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WAR IN SOUTH AFRICA TO END IN FOUR MONTHS

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That is the Opinion of Mr. James G. Stowe, Consul-General at Cape Town for the United States, Who is Now in London.

Mr. Stowe Does Not Think Lord Kitchener Will Do More Than Any Other General, but Believes the 16,000 Boer Prisoners Will Exert a Powerful Influence for Peace.

London, Dec. 4.—Mr. James G. Stowe, the U.S. Consul-General at Cape Town, landed at Southampton to-day. He will sail for the United States Dec. 15, on the St. Louis. In an interview to-day he said: "I give the war in South Africa four months to come to an end. In my opinion it is bound to be snuffed out during that period. I do not believe Lord Kitchener will do much more than any other general. The present plan of the British campaign is bound to bring about the result. Moreover there are 16,000 Boer prisoners in Ceylon, St. Helena and at Cape Town, all of whom are anxious to have an end of hostilities."

FOUGHT ALL DAY SUNDAY.

Lord Kitchener Reports That Gen. Knox Headed Off Dewet's Force Near Bethulie.

London, Dec. 4.—General Kitchener reports from South Africa that the mounted troops of General Knox were engaged all day long Sunday with part of General Dewet's force, north of Bethulie. The Boers, he adds, were headed off, and retired in a northeasterly direction.

A despatch from Cape Town reports Haus Botha has been raiding near Standerton, capturing cattle and stores. The British sent out a force which drove the Boers off and recaptured the loot.

The steamer Fort Salisbury is overdue at Plymouth, and some anxiety is felt regarding her. Prince Alexander of Teck is aboard.

CANADIANS AT PORTSMOUTH.

The Mayor Welcomed the Boys and They Were Shown the Sights of the Station.

Portsmouth, Dec. 4.—(Telegram Cable.)—This famous old town, around which is pivoted Britain's greatness as a naval power, was visited to-day by the members of the Canadian Regiment on their way home from active service in South Africa. Portsmouth, in its long history, has had many occasions for jubilation, but the reception to the men from the Empire's greatest colony surpassed any demonstration of recent years.

The Mayor of the city welcomed the Canadians in a particularly happy speech, and in eloquent words praised them for their noble patriotism in coming forward to the aid of the Empire.

Lieut.-Col. Buchan, who was in charge of the regiment, replied, thanking the Mayor for his kind words and the citizens of Portsmouth for the heartiness of their reception.

Visited the Dockyards.

The party, accompanied by a committee of citizens, visited the dockyards, and the men displayed an intelligent interest in the sights that met their eyes. The Canadians were received by the admiral of the port, who, in showing them over the yards, took them upon Lord Nelson's famous old flagship, the Victory, and showed them the spot where he fell, which is now marked by a brass tablet. Close beside the Victory was another old three-decker, and this relic of naval warfare in Nelson's time was also inspected.

The men were entertained at luncheon while in Portsmouth, at the expense of the War Office. They came down from London on a special train.

Nurses Left at Pretoria.

Ottawa, Dec. 4.—The Militia Department, having received several enquiries as to the whereabouts of the Canadian nurses, yesterday cabled the High Commissioner's office to ascertain. This morning the following cablegram was received in reply: "Orter says he left Canadian nurses at Pretoria, but has no idea as to the date of their return."

To Prepare for Canadians.

Halifax, Dec. 4.—The dockyard officials received a cable from the War Office this afternoon to prepare for the reception of Col. Otter and the Canadians, who leave England on the 11th inst.

TING FU HSIANG PUNISHED

Imperial Edict Deprives Him of His Titles, But Allows Him to Remain in Command.

SOUTHERN REBELLION RENEWED

Belief That the Court Intends to Return to Pekin—Latest News From China.

Shanghai, Dec. 4.—An Imperial edict deprives Gen. Ting Fu Hsiang of his rank and titles, but permits him to retain command of the troops. He has been ordered to disband five thousand men and to withdraw to the Province of Kansu with the remainder. The edict deprecates his ignorance and roughness in dealing with foreign affairs, but it is not regarded as of serious import.

The Southern Rebellion.

A recrudescence of the southern rebellion is reported. The Triads are said to be getting fresh supplies of ammunition and to be preparing outbreaks in the Provinces of Kwang Tung and Kwang Su.

Native papers express the belief that the court is preparing to return to Pekin, whither orders have been issued to send the rice tributes, instead of sending them to Sian Fu.

Tuan's Decapitation Ordered.

