



### CONGRATULATES THE TROOPS AND LEADER

#### GOVERNMENT MESSAGE TO LORD KITCHENER

#### Report That Boer Delegates In Europe Will Be Guaranteed Safe Conduct Home

London, June 6.—The war office has cabled congratulations to Lord Kitchener on the energy, skill and patience with which he conducted the long campaign in South Africa, and has asked him to communicate to the troops the government's profound sense of their spirit of endurance, bravery and discipline, and also of their humanity, shown throughout the trying period.

Lord Kitchener replied, on behalf of the army in South Africa, tendering its sincere thanks for the congratulations of the government, which he was sure the troops would receive with great satisfaction.

Paul Kruger.

London, June 6.—The organ of Colonial Secretary Chamberlain, the Birmingham Post, says to-day that on account of his age and infirmities the British government has waived its claim for the acknowledgment by Mr. Kruger of British sovereignty over the Transvaal, and has guaranteed to all the Boer delegates in Europe a safe conduct to their homes in South Africa.

Gladiators In Over.

Hamilton, Bermuda, June 6.—The Boer officers who have been living in the prison camps on the island near here have been allowed their liberty on parole. Several of them came ashore yesterday and were interviewed. A general conversation with the Boer delegates, both of whom were extremely reticent, but they said they were glad the war was over, and were delighted to get back to their homes. It is understood that the Boer delegates in Europe will be allowed ashore in batches of ten. The officers have been invited to an "At Home" at Government House to-morrow.

Col. Lynch.

London, June 6.—According to a news agency, Col. Arthur Lynch, who fought with the Boers in South Africa, and who was elected in November last to represent Galway in the House of Commons, and who, it was announced last night in a dispatch to the Associated Press from Paris, had decided to go to London early next week and attempt to take his seat in the House, will not be allowed to carry out his intention, but will be arrested on the ground of treason immediately after landing in London, and will be kept in custody until he reaches Westminster it will be by strategy.

#### PROVINCIAL POLICE COURT.

Charge of Cruelty to Horses Against John Alexander Dismissed.

In the Provincial Police court yesterday afternoon the hearing of the charge against John Alexander, a teamster, of the Esquimaux road on Friday last was resumed.

The case had been adjourned from Tuesday in order to afford Mr. Hall, P. M., an opportunity of hearing expert evidence from Dr. Hamilton, the veterinary surgeon, Mr. Higgins appeared for the accused, and Sergt. Murray conducted the prosecution.

Dr. Hamilton stated that he knew the grey horse, one of the team in question. He believed that the horse was a balky animal. He saw both horses on Saturday morning—the day following the alleged ill-treatment—and could not find any marks made by recent whipping. Some time ago the horse had been abused, and when the animal was shown the old marks of that would show up. Both animals had shoulder sores.

Cross-examined by Sergt. Murray, the witness said that there might have been cruelty in the animal's treatment, but that the marks were not the result of whipping. Some time ago the horse had been abused, and when the animal was shown the old marks of that would show up. Both animals had shoulder sores.

Mr. Higgins, addressing the bench, claimed that it had been proved that the animal had no knowledge of the whip, and that the marks were not the result of whipping. He also stated that the animal was not whipped on Saturday morning.

#### BIG BLAZE AT TORONTO.

Toronto, June 6.—Fire broke out in the pavilion in the horticultural gardens, in which the boards of trade banquet was held last night, at an early hour this morning, destroying the entire building and causing a loss estimated at between \$75,000 and \$100,000. Among the losses was the collection of glass pressed to the city by the late Sir David Macpherson, valued at over \$40,000.

#### EPSOM RACES.

To-Day's Proceedings Marred by Rain—The Oaks.

London, June 6.—Ladies' Day at Epsom was marred to-day by rain. King Edward, the Prince of Wales and other members of the Royal family started for the course in a downpour. The roads leading to the Downs lacked much of their usual picturesque appearance owing to the weather. A majority of the race-goers preferred to travel by train in consequence, but a good sprinkling of people adhered to the time-honored custom of attending the Oaks in coaches and other conveyances.

