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AN APPEAL FOR NATIONAL SUPPORT

SPEECH BY COLONIAL SECRETARY IN LONDON

Mr. Chamberlain Presented With the Freedom of City—The Aims of the British Government.

London, Feb. 13.—This metropolis bestowed its highest distinction on Joseph Chamberlain, the Colonial Secretary, today when at the Guild hall it conferred on him the freedom of the city in a gold casket. Mrs. Chamberlain accompanied the Colonial Secretary, and they were greeted on their arrival with a fanfare of trumpets.

Mr. and Mrs. Chamberlain were conducted to the library, where they were received by the Lord Mayor, Sir Joseph C. Dunsdale, and the lady mayors. The hall was crowded, among those present being the Colonial Secretary's political colleagues and adherents who duly applauded the recipient of the city's freedom. The address in connection with the presentation congratulated Mr. Chamberlain on the services he had rendered to the Empire during the last 25 years, dwelling specially on the way in which he had welded the colonies together.

In replying, Mr. Chamberlain disclaimed any intention of making political capital out of the occasion, but he said he thought he might, on behalf of the government, make an appeal for national support. The government had two great national objects in view: to establish beyond question British authority in South Africa, and to maintain the unity of the Empire. Both objects were involved in the South African war. The war would always be memorable because it had called out a greater military effort than had ever before been asked from Great Britain, and because it had shown to the world and to the colonies that the British Empire was not a mere collection of almost inextinguishable resources of the Empire. He had not thought it necessary to stoop to meet the imputations of national greed, lust of territory, or personal ambition, and criminal motives suggested by the insignificant minority since the war had the approval of sister nations across the seas.

In regard to the immediate causes of the war, continued Mr. Chamberlain, it was not only impossible for a great nation to allow its subjects to be humiliated or oppressed, its engagements broken and black races oppressed, but the very existence of the Empire was involved, and the government was pledged to continue its efforts until the danger from which they had escaped was forever averted.

After a reference to shallow observers abroad who foretold Great Britain's downfall, Mr. Chamberlain concluded with a glowing tribute to the colonies, who throughout the war demonstrated their intention to share the obligations, as well as the privileges of the Empire. It was a long step towards the consolidation which was now within measure of practical accomplishment. He did not envy the statesman who would be willing to compromise the issue for which the Empire fought. The nation was not vindictive to its enemies. If they surrendered to-day they would be welcomed as friends to-morrow. The expulsion of those who caused the war was only a measure of self preservation. Similarly immunity for treason was not humanity, but was cruelty to the loyalists and to the Boers who, now in thousands recognizing the futility of the struggle, were aiding Great Britain to end the war. In justice to those who had died, and as security for the survivors they must make the Boers recognize that they are defeated, and take from them the possibility of repeating the attempt. To do otherwise would be to invite the contentment of foreign countries, whose affection it seemed impossible for us to gain, but whose respect, at any rate, we were able to secure.

Lambton followed the reply of Mr. Chamberlain to the presentation address.

FATAL RIOTS.
A Number of Those Wounded at Trieste Yesterday Have Since Died—Business Suspended.

Trieste, Austria, Feb. 15.—Crowds throng the streets this morning, but military patrols keep the strikers and public generally circulating. All the squares and public buildings are occupied by soldiers, and large contingents of the military forces are in readiness for immediate action. Business is suspended.

A number of those who were wounded when the troops on the plaza fired a volley into a mob yesterday afternoon, killing six and wounding twenty persons, have since died.

Ottawa, Feb. 15.—The measure to prevent assassination or attempt assassination in Canada will be similar to the one which has recently been entered by the United States Senate, which imposes the death penalty on all assassins or would-be assassins.

CROSSING THE BORDER.

More Than Fifty Thousand Settlers Expected From the States.

