

Britishers In Alaska.

Proposal to Allow Them Same Rights as Accorded Aliens in Canada.

An Amendment Substituted For Proposition For Their Absolute Exclusion

Important Features of Civil Code Bill Now Before the Senate.

Washington, March 28.—The Alaskan civil code bill was under consideration during a great part of the senate session.

Mr. Hansborough proposed this amendment as a substitute for section 7 of the Alaskan bill: "Aliens shall not be permitted to locate, hold or convey mining claims in said district of Alaska, nor shall any title to a mining claim acquired by location or purchase through an alien be legal."

Mr. Stewart opposed the amendment. Mr. Carter, in charge of the bill supported the amendment. As a substitute for the pending amendment, Mr. Morgan offered the following, which he thought would meet any objections likely to be urged against the amendment.

The rights and privileges of mining for gold in Alaska shall be extended to the subjects of Great Britain and conditions that are granted by said governments, respectively, to the citizens of the United States in providing for the same.

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They Pressed for the Hazardous Service Which Brought Glory on Majuba Day.

Toronto, March 27.—The Evening Telegram's London correspondent cables that the London Times correspondent, in writing of the battle of Paardeberg, which resulted in the surrender of Cronje, says Gen. Hector Macdonald and Gen. Colville, who commanded the division in which the Canadians were killed, reminded Lord Roberts that February 27 was the anniversary of the battle of Majuba.

The correspondent says the Boers admit that the fire of the Canadians compelled them to fire at random.

Foster and Cartwright Continue Budget Debate—Salute Due to Sergeant-Major Mulcahey.

Ottawa, March 27.—Mr. Foster delivered a magnificent speech to-day in reply to Mr. Fielding. He showed how disingenuous the Minister of Finance had been in handling figures of revenue, expenditure and trade.

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NOTES FROM THE CAPITAL.

No Progress With Rifle Range Matter—Nursery Stock Importations—Railway Regulation.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, March 28.—Mr. Fisher proposes an amendment to the San Jose scale act, so that American nursery stock may be imported at given points in Canada and fumigated before the importer may be given possession.

The house was engaged all day discussing the railway question. Mr. Maclean, Richardson and others endeavoring to secure the abolition of the Canadian Pacific's 10 per cent. clause on condition of granting charters for branches in Manitoba.

Col. Prior has visited the militia department and has commented on the construction of the new Clover Point rifle range at Victoria, but could get no satisfaction. The matter is at a standstill.

Canadians at Paardeberg.

Detailed Story of Their Brave Part Told in the Mails Now Arriving.

Twenty-Three Miles of Heavy Marching Just Before Fighting Began.

Toronto, March 28.—Various accounts of the action at Paardeberg, in which the Canadians figured, are to hand in the South African mail to-day.

The letter that has so far turned up is that of Private T. W. Banton, formerly of the Toronto Star staff, who, writing to his father, describes the events which led up to the capture of Cronje and the part the Canadians took in it.

The march from Magerfontein was an extremely trying one. The Canadians were in the vanguard of their division and marched by night and by day; their transports were deficient and they had to carry their packs when other regiments marched light.

By a forced march they overtook Roberts at Jacobsdal. If the regiment stopped five minutes the whole outfit fell asleep.

On February 8, after marching 25 miles from Magerfontein, the Canadians were in contact with the enemy, who fired upon them, when they went to the river for water.

The engagement soon became a hand-to-hand struggle with the Canadians were ordered on the left of the river which they crossed by a ford in rear of the other side of the river.

The water was up to their necks and some were killed. The Canadians were ordered to cross in fours, holding to each other.

The letter continues: By this time bullets were coming thick and we had a narrow stream to wade across.

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Our fire was in crescent shape, right on the river and left extended along the river about five hundred yards.

Shortly after the firing line Capt. Arnold, of A Company, was hit. The Boers started a murderous fire on the stretcher-bearers, who carried him away, a trick they kept up all day.

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Something In the Wind.

Hint That Expedition Westward from Kimberley Is Worth Watching.

Operations for the Relief of Mafeking Still Puzzling the Critics.

French Not Able to Turn Boer Flight—Buller's Patrols Engaged.