London, Dec. 5.—Native papers report, says the Shanghai correspondent of The Times, "that the court has decided to issue an edict ordering the decapitation of Prince Tuan and General Tung Fu Hsian."

NOT EXACTLY AN ACT OF WAR,

But an Armed Intervention Against a State of Anarchy, is the Position of Germany.

Berlin, Dec. 4.—During the debate in the Reichstag to-day on the supplementary credit for China, Baron Von Richthofen, Secretary of Foreign Affairs, informed Herr Bebel, the Socialist leader, that the China expedition was not regarded exactly as an act of war, but as armed intervention against an Anarchic state of affairs, not preventing a continuance of a certain amount of intercourse between Germany and the lawful government of China.

The Minister of War, Gen. Von Gossler, declared that while epidemics were rife among the troops in China the deaths were only one-third per cent. of the entire expeditionary corps.

Germans Going to Fight Chinese.

Berlin, Dec. 4.—A despatch from Field Marshal Count Von Waldersee, dated Pekin, Monday, Dec. 3, says a considerable force of Chinese regulars have taken up a position at Bang Chou, 95 kilometres southwest of Tien Tsin, and that two detachments of troops from Tien Tsin, commanded by Colonel Lohrsheidt and Major Falkenhann, are proceeding against these Chinese.

Westminster Gazette's Hopes.

London, Dec. 4.—The Westminster Gazette says it hopes Great Britain will not drift apart from the United States' sensible China policy, owing to the supposed necessity for supporting Germany's forward policy.

Yangtse Viceroys Gave Assurances.

Shanghai, Dec. 4.—The Yangtse viceroys, who are masters of the situation, gave Vice-Admiral Seymour satisfactory assurances of their future policy on the occasion of his recent visit to these officials.

Paraded Before Being Killed.

Tien Tsin, Monday, Dec. 3.—Tang Wen Huan, the author of the outrages upon the Pao Ting Fu missionaries, arrived today, and was paraded along the Victoria-road in a cart under a strong German guard, previous to being handed over to the Provisional Government for decapitation.

Germans Lost Twenty Killed.

Shanghai, Dec. 4.—It is reported in Tien Tsin that the Germans lost 20 killed and many wounded west of Pao Ting Fu, where they were attacked by 2500 Boxers.

A quantity of loose powder exploded in the last arsenal occupied by the Russians. It is supposed the explosion was caused by two Chinese, who were smoking. Both Chinamen were killed. The shock was felt at Tien Tsin, four miles distant.

More Outbreaks Imminent.

London, Dec. 4.—"Placards are again being posted," says the Tien Tsin correspondent of The Standard, wiring Sunday, "announcing a renewal of the anti-foreign outbreaks as imminent."

Kalgan Expedition Failed.

London, Dec. 4.—A special despatch from Nankow Pass, dated Nov. 30, says the Kalgan expedition was ineffective, the Chinese evading all attempts to engage them. The towns en route were occupied unopposed, and some tolls of skins and silver were levied. The cavalry captured the baggage of the retreating Chinese force at Swen Hwa Fu, killed 30 of its guards, and secured 20,000 taels.

Three mandarins, instigators of the massacre of converts at Tsiming, and 22 Boxers were executed, but the Germans generally ignored evidences of anti-foreign activity.

There are continuous disturbances in the interior, where a bad impression has been made by the excessive withdrawal of foreign troops and the complacency of the allies.

The missionaries anticipate a recrudescence of the outrages.

Wants Better Winter Quarters.

Washington, Dec. 4.—The Cabinet meeting to-day developed nothing of special interest. It was announced that General Chaffee had telegraphed the Secretary of War asking for authority to provide more suitable quarters for the legation guard in Pekin during the winter months.

THE WINDSOR SUSPECTS,

Seamon and Mathies Were Before the Magistrate and the Hearing Was Adjourned.

Windsor, Ont., Dec. 4.—There was a motley gathering of detectives, police officers and citizens in the Windsor Police Court this morning when the case of James Seamon and Louis Mathies, charged with passing forged money, was called by Magistrate Bartlet. The same charge of uttering fraudulent bills was read to the prisoners. Part of the evidence was taken, and the hearing was adjourned until Thursday.