Winnipeg, Feb. 13.—"I do not believe that in stating that the total number of United States settlers who will cross the line into Western Canada this year will be 50,000, you are giving anything but a conservative estimate," said Mr. C. W. Speers to a reporter of the Free Press last evening.

The Dominion colonization agent returned to the city yesterday from Crookston and Hallock, Minnesota, where he has been addressing meetings attended by agriculturists, called in the interests of emigration. The meetings at both of these places were very largely attended by many of the farmers of the states across the border, some having driven sixteen miles. The halls were packed and they listened to what was told them of the resources of Western Canada until 2 o'clock in the morning, many having to stand during all that time.

"The farmers," said Mr. Speers, "were eager not only to know about Western Canada, but wanted to know just how they should invest their money and leave the States at once. They were given straight facts to lead them, and found them convincing enough. I advised them to wait until the weather moderates before crossing the line to settle; but many are so anxious to get an early start that it won't be long before the first arrivals will reach here."

Mr. Speers states that the settlers will come from all parts of the republic, but Minnesota will be especially well represented, and that Kansas and New Mexico, Ohio, Missouri, Nebraska, and, in fact, from every agricultural state where land is becoming crowded, a new lot of farmers seeking for new homes and broader fields will be seen. A feature of this class of immigration is that a large percentage will have ample means to make a splendid start in the new country.

THE GRANT WILL ASSIST IN THE WORK

A REVIVAL OF THE CHINESE SMUGGLING

Port Townsend, Feb. 14.—The smuggling of Chinese from British Columbia continues, and a number have recently landed on the numerous islands between here and the British possessions. The approach of the fishing season has caused a revival of the Chinese smuggling.

According to reports received here, they are being brought over in sloops, sailing from the British side at night, and if the sloops fail to reach their destination, before daylight they run into some cove, where they remain till dark, when they continue to their destination. The revenue cutter Grant has sailed for the purpose of assisting the two revenue launches, scout and guard, to stop the smuggling of Chinese.

LEGISLATURES OPENED.

Colonization of the Principal Matter in Speech From Throne in Quebec.

Quebec, Feb. 13.—The Speech from the Throne at the opening of the Quebec Legislature today refers first to the visit and the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York, the great importance of colonization and a criticism of the different methods employed, and states that a bill will be submitted for the appointment of a special commission with a view of finding the best method for promoting colonization and removing everything that might retard its progress without interfering with the lumber industry and other interests. Reference is made to the satisfactory results of the reforms as effected in education, and the advantage taken by many schools of the free distribution of school books and maps. Reference is also made to the fact that notwithstanding several unforeseen expenses, the balance in the treasury's hands on July 1st was still larger than the previous year.

Nova Scotia House.
Halifax, Feb. 13.—The legislature was opened this afternoon by Lieutenant-Governor Thomas Robertson, member for Shelburne, was elected speaker. Attorney-General Longley is acting premier. The Speech from the Throne spoke of the visit of the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York. The completion of the Midland railway from Windsor to Truro, the proposed South Shore line, and matters of minor importance were also mentioned.

ELLA STAR DEAD.

New York, Feb. 15.—Ella Starr, a well known contributor to newspapers and periodicals, is dead at Fishkill, after an illness of several months. She was for three years editor of Frank Leslie's Young Folks, and contributed to Judge and Life. She also spent some time abroad as a newspaper correspondent.

DANISH MINISTER DEAD.

Copenhagen, Feb. 15.—Herr Hoernig, the minister of public works, who had been suffering from cancer, is dead.

BIG REDUCTIONS BY GOVERNMENT

THE NEW RATES ON WHITE PASS RAILWAY

Steps Taken to Prevent the Company Increasing Charges on American End of Road.

