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PESSIMISTIC VIEW OF THE SITUATION

AN INTERVIEW WITH SIR GEORGE GOLDIE

Says Question of Peace or War Rests With Mr. Steyn—Schalkburger's Mission.

London, March 25.—Sir George Goldie, vice-president of the Royal Geographical Society, and founder of Nigeria, who has just returned from a tour of the west of Africa, where he conferred with Lord Milner, Lord Kitchener, Cecil Rhodes, Sir Walter Hely Hutchinson and numbers of other influential men, brings some rather pessimistic ideas of the general situation from a British point of view. The conditions in Cape Colony he regards as especially dangerous, and he considers that the most serious British difficulties will be encountered there in the future as at present.

In the course of an interview with a representative of the Associated Press, Sir George Goldie, while recognizing the possible importance of Acting-President Schalkburger's step, said he was convinced that the question of peace or war rested in the hands of President Steyn, and that Mr. Kruger and other Boers in Europe no longer represent Boer opinion. The real difficulty in the path of peace, he believed, is the question of granting amnesty to the Cape and Natal rebels, and this is a matter on which the British government have not the slightest weight while the fighting burghers are in their present state of mind.

Sir George Goldie advocates granting amnesty to the rebels, but he insists that anyone must be disfranchised for life. This, he claims, would go far towards ending the bitterness of the loyalists. Sir George deprecates any attempt to permit the use of a dual language. He says English alone must be the official language, and adds that the fact that the Boers are unwilling to pay the house tax, which some of the rising generation of the two republics are now in the concentration camps, and are rapidly learning English will be of great aid in this direction.

He mentioned that 100,000 armed men will be needed in South Africa for some years after the conclusion of peace. Sir George Goldie failed to meet any Boers who he recognized that they had been finally beaten, though some of the Boers admitted that they had been temporarily overthrown by numbers.

Bound For Koonstad. Wolvehoek, Orange River Colony. March 24.—The train having on board Acting-President Schalkburger and his party passed this place on its way to Koonstad yesterday. The Transvaal government officials were accompanied by Capt. Marker, Lord Kitchener's aide-de-camp, and five other members of the staff of the British commander-in-chief in South Africa.

The impression here is that the Transvaal favors a general surrender of the Boer forces.

SUING FOR DAMAGES. Over One Million Dollars Claimed From the New York Central Railway Company. New York, March 26.—Six new suits for damages aggregating \$850,000, for the loss of lives of New Rochelle residents who were killed in the Park avenue tunnel collision and for injuries received by the wreck victims, have been begun against the New York Central Railroad Company in the Supreme court at White Plains. The largest suit is brought by Walter C. Coffin, of New Rochelle, who was injured for \$500,000 for injuries received by his son. With the other suits for the loss of lives and deaths previously filed, the total amount for damages is nearly \$1,000,000.

ESPION KOP. Correspondence Between Mr. A. J. Balfour and General Buller Has Been Published. London, March 25.—An astonishing correspondence between Mr. A. J. Balfour and General Buller has been published. Mr. Balfour contends that General Buller was in a state of command at the battle of Spion Kop, while General Buller denies this assertion. To his contention Mr. Balfour replies: "There is no reason why all the dispatches should not be published. To this the general replied that he hopes the dispatches will be published without manipulation. Yesterday Mr. Balfour replied to General Buller, and proposed that the latter's indiscretion, and declared that the only manipulation which had been exercised with regard to General Buller's dispatches was the omission of a sentence referring to Sir Charles Warren, whilst the omissions from Lord Roberts's dispatches relating to operations in which were made, said Mr. Balfour, "solely for the purpose of, if possible, sparing your name and maintaining your military reputation."

FIGHT FOR TRANSFERS. Street Car Companies Refuses to Supply Passengers and Two Pitched Rights Followed.

Chicago, March 25.—The citizens of the south end of Austin have engaged the employees of the Union & Consolidated Traction companies hand to hand in the fight for universal transfers, which Judge Ball has decided must be given. Eighteen men, headed by W. E. Golden, a druggist, rode back and forth on the Madison street lines, demanding transfers from the trolley to the cable and back again. They were refused, as had been expected, and the efforts of the street car crews to eject them from the cars resulted in two pitched battles, which tied up both lines for some time. In the battle Golden's back was sprained, and he was otherwise injured. None of the others were seriously hurt. A large number of suits against the companies is threatened as a result of the fight.

