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CAPTURES BY THE BRITISH COLUMNS

BOER LOSSES DURING THE PAST TWO WEEKS

Nineteen Burgers Killed and Over Two Hundred Made Prisoners—Former Governor Arrested.

London, Sept. 3.—A dispatch from Lord Kitchener, dated Pretoria to-day, says:

Since August 16th the columns report 19 Boers killed, 12 wounded, 12 made prisoners, and 127 surrendered, and that 184 rifles, 27,500 rounds of ammunition, 1,700 horses and 7,600 head of cattle have been captured.

Charged With High Treason. London, Sept. 3.—Dr. Krause, formerly governor of Johannesburg, and a prominent official of the late Transvaal government, who was taken into custody in London last night, was charged at the Bow street police court this morning with high treason in the Transvaal, under the Fugitive Offenders Law, and was remanded for a week without bail.

No evidence except as to Dr. Krause's arrest was offered.

Sir George Lewis, on behalf of the prisoner, asked if any deposition against his client supporting the charge existed.

Prosecutor Muir replied that there was, of course, information against the accused in Cape Colony. The police here, he said, had acted upon telegraphic instructions.

The police testified that Dr. Krause, when arrested, looked at the warrant and remarked: "The charge is absurd."

Capetown, Sept. 3.—A well mounted force of Boers has looted Barrydale, 11 miles from Capetown.

Sheep's Boer commando passed close to Montague, 150 miles from Capetown, yesterday, and had a light brush with the local scouts. They had spare horses and were apparently well equipped.

Capetown, Sept. 3.—It is reported that Commandant Niburg has issued an order directing that all armed Boers captured after September 15th are to be shot. Capt. Wits with a patrol of 25 men was taken in ambush near Mierinspoort. He and two men escaped, three others were killed and four wounded, and the rest, who surrendered, and took the oath of neutrality, were released.

Dewet's Proclamation. London, Sept. 3.—Dewet has issued a proclamation, signed at the end of the Daily Mail from Capetown, that he will shoot all British troops found in Orange River Colony after September 3th.

Boer Prisoners. St. Vincent, C. V. I., Sept. 2.—The steamship Montrose, which sailed from Capetown for Port Elizabeth, and carrying 301 British troops and 93 Boer prisoners, has arrived here, and will proceed for her destination to-morrow.

Blowing Up of a Train. London, Sept. 3.—The Pretoria correspondent of the Daily Telegraph, in a dispatch describing the blowing up of a train between Waterfall and Hamansburg on Saturday, by Boers, when Lieut.-Col. Vandeleur, of the Irish Guards, was killed, says:

"The train carried several passengers, among them two ladies, with babies and a nurse. As it tolled through a cutting a negro, who was raising his hand, suddenly a Boer discharged two bullets, derailed the train, while a body of Boers poured in a heavy fire.

Lieut.-Col. Vandeleur shouted to the women to get down under the seats and ordered his men to return the fire. As he was proceeding along the corridor, a Boer burst into the carriage and fired, killing him after it is supposed, his refusal to surrender. Another Boer fired upon and wounded the nurse. Bullets were flying in all directions, although the Boers were aware that women and children were there."

PRINCE CHUN AT POTSDAM. Chinese Envoy Will Probably Be Received by German Emperor To-morrow.

Potsdam, Sept. 3.—Prince Chun arrived here this afternoon from Switzerland. He was received at the railroad station by the town mayor, the chief of police, and was driven to the Orange railway in Sans Souci park. It is said Emperor William will receive the Chinese envoy in the new palace at noon to-morrow.

TWO NEGROES MURDERED. New York, Sept. 1.—The bodies of David Scott and John Stevens, the one a steward and the other head waiter of the Swanow Golf club, were found dead to-day in a room which the men occupied, which is situated on the outskirts of Yonkers. They had been murdered with a butcher knife, which was found on the floor of the room, and this had been repeatedly plunged into them, as many as a dozen cuts being inflicted by the physicians who were summoned.

The men were negroes and Warner Sumas, a colored waiter, is held on suspicion of knowing something about the murder, while Frank Dunnington, another negro who called at the club yesterday looking for work, is under detention.