Jacob Mathies, a brother of one of the prisoners, was present. He is a mail carrier at Rochester, N.Y., and said his brother had been a conductor on the street railway line in that city, but lost his job last spring. He was a good-hearted fellow and picked up with Seamon in a Rochester hotel. It was suggested that the two go west in search of work, and they decided to do so. The mother of Mathies was almost heart-broken to hear of her son's arrest. He was always a good boy, and bore an excellent reputation. Nothing was known in Rochester about Seamon. A communication signed by the best citizens in Rochester will be sent here, vouching for the good character of Mathies. Among the Detroiters present were Attorney Tom Navin, who sat beside J. W. Manna, counsel for the defendants, and Captain Spillane of the Detroit police force.

OVER THREE HUNDRED KILLED.

Terrific Disaster in China Due to the Explosion of a Powder Magazine.

Minneapolis, Dec. 4.—A despatch from Tacoma says:

The steamer Energia brings details of the terrible powder explosion at Haking, China, which killed more than three hundred persons last month. In a violent thunderstorm lightning struck a gunpowder magazine, containing half a million catties, which exploded. The result was to utterly obliterate the small valley where the magazine was. Throughout the district were found heaps of mangled and twisted bodies. The rescuing of the bodies was carried on for a week by Chinese soldiers, one hundred being recovered the first day.

ROSEBERY WOULD RESUME.

But Harcourt and Morley Will Not Pledge Themselves to Support His Policy.

London, Dec. 5.—The Standard says that it learns that Lord Rosebery would resume the leadership of the Liberal party but that Sir William Vernon Harcourt and Mr. John Morley decline to pledge themselves to support his policy.

A. T. Wood, Ex-M.P., for Senator.

The regrettable death of Senator Donald MacInnes leaves vacant the seat in the Senate, designated Burlington. Who will be called to fill the vacancy? A. T. Wood, ex-M.P. for Hamilton, has cherished for years an ambition to sit in the Upper House, and among politicians his call is considered sure. It may come at any day now.

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SOME SURPRISE EXPRESSED

But Closer Inspection Will Show Tendering Company is Not Allied to Pender Group.

EFFECTIVE WORK IS PROMISED.

Dominion Ministry Realize Fast Atlantic Service is Essential to Canadian Expansion.

London, Dec. 4.—The Pacific Cable Committee has accepted in behalf of the Governments of Great Britain, New South Wales, Queensland and New Zealand the bid of the Telegraph Construction and Maintenance Company, to make and lay the cable from Vancouver, B.C., to Queensland and New Zealand via Fanning, Fiji and Norfolk Islands, for £1,795,000, the work to be finished at the end of 1902.

Some Surprise Expressed.

London, Dec. 4.—(Montreal Star Cable.)—Some surprise is expressed that the Pacific Cable Board accepted the tender of the Telegraph, Construction and Maintenance Company to construct the Pacific cable for £1,795,000 before the end of 1902, inasmuch as this company was always understood to be allied to the Pender Cable group.

Assumption Unwarranted.

It is believed, however, that full evidence has been furnished that this assumption is unwarranted.

No other tender promised such early and effective work.

The omission of Canada's name from the list of contributory Governments in to-day's official announcement was purely accidental. A correction will appear in to-morrow's papers.

Will Push Fast Atlantic.

It is understood that the Dominion Ministry have given renewed assurances to their friends of their firm intention to push the fast Atlantic project to completion at the earliest possible moment. As one high authority declared to-day: "They realize its fulfilment is essential to Canadian expansion."

BOWMANVILLE'S FIVE FIRES.

Incendiaries at Work in the Town and the Inhabitants Fear to Go to Their Beds.

Bowmanville, Ont., Dec. 4.—Five incendiary fires and four turnouts by the fire brigade, followed by one arrest, an unusual record for one day in a small town. Shortly after midnight fire was discovered in W. Muir's frame block, between the Balmoral Hotel and Salvation Army Barracks. The buildings were destroyed. In the middle of the forenoon fire was seen issuing from a small dwelling house on the same lot, and this building was badly burned in the upper part.

About 6 o'clock the third alarm was given because of a fire at Porter's foundry on East King-street. The blacksmith shop, machine and moulding shops were burned. No sooner had the brigade left the scene of fire No. 3, when the alarm was again sounded, the fire being in the North End in Warren's evaporator, the old furniture factory finishing room. The building was burned to the ground, the fire being terribly fierce. Mrs. George Manning's fine brick house had a narrow escape. John Varcoe, the tenant, suffered considerable loss thru the removal of his household effects in the rain. John G. Manning's cooperage on the west side of Elgin-street, caught fire and was badly damaged, but was saved by the efforts of the fire brigade. Some residences were also in great danger. During this fire Chief Jarvis arrested on suspicion George Payne, and lodged him in the lock-up. A little later, fire was discovered in Horsey's machine shop on West King-street, but was extinguished by the neighbors without sounding alarm. Such is to-day's terrible record and citizens are afraid to go to bed lest their houses should be burned.

