

Pretoria Excited

British Officers Arrested Charged With Treason.

Prisoners Confined at the Capital of the Transvaal.

Arrangements Made for a Conference—More Arrests May Follow.

London, May 16.—A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Cape Town says that the negotiations for a meeting between President Kruger, of the South African republic, and Sir Alfred Milner, governor of Cape Colony and British high commissioner for South Africa, regarding the grievances of the Uitlanders in the Transvaal, have culminated finally in an arrangement for a conference which will probably be held in Cape Town.

Cape Town, May 16.—The Argus, of this city, today publishes a dispatch from Pretoria, capital of the Transvaal or South African republic, saying that P. W. Reitz, the secretary of state, confirms the report that a number of unusual arrests have been made there, and that it is rumored that the prisoners are British officers. The following dispatches, which explain the telegrams received by the Argus, of Cape Town, from Pretoria, saying the Transvaal secretary of state confirmed the report that a number of unusual arrests had been made, and that it was rumored that the prisoners were British officers.

MYSTERIOUS DISPATCH.
The advices from Johannesburg are also probably connected with a mysterious dispatch received at Johannesburg from Pretoria, on May 14, saying a special train fully equipped with Boer artillerymen, guns and search-light apparatus, was being held in readiness at the capital of the Transvaal. The statement was then declared to be without significance, but today's news throws a more serious light on the movement, and it is certain there will be a great sensation in London when the arrests become generally known.

The afternoon newspapers print special dispatches from Cape Town, saying seven men have been arrested at Johannesburg, and have been taken to Pretoria. The Government of Cape Colony, it further appears, is considering the matter secretly.

SOUTH AFRICA STIRRED.
The news has caused great excitement throughout South Africa. The Standard and Digger News, the Boers' organ in London, has a dispatch from Pretoria, which says that warrants were issued yesterday evening by the state attorney, and were executed at midnight. The dispatch adds that a plot of rebellion is alleged to have been maturing for four months, and that the accused, who are said to have been engaged by the South African League, had already enlisted 2,000 men.

Cecil Rhodes.
Mr. Cecil Rhodes, the former premier of Cape Colony, and resident director in South Africa of the British Chartered South Africa Company, who was recently elected president of the South African League, informs the Associated Press that he has heard nothing regarding the arrests made at Johannesburg, and that he knows nothing about the reason for which they were made.

EXCITEMENT AT PRETORIA.
Pretoria, Transvaal Republic, May 17.—The arrest at Johannesburg of seven alleged former British officers, named Nicholls, Patterson, Tremlett, Ellis, Eries, Hooper and Mitchell, on the charge of high treason, has caused intense excitement here. The prisoners were brought to Pretoria by special train. After they had been lodged in jail they were visited by the British diplomatic agent here. The arrests were effected by a detective, who joined the movement, which, it is asserted, was for the purpose of enrolling men in order to cause an outbreak of rebellion. Incriminating documents were found upon the prisoners, and it is expected that further arrests will be made.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN'S VIEW.
London, May 17.—Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, who was interviewed last evening, said he had heard nothing officially regarding the arrests in the Transvaal, and did not think that too much significance should be attached to them.

EIGHT ARRESTS.
The officers arrested, who are eight in number, instead of seven, as previously cabled, are: Capt. Patterson, formerly of the Lancashire; Col. R. F. Nicholls, Lieut. E. J. Tremlett, C. A. Ellis, lately a private detective at Johannesburg; Lieut. Col. Allen, formerly of the Horse Artillery; Quartermaster Alex. Mitchell; former Sergeant Fries, and former Sergt. R. P. Hooper. None of them has been in the employ of the British South African Chartered Company. It is said that the commissioner of police, who had the affair in hand, had been working up the case for four months.

THE CHARGE.
The charge against the prisoners is, that while staying in the Rand privately, they were engaged secretly enlisting men for the purposes of rebellion, and to give the signal. It is said that the enlistment roster included 2,000 men, and that a number of incriminating documents were found at the time the arrests were made.

WHAT OOM PAUL SAID.
The British agent and charge d'affaires, Mr. Conyngham Green, had an

interview with President Kruger and expressed regret that men who had worn the Queen's uniform should be concerned in such a movement. President Kruger replied that he would not believe the prisoners were British officers until it had been proved, adding that he hoped the affair would not interfere with the proposed meeting between himself and Sir Alfred Milner.

PRESS COMMENT.
All the London morning papers devote their principal editorials to the arrests in the Transvaal, counseling a postponement of conclusions in the case until facts are obtained, and declining to believe that British officers or subjects have been guilty of what the Standard terms such "treasonable folly."

