

THE TIME FOR ACTION.

Situation in South Africa Excessively Grave - Serious Work Has to Be Undertaken.

Britain Called on to Make Needful Preparations - Military Strength of the Boer Element.

Beluwayo, April 17.—A feeling of apprehension as to what the next step of the revolting Matabele will be permeates all circles here. Information from the country around makes it certain that the natives are preparing an offensive movement against this place. The number of Matabele reported gathering at points near by is sufficient to appal the hearts of even experienced fighters. There is a dread in the minds of many that the place is in danger of being overwhelmed by the hordes of Matabele and the inhabitants put to a wholesale massacre. The fear of treachery is added to the apprehension of overwhelming numbers. Many indications point to a conspiracy with the war parties of some of the friendly natives. There are many of the latter in the town itself, and no white man feels sure how far he can trust his Indian ally or servant. On Wednesday evening three Dutch scouts were sent out from here to secure some definite and accurate information of the position and movements of the natives. What they found has served little to relieve the anxiety and suspense. They report that the Matabele are gathered like ants in a hill on the Umgusa river, only six miles north of here. That some treachery is being concocted is indicated by the fact that native women are secreting European clothes. The native men on the veldt wear the native costume, while most of those in Buluwayo wear clothes approaching the European fashion. By stirring the native warriors in European garments the Matabele hope that they will be enabled to enter the town unquestioned. A Matabele boy has also been caught secreting a rifle. It is not clear whether Mr. Chamberlain's explanation is intended to minimize the significance of sending reinforcements to South Africa or to prepare the way for the dispatching of the Imperial forces. The Chronicle, Liberal, comments upon the vagueness of Mr. Chamberlain's statement, and asks whether the troops to be sent are intended for Matabeleland or the Transvaal. The Colonial Secretary Chamberlain has received a despatch from Governor Sir Hercules Robinson, dated at Capetown at 4 o'clock on Friday afternoon. This despatch contains no mention of a disaster at Buluwayo, which is conclusive evidence that no news of disaster had been received in Capetown up to that hour.

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THREE RIVERS FLOODED.

THREE RIVERS, April 18.—(Special.)—The greater part of this city is covered with ice piled up in great masses on the streets. The citizens are going about in boats, and the loss is incalculable. The gas works are flooded and the fires are extinguished; the electric light station and water works are also threatened. There are over four feet of water in some of the streets and houses. The ice bridge between here and Quebec has not moved west. Reports from Verdier, St. Barthelemy, Yamachiche and St. Anne de la Perade state that these villages are entirely under water. At Grand Nord the inhabitants fear that if the wind rises their homes will be carried away.

SEALING ARBITRATION.

WASHINGTON, April 17.—To give effect to the Behring sea arbitration treaty, approved by the senate yesterday, it only remains for the British government to assent to the immaterial amendments adopted at the suggestion of the senate committee. It is believed Sir Julian Pauncefote, the British ambassador, will be authorized by his government to act upon that at once in Washington and the exchange of ratifications will follow quickly. Already the selection of a commissioner to represent the United States in the arbitration has been under consideration, but it cannot be definitely learned who has been chosen.

HON. DR. MONTAGUE RETURNS.

St. John's, N. B., April 17.—(Special.)—Hon. Dr. and Mrs. Montague arrived here yesterday from England. They were informed of the sudden death of their infant child on Saturday, while they were on the ocean, and were much affected. Dr. Montague's health has much improved. In an interview Dr. Montague said that much regret prevailed as to the prospect of Sir Charles Tupper not returning to London as High Commissioner.

The Alki leaves Victoria on April 23

for Navy Island, Ketchikan, Wrangell, Yas Bay, Juneau and Douglas Island.

One Honest Man.

DEAR EDITOR.—Please inform your readers that I have been to Buluwayo on the day before the first reported murders was reported. Since then, he has not been heard of since. He was accompanied by "Bob" White, the American manager of Gonlay's mines, and a Cape "boy" who was killed in the middle of the impi on the Shangani, which killed Hammond, Farmer and others. LONDON, April 17.—The Times has a letter from Johannesburg this morning bearing the date of March 30, which confirms the intelligence brought by cable that Colonial Secretary Chamberlain had demanded President Kruger's reply to the invitation to visit England within

LOOKING TO CANADA.

Leading Mining Houses in London Directing Their Attention This Way.

Representatives of Prominent Firms Already En Route to British Columbia.

