

The Old World

All Eyes on China—Pekin as Much Talked About as Pretoria—The Main Obstacle to Peace in South Africa—Pan-African Conference To Be Held in London in July.

London, June 17. — In a cable dispatch, filed in London at 1 o'clock a.m., and in the regular London cable letter, Isaac N. Ford deals with the news and the discussion of the Chinese situation. In the 1 o'clock cable he says: "The news from Peking comes indirectly through Shanghai and Tien Tsin, and is strongly colored by public excitement in both cities. The European legations are reported to have been attacked by mobs and some buildings destroyed. The Roman Catholic Cathedral is said to have been burned, and the Boxers are charged with murdering the German minister and a considerable number of Christian converts and European servants. These dispatches are without doubt.

GROSSLY INACCURATE.
The only trustworthy news from Peking is contained in dispatches to the foreign office and embassies here. These are not published. It is evident that the press has been alarmed by the report that her deposition had been proposed, and that she has decided that the foreign ministers must not be allowed to reach the capital. The train conveying food and ammunition for them has returned to Tien Tsin without delivering the supplies. The marines are repairing the railway. The Boxers in advance are destroying the line even more rapidly than it can be repaired. Incendiarism is at work in Tien Tsin. There are alarming reports of the spread of disaffection and revolt in other districts of China, especially those within the English sphere of influence. The British cabinet held a prolonged meeting here yesterday and the China question was discussed in detail.

ALL EYES ON CHINA.
The Associated Press correspondent says: The serious condition of affairs in China is daily becoming the most absorbing topic in Great Britain. Peking is heard of now almost as much as Pretoria, while countless correspondents and amateur diplomats talk learnedly on the peril presented by the far eastern crisis. In view of the general public concern and the dispatches from China it is rather remarkable to learn that the Boxers appear to have but little affected the great volume of business between China and England. The largest houses are still trading with the far east, corporations, insurance companies, banks and merchants, are fairly unanimous in saying their operations are not interfered with.

A PLETHORA OF CRISSES.
Secretary Hay's attitude is watched in England with the greatest interest, but it is pretty generally recognized that the United States has no intention of pulling any chestnuts out of the fire.

There is such a plethora of crises in which the British interests are concerned that the average reader of English newspapers find it hard to keep track of them or place them in their positions of relative importance. China appeals only vaguely to the masses, who still maintain acute interest in the doings of Lord Roberts and his men. Nor are the doings of the British force in Ashanti repulsed by an overwhelming horde of natives forgotten. The Liverpool merchants, who practically monopolize the trade with the west coast of Africa are loud in their protestations against the government's tardiness in sending reinforcements, while even the Conservative weekly admit that the usual mistakes have been made of under-estimating the strength of the enemy. The news of rising in the near-by colony of Gambia adds no little to the strain which affairs on the West Coast of Africa has imposed on the resources of the military organization, whose normal complement has its hands full at the other end of the dark continent.

BERLIN IN THE DARK.
The Chinese ambassador at Berlin said on Saturday: "I have had no news whatever from the Chinese Government about the Boxers' rebellion. The Boxers are a mere rabble, robbers, thieves and rascals. There are no scholars, mandarins or officials among them. The reports that Chinese soldiers have attacked the international forces are possibly true. The emperor opposes the Boxers and the troops could not act against her. The Boxers will soon be suppressed by the Chinese troops without landing any international forces. The embassies could have been protected by guards of Chinese if the embassies had asked for them."

The latest official German news from Tien Tsin, dated the 15th, is viewed at the foreign office as corroborative of the reports that the situation has intensified during the week. The foreign office continues to believe the Chinese make common cause with the Boxers, and does not believe the troops attacked the international force as "that would be too crazy a venture."

CRISIS AT THE CAPE.
But perhaps more important than any of these is the political crisis at the Cape. It is dawning on Great Britain that unless this is tactfully and satisfactorily set straight, the pacification of South Africa may be indefinitely delayed. The putting down of a possible anti-British agitation in Cape Colony similar to that which has existed for a century in Ireland, but without the physical force element, is recognized as being a far more serious task than outflanking and disarming the Boers.