GO BACK TO JAIL

Decision of Territorial Courts of Hawaii Regarding Trials by Jury.

Honolulu, Aug. 25, via San Francisco, Sept. 3.—The territorial courts do not agree regarding the question of the constitutionality following the flag to Hawaii. The Supreme court has just handed down a decision, with Galbraith dissenting, to the effect that "During the period between the annexation of these islands to the United States and the territorial government, persons accused of crime could lawfully be prosecuted without the intervention of a grand jury and convicted by nine out of twelve jurymen."

The decision sent back to jail seven defendants who had been released on habeas corpus by Circuit Judge Greer of the first court.

Judge Greer held that the provision in the Lowland resolution that laws of Hawaii, not contrary to the constitution of the United States, remained in force meant that the laws that were contrary to the constitution were annulled.

The Supreme court has given a decision sustaining the income tax law passed by the legislature a few months ago.

EMPLOYERS' ACTION AGAINST UNIONS

RAILWAY COMPANY ASKS FOR HEAVY DAMAGES

Writ Granted Restraining Employees From Picketing at Works Where Strike is in Progress.

Swansea, Wales, Sept. 3.—A commotion was caused at to-day's session of the Trades Union Congress here by the action of some of the employers in endeavoring to recover damages, under the House of Lords' decision of July 22nd, from labor organizations for picketing by their members.

A delegate from Blackburn was served with a writ yesterday restraining him and the members of the Blackburn branch of the Weavers, Winders and Warpers' Association from picketing Baileister & Moore's works, where a strike is now in progress. Damages and costs were claimed.

Besides this suit, the Taft Vale Railway is suing the Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants for £200,000 damages incurred as a result of the strike of 1900. The suits will be strenuously defended, but their seriousness puts in the shade almost every other topic of discussion.

Rowanman, Bowmaker to-day devoted the principal part of his address to this topic, declaring that union funds were threatened with demoralization and that the position was intolerable. He said the parliamentary committee favored an alteration to the constitutions of the unions with the object of minimizing their liability to action.

The Chronicle to-day supports this view, maintaining that no association of working men can stand long against such litigation, and that if the decision of the presidential day reception committee is upheld, the means at his disposal for settling threatening questions between nation and nation. We have waited long enough. Now is the time for reprisals.

WAR IMPROBABLE. Unlikely to Be Any Conflict Between Venezuela and Colombia.

New York, Sept. 3.—Luther T. Ellsworth, United States Consul at Puerto Cabello, Venezuela, arrived yesterday from La Guayra. "War between Venezuela and Colombia," said the consul, "is improbable. Neither republic is in a position to enter into a conflict, but of two Venezuela is better situated."

"Time for Action." Caracas, Venezuela, Sept. 3.—The Republic, the semi-official organ of the government, published to-day an inspired article ending as follows: "The hour for action has passed and the time for action has arrived. Diplomacy has laid before the world the just reasons which it has had and has for asking compensation for grievances suffered. It has exhausted all the means at its disposal for settling threatening questions between nation and nation. We have waited long enough. Now is the time for reprisals."

ELECTIONS IN NOVA SCOTIA. Polling is to Take Place on the Second of Next Month.

Halifax, Sept. 3.—The parliament of Nova Scotia was dissolved this afternoon and Premier Murray appeals to the country.

A special Gazette was issued containing the Lieutenant-Governor's proclamation, and the election writs were also issued. Polling will take place on September 25th, and polling will take place on October 2nd.

GOLD FROM AUSTRALIA. New York, Sept. 3.—Lazard Freres, the agents of the London, Paris and American Bank, Ltd., of San Francisco, have been advised that the bank will receive from Australia \$750,000 in gold by the steamer arriving to-day, which occurred a year ago, and melancholia is supposed to have unbalanced his mind. He was 56 years old.

CUSTOMS REVENUE LARGEST ON RECORD

OVER THREE MILLION DOLLARS IN AUGUST

Returns Show an Increase of \$346,818 Compared With Same Month Last Year—The Royal Visit.