The race for the Oaks stakes, of 4,500 sovereigns, \$22,500 for three-year-old fillies, about one mile and a half, was won by R. S. Sievers's bay filly, Sceptre. Glass Jug was second and Lord Cadogan's bay filly, by Prisoner, out of Simon, third. Fourteen horses ran. The betting was 5 to 2 against Sceptre, 10 to 1 against Glass Jug and 25 to 1 against the Simon filly. Sceptre in April last won the Two Thousand Guineas stakes and in May the One Thousand Guineas stakes.

#### BACK FROM MALCOLM ISLAND.

Nanaimo, June 7.—Matt Kurikka has returned from Malcolm Island. He will remain here for a little time. The cancellation of the reserve of the timber on the island for pulp purposes is highly satisfactory to him, and will, in his opinion, mean a very considerable advantage to the Kavanan-Kanasa Co. The company have at last named their town at which they will make their headquarters. It is to be known as Sointula (place of harmony). The necessity for a school is now being felt.

#### FIRST GRAND TRUNK CAR AT THE MARKET

Initial Show to Be Transported on the Island in Managing Company's Own Train.

The first carload of Great Northern freight has arrived in the yard of the Victoria Terminal railway. It is a car loaded with fruit jars, and is consigned to J. H. London later that he would be prevented from taking his seat in the House, and that so soon as he set foot on England he would be arrested on the charge of treason. Lynch has been living in Paris for some time.

#### FAST ATLANTIC SERVICE.

Montreal Star's London Correspondent Says Nothing Definite Has Been Arranged.

Montreal, June 5.—The Star's London cable says: "This evening's papers publish elaborate statements to the effect that negotiations are very far advanced between the British and Canadian governments and a great syndicate of capitalists headed by Sir Christopher Furness, for a fleet of 25 quick steamers, magnificently equipped, and running between Milfordhaven and Canada, in connection with the Great Western Railway of England and Canada Pacific Railway, under heavy British and Canadian mail and admiralty subsidies, and also allied with a fleet of fast cargo steamers, the whole forming an efficient checkmate to the shipping trust. It is said that plans are sufficiently far advanced to enable the company to be floated in a couple of weeks."

Lord Stratford, Canadian high commissioner, interviewed to-day, denied the allegation that he is actively associated with any such project, though he would not say that negotiations were not on foot with Sir Christopher Furness. There is certainly nothing definitely arranged, and whatever is afoot will await the arrival of the colonial premiers in London for possible co-operative action between British, Canadian and Australian ministers."

#### DOMINION FINANCES.

The Returns For Eleven Months Ending May 31st—The Increase in Revenue.

Ottawa, June 6.—The revenue of the Dominion for the eleven months ending May 31st was \$51,279,346, as against \$46,971,284 for the same time last year, an increase of \$4,708,062. The expenditure on ordinary account for eleven months was \$38,005,112, leaving a surplus of \$13,274,234.

The expenditure for eleven months last year was \$35,629,248, so that it increased for the current year by nearly two millions and a half. The expenditure on capital account was \$10,510,218 as compared with \$8,731,742, an increase of over one million and a half. Although there is a surplus over all kinds of the expenditure there are outstanding accounts which will wipe this out. However, the showing at the end of the fiscal year will be fully better than was predicted by the finance minister last session.

The revenue for the month of May was \$4,800,000 more than May last year, and the expenditure about \$70,000 greater. There was an increase in the capital expenditure for the month of about \$600,000.

#### GONE NORTH.

Ottawa, June 7.—C. N. Burns, who has been private secretary to Hon. W. S. Fielding since 1899, left last night for the Yukon. He goes on official business.