MAIN OBSTACLE TO PEACE.
Mr. Isaac N. Ford says: "The main obstacle to peace in South Africa is the impracticability of ending the war by armistice or negotiation. The fighting would cease at once if the British generals could grant the Boers any terms short of unconditional surrender, but as Lord Roberts can only invite them to disperse to their farms and submit as gracefully as possible to British rule, naturally the fighting continues, and it threatens to degenerate from rear guard actions and raiding of railways and convoys to guerrilla warfare and sniping. The occupation of Johannesburg has deprived President Kruger of a financial base for conducting the war at the expense of foreign shareholders, and while the Lydenburg district may be well provisioned, the Boer refugees are not likely to remain long in hiding. They lack both the endurance of Cuban

patriots and the malice of Malay snipers in the Philippines."

PAN-AFRICAN CONFERENCE.
July will witness a pan-African conference in London with the object of securing increased recognition of the rights of Great Britain's colored subjects. This idea originated with Mr. H. S. Williams, a native of Trinidad, whose appeal met with an enthusiastic response, and Southwest Africa, the West Indies, Abyssinia and the United States will send representatives, with the view of looking after the general interests of the colored race. The demand will include a thorough system of education and peasant proprietorship, with especial reference to South Africa and the West Indies.

BRITISH POLITICS.
The resumption of parliament after the Whitsuntide recess was not marked by any notable feature. In preparation for the general election the Liberals have put in circulation a pamphlet entitled "Five years of Tory Government," in which the failure of the Conservatives to fulfill their promises in the introduction of the domestic measures regarding education, old age pensions, temperance and over-crowding is scathingly put forward. Mr. Augustine Birell, member for the west division of Fife, in writing the preface, remarks that the claims of forty millions of people here at home to be well governed, fairly taxed, properly housed, and wisely educated, are paramount claims, and will "Lord Salisbury's Swiss policy of putting a rifle range within reach of every poor man's cottage in order that its occupant may learn how to defend his hired and unsanitary homestead from the combined fury of Europe long survive the political occasion that begat it."

Lord Salisbury has not made up his mind respecting the date of the elections. The ministers are divided respecting the expediency of forcing an appeal to the country. There is endless chatter in the smoking rooms of the commons and in political clubs, but the shrewdest surmises defer the elections until October, and displace Lord Salisbury at the foreign office as soon as the present session is wound up, and Mr. Balfour is at liberty to devote all his energies to the Chinese question.

POSSIBLE CHANGES.
Mr. Chamberlain is not likely to remain in the colonial office, and his future is the most difficult problem which Lord Salisbury is called upon to solve. He is a favorite with the Queen, and the relations of Lord Salisbury and Mr. Balfour with him are most cordial. The leadership of the commons, the first lordship of the treasury and the chancellorship of the exchequer are posts for which he is pre-eminently fitted, but Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, like Sir William Harcourt, has no idea of retiring from parliament, and there are scores of old Tories who cannot tolerate the thought of serving under Mr. Chamberlain.

AUSTRALIAN FEDERATION.
More trouble is looming up for Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, as Queensland refuses to abide by the federation compromise made by the Australian delegation in London. There now seems a possibility that the bill will be withdrawn by the imperial government and referred back to Australia.

THE LATE MRS. GLADSTONE.
On all sides the death of Mrs. Gladstone has called forth genuine expressions of sympathy and admiration such as would scarcely have been written about any other woman in the kingdom. The trend of them all is that she was the ideal wife. Her coffin is exactly similar to Mr. Gladstone's. Both the private service at Hawarden and the house ceremony at Westminster will be as simple as possible, in accordance with her own ideas and those of the great commoner. Though their grandson comes into possession of Hawarden, it will remain a kind of family house. Mr. Herbert Gladstone and his sisters being as free to come and go as they were during the lifetime of their parents. The young master of Hawarden, who is not yet of age, is a pleasant, merry-looking youth, who leaves Eton this year and goes to Oxford.