Ottawa, Sept. 3.—The customs revenue for the month of August is the largest in the history of Canada. It went over the three million mark. The revenue for August was \$3,006,485, compared with \$2,658,967 for August, 1900, or an increase of \$346,818. For the two months of the present fiscal year the revenue was \$5,270,553, an increase of \$206,114 over the same time for 1900.

The Royal Visit. Major Manse yesterday gave out the itinerary of their Royal Highnesses. They will arrive at Vancouver on September 30th, and leave on October 1st for Victoria. They will leave Victoria on October 2nd, and arrive at Vancouver on October 3rd, leaving the same day for the East.

Yukon Census. Arrangements have been concluded for the Dominion police to take the census of the Yukon.

Government Coal Lands. Col. Taylor, chief engineer of the Pittsburg Coal Co., has been appointed by the minister of the interior to inspect and make report on provisional selections of 50,000 acres of coal lands owned by the government in the Crow's Nest Pass. Col. Taylor is one of the best coal mining experts in the United States.

Judge Henderson's Return. Judge Henderson, who has returned from Bisley, left for New Westminster to-day, accompanied by Mrs. Henderson.

Presentation of Medals. A militia order issued late this afternoon says that medals will be presented by the Duke of Cornwall and York at Vancouver drill hall on September 30th and at Victoria, at Oak Bay Hotel, on October 2nd.

THE STEEL STRIKE. Reports from Points Around Pittsburgh Said to Be Discouraging to Strikers.

Pittsburg, Pa., Sept. 3.—It was believed that yesterday's creditable labor demonstration would give an impetus to the steel strikers' cause and strengthen their ranks, but the development in the strike situation to-day were favorable to the masters. From nearly every point in this district the reports were of a discouraging nature to the strikers. Rumors of peace still continue in circulation, but nothing definite can be traced to a reliable source.

MCKINLEY'S VISIT TO BUFFALO. Buffalo, Sept. 3.—President McKinley will arrive here to-morrow afternoon at 5:30 o'clock," said Mr. Errie, chairman of the presidential day reception committee this afternoon. "Only one change has been made in the programme for Thursday, and that is this: The President will inspect the troops in the Stadium, will inspect the Canadian exhibit, and one after another will look at the exhibits which the various Pan-American countries have. He will of course be received with due ceremonies by the representatives of Canada and the different South American countries, and after the inspection will take luncheon at the New York state building as the guest of the New York state board of management."

BACK FROM GUAM. The Governor Declines to Discuss Conditions on the Island.

San Francisco, Sept. 3.—Commander Seaton Schoeder, United States navy, Governor of the Island of Guam, arrived here on the steamer China en route to Washington. He declined to discuss conditions on the island or to state the object of his visit to Washington. Another passenger on the China was Prof. D. J. Todd, director of the American College observatory, who went to the Dutch East Indies to observe the eclipse of the Sun on May 18th last.

ROYAL YACHT OPHIR. With Duke and Duchess of York Aboard Sighted Off Porto Praya.

St. Vincent, Cape Verde, Sept. 3.—The British Royal yacht Ophir, with the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York on board, and the war vessels escorting the yacht were sighted off Porto Praya.

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WANT JUDGE REMOVED

Charges Against A. S. Humphries, of Hawaiian Courts.

Washington, Sept. 3.—Abraham S. Humphries, judge of the Circuit court of the first judicial circuit, territory of Hawaii, who is under charges by members of the Bar Association of the Hawaiian Islands, who ask for his removal, and of F. W. Yankee, who represents the Bar Association in the controversy, held a conference with Attorney-General Knox to-day, lasting several hours.

The substance of the charges is that Judge Humphries controls and is actively concerned in the publication of a partisan newspaper, while exercising powers and performing the duties of a judge; that he takes an active part in bitter political controversies; that he uses his powers as judge to promote his own personal and political ends; that he is harsh, tyrannical and vindictive towards members of the bar and others, and that he has held in disregard the obligations devolving upon him as judge.