'NEW YORK, April 17.—Prominent firms have received letters from one of the leading mining firms in London, which has recently become interested in Canadian and American mines, to the effect that London is directing its attention to Canada more than it has ever done before, and this disposition is stimulated by the South African troubles. West Australia has had a considerable boom, and now it is believed that Canadian and American mines will be taken up in earnest. Several leading firms, who have been noted for their success in South Africa, already have representatives en route to Colorado and British Columbia. A large flow of London capital to Canada is looked for.

TRAGEDIES IN CUBA.

HAVANA, April 17.—Three prisoners of war, Gregorio Borges, Eusebio Hernandez and Jose Bacallao, were executed at seven o'clock this morning at the Cabana fort. They belonged to the insurgent band commanded by Dr. Brunez and were captured by the soldiers of the Arapiles battalion during the attack made by the enemy on Mangina, in this province, and the burning of property in that vicinity. At Camaguan, province of Santa Clara, another tragedy in the history of the Cuban rebellion has been enacted. A column of troops under Col. Lopez Alvarez, operating in the Camaguan district, received information that Antonio Bernudez, a well known insurgent leader, was concealed in the house of his mistress. A detachment of troops, headed by the colonel himself, proceeded to search for the spot, surrounded the house and called on Bernudez to surrender. Taken by surprise, he seized a rifle which was handed to him by the woman and fired two shots at the colonel, missing him. Just as the insurgent chief raised his rifle to take another shot at the Spanish officer several troops to be sent are intended for Matabeleland or the Transvaal. The Colonial Secretary Chamberlain has received a despatch from Governor Sir Hercules Robinson, dated at Capetown at 4 o'clock on Friday afternoon. This despatch contains no mention of a disaster at Buluwayo, which is conclusive evidence that no news of disaster had been received in Capetown up to that hour.

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TO DESTROY DISEASE GERMS.

CHICAGO, April 17.—Prof. H. P. Pratt and Prof. Hugh Wightman announce to the world that diphtheria and typhoid are absolutely killed by the Roentgen ray. This statement is made without reservation. The electric light station and water works are also threatened. There are over four feet of water in some of the streets and houses. The ice bridge between here and Quebec has not moved west. Reports from Verdier, St. Barthelemy, Yamachiche and St. Anne de la Perade state that these villages are entirely under water. At Grand Nord the inhabitants fear that if the wind rises their homes will be carried away.

TACOMA'S MAYORALTY.

TACOMA, April 17.—This morning, at the instance of the Republican city committee, a complaint was filed in the county clerk's office against the return of Fawcett, Citizens' candidate for the mayoralty, who was declared to have been elected over the Republican candidate, ex-Mayor Orr, by a majority of two votes. A recount was asked for. The allegations are that in many cases men were allowed to vote who had no right to do so, as they had not moved from the precincts in which they were registered; that ballots were counted for Fawcett that were cast for the Republican candidate, and that Orr ballots were rejected for alleged irregularities.

MURDERER HOLMES.

PHILADELPHIA, April 17.—H. H. Holmes was baptized and received into the Catholic church this morning. The condemned man went through the ceremony solemnly and with every evidence of sincerity. One phase of Holmes' reception into the Catholic church is of peculiar interest. Catholics have impressed upon them the moment they are received into the church the fact that one who dies by his own hand can enter into the kingdom of heaven. No suicide is now buried in consecrated ground. Holmes, having embraced the Catholic faith so short a time before his execution, has evidently decided to wait for the glow rather than attempt self-destruction, if he ever contemplated it.

GREAT BRITAIN'S REVENUE.

LONDON, April 18.—A curious feature of the remarkably prosperous budget statement by the chancellor of the exchequer, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, in the House of Commons, is that the greater part of the increase in the importation of wines is due to "gambling" in the stock exchange, where speculators, whether successful or otherwise, console or congratulate themselves in the same way. It is estimated that 1,200,000 extra bottles of champagne were consumed this way. The increase in consumption of beer, which also materially helped to swell the British budget, is accounted for by the mildness of the winter, which stimulated thirst. It appears that 33,000,000 barrels of beer were brewed during the year, an increase of 1,500,000 over the previous year.

NEWFOUNDLAND BANK TRIALS.

St. John's, April 16.—(Special.)—It is probable that counsel for the defence will move in the supreme court to-morrow in the matter of the sensational attacks which are being made upon the bank directors by a section of the press, with the purpose, it is alleged, of influencing the government. The feeling in regard to these attacks is very strong and there is great anxiety to know the outcome.