WINNIPEG CIVIC ELECTION.

Mayor Wilson, D. A. Ross and John Arbuthnot in the Race for the Mayoralty.

Winnipeg, Dec. 4.—(Special.)—Attorney-General Campbell stated to-day that the Government was fully prepared for presenting its case on the Liquor Act before the full court to-morrow.

The municipal nominations for Winnipeg passed off very quietly at noon to-day.

The following were nominated:

For Mayor—Horace Wilson, D A Ross, John Arbuthnot.

For aldermen—Ward 1, B E Chaffey, J H Spear.

Ward 2—John Russell, Daniel Smith.

Ward 3—James G. Latimer, R R Sutherland, Robert Snook.

Ward 4—J G Harvey, R A Bonnar, John Wallace.

Ward 5—Duncan Sinclair, D D Wood.

Ward 6—Benjamin Nicholson, J W Cockburn, Joseph Carman.

James Fax, humorist, City Travelers' Concert, Massey Hall, To-Morrow Night.

Safe Deposit Business Transferred.

Montreal, Dec. 4.—(Special.)—The business of the Montreal Safe and Deposit Co., of which Hon. L. J. Forget is president, has been transferred to the Royal Trust Co., and the deed of transfer will be signed by Senator Forget to-morrow.

Have lunch in new dining-room.—Thomas' English Chop House, King St.

Turkish Rugs.

Special sale of genuine hand-made eastern rugs and carpets. A consignment of 15 bales from Mr. Tacvor Spartali, the well known rug collector of Constantinople. At our rooms, 28 King west, this afternoon at 2.30. C. J. Townsend & Co., auctioneers.

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THE INVASION OF ENGLAND WOULD BE AN EASY MATTER

That Is the Opinion of Gen. Mercier of the French Army, Who Admits That British Army Is Brave and Her Navy Powerful—He Was Sat Upon.

Paris, Dec. 4.—Gen. Mercier caused a deep sensation in the Senate to-day during the debate on the naval bill, by pointing out the ease by which England could be invaded. He demanded that they introduce into the plans for the mobilization of the army, the navy methods for the rapid embarkation and debarkation of an expeditionary corps. The President declared that such proposals were out of order and the Senate adjourned.

In the course of an extraordinary speech, Gen. Mercier said: "In view of the possibility of war with Great Britain, the use of the army is not sufficiently taken into account. The Transvaal war has shown that the British army, altho brave, is not equal to the task which England expected it to perform. The British navy is powerful, but it has many coasts to defend.

"France, therefore, is numerically England's equal at certain points, and is even her superior in the instruments of destruction. A landing in England is, therefore, not beyond realization. I venture to think that the work I prepare, while commanding an army corps, could serve as a basis for such a project, which would not be expensive."

At this point protests were raised, and M. Faillieres asked Gen. Mercier not to enter into the details of the scheme.

Gen. Mercier replied that the scheme could be "held over the head of England," and he proposed a resolution that the Senate should invite the Government to complete immediately preparations for the mobilization of the army and navy by preparing every thing necessary to embark and disembark as rapidly as possible an expeditionary corps.

Protests were raised from various branches, and M. De Laness, Minister of Marine, followed the President's ruling that the motion was out of order in the present debate, by declaring, amid cheers, that the Government could not possibly accept it.

MR. TARTE KEEPS THE RACE CRY ALIVE IN QUEBEC PROVINCE

The Minister of Public Works Counts in the French-Canadians Across the Line in an Endeavor to Outdo the English-Speaking Population of the Other Provinces.

Montreal, Dec. 4.—(Special.)—Hon. Mr. Tarte has been whooping up the race cry again in St. Mary's local election. Speaking on behalf of Dr. Lacomb, the candidate of the Parent Government, the Minister of Public Works declared that Quebec must go hand-in-hand with Ottawa. He did not want to be fanatical, but he said that Sir Wilfrid Laurier was a French-Canadian, and why should we not follow him? We are, he added, three millions French-Canadian—two million in Canada and one million in the States. Let us be united, said Mr. Tarte. Let us form a compact and united group against those who desire our ruin.