### BRITISH LOSSES DURING THE WAR

#### STATEMENT ISSUED BY THE WAR OFFICE

#### Nearly Eight Thousand Troops Killed in Action or Died of Wounds—Surrender of Fouché.

London, June 5.—The official statement issued by the war office this evening shows that the total reduction of British forces in South Africa up to May 30th of the present year was 97,477. This includes killed, prisoners, deaths from disease, and men sent home. Of these, many have rejoined their regiments, leaving 28,434 dead, or permanently incapacitated. The total number of deaths from disease is 7,792, while the total number of deaths from disease is 13,250.

#### Feeling in Africa.

Capetown, June 5.—Reports which have been received here from all quarters indicate the greatest relief and satisfaction at the conclusion of peace. The Boer delegates are in the field to bring in the various commandoes, and most of them have been ordered to come in. Commandant Fouché, the only rebel whose intentions were doubtful, has already come in. Preparations are being made to resume the night train service to all points.

#### Col. Lynch.

Paris, June 5.—The correspondent of the Associated Press learns that Col. Arthur Lynch has decided to go to London early next week. He will go straight to the House of Commons, attempt to take his seat there and abide by the consequences.

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#### AN EXPERT ON SHIPPING MATTERS

#### CHANGES NOT RESULT OF THE SUBSIDIES

#### Sir Robert Giffen Says There Has Been a Falling Away of British Progress.

London, June 6.—Sir Robert Giffen, president of the testing society and ex-chief of the statistics department of the board of trade, testifying to-day before the House of Commons committee on steamship subsidies, said the changes in the industry of British shipping, compared with those of other countries, were due largely to circumstances apart from subsidization. There has been diminution of British progress, while elsewhere, especially in Germany, there has been a great advance. The number of American owned ships sailing under the British flag, quite apart from those with in the combine recently formed, had largely increased and was still increasing, and he regarded it as obvious that notwithstanding the fact that the White Star line was sailing under the British flag, the United States government regards its steamers as being American vessels, and would be prepared to defend them as the property of American citizens.

#### GEN. MILLS.

Report That He Will Be Charged With Betraying Secrets.

Queensdown, June 7.—The Cunard line steamer Umbra, from New York, having on board Whitelaw Reid, the special envoy of the United States to the coronation of King Edward, arrived here yesterday, and Whitelaw Reid, when informed of the situation of affairs in South Africa, expressed his pleasure at the fact that peace had been concluded prior to the coronation.

#### Called Out.

Italian Foreign Minister Challenged to Duel by Senator.

Rome, June 6.—As a sequel to a heated discussion in the lobby of the chamber of deputies on the subject of the British (Italian East Africa) budget, Senator Franchetti, a member of the chamber, challenged the foreign minister, Signor Prinetti, to fight a duel.

#### RESOLUTIONS DISCUSSED

At the Boards of Trade Convention Now Being Held at Toronto.

Toronto, June 5.—At to-day's session of the board of trade convention, the first resolution dealt with was one favoring the appointment of commercial agents in the chief cities of the old and new world, sent in by the Chamber of Commerce of Montreal. The resolution was adopted unanimously after the decision had been expressed that these agents should be good men and paid decent salaries.

The next resolution came from the Halifax board, in favor of the establishment of a fast Atlantic steamship service. After some discussion this resolution was withdrawn in favor of the Montreal board's proposal, that at the coming Imperial conference the Canadian representatives should impress upon the gathering the importance of the Mother Country and Colonies securing by subsidy or otherwise, a fast line of steamships between the United Kingdom and the colonies and between the colonies themselves, making the Australian service from the Liverpool tri-weekly and the establishment of a freight line from Eastern Canada to Australia, via Cape Town, one of the lines suggested.

At the afternoon session the subject of Canada's contribution to the Imperial fleet was reached. The French-Canadian commercial bodies had unanimously entered objections, contending Canada had contributed sufficiently in building the Intercolonial and Canadian Pacific railways, etc. They considered Canada had done her share.

