

LORD MILNER IN LONDON

Deals With the Momentous Question Now Confronting Great Britain in South Africa—He Believes That Burgers Should be Treated Not Only With Fairness But Also With Generosity.

When Lord Milner was presented with the freedom of the City of London, recently a luncheon was given at the Mansion house, and in reply to the toast of his health Lord Milner spoke as follows: It is difficult for me, with my eyes so dimmed by age, to express how deep is my sense of the greatness of the honor just conferred upon me. The freedom of the City of London—the premier city of the British empire—is one of the greatest honors that can be bestowed upon any public servant. (Cheers.) The fact that the court of common council should have selected this moment to accord me that honor and those privileges is a fresh proof—perhaps the most striking I have yet received—of the great generosity with which the British people are disposed to treat those of their fellow-countrymen who are called upon, whether in a military or a civil capacity, to battle for the interests of the empire abroad, especially when they seem to be beset with great difficulties. (Cheers.) The impulse to back a man who is thought to be trying to do his best in a tight place, the tendency to appreciate his efforts, to sympathize with his difficulties and not to be too much down on his mistakes is a national characteristic. (Hear, hear.) I do not mean to say that this is an absolutely universal attitude. We have now among us, as we have had in all times of great external pressure a certain section of the community who are predisposed to think the worst of their fellow-countrymen—(Hear, hear)—to believe readily every accusation against them, to attribute preposterous motives to them and to give vent to their anti-national bias in language vying in intemperance with that of the subsidized traducers of Great Britain in foreign lands. (Cheers.) But these aberrations only serve to bring out in stronger relief the very different temper which animates the great bulk of the nation. (Cheers.) It would be gross ingratitude in any public servant, exposed though he might be to the sort of criticism which I have just described, if he were to make an outcry or to pose as a martyr who he had such splendid compensations on the other side as is afforded by the kindly, the forbearing, the sympathetic judgment of the great majority of his countrymen, whose approval is at once the highest reward and the strongest encouragement which can be accorded him. (Cheers.)

I ventured when leaving Cape Town some months ago to try to reassure some doubting hearts by pointing to the remarkable, the almost phenomenal, steadfastness of British public feeling with regard to this question of South Africa; and now that I have been a little at home I feel more confident than ever on that point. (Cheers.) Bearing regard to the tendency of our system of party government to accentuate differences of opinion, and even to create them, it seems to me that this virtual agreement of the great body of the nation is a most impressive fact. (Cheers.) With any amount of differences and discussion as to details, we cannot but be conscious of the great underlying unanimity of opinion with regard to all the main issues. The old illusion, so sedulously fostered and at one time so dangerous, that the war was due to the intrigues of capitalists or to any personal or petty cause, is now virtually extinct. (Hear, hear.) The great national issue at the bottom of it is, I believe, now recognized by the vast majority of thinking men. (Cheers.) It may not even now be as acute as it will be in the pages of history, but for all practical purposes it is evident already—(Cheers)—and that those having once been clearly raised, there is virtually no difference as to the answer which, at whatever cost, must be given. Deep and universal as is the longing for peace, anxious as we all are to make submission easy to every honorable enemy—(hear, hear)—there are, I think, few indeed who would be willing to purchase peace by any concessions that might compromise the future—(loud cheers)—or to

essential conditions of success. It only requires a continuance of that steadfastness and resolution which has so remarkably characterized the public temper of Great Britain throughout this long struggle, that same, that liberal, that persistent, and yet wholly unvindictive spirit in which all your sacrifices for South Africa have been faced, in order to bring about the ultimate achievement of those great national objects for which the sacrifices have been made. (Loud cheers.)

The subject of conferring the freedom of London on Lord Milner was brought up in the house of commons by Mr. Swift MacNeill, who asked whether the home secretary was aware that for several hours traffic was obstructed, and at times suspended, by the crowds who collected "owing to this corrupt jingo harlequinade." The home secretary explained that this was a matter entirely for the police of London.—Toronto Globe.

OUTLAWRY IN TACOMA

Masked Men Kill and Plunder Indiscriminately.