Mr. Tarte said he had not lost hope of Ontario, and he said Sir Wilfrid Laurier would undertake to enlighten the good people of that province, and that this work would be begun at a great banquet to be given in Toronto in a few weeks. Who knows, added Mr. Tarte, if we would not have won in Ontario as we won in Quebec, had the organizers in the sister province been French-Canadians. The English, he said, do not know how to carry on a campaign. They neither have the resource nor the order in battle, and it is certainly the time to say: "Vive the old French troops!"

Hon. Mr. Tarte announced that the session would be held early, and that the great enterprises already projected would be pushed ahead. He concluded by asking that all French-Canadians should unite against Anglo-Saxon fanaticism.

OUT OF WORK, TOOK HIS LIFE

Robert Turner, While Despondent, Locked Himself in a Room and Turned on the Gas.

CAME TO TORONTO FROM NEAR BOSTON

Where it is Understood He Has Well-to-Do Relatives—An Inquest to Be Held.

Despondent over loss of employment, Robert Turner, a silversmith, committed suicide yesterday in his apartments at the Central Hotel, corner of Queen and Esther-streets. Turner came to the city about five months ago from Taunton, Mass., accompanied by another silversmith, and both secured employment at the Toronto Silver Plate Company's works, West King-street. About 10 days ago he was discharged, and since then had spent his time in search of work. Failing to secure another situation, he became despondent.

Yesterday morning he was up and around the hotel, and appeared more than ordinarily cheerful. He went to his room about 11 o'clock, and that was the last seen of him alive.

The discovery was not made until 10 o'clock last night, when his room-mate returned home from work and found the door locked. He called the proprietor, J. A. Devaney, who went to the room and forced the door. They were met by a strong smell of gas. The room was full of it. Turner was found lying on the bed partly dressed. The gas was escaping from an open jet, the burner of which had been removed.

The proprietor hurriedly summoned Dr. Woods of Spadina-avenue, who gave it as his opinion that Turner had been dead for about 3 hours. Coroner Johnson was notified, and issued a warrant for an inquest to be held to-morrow afternoon, at No. 3 station.

In the room where the body was found was a note written by Turner, in which he declared his intention of committing suicide, giving as his reason the loss of his situation.

The remains were removed to W. K. Murphy's undertaking establishment, at 479 West Queen-street, where they will remain until some word is received from deceased's brother, who lives at 94 Main-street, Taunton. Deceased was 45 years of age, and is said to be well connected at Taunton.

Under a Serious Charge.

Detective Forrest of the Wilton-avenue Station yesterday afternoon arrested Ross McH. Cameron, a clerk in the Meteorological Service, who lives at 153 Rose-avenue, on a warrant charging him with carnally knowing Lizzie Henry, a 12-year-old girl. The alleged offence is said to have been committed about two weeks ago in Trinity Church, East King-street, where the girl's father is employed as sexton.

The girl was sent to the Sunday schoolroom in the afternoon to do some dusting preparatory to an anniversary entertainment, which took place in the evening. She did not return home when she was expected, and Mrs. Henry went to the church to make some enquiries about her. There she met the prisoner, who is the Sunday school librarian, and was told that Lizzie had left the place some little time before.

A few days later the girl, it is said, gave her mother the information which yesterday led to the arrest of Cameron. The accused was admitted to bail.

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City Travelers' Concert, Massey Hall To-Morrow Night. Tickets 25c, for sale at Bain Book Co., 96 Yonge-street.

To-Day's Program.

Argonaut Rugby Club banquet their returned soldiers from South Africa, 8 p.m.

Normal School, Principal Grant lectures on "Making of Canada," 8 p.m.

Otter Dinner Committee meets at Board of Trade, 4 p.m.

Browning Club, Unitarian Church, 8 p.m.

Howland meeting, Forum Hall, 8 p.m.

Grand Opera House, "Theodora," 2 and 8 p.m.

Toronto Opera House, "A Ward of France," 8 p.m.

Princess Theatre, "Little Lord Fauntleroy," 8 p.m.

Shea's Theatre, Performing Elephants and vaudeville, 2 and 8 p.m.

KRUGER TO MEET THE CZAR

Arrangement Said to Have Been Made for a Conference at Mentone Between Them.

Paris, Dec. 4.—"It is probable," says a special despatch from Cologne, "that Mr. Kruger will meet Emperor Nicholas at Nice or Mentone, where the Czar's physicians have advised him to go for his convalescence."

No Welcome at Vienna.

London, Dec. 4.—In response to a confidential inquiry as to whether Mr. Kruger would be welcomed here, says the Vienna correspondent of The Daily Mail, a polite reply was returned to the effect that Emperor Francis Joseph had made other disposition for the next few weeks.