Ottawa, Feb. 14.—Some time ago Mr. Sifton brought to the attention of the minister of railways the exorbitant rates charged by the White Pass railway between Skagway and White Horse. This matter has been a subject of discussion between Mr. Blair and his department and the officers of the White Pass railway for some time past. The Canadian government fixed a tariff which was about \$18 per ton for fifth class goods between Skagway and White Horse, but the company refused to accept this. There was also a provision in this proposed arrangement that the company would not charge on the American end of the road between White Pass and Skagway to make up for any reduction that was to be made on the Canadian end of the road from White Pass to White Horse. In other words the Dominion government wanted to secure a through rate from Skagway to White Horse.

The company would not come to terms. The president of the road, S. H. Graves, was sent for to England. He was in the city for the past two days, and left last night for New York. The result of the negotiations has been that the tariff which was prepared by Mr. Tiffin, the traffic manager of the government railways, has been accepted by the company with a few slight modifications.

It contains a clause to the effect that when the Governor-in-council finds that the railway company raise the tariff on the American end of the road, then the government will have power to reduce the rates on the Canadian end or to cancel them altogether. This means has been taken to control the company because of part of their road, about 20 miles, being in American territory. On the 90 miles of the road in Canadian territory, from Bennett to White Horse, the tariff which the Canadian government has prepared, and which has been accepted by the White Pass road, is as follows:

Class 1, which at present is \$2.85 per hundred weight, has been reduced to \$1.90 per hundred weight.

Class 2 has been reduced from \$2.84 to \$1.68.

Class 3, from \$2.82 to \$1.42.

Class 4, from \$2.80 to \$1.19.

Class 5, from \$2.75 to 95 cents.

Class 6, from \$2.74 to 90 cents.

Class 7, from \$2.73 to 75 cents.

Class 8, from \$2.72 to 75 cents.

Class 9, from \$2.71 to 75 cents.

Class 10, from \$2.70 to 70 cents.

As already said, if any attempt is made to make up for these reductions by increases on the American end, then the rates will be reduced on the Canadian part or cancelled if necessary.

Government Cancels.
The government whips have announced a caucus for Tuesday. The Conservatives will likely meet on Wednesday.

Wireless Telegraphy.
The Dominion government arrangement with Marconi is that trans-Atlantic messages will be reduced sixty per cent. in return for the government assisting to build a station at Cape Breton, and also that the system be used free in connection with life and property on the St. Lawrence.

Yukon Mails.
The post office department has negotiated a new contract with the Yukon which will be of great advantage.

Reply to the Speech.
In the House this afternoon Mr. Campbell, West York, moved the address in reply to the speech from the throne, and Dr. Bell seconded it. R. L. Borden, leader of the opposition, replied, and in closing his speech referred to the death of a former mortgage keeper, Wm. McShane, as a witness against Bolter, was held in abeyance pending the action of the grand jury. The evidence against Bolter was conflicting, and the judge said that it was a matter for the jury to decide.

The promoters of the best sugar industry in Ontario will ask the Dominion government to temporarily raise the tariff on sugar.

THE TYEE MINE.

More Vigorous Work to be Instituted on Property—Pending Extension Mine.

Nanaimo, Feb. 14.—The Tyee Company, Mount Sicker, are reported to be about to commence more vigorous work on the property. It is said that Thomas Kiddie, who has been superintendent of Van Anda mines, Texada, is to take charge of the Tyee. The recent illness of Mr. Thompson, consulting engineer, is thought to be all that is delaying action being taken at once.

The lack of rain has brought down the inflow of water at Extension mines to about 2,000 gallons a minute. A leak at the top of the stopping in the tunnel allows about 600 gallons a minute to escape. Pressure in the tunnel stopping indicates about 95 feet of water in the mines. About 300 feet are required before flooding will be completed.

THE LATE LORD DUFFERIN.

Belfast, Feb. 15.—The remains of the Marquis of Dufferin, who died Wednesday last, were interred to-day at Clarendon House. The Duke of Argyll represented King Edward.

HUNDREDS HAVE BEEN KILLED BY EARTHQUAKE

Already Two Hundred Bodies Have Been Taken From Ruins in Town of Shamaka.