In his reply, Judge Humphries says that he owns a controlling interest in the Honolulu Republican, but upon receipt of his commission as judge, he severed all connection with the editorial policy of its utterances; he took a deep interest in politics, but denies that he has been active, or has taken any part in politics unworthy of his position upon the bench. He also denies that he has made any improper use of the powers vested in him as judge, or that he has been harsh or tyrannical in his treatment of attorneys practicing before him, or that he held in disregard the obligations devolving upon him as judge.

THE ROBBERS TOOK MONEY AND ENGINE

OPENED THE SAFE AND MADE HEAVY HAUL

A Daring Hold-Up in Arkansas—The Engine on Which Men Escaped Has Not Been Found.

Texarkana, Ark., Sept. 4.—The Cotton Belt train, leaving Texarkana at 9:25 p. m., in charge of Conductor Armstrong and Engineer Henderson, was held up and robbed last night near Elyan, four miles south of Texarkana. The train was flagged by one of the robbers, who forced the fireman to go back and cut off the mail and express car, and returning forced the engineer to give up the management of the engine. One of the robbers ran the engine, mail and express cars about a mile away, and forced the express messenger to open his car. The robbers then blew open the safe with dynamite, securing, it is said, a very large amount of booty. The train, however, was not held up, and the engine and mail and express cars were not touched.

At 1:40 o'clock this morning the engine had not been found. No passengers were molested, though they were badly frightened.

RECEIVED BY THE EMPEROR. Prince Chun, the Chinese Envoy, Waited On the Kaiser To-day.

Potsdam, Sept. 4.—Prince Chun visited the museum at Friedenskirch to-day and placed wreaths on the tombs of the Emperor and the Empress Frederick. Emperor William received Prince Chun at noon in the presence of the Royal Princes, Baron von Richthofen, the foreign secretary, the principal ministers, generals and court dignitaries. Prince Chun read a letter written in yellow ink to the Emperor.

After the audience Prince Chun inspected the guard of honor and returned to the Orange railway, where the Emperor will visit him this afternoon.

TWO VIEWS. How the Dispute Between France and Turkey Stands.

Constantinople, Sept. 3.—Munir Bey, Turkish ambassador to France, wired London on Saturday that he had strong hopes that a settlement of the Franco-Turkish difficulty would be reached which would preserve the dignity of both governments.

M. Delcasse, French minister of foreign affairs, on the contrary, wired M. Baptist, counselor of the French embassy, categorical instructions to take no steps to show that the relations between the two countries were modified.

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COLUMBIA LED BY QUARTER OF MILE

YACHTS UNABLE TO FINISH SECOND RACE

Wind Failed the Big Boats Before They Were Able to Complete the Course.

Newport, Sept. 3.—The second official race of Columbia and Constitution yesterday had practically no result. The yachts, for lack of wind, were unable to finish within the time limit of 5 1/2 hours. At 6:30 in the evening the contest came to an inglorious conclusion two miles to the eastward of Benton's reef lightship. At the time Columbia led by a quarter of a mile. The course was triangular, ten nautical miles to a leg, the first being a beat to windward. After crossing the line at exactly the same moment, with Constitution in the windward berth, Columbia worked out and getting her wind free forged ahead. Constitution tacked off shore and shortly after Columbia followed, going up to windward and passing her. From then on to the windward mark it was nothing but a steady rain for the old boat, and when both had rounded it was found that Columbia had gained 4 minutes and 55 seconds, the worst beating the Constitution has yet received.

On the second leg the wind felt very light and Constitution, bringing it up with her, gained slightly.

After rounding the second mark 4 minutes and 30 seconds behind and starting for home, Constitution carried about all the wind and passed her rival. The breeze coming up again, Columbia once more shot ahead.

Shortly after the race was called off, with Columbia well in the lead. The official table follows:

Constitution—Start, 1:00:00; first mark, 2:10:03; second mark, 4:55:10. Did not finish.

Columbia—Start, 1:00:00; first mark, 3:11:08; second mark, 4:30:40. Did not finish.

To Race Daily. Newport, Sept. 3.—Just before noon the challenge was issued to the first meeting and decided to have the yachts race every day hereafter until Saturday, until it shall be definitely determined which is the better boat. There is no race to-day.