Anti-English Riot at Cologne.

Cologne, Dec. 4.—A mob last night attacked the British Consulate, yelling, "Down with England!" They attempted to tear down the escutcheon, but were dispersed by the police. Several were arrested.

Anglophobe Demonstration.

Cologne, Dec. 4.—An Anglophobe demonstration took place to-day in front of the British Consulate here. Mounted police dispersed the rioters and arrested the leaders.

Serenades and ovations to Mr. Kruger, planned by various societies, have been forbidden in the interest of public safety.

Kruger at The Hague Thursday.

Antwerp, Dec. 4.—Mr. Kruger has formally notified The Hague Government that he will arrive in that city on Thursday. Mme. Eloff, his grandchild, with her children and the Boer delegates, Messrs. Wessels and Wolmarans, await him there. The Kaiser's refusal to receive Mr. Kruger has caused a most painful impression thruout Holland.

SYDNEY, A NAVAL STATION.

Action of the Imperial Government in Buying Property Points Significantly Toward This End.

Halifax, Dec. 4.—It is announced that the British Government is negotiating for large water lots and considerable land in Sydney harbor. The fact of England purchasing property at Sydney is most significant.

The fortifying of Sydney would give England one of the best naval stations in the Empire. With one of the finest harbors in the world, Sydney could be approached at almost any time of the year, and the great coal deposits would enable her to cater to John Bull's most extravagant demands for fuel. It could be stored in large quantities at small expense and held in case of emergency. This year a shortage has been experienced at the dockyards and the British authorities have had to buy American coal in order to keep steam up on their American fleet. With Sydney a source of supply this would all be altered and the coal question would be effectively solved.

Another advantage resulting from the fortifying of Sydney would be that of bringing the British forces within easy striking distance of the French Newfoundland squadron and the Island of Miquelon.

Competent officers have examined the harbors surrounding, and they have been found to be capable of easy defence. The work of fortifying the harbors will, from present indications, not be long delayed, and Great Britain will have added another link to her chain of strongholds which encircle the globe.

THE CZAR ABLE TO SIT UP.

General Condition Very Good, According to the Bulletin Issued Yesterday Morning.

Livadia, Dec. 4.—The physicians of the Czar issued the following bulletin today:

"The Czar passed the last 24 hours very satisfactorily. Yesterday evening his temperature was 100.6 and his pulse 80. This morning his temperature was 96.6; pulse 66. His general condition is very good. His Majesty is now able to sit in an invalid chair at intervals during the day."

Edwards and Hart-Smith, Chartered Accountants, offices Canadian Bank of Commerce Building, Toronto.

Want to Find Two Women.

Detective Slemin is looking for Mrs. Joseph Hazelton and she cannot be found. On account of what transpired at the Milne inquest, and for other reasons, Crown Attorney Curry has issued a warrant for her arrest on a charge of tampering with Crown witnesses. A warrant has also been issued for another woman on a similar charge, and there is a probability that still others may be arrested.

Hoyt's Will to Be Contested.

Concord, N.H., Dec. 4.—Mrs. Mary E. Green of this city and J. B. Hoyt of Nashua, first cousins of the late Charles H. Hoyt, have retained counsel to contest the probate of the playwright's will. The grounds of contest will be that Hoyt was of unsound mind when he made his will.

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A PEACEMAKER NEEDED; CECIL RHODES THE MAN.

The South African Magnate Expected to Come Out Shortly With Plans Which Will Conciliate Both Dutch and English.

A Plan Which It is Believed Will Win the Boers to the British Flag—The Government Will Most Likely Welcome Any Scheme to Stop the War.

Chicago Dec. 4.—The Record prints the following special cable from London:

Cecil Rhodes as the pacifier of South Africa promises to be one of the realities of the near future in British Imperial affairs. From an officer of high rank, who has just returned from the Cape, The Record correspondent has received the following statement:

"South Africa seriously needs the services of the great peacemaker. My intimate knowledge of Mr. Rhodes' opinions at this moment causes me to have little doubt that he intends to take advantage of the unparalleled opportunity now open to him. He may be expected to come out shortly as an advocate of conciliatory measures likely to end the war, and to make the situation afterward tolerable to both races. Even the Dutch, as much as they hate Cecil Rhodes, feel that there is no other man who could succeed in the undertaking suggested. There is absolutely no doubt that the wave of conciliation is rapidly gathering strength."

Plan of Federation.