Tiflis, Russian Trans-Caucasus, Feb. 15.—Two hundred bodies of victims of the earthquake, which destroyed the town of Shamaka, had been recovered up to last evening.

It appears certain that several hundred bodies are buried in the fissures and debris caused by the shocks.

The quakes continue at intervals and the work of excavating in search of the victims therefore proceeds with difficulty. Among the dead are many women who, at the time of the principal shock, were congregated in the various bath houses.

More Bodies Recovered.
St. Petersburg, Feb. 15.—The latest news received here from Shamaka confirms the appalling character of the earthquake, and adds that 300 corpses have already been taken out of the ruins. The piles of wreckage are so vast that the search is necessarily slow. Most of the victims were Mussulmans. The survivors are camped outside the ruins of the city.

CARRIED OUT DEAD BODIES.

Firemen in Chicago Took Them From Dissecting Room, Believing They Were in Hospital.

Chicago, Feb. 15.—The firemen who groped their way through fire and smoke and dragged six dead bodies into the street from Bennett hospital, at Ada and Fulton streets, late last night, carried on their heroic labors in the belief that they were rescuing persons who had been asphyxiated, and not until the flames had been subdued did they learn that they had been in the dissecting room of the Bennett medical college, and that the rescued bodies were from the dissecting table of the Bennett medical school. Several of the cadavers were clothed, having been brought to the school in that condition. One cadaver was incinerated. The dissecting room and laboratory of the college were destroyed, involving a loss of \$5,000.

A score of patients in the hospital were badly frightened, but none were injured. The firemen had supposed that the building was used exclusively as a hospital.

WIDOW'S FIGHT FOR LIFE.

Found by Her Son With Eighteen Knife Thrusts in Her Body.

New York, Feb. 14.—Mrs. Kate Vogel, a widow, was murdered in her apartments on Christopher street early to-day. She was found dead by her young son at 10 o'clock. There were eighteen thrusts in her body, and a disordered, blood-marked room, told of a desperate struggle before the woman gave up. The police detained the son, but have little reason to suspect him. Robbery was evidently not the motive, for a large diamond ring was left untouched on the body.

CHARGE AGAINST CORONER.

Is Alleged to Have Robbed Body of a Man in the Morgue.

Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 14.—Coroner W. H. Bolter was today held by the grand jury on the charge of robbing the body of a man in the morgue. He gave bail in the sum of two thousand dollars. A request for a warrant for the arrest of a former morgue keeper, Wm. McShane, as a witness against Bolter, was held in abeyance pending the action of the grand jury. The evidence against Bolter was conflicting, and the judge said that it was a matter for the jury to decide.

PLAQUE RAGING.

Report That One Thousand Deaths Are Occurring Daily.

London, Feb. 14.—A dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company from Lahore, capital of the Punjab, says that under the new regime of non-interference, the plague is ravaging Punjab, and a thousand deaths are occurring daily.

BALLOON COLLAPSED.
Monaco, Feb. 14.—Santos Dumont's dirigible balloon collapsed at sea this afternoon. He was rescued unhurt.

FATAL WAGER BY MONTREAL GOURMAND

TRIED TO EAT SEVENTY EGGS IN ONE HOUR

Coal Famine Threatened in Toronto—Proceedings to Contest Montreal Mayorality May Be Dropped.

Montreal, Feb. 14.—M. Leysens, the notorious gourmand, has eaten himself to death. He frequently ate for wagers, his achievements including 12 yards of sausage at one sitting, 300 mince pies and two pounds of bread at another. The fatal wager that he could not eat 70 hard boiled eggs in an hour. When the time expired Leysens had devoured only 68, and consequently he lost the bet. Shortly afterwards he became violently ill and soon expired.

The Mayorality.
Proceedings to contest the election of Mr. Cochrane as mayor of Montreal will, it is understood, be discontinued. Suit for action was returnable to-day, and it is expected that no further steps will be taken.

