

Financing The War.

Transvaal to Contribute Largely to Its Cost But How Not Stated.

Whole Public Given Opportunity to Subscribe for the Loan Required.

The Stay-at-Homes' Chance—Miserly Foreigner Enriches the Exchequer.

London, March 5.—During the course of his address in presenting the financial budget to-day the Chancellor of the Exchequer, referring to his previously expressed opinion regarding the capacity of the Transvaal to bear a responsible share of the expenses of the war, said he still adhered to that opinion, but he was bound to say that the events of the last few months and the claims which would undoubtedly be made by the loyal colonists of Natal for compensation for losses sustained at the hands of the Boers and the enormous increase in expenditure since he last spoke, had made him feel that the capacity of the Transvaal to bear the cost of the war was a less important factor, though it will still be a more potent factor than he estimated in October last.

The statement presented by Sir Michael Hicks-Beach shows that an expenditure of £154,052,000 is provided for in the budget of 1900-1901. The exchequer account of 1899-1900 would have a surplus of upwards of £5,000,000, but that of the complementary year estimates of £28,000,000 made the expenditure exceed the revenue by £17,700,000.

From the abounding revenue of the year £5,500,000 surplus was available towards the war expenditure, bearing the remarkable testimony to the extraordinary industrial activity, and commercial prosperity of 1899, which was, he hoped, destined to be a long series of prosperous years. The improvement was due to the style and progress of business and not to the war, which had in a measure retarded the progress of the trade. The increase in foreign trade, both in imports and exports, was more than the previous year. There had been a remarkable increase in the receipts from the death duties, totalling £17,441,000, of which £2,271,000 was from the estate of a millionaire, including £900,000 from the estate of one man, a foreigner, who lived on fifteen shillings a day in a West End London house.

Explaining the proposed loan, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach said he believed it would be a mistake to try to raise a permanent debt which the nation could not pay off at par until 1923. He thought it would be better to raise a loan of £50,000,000, which would be repaid in amounts not exceeding £5,000,000 for a further issue of treasury bonds, bearing interest to be raised by bonds or stocks. He had reason to believe it would be possible to make such an issue on very favorable terms and he hoped to do so in a way not to insure profits for the few great and wealthy persons, but bring the whole public into the war loan and enable them to be of some assistance to the country.

The Chancellor desired a resolution passed enabling him to borrow in the manner described without fettering him as to the precise terms of the issue. He did not propose to present a bill, but it would be premature to do so, before they knew the total liabilities, and especially before they knew how much could be expected from the Transvaal. He added: "We have ample means to meet what might fall on the country, and they are equal to their forefathers, and the great colonies have eagerly taxed themselves with money and money for the Empire. Should those who are sitting at home show themselves to be financial cowards we leave the matter in the hands of the Empire, being assured they will begrudge no effort and abate from no sacrifice which the honor of the country and duty to the Empire demands."

BULLER'S CASUALTIES.

London, March 5.—Gen. Buller's revised list of casualties from February 14 to February 27 gives 93 men killed, 684 wounded and 25 missing.

DRIVING THEM HOME.

Boers Rapidly Vanishing From Northern Cape Colony as the British Appear in Force.

RELAY ON AFRICANERS.

Boer Leaders Look to Rebellion in Cape Colony as Only Chance for Terms.

Brussels, March 6.—The Transvaal agency here confirms the statement that President Kruger is ready to conclude peace with Great Britain on the basis of the independence of the two republics, and that otherwise the struggle will continue until the British have secured control of the funds in South Africa.

Bushmen to Track Boers

Latest Call to Australia Looks to the Suppression of Guerrillas.

Raiding in Northern Cape Colony Calls for the Extension of Martial Law.

Cecil Rhodes and Commander at Kimberley Disagreed as to Policy.

Horsemen Head For Mafeking

Force Despatched From Kimberley to Make End of Boer Investment.

British Troops Make It Convenient to Pass That Way to Pretoria.

SAPHO IS TOO LOUD.

New York Police Court Puts Veto on Olga Nethersole's Play and Wal-lack's Closes.

London, March 6, 5 a.m.—Mafeking is to be relieved as soon as the British force already on the way from Kimberley can raise the siege. This force is described as strong. The Kimberley Light Horse is mentioned as a component. In view of the fact that Kimberley Light Horse is under the control of the De Beers company Lord Roberts' visit to Kimberley probably had to do with an arrangement with Cecil Rhodes to use this company's troops.

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Boers Concentrating Their Whole Force and Making Their Earthworks.

Members of Parliament Sign Round Robin to Settle Fate of Republics.

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New Rebellion In Cape Colony

Three Thousand Rebels Now Under Arms—Church Calls for Independence.

General Rising of Dutch in Several Districts Calls for Larger British Force.

Capetown, March 6.—Nearly the whole of the Dutch population of Pretoria and Kanharat districts are in rebellion. Many of the Dutch from neighboring districts are reported to have joined them, and Lucas Steinkamp, commanding the Boers, is reported as marching on Carnarvon. It is believed that Cordonia and Victoria West will rise. It is thought that the total number of men in arms will exceed 3,000. The general opinion of loyalists is that a strong force of British will be required, as a reverse would spread the rebellion.

The Dutch church has issued a manifesto in favor of the Boer republics retaining complete independence. Coleridge, March 6.—A British advance camp is now at Orlongport river, several miles beyond Actertang.

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That Question Disturbing Men on Both of the Line.

Amur Making Special Skagway-Movement Marine Circles

Determined efforts are being made by American rivals of Canadian to induce the United States to refrain from making Cape Nome a port of call, and there is reason to believe that the United States will not injure Canadian concerns.

The Portland Oregonian in Saturday last published the despatch: Washington, March 2.—The treasury department called to the attention of a steamship line soliciting for shipment to Cape Nome. This upon the erroneous assumption Nome would be made a sub-port of the United States. The route, it was intended, from Seattle to Vancouver by tance of 500 miles, then to Nome by steamer, the steamer to be chartered by the United States. The department, in view of the fact that the United States has no port of entry leaving St. Michael, and that the new gold effect of this action will be the trade with Cape Nome a vessel.

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Miners Entombed.

Fifty Dead Bodies Already Recovered and Many More in the Ruins.

Those Who Escaped the Falling Debris in Danger of Suffocation.

Explosion Brings Calamity to Every Home in Little Mining Town.

Fire Creek, Va., March 6.—The most disastrous explosion ever known in the New River district occurred in the Red Ash mine shortly after the miners went to work this morning. Although most heroic work by the rescuing party has been going on incessantly all day it is impossible to-night to estimate the full extent of the loss of life and property. More than 50 dead bodies have already been taken out of the mine, and the dead may reach 75 or more. It is thought