The change in the mainsail of Constitution, which is being made to-day, is the substitution of the old sail which she carried when she beat the Columbia eight times, for the new one, which was bent after the Larchmont race, and after which she has been beaten in two finished and two unfinished races by the old boat.

On board of Constitution yesterday, besides Mr. Duncan and her designer, Nat S. Herreshoff, were C. Olive Lakin and one of two other experts who critically watched the boat for any defects. Mr. Lakin thought the flow of the mainsail was not just right. It was by his advice that the sail which had been on the boat for only two weeks was taken off this morning, and what Mr. Herreshoff and Mr. Duncan consider the worst sail of all was substituted. A diver was sent down this morning to look over the plating and the lead line. Beyond one defect, which the boat should be brought back into shape again.

The Betting. New York, Sept. 3.—The Herald's correspondent at Newport says: "Some New York Yacht Club members of a speculative turn of mind have wagered money here on Shamrock II. obtaining small odds in some cases, while other bets have been made at even. The elimination of Constitution from the controversy and the sending to the front of Columbia, which now looks as if it would be the end of the challenge contest, has caused a change in the betting." "The odds are now more or less even, but more seriousness than has ever before been the case in the history of the cup."

Liption's Opinion. New York, Sept. 3.—Sir Thos. Lipton to-day that he did not care to talk judgment on the race between Columbia and Constitution, except to say that Columbia had seemed to do extremely well in the light wind. "I think Shamrock would have done well in that breeze too," he added.

COFFEE AND GOLD. Tax on Farmer in Porto Rico—Natives Find Treasure in Stream.

San Juan, Porto Rico, Aug. 28.—The coffee question is still agitating the entire island and town councils one by one, following the example of the large exports, are declaring a 125 tax on every 1,000 kilos of coffee. It has been discovered that Brazilian coffee has been used in Porto Rico since last March by the government.

The government declined to buy at such rates as gave trade to other places. At Comercio it has been ascertained that gold is being taken out of the various streams and made daily excursions to these streams and search for pebbles, which are covered with gold. None of them will show an outsider the place

CELEBRATED

Ecumenical Methodist Conference Opened in London To-day.

London, Sept. 4.—The Ecumenical Methodist conference opened in Wesley's chapel this morning with a good attendance. The session was begun with devotional exercises, in the course of which King Edward and President McKinley were prayed for. Bishop Joseph Hartzell, missionary bishop of the Methodist Episcopal church in Africa, made the opening prayer and Bishop Galberry, of Jackson, Miss., preached an eloquent sermon.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Rev. Frederick Temple, D. D., and the Bishop of London, the Right Rev. A. F. W. Ingram, D. D., sent friendly messages, the Archbishop of Canterbury praying God's blessing on the deliberations. The Bishop of London sent a similar message, but adding the hope that some day the Methodists might be reunited with the Episcopalians.

SAD FATALITY IN RAILWAY TUNNEL

E. J. DUCHESNAY KILLED BY A FALL OF ROCK

He Was Directing the Work of Extinguishing a Fire When the Accident Occurred.

Vancouver, Sept. 4.—E. J. Duchesnay, assistant general superintendent of the Pacific division of the Canadian Pacific railway, was killed at 10:45 o'clock this morning at No. 11 tunnel, eleven miles west of North Bend. Mr. Duchesnay was giving instructions to his men when the fatality occurred. The gluber beams in the tunnel had caught fire from a passing train and the men were engaged putting out the fire. Mr. Duchesnay was in the act of pointing upward at the flame where he wished the men to work when a large piece of rock, loosened by the fire, fell and struck him on the head. He was killed almost instantly.

Mr. Duchesnay was on his way home, having been away since last May on work connected with the trackmen's strike. His remains will be brought in this evening and the funeral will be held here.

The deceased was one of the best known railway men in the West. He was a French-Canadian, 47 years old. He entered the Canadian Pacific service in 1873, working on the Algoma & Manitoba branches, and later was made division engineer in the Rocky Mountains. Later he was appointed to the place of Supt. Marpole, when the latter came to Vancouver, and was recently made assistant general superintendent. He leaves a widow and four children in Vancouver.

The crew of the steamer New England had an exciting adventure with a sea lion on the last trip. The lion, which was on board, was a monster and tried to get into a dory, and the steamer had to come to the rescue.