THE DOCKMEN'S STRIKE.
The London docks strike, involving 10,000 men, will probably be amicably settled by the London Chamber of commerce, whose offer to arbitrate has been accepted by the strikers. They demand full recognition of their trade union, and increased wages. The strike is not yet old enough to have its effect seriously felt in the public interest, so engaged in affairs abroad that it has scarcely caused comment.

THE BRITISH COLUMBIA CABINET.
Victoria, June 16.—As already announced Mr. James Dunsmuir accepted the task of forming a cabinet. Yesterday he was sworn in as premier of British Columbia. Premier Dunsmuir's reserve and unobtrusiveness in the house are notorious. He and his deskmate, W. R. Robertson, were the silent members of the legislature. Yesterday Mr. Turner was sworn in as minister of finance, and Mr. D. M. Ebb-

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erts as attorney-general, the posts they occupied when the Turner ministry was dismissed by the governor. It is understood that two other portfolios will go to Mr. Wells and Mayor Garden of Vancouver.

LATTER DAY SAINTS

June Conference Held at St. Thomas—Meeting Also of the Sunday Association.

St. Thomas, June 18.—The June conference of the London district of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in the church on Balacava street opened on Saturday. The president of the church, Joseph Smith, of Lamoni, Iowa, was present, and as he is recognized by the church as being a prophet, no doubt his presence had much to do in gathering together so many people. The meeting was called to order by District President R. C. Longhurst, of Vancouver, with President Smith and Apostle Evans assisting. The conference was further organized by electing secretaries, chorists, ushers and committees on credentials, and for auditing bishops' agents' reports. Reports of the different branches and also of the ministry of the district, from the June conference to the October conference of 1899, showed that the work of the church was in a prosperous condition, the membership having increased from 1,757 to 1,873, a gain of 126.

By that report it was shown that in the district there are the following ministry: 1 apostle, 1 high priest, 3 seventies, 38 elders, 24 teachers, 23 deacons. The district consists of 22 branches, a branch being a local organization. The organization with its prophet, apostles, seventies, high priests, elders, teachers and deacons is claimed to be after the Bible plan, as well as its doctrine. The principles of the gospel as they teach it are: Faith, repentance, baptism by immersion for the remission of sins, laying on of hands for the gift of the Holy Spirit, resurrection of the dead and eternal judgment.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONFERENCE.
The Sunday School Association of the London district of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints held its regular semi-annual convention here on Friday with Elder R. C. Evans presiding, Elders Green and Compton, his associates. Mr. John Burger, of this city, was elected secretary of the convention, with John Elsie as his assistant. Credential and auditing committees, press correspondents, chorists, organist, were appointed, following which reports were read from the many schools spread over the province, particularly the western portion. The report of Mrs. Maggie MacGregor, now located in British Columbia, was encouraging, and showed the establishment of the work in that province. Mrs. MacGregor was released as secretary of the association, and Mr. John Burger elected to fill the position. A collection was ordered taken up, and a committee appointed to prepare an address and forward the sum collected to Mrs. MacGregor in appreciation of services rendered the association. Reports of superintendents showed an increase in nearly every department of the work. The evening session was occupied by five-minute speeches by President Joseph Smith, of Lamoni, Iowa; A. C. Barmon, California; Geo. Green, Lindsay; R. C. Longhurst, Vancouver; N. Overholt, Selkirk; Miss Phillips, Niagara Falls; Mrs. Lindsay, Stratford. Adjourned to meet Friday previous to time and place of fall district conference.

WILD GOOSE SPRING WHEAT.
Toronto, June 18.—The secretary of the Toronto board of trade has received a letter from Mr. C. A. Zavitz, experimentalist at Guelph Agricultural College, in regard to the production of wild goose spring wheat. The letter was in connection with one which Mr. Wills wrote to Hon. John Dwyer, minister of agriculture, which was forwarded to Mr. Zavitz. Mr. Zavitz stated that he had found under experiment that wild goose spring wheat gave the largest crop, per acre, of about 100 varieties experimented upon. He found that many samples submitted were mixed with the softer wheats.

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