The Montreal board's resolution favoring an annual appropriation of the Dominion budget for the defence of the Empire to be spent under the direction of the Canadian government had the right of way. Robert Munro said he did not believe the resolutions of the Quebec boards expressed the real opinion of the gentlemen representing them. He believed they were in favor of Canada setting up a system of defence.

The Petherboro board fell into line with the Quebec boards. Mr. Dumble moved an amendment to the end that Canada required all her resources for her own development.

The subject was still under debate when the conference adjourned till to-morrow.

After the afternoon session, Mr. A. S. Goodwin, of Rosland, B. C., moved a resolution calling for the readjustment of the tariff on lead and lead products, so as to encourage the development of this metal in British Columbia. Mr. Munro seconded the resolution, which carried.

The members of the conference attended a banquet at the pavilion this evening. Messrs. Mulock and Tarte were present and spoke.

### BOERS CHEERED FOR KING EDWARD

#### BE GOOD COLONISTS, SAYS GENERAL DEWET

#### A Large Number of the Burglers Are Now Laying Down Their Arms.

Denver, Colo., June 7.—Twenty-seven Boer refugees in this city have formulated an appeal to the British ambassador at Washington relative to their return to South Africa. These twenty-seven speak for the 90 Boers who are in Colorado. They ask that arrangements be made for their return to South Africa, and promise to be law abiding citizens. The appeal has been forwarded to Washington.

#### Lay Down Arms.

London, June 6.—Lord Kitchener, in a dispatch from Pretoria dated to-day, announced that the British commando in the various districts report that the Boers had laid down their arms yesterday. Afterwards the commissioner addressed the Boers, who gave three hearty cheers for King Edward. The best possible relations exist between the Boers and the British, and there has been no hitch in the proceedings anywhere.

#### Dewet's Advice.

Vrededor Road, Orange River Colony, June 6.—Christian Dewet, addressing the inmates of the concentration camp here, explained the circumstances leading to the termination of hostilities, and urged the Burglers to do the most to show Great Britain what good colonists the Boers can make. The speech made a favorable impression.

#### Sang "God Save the King."

Capetown, June 7.—The surrender of over 1,600 Boers has already been reported through social influence in vogue, or so long as efficiency has nothing to do with the selection of officers for desirable appointments. The committee recommends, among other things, that more commissions be granted to the colonies and that officers be compelled to know either French or German.

#### A LIVELY TIME.

French Deputies Engage in Fisticuffs in Committee Room of Chambers.

Paris, June 5.—During a dispute in the chamber of deputies to-day, M. Delargente, a reactionary deputy from the Gorges du Nord, exclaimed: "Yes, the Republicans are swindlers and traitors, and in my foreigner's." A number of Republican deputies retorted hotly, whereupon M. Delargente added, excitedly: "And your president of the republic is a thief!"

A scuffle during which a dozen deputies, including the Marquis de Dion, M. Milleroye and M. Messier, participated, followed. The fight occurred in the room of the committee of the chamber of deputies, which was engaged in the verification of the recent elections. It arose over a nationalist poster in which the Republicans were attacked in violent language. Several of the nationalist deputies to-day approved these expressions, and in the row which followed the participants freely exchanged insults such as "blackguard" and "thief."

Deputy Bachiomi having called M. Vose a scoundrel, the latter's son, Sachmi seconds, who, in their official account of the interview, said: "We informed M. Bachiomi of our mission. He replied: 'Come follows, slightly expression. The Count de Dion retorted by slapping his face. M. Bachiomi published this terse reply to the foregoing: 'Count de Dion says he slapped my face. This is a lie.' It is reported that M. Delargente will be prosecuted for insulting President Loubet.

#### RECEIVED INCREASES.

Youngstown, Ohio, June 6.—The strike of the Pitts furnace workers was settled last night. The country might well congratulate itself on a situation which showed such economic stability.

The Premier, Lord Salisbury, said such words, coming from such a high authority, were very gratifying and would be widely read.

