, N. S. W., March 29.—The compulsory industrial arbitration court, whose membership includes representatives of employers and employees which was recently established here, will open in April. Speaking to-day at a picnic which the government tendered to the delegates of the industrial unions, Justice Cohen, a member of the arbitration court, expressed the opinion that the court's establishment would prove to be a message of peace to the industrial world. Labor leaders speak in a similar strain.

PATROL FLEET.

United States Cutters to Be Ready to Enter Behring Sea at Early Date.

San Francisco, March 29.—Every effort is being made by the navy department to have the entire revenue patrol fleet in readiness to enter Behring Sea and resume the duties of patrolling that district at an early date. The influx of miners to Nome and other mining towns of Alaska is expected this season, which will result in the presence of the cutters close to one of the numerous gaps in the British lines, succeeded in reaching this

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opening before their ruse was detected, and got safely away.

The guns captured from Von Donop's convoy were brilliantly recaptured by the Scottish Horse, who charged up to the muzzles of the artillery and rode the Boer gunners off their feet before the latter had a chance to fire.

RHODES'S SCHEME.

Left Bulk of Fortune to Carry Out Imperial Scheme of Education.

London, March 29.—The Daily Mail says it is in a position to assert that Cecil Rhodes left the bulk of his fortune, outside of some personal and family bequests, to the promotion of his vast imperial plan of education. The project embraces every land where the Union Jack flies.

The Daily Mail adds that this idea of better fitting younger Britain to cope sufficiently with rival nationalities, was long a dominant scheme with Cecil Rhodes, but that even his closest friends little imagined that absorbing all it had obtained on him until disclosed by the terms of the will.

Details of this plan of education will be made public in a few days.

THE FUNERAL.

Capetown, March 28.—The coffin containing the body of Cecil Rhodes, who died during the morning of April 26th, and will lie in state in the vestibule till 3 in the afternoon, when it will be removed to the Anglican cathedral, where the first portion of the burial service will be read. The funeral procession will afterwards traverse the principal streets of Capetown to the railway station. Thence the coffin will be taken by special train to Kimberley. Only a few intimate friends will accompany the body to Bulawayo.

WHERE BODY WILL REST.

London, March 27.—In a dispatch from Capetown, the correspondent of the Daily Mail says that Mr. Rhodes selected the spot where he desired to be buried and instructed an architect about the memorial to be erected, when he last visited Matoppo Hills. The place of burial is a natural cairn of giant boulders, in a kopje adjoining that on which Major Wilson's life force made its last stand. The memorial to be erected will be a prominent feature of the striking landscape.

SUPPLIES FOR NORTH.

Vancouver, March 29.—It is announced here that Mr. Hawkins, manager of the proposed railway from Dawson to the creeks, will purchase all supplies, amounting to four thousand tons, in Vancouver and Victoria this summer.

BOAT CAPSIZED.

New Orleans, La., March 29.—It is reported that a boat containing twenty-one men, going to a British transport anchored in the river opposite the city, capsized, drowning ten or more men.

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OF THE MINISTERS AND SEVERAL OTHERS

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BIG-MINING DEAL HAS GONE THROUGH

ABOUT NINE MILLION DOLLARS INVOLVED

United States Capitalists Have Purchased Property of Canadian Copper Company.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

Quebec, Que., March 29.—J. T. Fremont, ex-mayor of Quebec and ex-member of the House of Commons for the county of Quebec, died yesterday after nearly five years' sickness.

Big Deal.

Sault Ste Marie, Ont., March 29.—The reported sale of the property of the Canadian Copper Company to United States Steel Company, Col. R. M. Thompson, E. C. Converse, and others, are interested. The consideration is about \$9,000,000.

Fell From Bar.

Toronto, March 29.—J. T. Hift Burnside, professor in mining and engineering at the school of practical science, was performing on a horizontal bar at the Toronto University's annual assault-arms last night when he lost his hold and fell to the ground, a distance of about ten feet. He alighted on his shoulder and head, sustaining a slight concussion of the brain. Mr. Burnside is now at the general hospital.

Steamer Coming In.

Halifax, March 29.—The Allan line steamer Tunisian, from Liverpool, with the weekly mails and passengers is reported entering the harbor.

THE SALE OF THE DANISH WEST INDIES

Captain Christmas Is Not Surprised at Attempt Being Made to Break Off Deal.

New York, March 29.—The Daily Mail's correspondent in Copenhagen has had a talk with a Captain Christmas, who is not the least astonished by the American scandal, says the London correspondent of the Herald.

"The Danish sale party," he said, "hopes to break off the sale by the help of a scandal. For that purpose somebody stole my confidential report to the government, and engaged a certain person, an American citizen, to go to Washington to start the scandal by delivering the report to Representative Richardson and the newspapers."

Captain Christmas gave out here on February 19th a declaration, under pressure of an oath, that no member of the American congress was either directly or indirectly interested in the sale of Danish islands. He says he sent this declaration to the foreign office with a demand that it be forwarded to the Danish ambassador, Mr. Bjørn, in Washington. It was also published in all the Danish newspapers without denial.

"I never had any arrangement about a provision with any American authority," he said. "I have no claim whatsoever on America, but only on the Danish government for my work and expenses. The present government has nothing to do with any possible scandal as all the arrangements regarding me and my work were made with Premier Hoerling three years ago, when I, by an order of the American state department, had brought Secretary Henry White into communication with the Danish foreign minister, M. Brunn. The existing government has accepted the present situation from their predecessors. It seems to me that no sale party is not acting for the benefit of their country trying to disturb the entente cordiale between America and Denmark, an understanding which our Premier, M. Deunzer officially stated the other day has been remarkably good."

TEN KILLED.

In Recent Fight With Boers in Cape Colony.

London, March 29.—A casualty list published this afternoon records a hitherto unreported fight in the Rhenoson valley, near Sutherland, Cape Colony, on March 24th, when the British were severely handled. They lost eight men killed and ten wounded and twenty were captured. The latter have since been released.

CUSTOMS REVENUE.

Ottawa, March 29.—The custom revenue for Canada for March totalled \$2,923,307, an increase of \$283,102 over the same month of 1901. For nine months now past of the current fiscal year there is an increase in the custom collections of \$1,958,502 over the same period of the preceding twelve months.

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