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC.

MONTEREAL, April 17.—La Presse, the province of Quebec, in the course of a long article, says the failure to pass the remedial bill is a serious business. Le Monde blames Mr. Laurier for the failure of the measure and declares that the country will hold him responsible.

ESTIMATES BLOCKED.

The Opposition Prevent Progress With the Supplies—The Proposed Exposition at Montreal.

A Young Fellow Accidentally Shot by His Friend—Ottawa's Cause Celebre.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.) OTTAWA, April 17.—The following motion by Mr. Charlton, which Sir Charles Tupper seconded, unanimously passed the House of Commons this afternoon: "That this house expresses its deep sympathy with the sufferings of the Christian population in Asia Minor and trusts that further endeavors will be made to ameliorate their lot and that for this purpose concurrent action by the Christian powers, including the United States, may be secured." The government leaders from Ontario held a party caucus here to-day to arrange a plan of campaign. The North Star Mining Company, Ottawa, has signed a contract for the disposal of this season's output to the Great Falls Smelting Company. It is probable that the boundaries of several Victoria polling sub-divisions will be changed by the Government bill before the session opens.

WAR IN THE SOUDAN.

CAIRO, April 17.—An Egyptian force of 1,100 men was attacked by the dervishes on Wednesday last, April 15. Sixty of the latter were killed and many more were missing. In the second encounter which has just taken place between a force of dervishes and a detachment of Egyptian cavalry, 30 dervishes and 18 Egyptians were killed. TAIKOU, April 17.—Advices received here from Tebu say that from three to four thousand dervishes, armed with Martini-Henri rifles, are advancing against Khosh Sultan of Bornu, who has been opposing the Mohammedans. Severe fighting has occurred between the two parties. Great excitement prevails on the frontier and tribesmen in all directions are arming. LONDON, April 17.—A dispatch in the Times from Suakin says: "Yesterday a force from Tokar with a number of friendly Arabs encountered Osman Digna's force of dervishes and killed 35 of the enemy's cavalry and 60 of his infantry. The Egyptians lost seven killed." The Rome correspondent of the Chronicle says there is no confirmation there of the rumor that the Italians have defeated the Abyssinians and relieved Adigat.

MAKING FOR THE COAST—Will Invest Two and a Half Millions.

WINNIPEG, April 18.—(Special.)—The party of British capitalists now here en route to British Columbia, will depart on Monday for Victoria and Vancouver where three weeks will be spent in examining the electric railway systems in which they are largely interested. As soon as the roads allow the whole party, with the addition of two very eminent mining engineers, one from Washington and another from Cape Colony, will go into the interior of British Columbia and make a very thorough inspection of all the mines. They will be "up country" most of the summer. The syndicate represented by Mr. Horne-Payne controls ten mines in British Columbia, and it is the intention of the party to thoroughly plot themselves on the country before returning. Mr. Horne-Payne thinks that British Columbia has a bright future. He is so sure of it, in fact, that he and his companions will invest two and a half million dollars in the province this year. "The progress in British Columbia gold mining," said Mr. Horne-Payne, "has been slow in the past, but it is commencing to be more rapid now. We simply have been prospecting on our properties, but this year will commence to produce and will work every mine. I expect the output will be large, as I have every confidence in the richness of the country. There is as much gold in British Columbia as there is in Africa or Australia. The cost of working the mines is much smaller in British Columbia than in either of the other places, as we have all the water and timber we want right at our mines. On the other hand, both these necessities are very hard to obtain in Africa or Australia. British Columbia gold mining will be as that of South Africa. It is now as the latter country was in 1883. Then was commenced a wild but steady boom, and properties changed hands far more than they were worth. The inevitable smash came in 1888, and it took Africa some time to recover. As you see, she recovered with an earnestness this year that made the income of every financial man in England who invested in African securities ten times its usual size. British Columbia will have the same course, and as it is as rich as South Africa, it need not fear the result. "We shall have ten mines operating this year and open some other places. The company which at present holds them is composed of forty-five members, and as these are leading men in all the European markets we have a good name and when we wish to increase our stock there will be no difficulty in doing so. When we put the mines in good mining order, we shall form a joint stock company, take stock to the amount of our investment and sell the rest of the shares. In this way we shall interest a great many people in the mines."

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