NEW YORK MYSTERY. Dead Woman's Son is in Custody and a Second Arrest Has Been Made.

New York, March 25.—Fresh interest has arisen in the mysterious murder of Mrs. Voepel, a newspaper vendor, which occurred several weeks ago. Mrs. Voepel's son, John, is under arrest in connection with the murder, but has strenuously denied any knowledge of how his mother met her death. The case has been reviewed through the apprehension of an unnamed woman, said to be the wife of a policeman, at the Charles street station. She was taken into custody at a London street pawnshop after trying to redeem a gold watch and chain pawned by the murdered woman. The woman had in her possession the pawn tickets issued to Mrs. Voepel and bearing the latter's name. The pawnshop keeper detained her until the police arrived.

BANISHED TO SIBERIA. A Number of Those Arrested in Connection With Riots Will Be Deported.

St. Petersburg, March 22.—During the course of the recent disorders, visits to the police searched the house of an American, Mrs. Gardner, and arrested her son Boris, who is a student. Nothing incriminating was discovered. Mrs. Gardner's house will be released on condition that he will go to England to complete his education.

Among those who were imprisoned on account of the student riots are officers, lawyers, laborers and the sons and daughters of officials. The Messenger admits that 95 students from Moscow alone have been banished to Siberia and 576 have been imprisoned.

FOREIGNERS COMPLAIN. Of Action of Japanese Authorities in Distinguishing Property From House Tax.

Yokohama, March 25.—The authorities here have aroused the resentment of the foreign residents by distinguishing the property of those who refuse to pay the house tax. They have distrained the money of the Hongkong and Shanghai bank and the Chartered Bank of India. To-day they seized money and property at Jardine & Matheson & Co., and at other places of business and at residences. The officials refuse to accept payment of the tax under protest. The locations are receiving numerous complaints from foreigners of the treatment the latter have been subjected to.

ROYAL SUBJECTS. Yachts Britannia and Meteor Will Take Part in Cowes Regatta.

London, March 25.—King Edward's cutter Britannia and Emperor William's new schooner Meteor will both race off the Isle of Wight during the Cowes regatta.

IRISH LAND QUESTION. Mr. Wyndham Introduces Bill—John Redmond's Motion.

London, March 25.—The chief secretary for Ireland, Mr. Geo. F. Wyndham, introduced the Irish Land Bill in the House of Commons. The main provision of the bill authorizes the land commission to take over the whole, or any part, of an estate where the owner is willing to sell. The commission will then re-sell it to the tenants, but the assent of three-quarters of the number of the tenants is necessary to purchase the land before the commission will undertake to transfer any part of an estate. The Irish members evinced little enthusiasm over the bill.

John Redmond, the Nationalist leader in the House, said he proposed to reserve his judgment until he had studied the provisions of the bill carefully. He warned the government that universal compulsory purchase must be the ultimate solution of the problem, as nothing else would be acceptable.

Timothy Healy, Nationalist, said he would vote against the bill, and that he would try to do something towards settling the question, but that much depended upon the constitution of the new estates and the commission. John Redmond gave notice in the House of Commons to-day of a motion equivalent to a vote of censure on the Speaker, William Court Gully, for not having made the correct secretary. Joseph Chamberlain, with few exceptions, said: "The honorable gentleman is a good judge of traitors," addressed to John Dillon, Irish Nationalist, in the House, March 20th, which led to Mr. Dillon restoring that Mr. Chamberlain was "a d—d liar."

CANADA OFFERS FOURTH CONTINGENT

IS READY TO SEND TWO THOUSAND MEN

Dominion Government Waiting a Reply From Imperial Authorities Before Making Any Statement.

Ottawa, March 25.—The Dominion government has offered a fourth contingent to go to South Africa to aid of the cause of the Empire. So far, no official statement is available, but your correspondent learns, on excellent authority, that the offer has been forwarded to Hon. J. Chamberlain through Lord Minto. Until such time as a reply is received, of course, the Dominion is not in position to give out anything on the subject. It is understood that the contingent is to be the largest on record. If the Imperial authorities accept, Canada will forward with utmost dispatch 2,000 men. As to the composition of the force, that will depend entirely on the wish of the war office. In this, as in regard to other contingents that have already been sent to the front, Canada will carry out what they desire, the home authorities believing that in doing so she will be acting in the best interests of the Empire.