London, March 27.—(4:25 a. m.)—Military observers here, and even those in close affiliation with the war office are considerably confused as to what is being done for the relief of Mafeking.

Lord Roberts' infantry have been sent to about leaving Kimberley, if it has not already started, for Griquatown, 106 miles westward.

The force is described as "a strong one" and the expedition as "likely to attract much attention."

Gen. French is reported from Bloemfontein Sunday as returning from Thaba Nchu, without apparently having headed off the Boers.

Boer horsemen are in contact with the British outposts from Biggarsberg to Warrenton.

Gen. Buller's patrols had a sharp skirmish Sunday at Waschbank.

Lord Roberts' infantry have now been quiet four days, and an advance is hourly expected at the war office.

A STRONG EXPEDITION. London, March 27.—The Cape town correspondent of the Daily Mail, telegraphing from Bloemfontein, says: "A strong expedition will leave Kimberley to-day primarily for Griquatown. Its movements are likely to attract considerable attention."

FRENCH BACK AGAIN. Bloemfontein, March 25.—Gen. French has returned from Thaba Nchu, having failed to engage the Boers who are trekking northward.

Russia May Declare War. Relation With Turkey So Strained That Troops Move on Border.

Germany Likely to Be Involved—Grave Apprehension as to Position.

London, March 28.—5 a.m.—The Standard gives double-headed prominence to the following special despatch from Odessa: "There can be no longer any doubt as to the object of the warlike preparations now being completed in South Russia."

Nearly 25,000 troops have already been mobilized for active service. The Black Sea squadron with transports, is held in readiness for active service.

The tension in the relations between St. Petersburg and the 'Sublime Porte' becomes every day more acute. The position is looked upon with the gravest apprehension.

If the Ottoman government, supported by Germany, should prove stubbornly intractable with regard to Russia's compulsory demands in Asia Minor, serious complications must inevitably ensue.

The Russian garrisons in the Caucasus, and along the Armenian frontier have been increased fourfold and equipped for active service."

MANITOBA AND NORTHWEST. Nominee For the Speakership—Galician Killed in Dynamite Explosion.

Winnipeg, March 28.—(Special)—The Manitoba legislature opens on Thursday. Inquiry among cabinet ministers and several other prominent men of the Conservative party fails to confirm the rumor that Mr. Robert Rogers, M. P., has any intention of contesting with Mr. Stappeler for the honor of the speakership.

Thomas Spence, ex-clerk of the Manitoba legislature, is dead at Edmonton, aged 75.

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Eight Thousand Persons Incarcerated—Forty-six Cases and Thirteen Deaths.

Sydney, N. S. W., March 28.—The number of bubonic plague cases officially reported has reached 46, there having been 13 deaths from the disease. Eight thousand persons have been incarcerated.

LOOTING BY BOERS. Marauding Parties Force Rebel Deserters Back Into the Fighting Ranks.

Barkley West, March 26.—A committee of 400 Boers has re-occupied Paupkuil, forcing the rebels in the Herbert district to rejoin the federal flag. Extensive looting is reported in that direction.

A CARDINAL'S DEATH. Rome, March 28.—Cardinal Camillo Mazzella, Bishop of Palestrina and prefect of the Congregation of Sacred Rites, is dead.

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Settlement of Rebel Districts

A Call for Award of Penalty for Treason and Compensation to Loyalists.

Difficulties of March on Pretoria—An Austrian Officer on British Valor.

Paris, March 27.—Count Adalbert Sterberg, an Austrian officer who fought under Gen. Cronje, and who was among the prisoners taken at Paardeberg, was interviewed on his arrival here yesterday from London regarding his South African experience.

He said European officers in the Boer ranks had as a rule done but little. When asked if Cronje's campaign had been a success, he replied: "In the first place there is no Continental power which could have armed and sent so many troops such a great distance from home."

He said that he was able to say one thing, even our Austrian troops would not have done better. I learned to admire the Boer army.

Pretoria, March 28.—via Lorenzo Marques.—The British and the Boers are at present in a state of tension. The Boers are at present in a state of tension.

London, March 27.—Messrs. Wolmarans, Fischer and Wessels, the peace envoys from the federal forces are due at Cape Town to-day. The Shropshire, which carries two or three European capitals they will go to New York by way of Antwerp.