The town of Blaine is said to be half in Canada and half in the States, according to a new survey of the boundary line by the Canadian party. This is the general report in Blaine.

THE ROYAL TRAIN. It Consists of Nine Cars—New Engines Are Being Completed to Haul It.

Montreal, Sept. 4.—The C. P. R. has completed the royal train of nine cars. Two cars, the York and Cornwall, are specially intended for the use of the royal couple. The Cornwall is for day observation platform at the end, opening into a reception room. Next comes the dining-room and small boudoir. The kitchen and store rooms occupy the remainder of the car. The Cornwall contains two magnificent state-rooms, each with a connecting bathroom and rooms for valet and maid.

TOOK HIS LIFE AT SEA. New York Newspaper Man Committed Suicide By Taking Poison.

Falmouth, Eng., Sept. 4.—The Wilson steamship Buffalo, which passed the Lizard last night and signalled that she had broken her shaft, arrived here to-day. The captain reported that a New York newspaper man named Joy had committed suicide by taking poison during the voyage. A letter from the captain he requested that his remains be buried at sea, which was done. Joy wrote that he took the poison especially to commit suicide. He directed that certain of his belongings be sent to Joseph phine Joy, and left presents for the stewards and stewardesses.

ANXIOUS TO MEET CZAR OF RUSSIA

KRUGER IS LIKELY TO BE DISAPPOINTED

Gossip From London—The Czar and King Edward—Germany's New Coaling Station.

New York, Sept. 1.—The London correspondent of the New York Tribune sends the following:

It is reported from Copenhagen that the Czar and King Edward will not meet at Fredensborg, as has been previously announced. If this rumor be confirmed, it will not be proof that anything has gone amiss, but merely that it has been inconvenient to shorten the King's stay at Homburg and impracticable to alter the Czar's engagement at Dantzig. The Czar, while on good terms with the King and German Emperor, must consider the bearings of the dual alliance and give preference to France in ceremonial visits. He is not likely to single out Britain for a deliberate affront, and there is no evidence that he intends to do so.

The King's desire to derive all possible benefit from the waters at Homburg will be a natural explanation if the two sovereigns do not meet at Fredensborg.

Topik Turkydom is still the word that describes South Africa. While General French has been driving the guerrillas north of the Orange River, Scheeper's commando seems to have taken in the opposite direction and to have got within striking distance of the coast of Cape Colony, 200 miles east of Capetown. Scheeper, one of the youngest Boer commanders, and may be mischievous enough to tumble into Capetown at the moment when General French is arranging for expecting him in the southeast corner of the Orange River Colony. Military men are debating solemnly the chances of a general surrender of the leaders during the next fortnight by a preconcerted arrangement, but it is a far cry from Scheeper at Ondshorn to Rotha and Delarey in the Eastern Transvaal, and every guerrilla leader is free to go as he pleases. Dewet has been reported at Zaestron, in the Wapen district, but the flying Dutchman on the wide sea is not more elusive.

An incident which has escaped general observation in England is the establishment of a German coaling station in the Farsan or Kermeh group of islands in the Red Sea. Russia has coveted a harbor in these islands, but has not ventured to take possession of the group. Germany, without giving offense to Britain and probably by prearrangement with the Russian government, there and is treating the entire group as a possession of the empire. A coaling and naval station will be established and extensive works constructed. This has been done in the interest of German commerce with the Far East, and for the sake of strengthening the navy, which the Emperor has laid down as the chief work of his reign.

The Times has a dismal leader on the opposition offered by Russia to the opening of the Quetta-Nushki route between India and Persia. This route avoids Afghanistan territory and passes through Selatan to Bijnand and Kerman, and is a shorter and safer channel of trade between India and Persia. The commercial centers of Eastern Persia stand in the vicinity of Bandar-Abbas route. Russia, having acquired effective control over the customs revenue of Persia by virtue of a loan contract last year, is making strenuous resistance to the development of traffic by the new route. Indian traders are convinced that Persia is victim of the Russian sphere of influence, and that British commerce will be blocked and paralyzed.

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