There is every reason to believe that the war office will ask that the greater proportion of the militia offered be mounted infantry, but as to details of the force that cannot be decided until an acceptance of offer has been received. The contingent will be raised in the same way as the last one, Canada will supply men, the department of the civil federation in securing a contingent, while Britain will no doubt insist, as it did in the last instance, on occupying the Dominion for the cost.

There will be no difficulty in getting all the men necessary. Indeed, there will be far more recruits than positions.

MINERS AND OPERATORS. Efforts to Be Made to Arrange a Conference.

Shamokin, Pa., March 25.—President Mitchell, of the United Mines Workers, said to-day that he has decided for the present not to announce the names of the fourteen men selected to seek the aid of the civil federation in securing an amicable settlement of the differences between the mine workers and the operators. It is not at all certain that this committee will have occasion to visit New York on a peace mission. The programme now prepared provides for a predatory conference in New York, the three district presidents and the conciliation committee of the Civil Federation.

An effort will be made by these committees to arrange a meeting between the operators and the mine workers' committee of fourteen.

THE ISLAND OF CUBA Will Be Turned Over to the People in May Next Year.

New York, March 25.—May 20th, 1902, is the date fixed for the turning over of the island of Cuba to its people. The change of date was made if not at the suggestion, then with the full approval of President-elect Palma and his advisers. This date should be a memorable one in Cuban history, for it will not only mark the acquisition of full independence, but will be the Cuban independence day. A similar system will be inaugurated as between Liverpool and Victoria, a tow boat, with a barge, being brought around daily from Liverpool, with umbrellas, cans and shipments being made from here by the same system. A plan is also on foot to allow Puget Sound-Skagway steamers to call here, and then a large amount of through Northern Pacific freight from the east for the north will be handled in this way.

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ASSAULTED BY NEGRO. La Junta, Colo., March 25.—Mrs. Henry Miller, a resident of Los Angeles, Cal., 70 years of age, was assaulted by a negro in a railroad yard here early this morning, and is suffering severely from the injuries received and the shock to her nerves. She was traveling to Denver to visit relatives, and left the Chicago limited train here to change cars. She asked a Pullman porter to show her to the car which she should take. He started through the thirteen kings of the same name who have ruled over Spain.

LONG OVERLAND TRIP. The De Windt Party Has Encountered Some Very Severe Weather.

London, March 24.—Letters received here from Harrie de Windt, leader of the expedition which is attempting to make its way overland from Paris to New York and which left the former city on December 19th, 1901, dated Kakutsk, Siberia, February 16th, said his intention was to depart on the following day for Bronnokolynsk, in East Siberia, 1,500 miles northwest of Yakutsk. De Windt had already covered 2,000 miles of the overland journey since he left the railroad, through blinding blizzards and with the thermometer at from 25 to 50 degrees below zero. The officials at Yakutsk strongly urged De Windt not to continue his journey. They said conditions were worse this year than ever, that cold was more intense and famine was raging. The traveler, however, determined to proceed. But unless he reaches Kolman before May he will probably be forced to return till sleighing is possible.

ANOTHER ROUND UP OF FIGHTING BOERS. OVER ONE HUNDRED HAVE BEEN CAPTURED.

Fail Details of British Operations Not Yet Received, But They Were Very Successful. London, March 26.—Incomplete reports of the result of the combined movement of British columns against Gen. Delarey have enabled Lord Kitchener to announce the capture of about 100 prisoners, all of the 15th Boers, two ponies, and a quantity of stock, wagons, etc. Gen. Delarey appears to have successfully evaded Lord Kitchener's cordons at the outset.

In a dispatch dated from Pretoria at noon yesterday, Lord Kitchener says: "At dusk on the evening of March 23rd the combined movement against Delarey was undertaken by columns of mounted men without guns or impediments of any sort. The columns started from Commando Drift on the Vaal river and travelled rapidly all night and at dawn March 24th occupied positions along the line from Commando Drift to the Lichtenburg blockhouse line, with the object of driving the enemy against the blockhouses or forcing an action."