The Times, while it repudiates the idea that the prisoners are of high rank among the British Uitlanders or represent important interests of any kind at Johannesburg, suggests that President Kruger has been imposed on by his own detectives.

WANTS TO SELL A BIG SPARKLER.

London, May 16.—Lord Francis Hope, brother of the Duke of Newcastle and husband of May Hope, the American actress, applied to the chancery court today for permission to sell a family heirloom, a blue diamond, weighing 14½ karats, estimated to be worth from \$65,000 to \$125,000. The gem was unique until another one was recently found weighing 45 carats. Counsel for Lord Hope urged that the gem was useless for ornament, and that it would be wiser to sell it for the benefit of Lord Hope's income than to allow it to lie in a bank's safe for the next 40 years.

Counsel for the Duke of Newcastle and Lady Beatrice Lister-Kaye, the eldest sister of Lord Hope, opposed the sale, which the court eventually refused to sanction.

PRODUCED A BLUE ROSE.

Vienna, May 16.—Johann Stepanek, of the Kessenik district, known as "the Valley of Roses," Bulgaria, has succeeded, it is declared, in producing a rose of azure blue. He has been engaged for many years in experimenting on the hues of different flowers, and has produced some curious results.

The blue rose is said to be perfect in color and shape, and Stepanek, while denying that it is the result of chemical treatment, declines to reveal the secret of cultivation.

CABLE NOTES.

It is reported that Count Raden, the former prime minister of Austria, recently tried to commit suicide on account of losses sustained on the race course. The fortune of the former premier has been estimated at \$2,500,000.

The failure of the Colt gun to work properly was in a large measure the cause of the American and British defeat at Apia, Samoa, on April 11.

DEADMAN'S ISLAND

The Scene of Serious Trouble—Riot Act Read—Ludgate Arrested.

Vancouver, B. C., May 16.—The riot act had to be read yesterday morning in connection with Deadman's Island, and matters reached an acute stage at 10 o'clock. Theodore Ludgate once more started to work on the island with 50 men. The provincial and city police went out, but there were only ten of them against the workmen. Ludgate let it be known that he would forcibly resist arrest. Therefore the riot act was read. Ludgate had to be knocked down and handcuffed before he gave in. The attorney-general then addressed the men, and said if work was not stopped and all off the island in 30 minutes the constabulary would be ordered to shoot. The men held a short conference and decided to leave.

A special from Nanaimo says H. M. S. Egri departed from that port this morning for Vancouver, simultaneously with the arrival there of news of trouble, which is expected here almost any hour, but it is not known what action will be taken.

The police are still on the island and are being reinforced. It is believed that the men will go back and attempt the seizure. It is also rumored that troops will be ordered out. Ludgate is in jail, and refuses to accept his release on bail.

SHE YAWNED

And Then Was Unable to Shut Her Mouth.

Hamilton, May 17.—A peculiar accident happened in Mr. A. W. Palmer's tailor shop, in the old Wanzler building, on Saturday. Miss Maggie Bronson, No. 219 Mary street, an operator, yawned and was unable to close her mouth afterwards. She was badly frightened, and at once fainted.

A doctor was summoned, and he soon gave her relief, her jaws assuming their natural position. The girl was very nervous when she came to, however, and was sent home in a hack.

ON TIME

Good Record for the Wabash East Bound Fast Train.

The Wabash fast train for the east, which was put into service March 19, has been behind time only once.

The fastest train in the United States is to run between New York and Saratoga this summer. It will run at the rate of a mile in one minute and ten seconds.

J. N. Kendall, who has been G. T. R. station agent at Brussels for the past ten years, has been notified that he will be sent to Bluevale; J. Colley, of Bluevale, going to Alma; Cameron, of Alma, going to Drayton, and R. Sutton, now at Drayton, to go to Brussels. These changes take effect this week.

The citizens' committee of Goderich has passed a resolution pledging loyal support to the construction of an independent railway as a national undertaking to connect the waters of Lake Ontario with any portion of Lake Huron or the Georgian Bay. The committee will be proven to be most favorably situated for the purpose; but strenuously deprecating any further action being taken in the matter until a committee of experts shall have first made a searching inquiry as to the merits of every available route, and shall have reported that it is possible for such a line of railway without financial loss to divert the carriage of grain from Buffalo into Canadian channels.

Generosity is rather a matter of mood than of nature.

PUNISHMENT

Inflicted on Flying Roller McKay for Selling the New Eve Success—Fined \$100 and \$21.20 Costs.

Windsor, May 16.—Magistrate Bartlett yesterday morning gave judgment in the case of D. L. McKay, the Flying Roller, who was found guilty of offering for sale the New Eve Success on May 6, which was classed as an obscene publication. McKay was convicted last week, but was remanded for sentence. The magistrate, after reviewing the evidence, fined the defendant \$100 and \$21.20 costs, or four months' imprisonment.