It is understood that the Shropshire is underwritten with large power and are prepared to agree to anything looking to intervention. "The Times" prints a copy of the Shropshire's terms of agreement.

The Boers after deducting their heavy losses are probably unable now to put more than 30,000 men on the fighting line.

London, March 27.—Mr. Spencer Wilks in the Morning Post to-day warns the public against blinding themselves to the magnitude of the task which has yet to be performed in South Africa.

He then refers to the fact that an immense distance has to be traversed and points out that only the Shropshire, the Free State is yet touched by the British. It is quite possible, he says, "that the Boers may be able to prolong the campaign for several months and the British advance though it must have a crushing effect can be carried on only by the partial exertion of those in the field and those at home."

"Another task which does not appear so easy as it is, is that of fitting the Boer army to the needs of the South African war. The Boer army is at present a collection of districts disturbed by rebellion. The pacification must be difficult owing to their vast extent. Little can be done until communications have been established and the government's decision as to how the rebels shall be treated, and how loyal colonists are to be compensated for losses. There should be, of course, no policy of revenge, nor will the government forget to insist that duty is to be rendered to the Boer government as announced, the sooner will the troubles diminish."

Mr. Winston Churchill in a despatch this morning from Capetown urges a generous and forgiving policy toward the Boers instead of yielding to the demands of the loyalists for severe treatment. He says: "The Dutch traitor is less black than the renegade British Boer brigand."

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Skirmishing By Cavalry

Lancers and Hussars' Engage the Enemy With Slight Losses.

Pilcher Enters Ladybrand After Stiff Opposition—Retiring From Biggarsberg.

London, March 27.—Lord Roberts wires to the war office as follows: "Bloemfontein, March 26.—Captain Sloane-Stanley, of the Sixteenth Lancers, was slightly wounded in an affair of outposts north of the Modder river, on March 25."

A despatch from Bloemfontein, published in the second edition of the Times, amplifies Lord Roberts' despatch as follows: "A cavalry reconnaissance was made yesterday towards Brandfort. The Sixteenth Lancers, by skirmishing, drew the Boers from their position into the open."

Another Postponement of Expected Delivery, and Hint of Devious Proceedings to Come.

London, March 28.—It is learned that Portugal quite prepared to meet the Delagoa Bay award without borrowing money. The current report that Great Britain intended lending the Portuguese government money, in exchange for privileges in the Delagoa Bay, is declared to be absolutely incorrect.

The British government hope to be informed in regard to the award during the present week. On all sides it is said that the long delay in reaching a decision has had a most serious effect on the principle of arbitration.

Washington, March 28.—The United States government has not yet been notified of the postponement of the award in the Delagoa Bay arbitration, which was to have been announced to-day. The news from Bern to the effect that the arbitrator probably will defer from a distribution of the award among the claimants has created a disagreeable impression, carrying as it does the inference that the result will be an indefinite delay in the settlement of the case.

The arbitrator will, it is said, place the responsibility of the delay upon the claimants, while at the same time insuring a postponement of final adjudication.

It is understood that the Boers are trying to check the British, while their convoy of wagons pushes on the Senekal.

Ladysmith, March 27.—It was reported the Boers are massing in their entrenched positions at Biggarsberg, and it is added that their transport trains are packed at Newcastle in readiness to facilitate their retreat in case necessity should require such a step.

OGILVIE FLOUR INTERESTS. Re-organized Company Contemplate Still Further Extension of the Business.

Montreal, March 27.—The Ogilvie flour mill interests re-organized to-day and Fred W. Thompson of Winnipeg and E. W. Thompson of Montreal have been appointed general manager, with headquarters at Winnipeg. Montreal interests will be under the control of the local board of directors.

The newly organized company, under the name of the W. W. Ogilvie Milling Co., will enter into direct competition with the American Cereal Co., whose headquarters are in Chicago, and will ship to Oriental and Occidental points.

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CATHOLIC CHINESE MISSIONS. Berlin, March 28.—Bishop Anser of Shan Tung arrived here yesterday from Rome, where he had reported fully to the Pope regarding the Chinese missions and their prospects. He was received by Count von Buelow and Prince Hohenlohe, to whom he described the present situation in Shan Tung and at Peking. He predicts a great future for Tsing Tau and the whole of Kiao Choo.