Principal Resigns.
Rev. Theophilus Maggs, of the Wesleyan Theological College, has handed his resignation to the board of governors. He came here from England a year ago, and has been most successful. Those concerned refuse to discuss the reasons for his resignation.

Another Arrest.
In the preliminary investigation into the alleged frauds in connection with the recent federal election in St. James division, several persons swore that they voted for Bergeron in the poll in which they voted. However, the record shows only four votes given for the defeated candidate. Another arrest was made in connection with the case, the prisoner being charged with conspiracy in employing telegraphers.

TWELVE MEN REQUIRED

To Carry the Casket Containing Remains of Late Dennis Leahy.

New York, Feb. 15.—It required the utmost strength of twelve men to carry to the grave the casket containing the remains of Dennis Leahy, whose funeral has just been held. The dead man weighed 700 pounds. His enormous weight had been acquired within the past ten years. When he turned the 500 pound mark, two years ago, a physician pronounced his increased size due to fatty degeneration of the heart, and told Leahy his death was only a question of time.

ANTI-ORIENTAL LEGISLATION AGAIN

GOVERNMENT ASKED TO AMEND CLAUSES

The Bills Are Similar to Those Disallowed Last Year on Instructions From London.

Ottawa, Feb. 15.—The Dominion government has requested the British Columbia government to amend the statutes of last session containing anti-oriental clauses. Among these acts is the Victoria Terminal Railway Act, which prohibits the employment of Japanese or Chinese on work of construction or operations. The time for disallowance does not expire for some months yet.

These bills are on the same lines as those of last year, which were disallowed by instructions from the Imperial authorities.

FOR WORLD'S CHAMPIONSHIP.
Fitzsimmons and Jeffries Sign Articles to Fight in May.

New York, Feb. 15.—Robert Fitzsimmons and James Jeffries signed articles here to-day to meet in a 20-round contest on some date between May 10th and 20th for the championship of the world. The contest is to take place before the club offering the largest purse, the winner to receive sixty per cent, and the loser forty per cent, of the purse.

PEERAGE CASE.

London, Feb. 15.—The Lord Chief Justice, Baron Alverstone, refused to-day to reopen the case of Polette vs. Polette, in which Viscount Hinton sought to oust his step-brother, the youthful Earl of Polette, from the family estates. The Lord Chief Justice thus confirmed the previous judgment in the case, whereby it was declared that Viscount Hinton, under a family settlement 1853, was debarred from claiming the property in dispute.

COUNT TOLSTOI.

His Condition Has Somewhat Improved To-Day—Inflammation Subsiding.

Yalta, Crimea, Feb. 15.—Count Tolstol is somewhat improved to-day. His pulse is 90 and his temperature is satisfactory. The change for the worse in his condition, which occurred yesterday evening, was caused by a spread of the pulmonary inflammation to the right lung. The inflammation is beginning to subside.

C. YERKES'S CONDITION.

Has Been Confined to His Room But Could Transact Business.

London, Feb. 15.—Charles Yerkes, who has been reported to be seriously ill, has been confined to his room as the result of a chill, but he has transacted business daily and is improving. Mr. Yerkes expects to be out on February 17th.

NEW FERRY STEAMER.

Contract Has Been Let in England and Boat Will be Delivered Next Winter.

Vancouver, Feb. 15.—Capt. Tromp announced this morning that the contract had been let in England for the construction of a new ferry steamer to ply between this city and Victoria. The vessel will be built in Swan & Hunter's yards, Newcastle-on-Tyne, and will be ready and delivered to the C. P. N. next winter. The contract calls for 20 knots on the trial trip.

Chief Engineer Richardson, of C. P. N., will go to England immediately to superintend the construction of the engine and frame of the vessel.

Nothing has been done regarding a new Empress or Skagway steamer, although negotiations are going on for the purchase of the latter on the Atlantic coast.