Last week The Record correspondent wired that Mr. Rhodes had evolved a plan of federation for South Africa. That plan embraces his scheme of conciliation and pacification. It offers the belligerent Dutch terms of settlement so liberal that its author believes they would readily and gladly enrol themselves under the British flag in accordance with its provisions. Mr. Rhodes is now engaged in working out the details of his stupendous program. He expects to have them completed in the course of a few weeks, when he will forward to England a literary draft of his scheme and ask Her Majesty's Ministers to make it the Government's policy in South Africa.

Cabinet's Action in Doubt.

Whether or not the Salisbury Cabinet will approve of the Rhodes proposals remains to be seen. Certainly its present feeling in reference to South Africa is one of unbounded anxiety. Many members of the Cabinet favor conciliatory measures being adopted, but thus far all attempts to prepare the way for such a change of front have been frustrated by the uncompromising attitude of the Governmental press, which pins the Ministers down with its old cry of "Never again." And the timidity of the Cabinet, backed by the greatest majority in this century, forbids any effort to act contrary to popular opposition. The Government, however, realizes that the present plan, or lack of a plan, is impossible, and therefore will probably welcome any movement toward conciliation which promises to force the papers into a less unbending frame of mind.

As soon as Rhodes' scheme is launched with a strong head it is likely that many people in all ranks and parties will join it. Nearly every Briton who feels the weight of public responsibility is only too anxious for the Government to accept any reasonable plan likely to terminate the steady, ruinous drain of men and money necessary to maintain the present distracting struggle.

ONTARIO BEE KEEPERS.

Twenty-First Annual Meeting is Being Held at Niagara Falls—Notes of Yesterday's Session.

Niagara Falls, Ont., Dec. 4.—The 21st annual meeting of the Ontario Bee Keepers' Association is being held in the Town Hall here.

There are a good many bee-keepers present from Canada. Among the officers who are present are: T. W. Post, president, of Trenton; John Newton, vice-president, of Thamesford; J. D. Evans, second vice-president, Islington; Martin Emigh, treasurer, Holbrook; W. Couse, secretary, Streetsville; Directors J. K. Darling, Almonte; W. J. Brown, Chard, Ont.; M. B. Holmes, Athens; J. W. Sparling, Bowmanville; W. A. Chrysler, Chatham; F. A. Gemmell, Stratford; James Armstrong, Cheapside; Samuel Wood, Nottawa.

Among others were: Mr. J. B. Hall, Woodstock; M. McEvoy, Inspector of Apiaries of Woodburn; Mr. W. J. Craig, Editor Canadian Bee Journal, Brantford; Mr. Stanley Pettit, Belmont; Mr. D. W. Heise, Bethesda; Mr. C. W. Edmonson, Brantford; Mr. John Pirie, Drumquin; Mr. Dennis Nolan, Newton Robinson; Mr. R. McKnight, Owen Sound; Mr. J. H. Shaver, Calsville; C. Edmundson, Brantford; F. J. Miller, London; Mr. H. G. Sibbald, Cookville; Mr. Israel Overholt, South Cayuga; and others.

At 2.30 p.m. the meeting was called to order with 40 to 50 bee-keepers present. The mayor, Mr. R. P. Slater, in a neat speech, welcomed the delegates to Niagara Falls.

President Post read his address, which touched on the matter of the exhibit of honey made at Paris by the Dominion Government.

Mr. R. H. Smith, St. Thomas, read a paper on "Moving Bees to Full Pasturage."

Mr. Sibbald read a paper on "Wintering Bees In and Out of Doors."

Mr. Alex. Dickson of Lancaster sent a paper on the production of extracted honey, which was read by Mr. John Newton.

There was a banquet at the Hotel Savoy in honor of the ex-presidents of the association in the evening, there being eight or nine of the ex-presidents present.

EIGHT MEN WERE KILLED.

A Deplorable Accident to a Work Train on the Southern Pacific Railway—Many Injured.

Sacramento, Cal., Dec. 4.—A work train, carrying its crew of between 25 and 30 track repairers, backed into a freight train a few miles east of Suisun on the Southern Pacific Road to-day, and in the wreck which followed, eight men were killed and 20 more injured, many of them seriously.

It appears that the freight train had the right of way, and was running at full speed in order to meet and pass another freight at Suisun. The work train should have been on a side track and was making for it at a good rate of speed, when it collided with the freight. At the time there was a heavy fog prevailing, and it was possible to discern objects for only a short distance, so the shock of the colliding trains was terrific. All the casualties are reported to be among the men of the working crews, as the engineers and firemen jumped and saved themselves. Over 200 feet of track was torn up and the cars were smashed and piled up on each other in every conceivable shape.