The result has not yet been fully reported. Kekevel's column, after the expenditure of a large amount of cartridges, three fifties, two four-pouner, nine prisoners, and a hundred mules, carts and wagons. General W. Kitchener's column captured 89 prisoners, 45 carts and wagons and a thousand mules. The troops covered 80 miles in 24 hours. The total number of prisoners is 143.

CITY OF SEATTLE WAS LIBELED TO-DAY

Owners of Albion Iron Works Wharf, Vancouver, Claim \$10,000—Another Ferry Scheme. Vancouver, March 25.—Steamer City of Seattle arrived this morning on the way north to Skagway, and was promptly libeled for \$10,000 by the owners of the Albion Iron Works wharf, which she cut in two on Saturday. The libel papers were mailed on the pilot house door by Sheriff Higgins and attached until noon, when the steamer departed, security for libel being made by Percy Evans.

Work started here this morning on the Great Northern ship, which will be completed in three weeks. A similar system will be inaugurated as between Liverpool and Victoria, a tow boat, with a barge, being brought around daily from Liverpool, with umbrellas, cans and shipments being made from here by the same system. A plan is also on foot to allow Puget Sound-Skagway steamers to call here, and then a large amount of through Northern Pacific freight from the east for the north will be handled in this way.

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CECIL RHODES DIED AT CAPETOWN

PASSING OF A GREAT FIGURE FROM AFRICA

Former Cape Premier, Who Has Been Ill for Weeks, Passed Away Peacefully.

Capetown, March 25.—Mr. Rhodes died peacefully at 5:57 p.m. He slept during the afternoon, but his breathing became more difficult and his strength perceptibly diminished until he passed away.

The News in London. London, March 26.—The death of Cecil Rhodes came as no great surprise to those who saw anything of him during his last visit to London during the winter. Whether it was due to his exertions during the long siege of Kimberley or the accumulated anxiety regarding the war in South Africa, with an accompanying change of public opinion in England towards him, there is no doubt he was almost completely broken down within the past two years. Even his appearance changed. He was frequently attacked with severe heart troubles, during which he exhibited the stoicism which marked his extraordinary career. Nor did he allow bodily ailments to interfere with his business.

Earl Grey Intervened. New York, March 26.—Earl Grey, before sailing for England, gave the Associated Press an interview concerning Cecil Rhodes, the Earl having received cablesgrams from South Africa which led him to believe that Mr. Rhodes had but a few days to live. Lord Grey knew the famous South African leader intimately. Lord Grey said: "Cecil Rhodes is the only example perhaps in our generation of those ideal"



THE LATE CECIL RHODES.

ists who in the days of Elizabethan adventure made the Anglo-Saxon the predominant partner in the world's firm. "We never knew what he might do next," said a friend to me of Rhodes, "something big, some great achievement that might make a change in the very construction of the Empire."

"The world, at least its governors, do not much like such men as those who keep them awake at night, and so the greatest Englishman of our day has come to be looked upon, and not by the British mandarins only, with somewhat mixed feelings. One thing I should like especially to point out. He had a never-failing confidence in the growth of the federal system of government. He admired the American nation enormously, but for this strange and detached reason, he believed that you owed your progress and orderly development to the splendid construction of your legislation."

SAD TRAGEDY. Misunderstanding Led to Man Killing His Sweetheart and Committing Suicide.

New York, March 26.—A most pathetic tragedy caused by an unhappy misunderstanding has been revealed at the coroner's court at Colwyn Bay, says a London dispatch to the Herald. On Monday a young man named David Richards struck a small box of money belonging to the above of which he was manager. He asked his sweetheart, Lillian Key, who was the only one who saw him put the box of money away, to restore it, and she had taken it. She denied any knowledge of the box. He thereupon shot her dead, and turned the revolver upon himself, killing himself too. During the inquest on the two bodies Richards's employer rushed into the courtroom holding up the missing box, which had been the cause of the tragedy. It had been found near the place where the unhappy murderer and suicide had met his pit.

PURCHASED BROADRIM. Price Ellison Has Bought R. P. Rithet's Famous Record Stallion.