MANOEUVRES IN JAMAICA. Kingston, Jamaica, March 27.—The British troops on this island, consisting of the Leinster and West India regiments, and the local militia were to-day marched to the hills for manoeuvres, supplied with ball cartridges. The order caused the usual sensational reports connected with all such exercises.

THE LEINSTERERS AWAY. Halifax, March 27.—The Leinster Regiment embarked for Aldershot to-day on the troopship Vancouver. Ninety-six men and two officers of the contingent were left behind, having been detailed to go to Barbadoes.

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WHOLE NAVY LOST.

Republic of Liberia Overwhelmed by a Double Misfortune.

London, March 27.—Mail advices received here from Monrovia, the capital of the African republic of Liberia, announce the extinction of the Liberian navy, consisting of two gunboats. It is stated that the Rocktown was sunk in the harbor of Monrovia March 20, while the Gormonah was capsized in the S. Paul river, where she was going to be overhauled.

The gunboats cost about \$140,000, and will be a serious loss to the government of Liberia, which probably will be unable to replace them.

MAFEEKING HEARD FROM. Advices Two Weeks Old Grimly Relate That Walking Is Bad.

Mafeking, March 14.—The Boers recommenced the bombardment of this place March 12, with a six-inch gun, which had been comparatively silenced for a week firing shrapnel used against troops in the open. The projectiles were ineffectual against cover, but were dangerous to pedestrians.

One shell burst in the court house, killing several natives and wounding four persons. Several women were also slightly wounded.

Roberts' Halt May Be Long

Perhaps a Month Before He Advances—Boldness of Boer Raiders.

Col. Herchmer on Sick Leave—Lip Loyalty of the Cape Dutch.

London, March 28.—4 a.m.—The Boers are having a fine good luck and are showing some boldness again, as a raiding party estimated at 400 is believed by the British forces at Warrenton to have crossed the Kimberley-Bloemfontein wagon road Monday and to have headed for Jacobsdal with the intention of cutting the railway ten miles west.

Commandant Oliver appears to have got his 500 men and 25 miles of wagons into rugged country, where he can make an easy rear-guard defence.

The Cape town correspondent of the Daily News says it is improbable that the advance from Bloemfontein will be made for another month. General Clements is advancing to Bloemfontein in four columns. When Lord Roberts begins the march northward General Gertzel will be left in charge of Bloemfontein.

The Colonial government has ordered the Cape Volunteers to withdraw south of the Orange river for fear of accentuating racial feeling.

The Boers have the following, dated March 26, from Burgersdorp: "Dutch lip loyalty is now very strong and the Dutch are tumbling overboard in their efforts to give information to the British authorities. Real loyalty, however, will be a plant of slow growth in these parts."

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Great Powers Come to an Agreement Definitely Secure The Open Door.

Uniform Tariffs and Protesges for Trade of Nations.

Washington, March 27.—Hay to-day submitted to the correspondents had with the great powers of other nations respecting the "open door" in China.

The form of conveyance chosen by the government was as follows: "My Lord: I am instructed to advise you that the British government has decided to support the maintenance of the open door in the East, in which the of the two nations differ, not in principle, but in degree only, and in action on the part of Her Majesty's government which the President could be in exact accord with its declared policy and traditions and will greatly promote the welfare of the people."

"He understands it to be the policy and purpose of Great Britain to use any privileges which are granted to it in China as a means of securing to its citizens the same freedom of trade for all alike. Her Majesty's government conceding by formal agreement Germany and Russia the special advantages of great and equal in the maintenance of trade in the open door, in which the of the two nations differ, not in principle, but in degree only, and in action on the part of Her Majesty's government which the President could be in exact accord with its declared policy and traditions and will greatly promote the welfare of the people."

"The maintenance of this open door is a matter of great importance to the interests of our two nations and it is justly held by them to be one which should be maintained in the markets of China to tend their future operations."

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LAND COMMISSIONER RETIRES. Winnipeg, March 27.—The announcement is made that Mr. L. A. Hamilton, who has for many years occupied the position of land commissioner for the Canadian Pacific, has resigned his position. He will take effect immediately. Mr. Hamilton is absent at present from the city owing to illness in his family.