McKay said that he had not the money, and several of the Israelites, who were in the court room, left in search of funds. They returned about 4 o'clock in the afternoon and told Chief Wills that they were unable to raise the amount. The chief wished to be as easy as possible with McKay, and he offered to take a note for the amount, payable in fifteen days. McKay said it would be impossible for him to pay the money in that time, and a warrant of commitment was made out. He was taken to the county jail at Sandwich by Officer Giles last evening, where he will be kept until removed to the Central Prison at Toronto.

LADY BUCKLEY'S NIECE FOUND

Hired as a Lady's Maid in New York While She Was Being Looked for in Canada.

New York, May 16.—In what manner Lady Buckley became separated from her niece remains to be learned. The odd part of the story is that the niece, finding herself friendless and resourceless in New York, answered an advertisement for a lady's maid, was hired as such, and is now a guest in the home of her erstwhile employers, while they are advertising for her aunt, says a morning paper. Here is the advertisement:

"If Lady Buckley, who is in Canada, looking for her niece, will write to F. 56 East Seventy-seventh street, New York city, she will find her. Canada papers please copy."

Mr. and Mrs. James P. Heath probably looked up the Buckley family record before they gave full credence to the strange narrative of the prepossessing girl of 15, whom Mrs. Heath had selected from among those who had answered her advertisement for a lady's maid. Mr. Heath is the proprietor of a storage warehouse at No. 102 Sixty-third street. His home is at No. 56 East Seventy-seventh street, the address mentioned in the advertisement for Lady Buckley. Lady Buckley's niece, Mrs. Heath refuses to divulge it—had no references, but she mentioned the names of several well known New York families, and so engaging was her personality that she secured the desired position.

DEATH OF SENATOR BOULTON.

Russell, May 16.—Senator Boulton died yesterday of congestion of the lungs, brought on by a drive from Elk-horn in the late snowstorm. He was the son of Lieut.-Col. D'Arcy Boulton, of Cobourg, and was born at Cobourg, Sept. 17, 1841. He was educated at Upper Canada College, Toronto.

DEATH OF MRS. GEO. BELL.

Paris, Ont., May 16.—Mrs. Bell, aged 61, wife of George Bell, broker, died at her residence yesterday, as the result of a distressing accident which happened on May 4. Mrs. Bell was fuddled on May 4 with sulphur, and pouring turpentine on the brimstone to give it a start. The blaze caught her dress and burned her severely. Deceased was a faithful member of the Presbyterian Church. She leaves one son and her husband to mourn her loss.

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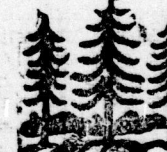
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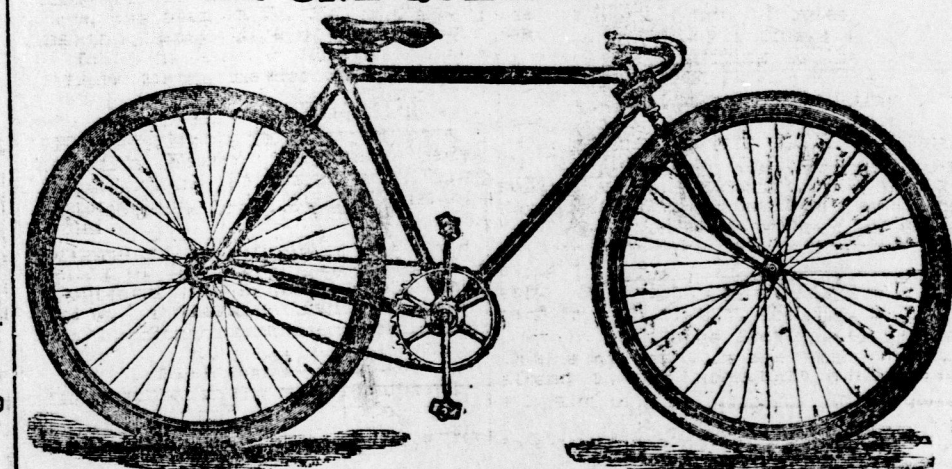
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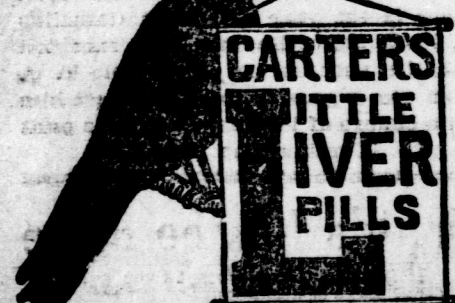
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