Tacoma, Aug. 2.—Two masked robbers held up the Elks saloon, at Seventeenth and C streets, at midnight, killing one man, desperately wounding another and robbing the saloon of \$50. The men seem to have entered the saloon with a determination to kill every person in the room. Only three men were in the saloon at the time. These were H. J. Hermesen, the proprietor, and Barkeeper John Kempin and Ed Pfankuchen. Hermesen was behind the bar and Kempin and Pfankuchen were in front of and leaning against it. The door suddenly flew open and two masked men, both flourishing revolvers burst into the room. The mardi gras parade was on the street at the time and thousands of people were masked, and the three men looked upon the sudden apparition as joke. Leveling their revolvers, the two men fired point blank at Kempin and Pfankuchen. The last named was struck squarely in the forehead, but the bullet partially glanced, and Pfankuchen staggered back into the darkness of the rear of the room. Kempin bolted outside, the robbers pursuing him to the door and firing at every step. Turning their attention to the money till they rapidly completed their work of robbery, and started to leave the room. Just at this moment Ben Johnson, a middle-aged single Swede, who roomed over the saloon, opened the door to enter the saloon. Both robbers began firing at him. Two bullets struck Johnson, both plowing their way through his body, and the man sank to the floor dying.

Rushing over his prostrate form, the men were on the sidewalk. A negro whose name cannot be learned was standing ten yards from the saloon, and the robbers made a savage onslaught upon him. The negro ran down Seventeenth street with a fusillade of shots following him. The robbers ran rapidly up C street. In addition to the money the men took out of the till, Hermesen was robbed of his watch.

Not less than 20,000 people were on the streets at the time of the murder and robbery, and the desperate deed caused the greatest excitement. Johnson's body lay in the door of the saloon for an hour after the shooting, and a cordon of police had hard work to keep the curious crowd back. The interior of the saloon is scarred and shattered with the bullets fired. Proprietor Hermesen looks upon his escape as marvellous. He stood behind the bar during the shooting. Several bullets intended for him flew wide of the mark, the robbers finally being content with jerking his watch from him as they sped out of the room.

Libeled the Cottage City.

Thomas McCarthy, a ship's carpenter, yesterday libeled the Pacific Coast Company's large passenger steamer Cottage City for over \$8000. It was necessary for the company to obtain bonds, which they did yesterday evening, in order that the steamship may sail on her Alaskan voyage tonight. McCarthy, in his claims filed yesterday with the clerk of the United States court by Carroll & Carroll, his attorneys, states that on June 22 he fell through an open hatchway between decks, while working for the company, and was very seriously injured.

The details as set forth in the papers filed by McCarthy's attorneys show that McCarthy was employed to do some repair work on the vessel. Charles Reed was in charge of the work. Reed directed McCarthy to go between decks to do certain work. In going to the directed spot, McCarthy took a side step to the left because the tool chest which he bore on his right shoulder struck an obstacle. The step plunged him into an open hatchway, the entrance to an elevator shaft, and he fell about eight feet. Three broken ribs a broken hand, which afterward became paralyzed, and severe internal injuries resulted. On the above allegations, McCarthy asks the United States district court to hold the Cottage City, her tackle, apparel, etc., until the Pacific Coast Company, who own the vessel, pays him \$8033 damages.—P. I., Aug. 25.

New Tariffs.

Ottawa, Aug. 2.—The Canadian Underwriters' Association has issued a new tariff for the Ottawa and Hull lumber yards, and other specially hazardous risks, which is going to prove a heavy tax on those interests. The underwriters plead in justification that following the severe losses on lumber last year, already for the six months of 1907 there has been a loss of over one million dollars of this class of insurance in Canada. The association maintains that lumber should pay its own losses, and with that end in view rates have been largely increased. Ottawa, being the greatest lumber section in Canada, will especially feel the tax. The following are some of the increases: J. R. Booth's lumber yards, from \$2.50 to \$3 and \$2.25 to \$2.75 per hundred; W. C. Edwards' yards, from \$2.50 to \$3, \$2.25 to \$2.75, \$1.50 and \$2 to \$2.75. In Hull the rates have also been increased in like proportion. There has also been a very heavy increase on sawmills, saw and door factories, pork factories, planing mills, manufactories and other mercantile interests classed as "specially hazardous."

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June and July Gold.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 20.—The receipts of gold from Alaska this year, George R. Roberts, director of the mint, said today, will be disappointing, unless the latter part of the season makes a more favorable showing than the first part.

He learned while at the assay office in Seattle, from which he has just returned, that receipts of gold dust there in June and July fell below the five record of those months in 1906. June receipts last year were \$1,129,154, as against \$66,639 in June last. Instead of July receipts showing improvement this year, the receipts were only \$3,748,313, as against \$6,351,065 in July of last year.

Mr. Roberts is inclined to believe the poor showing thus far this year is due to the reported late season in Alaska, but lacks definite direct information to confirm this. If the special inducements offered by the Canadian authorities in the purchase of Klondike gold at Victoria are to have any adverse effect on the business of the Seattle assay office, Mr. Roberts believes this will not appear until later, and should not have affected the June and July record of Seattle.

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