#### Reid Pleased With News.

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#### More Surrenders.

London, June 7.—Lord Kitchener, in a dispatch from Pretoria dated to-day, announces that the progress in the surrender of Boers is entirely satisfactory. Four hundred and forty Burglers have laid down their arms at Middleburg, Transvaal. They also brought in a pom-pom complete with ammunition, and indicated the hiding places of a howitzer and a Maxim gun.

### BEFORE RAILWAY COMMITTEE TO-DAY

#### APPLICATION BY THE V. V. & E. COMPANY

#### They Were Opposed on Behalf of Grand Forks & Kettle River Road—Counsel's Argument.

Ottawa, June 6.—Four applications from the Victoria, Vancouver & Eastern railway were discussed at the railway committee meeting of the Privy Council to-day.

One was an application to construct a branch line from its main line, extending to Columbia and Grand Forks, another was for a branch to Granby smelter near Grand Forks, another was for approval of plans and profiles of a crossing of the Grand Forks & Kettle River railway, and another was for permission to cross the Columbia & Western railway.

Mr. Boland, for the Grand Forks & Kettle River, opposed the application. He put forth the argument, previously advanced that work on this road was being carried on by the Great Northern, which was a foreign corporation, and that the Victoria, Vancouver & Eastern had no intention of building. To show the British Columbia legislature had entered into a preliminary contract with Maclean Bros. for a railway over this route. He argued that the company had not given the right to build southward, in the way which the company was doing.

Mr. Boland thought that it would only be fair not to dispose of a case until such time as it was disposed of by British Columbia.

Mr. Blair, that is a fair request.

Mr. Leach, for the Victoria, Vancouver & Eastern, asked that all the company was asking was such power as was conferred on them by statute. To grant permission to cross the Kettle River road, as desired, would not change any right which the province might have. The first three applications were taken into consideration.

The Canadian Pacific, which owns the Columbia & Western, asked that the overhead spans be one hundred feet, and the Victoria, Vancouver & Eastern thought this too long. The committee decided that the committee come together and endeavor to agree, and send the report to both parties. If an agreement was reached it would be embodied in an order, and if not the committee would decide between them.

#### Soldiers' Memorials.

Lord Strathcona has contributed \$1,000 towards the fund for the erection of distinctive memorials in South Africa on the graves of deceased soldiers. The subscriptions now amount to \$23,944.

#### Liberal Elected.

The returning officer has declared Mr. Macele, Liberal, elected in Lennox.

#### INDIAN SUGAR BILL.

Measure Providing for Countervailing Duty Was Passed To-Day.

Simla, India, June 6.—The sugar bill, empowering the government of India to impose a countervailing duty on bountied sugar until the Brussels convention becomes effective, passed the council to-day. The viceroy of India, Lord Curzon of Kedleston, in a speech, exhorted the members to support the bill, and to justify the protection provided by the countervailing duty imposed on bountied sugar.

#### PREMIER'S DEPARTURE.

Smith Curtis Endeavors to Draw Hon. Mr. Dunsuir in Regard to Colonial Conference.

In the legislature yesterday afternoon Mr. Smith Curtis stated that he had a resolution on the notice paper for Monday dealing with the Premier's trip to England. He asked if he could state it then, as the Premier was leaving on Saturday. Mr. McIvor supported the request, which, however, met with no reply from the government.

The resolution was as follows: "That whereas the Premier of the province is about to depart to attend the conference of Colonial Premiers, at London, England, be it resolved that it is desirable that the government should, before the departure of the Premier, indicate to this House what matters, if any, specially affecting this province he intends to bring before the conference, and that this House should have an opportunity of expressing its wishes on these and any other questions affecting colonial interests likely to be discussed at such conference."

#### BRITAIN'S TRADE.

London, June 7.—The statement of the board of trade for the month shows increases in imports of \$292,900, and a decrease in exports of \$504,700.