Price Ellison, M. P. P. for East Yale, has purchased R. P. Rithet's famous stallion Broadrim, who was the record for a mile on the Vancouver track a couple of years ago. Broadrim is now in California, but will return to this province in April. His purchaser intends taking him to the Okanagan for breeding purposes. It is believed that the product will make ideal animal remounts, fully equal to the splendid lot sold to Col. Mackenzie last year.

Mr. Ellison is an enthusiastic horseman, and his ranch possesses some of the finest stock to be found in the beautiful Okanagan valley. Broadrim will be a noble acquisition to his stables.

A white recently captured in Arctic waters was found to have inhabited in its side a harness that belonged to a whaling vessel that had been out of service nearly half a century.

GALICIAN WILL HANG FOR MURDER

SERIOUS FLOODS IN BRANDON DISTRICT

The Murder of Hotel Keeper Quirk at Brantford—Stabbing Affray at Winnipeg.

Winnipeg, March 25.—Unsh Salameon, the Galician found guilty Saturday of murdering his wife, was sentenced to-day by Judge Bain to be hanged on May 27th. In reply to the court's question if he had anything to say by way of sentence of death should not be pronounced upon him. Salameon confessed to having murdered his wife and appealed to the court for mercy.

Stabbing Affray. A stabbing affray, which may prove to be a case of murder, took place in the Arlington hotel last night. Anderson Martin, a colored man, drew a knife and viciously stabbed Wm. Skelly, a white man, and the latter was held for seriously injured. Martin is held for wounding with intent to kill. Skelly is a railway brakeman.

Floods at Brandon. Serious floods are reported to-night from the Brandon district as a result of continued heavy rains. Trains on several roads are delayed.

McGill Graduates. Montreal, March 25.—Among the graduates of the Veterinary school, McGill university, this session, is Seymour Hadden, of Dunceans, B. C. McGill's curriculum has been so arranged, so that students will be able to pass through the arts course and either science or medicine in six years, instead of eight.

To Absorb Company. Halifax, N.S., March 25.—It is reported here that steps are being taken to absorb the company of Everett, Mass., by the Dominion Coal people. It is said Mr. James Ross, vice-president and managing director of the Dominion, will meet President Winstay in Europe and the question of absorption will be decided.

"Westward Ho!" Toronto, March 25.—About 400 people left Union station to-day for Western Canada. The greater number were Ontario people from the western part of the province. Some are intending settlers from Michigan, and a few were Manitobans returning from extended visits east. Almost all were intending to settle in the Territories and not one of the entire 400 expressed any further intention regarding his future occupation than that of farming.

Brantford Murder. Brantford, March 25.—There is no doubt entertained that the death of Hotelkeeper Quirk was the result of murder. The autopsy on the body of Quirk was made this morning by Dr. Harry Frank, in the presence of coroner Fisher and Dr. J. W. Diebly, who saw the body in the barn shortly after the murder. His report will not be made public till Thursday night, but it is a foregone conclusion that Quirk could not have met his death by accident.

FELL FROM LADDER. Man Killed While Shoveling Lady Visitors Over United States Battleship.

Seattle, Wn., March 25.—Frank Huntley, a veteran of San Diego and a member of the crew of the battleship Oregon, was almost instantly killed while escorting a couple of lady visitors through the ship. When leading the way down a narrow ladder way below decks, Huntley misstepped and fell over, landing on his back and breaking his neck, dying almost instantly.

UNABLE TO ACCEPT. Other Plans Prevent Ex-Chief Deasy Becoming Head of Dawson Fire Department.

A telegram from Dawson was received yesterday by ex-Chief Deasy, of this city, notifying him of his appointment as chief of the fire department of the northern metropolis at a salary of \$3,000 per year. Other plans to which he was committed before receiving this gratifying news, however, have made it impossible for him to accept the position, and he has wired Mayor Macnamy and aldermen of Dawson to that effect.

For some time past it has been known that the newly-elected mayor and council of Dawson have been on the qui vive for an experienced, efficient man to take charge of their fire fighting, and that the leading merchants of the coast and prominent citizens generally had unanimously recommended Mr. Deasy for the position. He, however, made prior arrangements, and felt that he could not justifiably disregard them, and wired to Dawson accordingly. He was the recipient of many congratulations this morning, and it was with considerable regret that his friends learned of his inability to accept the position, although it was generally acknowledged that under the circumstances there was no other course open.