ESTIMATES FOR THE BRITISH ARMY

OVER SIXTY MILLION POUNDS ARE REQUIRED

Decrease Compared With Sum Expended During Past Year—Boer Embassy to Visit States.

London, Feb. 15.—The army estimates, issued to-day, show a grand total for the year 1902-03 of £69,310,000, which is intended to provide for 420,000 men, of whom 210,700 men are for the ordinary army service and 209,300 for war service. The estimates, of which £40,000,000 is required for war, show a decrease under this head of £23,230,000 compared with 1901-02.

In a memorandum the war secretary Mr. Brodrick explains that the estimates are sufficient to maintain a field force in South Africa of the present strength for eight or nine months of the new financial year.

Visit to States.
Brussels, Feb. 15.—It is said that the desire to keep the departure of Dr. Mueller, the former consul of the Orange Free State in Holland, for the United States a secret, was so keen that the Boer emissary booked his passage under an assumed name.

According to information from responsible Boer quarters it is learned that Mr. Kruger's letter to President Roosevelt, of which Mr. Mueller is the bearer, does not appeal for intervention but expresses regret that he is unable at present to personally congratulate President Roosevelt on his accession to office, and concludes with a gratified allusion to the numerous invitations to visit the great Republic which have arrived and are still arriving.

Besides reorganizing the Boer propaganda in the United States Dr. Mueller will direct his efforts principally to obtaining government prohibition of the export of bridges regarded by the Boers as a board of war, thus indirectly eliciting an opinion on the war from the United States government.

Mysterious Trip.

The Hague, Feb. 15.—The members of the Boer delegation have left The Hague and have not announced their destination. It is rumored that they have started for the United States.

LAST DAY OF WALK.

Teams Still in Field Are Almost on Verge of Collapse.

New York, Feb. 15.—Almost on the verge of collapse the 16 teams now in the six-day walking match entered upon the sixth and last day of the contest. The score of the leaders at 8 o'clock this morning was: Hegelman and Cavanaugh, 719.1; Shelton and Guerrero, 694.9; Fahey and Metkus, 687.2; Golden and Tracey, 697.8; Gilek and Howarth, 648.4; Norveman and Cartwright, 622.1; Feeny and Feeny, 613.7; Frazier and Sullivan, 607.9; Davis and Carroll, 535.4; Dean and Campbell, 536.5.

Foreed to Give Up.
New York, Feb. 15.—At 9 o'clock to-day Hegelman and Cavanaugh, the men went to the dressing room and said that they would leave the garden at once. Hegelman was almost delirious with pain, caused by his feet swelling, and Cavanaugh, after being on the oval for three hours, said he would let the race go if his partner did not come on. This the latter said he could not do.

Returns to Track.
New York, Feb. 15.—At 11:40 Cavanaugh returned to the track and said he would continue to the finish unless he could. The team lost eight miles in the two hours.

IN HANDS OF RIOTERS.

Police and Strikers Have Been in Collision Several Times—Soldiers on Duty.

Trieste, Austria Hungary, Feb. 14.—This city is practically in the hands of riotous strikers. All the factories are closed and the few stores that opened for business were compelled to close, owing to the mobs which paraded the streets. Traffic on the street railways was suspended. The headquarters of the Austrian-Lloyd steamship company, whose firemen were the first to strike, were protected by a strong force of police, who continually charged the crowds in order to drive back the surging demonstrators. The military have occupied the public squares and other points of vantage. The mobs frequently stoned the police and some shots were fired.

HUNDREDS HOMELESS.

Chicago, Feb. 14.—A special to the Daily News from Norfolk, Va., says: "The town of South Mills, N. C., near the Diamond Swamp, was practically destroyed by fire to-day. At last reports the flames were heading towards the Swamp. Four hundred families are reported homeless. A rough estimate places the loss at \$120,000."

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