

WAR IN AFRICA.

No Truth in Reported Combination of Boer Republics Against Great Britain.

Negotiations Between Abyssinia and Italy Broken Off—Anti-Farnellites and Land Bill.

LONDON, April 21.—A dispatch from Massowah says: "King Menelek has written to General Baldissera, commander in chief of the Italian forces, asking him to return his letters regarding the peace proposals."

The Berlin correspondent of the Standard declares that he has authority to state that the rumors of an agreement between President Kruger of the Transvaal and President Steyn of the Orange Free State, pointing to a coalition of the Boers throughout South Africa against England, were all canards.

The French and Russian members of the Caisse of the Egyptian debt have summoned the other members before the mixed tribunal on a claim for the repayments which they allege were illegally advanced for the expenses of the Nile expedition.

The Paris correspondent of the Times, commenting upon the finances of the French senate has shown in face of the clamour and threats of the last three weeks, says: "The senate must now either resist or commit suicide."

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which will be announced in the coming speech from the throne. The terms of the reforms decided upon were not revealed.

German Chancellor von Hohenlohe is ill with influenza. His condition is such as to give alarm to his friends. He is hardly able to walk without aid. He is confined to his room.

This was the first day of the Epsom spring meeting, and Captain Aiken's Banquet II, formerly the property of Michael Dwyer, was one of the runners in the great metropolitan stakes, but was unplaced.

LONDON, April 22.—An editorial in the Times applauds Mr. Chamberlain's bold speech, but considers that, apart from any intervention in Matabeleland, the British forces at the Cape ought to be considerably reinforced to provide against contingencies.

The Standard also thinks that Mr. Chamberlain is optimistic in the view he takes of the South African situation.

The Berlin correspondent of the Times reports that the Hamburg Courier has a Johannesburg despatch saying that when President Kruger of the Transvaal and President Steyn of the Orange Free State, an alliance was concluded and common action was agreed upon against British arrogance and violence.

The officials of the British Chartered South African company received to-day the following dispatch from Bulawayo, dated April 21: "Situation most serious; 14,000 Matabeles within three miles; 11,500 friendly natives arrived in town."

Cape Town, April 22.—Unless all news from Bulawayo is misleading, an important engagement between the British forces defending that town and the Matabeles besieging it, will shortly occur.

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WANT OF CONFIDENCE. CHAMBERLAIN SPEAKS.

Uncertainty as to Whether Premier Bourgeois Has Support of the Chambers.

Possibility That He May Resign—Madagascar Credits Discussed in the Senate.

PARIS, April 21.—In spite of the protest of the premier, M. Bourgeois, the senate to-day adopted on a division of 171 to 90 a motion to postpone the vote on the Madagascar credits until a cabinet has been formed.

The premier, M. Bourgeois, protested that it did not belong to the province of the senate to judge whether or not the government had wrongly interpreted the constitution.

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He Hopes to Restore the Former Condition of Affairs in the Transvaal.

The Government Fully Alive to the Gravity of the Matabele Affair.

LONDON, April 22.—Rt. Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, secretary of state for the colonies, made a speech at the Constitutional club to-night containing many interesting references to the political situation.

Mr. Chamberlain said that the whole policy of Lord Rosebery, the late Liberal premier, was a long record of unbroken failure.

With reference to the situation in the Transvaal, Mr. Chamberlain said that the common rights of citizenship to a majority of its population, Mr. Chamberlain said that formerly the sympathies of the Dutch in South Africa, even the progressive Dutchmen of the Transvaal were with the British.

The Matabele affair, he pointed out, was a separate affair. The government was alive to its gravity, but believed that the loyal forces would be able to negotiate to attain that object.

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gives away \$25,000." "Ah," replied the Baron, "One is charity; the other business." The speech was exactly indicative of the man.

BIMETALLIST CONFERENCE. BERLIN, April 22.—The first session of the bimetallic conference was not that of an ordinary monetary convention, but rather like a private congress.

The sessions are secret and the members of the congress decided to communicate nothing official to the press. This congress of conciliation and pacification has for its object the search for means to be laid before the respective governments for arriving at the solution of the monetary questions which has been vainly sought for twenty years.

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HOME RULE FOR CUBA.

Negotiations Between Madrid and Washington—Dervish Forces Demoralized—New Italian Loan.

Bourgeois Politically Dead—Red Cross Detachments for Abyssinia—Statue to Mozart.

LONDON, April 22.—Scouts reports at Suakin that a force of dervishes has arrived at Harasab from Ashat. The women of Osman Digna's camp have been removed owing to the fear that it may be stormed by the Egyptians.

It is again positively denied that negotiations between Madrid and Washington on the subject of granting home rule to Cuba, the premier, Senor Canovas del Castillo, who has recovered from his illness, says the reforms projected for Cuba will be applied only when circumstances are favorable for such a movement.

The press and society of Lima, Peru, are indignant at the imprisonment and solitary confinement of the editor of the Opinion Nacional. His only offence is that he published details of an outrage committed by gendarmes and intimidated that President Pierola's police were imitating those of ex-President Caceres.

Five socialists have been condemned to death in Warsaw on conviction of an attempt to blow up millionaire Kinitzer's residence.

The trial of Baron von Hammerstein, ex-editor of the Kreuz Zeitung and the former popular Conservative leader, who fled from Berlin and was arrested in Athens in December last and brought back to this city, resulted in his conviction to-day. He was sentenced to three years penal servitude, to be served of his civil rights for five years, and to pay a fine of 1,500 marks.

The Times Paris correspondent says: "The chamber of deputies may regret the shower wreaths over M. Bourgeois, but he no longer exists. Wreaths do not resuscitate the dead. Two things are noticeable, the calmness of the bourse and the public. The days of barricades are over."

A despatch from Vienna to the Times says the Emperor Francis Joseph to-day unveiled the statue to Mozart in the Albrecht's Platz behind the opera house in the presence of the Austrian archdukes and officials and deputations from the principal literary, musical and artistic societies in the city.

THE ELECTIONS.

Nomination Day Changed to June 16—Parliament Meets in the Middle of July.

Hon. Messrs. Meredith and Chapleau to Enter the Cabinet—B. C. Returning Officers.

OTTAWA, April 22.—An important announcement was made in the Senate this afternoon by Sir Mackenzie Bowell of the dates of the general elections. The government has bowed to the expressed wish of the members that June is the best period for securing the verdict of the people, although to-day it was decided to make it a week later than had been agreed on yesterday.

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