PARISIAN IN TROUBLE.

Broken Down Off Sambro, N.S.—Assistance Sent From Halifax—Great Storm Raging.

Halifax, N.S., Dec. 5.—At midnight the steamer Parisian was reported off the harbor by the signal station at Camperdown. Since then a heavy snowstorm, accompanied by high winds, set in, and, as the steamer has not yet come up, it is thought she put out to sea again.

Later, 2 o'clock—Pilot boat has just arrived and reports the steamer Parisian broken down off Sambro. Boats made all haste to the city, as the steamer requires all available assistance. She is now anchored between Ketch Harbor and Sambro. The storm is increasing in fury.

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DEATHS.

COLE—At his late residence, 121 Dunn-avenue, on Monday afternoon, Frank F. Cole, in his 52nd year.

Funeral Wednesday at 11 a.m. Friends and acquaintances please accept this intimation.

REED—At 158 St. Patrick-street, Toronto, on Tuesday, 4th December, Elizabeth Sophia Brown, beloved wife of H. P. Reed, in her 56th year.

Funeral private, on Thursday, at 2.30.

McKEGGIE—At Inglenook, Barrie, on Tuesday, Dec. 4, James Herbert McKeggie, aged 52.

Funeral at Barrie on Thursday, at 2 p.m.

A W.C.T.U. PRESIDENT.

Mrs. Lillian M. N. Stevens of Maine Presides Over the Convention Being Held Across the Line.

The W. C. T. U. national convention is meeting in Washington, D. C. Its sittings are presided over by Mrs. Lillian M. N. Stevens of Maine, that oldtime prohibition State.

In her annual address she said among other things: The white ribboners should not only be vigilant in helping to secure desirable legislation, but should also help toward the enforcement of good laws that already existed. They should protest against the appointment of school superintendents and the selection of teachers who used alcohol. They should be more active in trying to banish impure literature, indecent pictures, exhibitions and advertising, and should be watchful, too, that good laws were not mutilated or repealed.

THE BRITISH PARLIAMENT.

New Members of Commons Sworn in—Duke of Manchester Barred From His Seat in the Lords.

London, Dec. 4.—The House of Commons to-day proceeded to swear in new members.

The only interesting feature in the House of Lords was the Lord Chancellor's announcement of the receipt of certificates showing the Duke of Manchester and Baron Sudely had been adjudicated bankrupts, precluding their sitting.

Xmas Parcels for England.

All parcels to be mailed to the Old Country should be posted by Thursday in order to ensure delivery in England at a convenient date before Christmas. The approach of the Yule-tide season is already being felt at the postoffice.

About Christmas.

Christmas, since its natal day, has always been an occasion of rejoicing and festivity. It is the time when we manifest our good-will toward all mankind by expression, and particularly to our friends and relations by gift-giving. No person can afford to thwart this precedent, and we want to tell you that as far as the ladies are concerned you must "present to the limit." Dineen, with his superior exhibition of fur garments, is prepared to handle your order. It doesn't matter what fur you desire, or what article, they can satisfy you. Collarettes are very stylish, some of blue fox or blue lynx particularly so. Send for catalog.

Slightly Cooler.

Meteorological Office, Toronto, Dec. 4.—(8 p.m.)—Since last night there has been a very rapid development on the United States middle Atlantic coast of a severe storm, which is now centred near New York City. A heavy gale is now setting in over the Maritime Provinces, and rain is falling in Southern Ontario, and snow and rain in the Ottawa and Upper St. Lawrence Valleys. In Manitoba the weather is moderately cold, but farther West quite mild.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria, 44—54; Calgary, 14—38; Qu'Appelle, 18—28; Winnipeg, 8—26; Port Arthur, 24—34; Sault Ste. Marie, 34—36; Toronto, 34—42; Ottawa, 30—32; Montreal, 30—32; Quebec, 28—30; Halifax, 32—38.

Probabilities.

Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay—Strong northwesterly to westerly winds; generally fair and slightly cooler.

Ottawa Valley and Upper St. Lawrence—Strong northwest to west winds; gradually clearing; stationary or slightly lower temperature.

Lower St. Lawrence and Gulf—East, shifting to north and northwest gales; snow or sleet; clearing by Thursday.

Maritime—East, gradually shifting to west, gales; rain; clearing by Thursday.

Lake Superior—Fresh northwest to west winds; fair and a little lower temperature.

Manitoba—Fair, with not much change in temperature.

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