

Gen. Botha Seeks Peace

Report of Renewed Negotiations With Kitchener Is Believed to Be Correct.

Rumors That Hardships Have Unhinged Dewet's Mind, Which Accounts For Inactivity.

London, April 9.—The Gazette to-day announces the names of the members of the foreign office commission appointed to investigate the claims for damages of foreigners deported from South Africa.

The following promoters of officers of Strathcona's Horse were also announced by the Gazette: Capt. D. M. Howard and G. M. Cameron to be majors; Lieut. D. M. Courtney and J. J. MacDonald to be captains.

Plumer in occupying Pietersburg captured 60 prisoners and a seven pounder and destroyed 210 cartridges and 1,000 rounds of seven pounder ammunition.

Plague at Capetown.

Capetown, April 9.—Five fresh cases of bubonic plague have occurred here, one of which is a soldier.

Kruger's Visit to States.

Paris, April 9.—La Rappel, which has already published several remarkable statements as to the plans of Mr. Kruger, displays the following dispatch from The Hague this morning:

"Mr. Kruger's departure for the United States has been fixed for May 31st. He will return in Tammany hall about June 5th as the guest of the Democratic party."

Going to the Cape.

Montreal, April 9.—T. H. Underwood, formerly Canadian Pacific employee in this city, and well known in Canadian and United States railway circles, has been appointed to the important position of traffic and dock manager for the Cape Colony government at Capetown.

London, April 11.—The Capetown correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says: "It is semi-officially asserted here that Gen. Botha has had an interview with Lord Kitchener, in which he informed him that he had seen Gen. Dewet, who still refused to entertain the idea of surrender on any terms."

The report that Gen. Botha has renewed the negotiations with Lord Kitchener is not yet officially confirmed, but it is generally credited, and is received with satisfaction, except by the ultra-British, who fear that the government will renew the terms recently rejected.

Regarding Gen. Dewet's mental condition, reports have been very conflicting for some time past. The British authorities point to three being truth in the rumors which allege that long continued hardships under the harassing British pursuit have unhinged his mind.

Regarded as Irresponsible.

Capetown, April 10.—Gen. Botha has reopened negotiations with the British, and as explained here, this action was determined in a recent meeting that Gen. Dewet's intellect had weakened, that his influence with his followers was diminishing and that a continuance of the campaign in view of Gen. Dewet's irresponsibility rested with Gen. Botha alone.

It is understood here that although Gen. Dewet at his recent interview with Gen. Botha refused to surrender, Gen. Botha regards him as irresponsible, and undertakes to negotiate on behalf of the Boer forces. The British authorities here consider that if Gen. Botha surrenders, Dewet's following can be easily taken.

Kruger Resisting.

New York, April 10.—Chas. D. Pierce, official representative in New York of the Boers, gives positive denial to a statement called from Europe that President Kruger will sail for the United States on May 31st.

"There is absolutely nothing in the story," he said. "Mr. Kruger may come here in the fall, but not sooner; he is taking the rest which he needs so badly."

PASSENGERS DETAINED.

Kept on Board the Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse Pending Robbery Investigation.

London, April 10.—Passengers on the Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse who were landed at Southampton told a representative of the Associated Press that at Cherbourg, contrary to custom, the passengers had been kept on board until six o'clock in the morning.

The officers of the steamer explained that the tender had not come, but this failed to satisfy the impatient passengers, who, however, were quite ignorant until they landed, that their detention was due to the investigation consequent upon the theft and the precautions exercised at Cherbourg.

But the fact that these precautions were not observed subsequently at Southampton was taken to indicate that the officials believe the conspiracy had its chief end in the continent. The passengers are inclined to believe that the robbery must have been accomplished by an individual exceptionally conversant with the arrangements of the steamship company, for not one of the cabin passengers apparently knew there was any specie on board, much less where it was kept.

A Flight on Board.

Paris, April 10.—The only suspicious incident on board the steamer was a fight between two members of the crew in the evening of her arrival at Cherbourg, during which both men were stabbed with knives. A little later the robbery was discovered. The particulars have been telegraphed to Bremen.

HEARTILY WELCOMED.

President Loubet Arrives at Toulon and Receives Officers of the Warships.

Toulon, April 10.—President Loubet reached Toulon to-day amid general rejoicing. The land batteries and the ships joined in the general salute to President Loubet as he stepped ashore. The port, passing the Italian ships, whose crews were manned by their cheering crews, while the bands played La Marseillaise. The Duke of Genoa and his staff on the bridge of the Lepanto exchanged salutes with M. Loubet and his ministers.

The President landed at 2 o'clock and drove through the streets, lined with troops, to the Place d'Armes, where he bestowed decorations on a number of military men. Then he repaired to the prefecture. Great crowds welcomed the President.

The Duke of Genoa and his staff left the Lepanto at 2 o'clock, all of the forty warships in the roads firing salutes. On his arrival at the arsenal the Duke received the following military honors: The Duke, who was in full uniform, was immediately presented to President Loubet. They cordially conversed for twenty minutes before the President returned to the Lepanto. The salutes were then introduced to one another, and the Duke of Genoa left and returned to his flagship with the same ceremony as observed on his departure.

President Loubet next received the officers of the Spanish battleship Pelayo, and compliments were exchanged. The representatives of each nation declared they rejoiced over the sympathy uniting their respective countries. The officers of the Japanese and Russian warships were afterwards introduced. Japanese crowds assembled around the maritime prefecture, and wildly cheered the representatives of each nation, especially the Russians.

President Loubet was accompanied by the Italian officers, and he has also bestowed the Legion of Honor decorations on three officers of the Spanish battleship Pelayo.

MR. M'LAGAN DEAD.

Well Known Proprietor of the Vancouver World Passed Away Last Evening.

Vancouver, April 10.—Mr. J. C. McLaughlin, one of the most widely known newspaper men in Canada, and for years past editor and proprietor of the Vancouver World, died this evening after a long illness.

John Campbell McLaughlin was the son of William McLaughlin, by his wife Helen Campbell. He was born at Strathaird, Perthshire, Scotland, July 22nd, 1838.

He came to Canada when quite a young man and served his time as printer in London, Ontario, where he remained until 1862. From 1862 to 1870 he was associated with James Innes in publishing the Guelph Mercury. Later he formed the Osborne Sewing Machine Co. and became owner of the Wellington Mill Works. He resided in Winnipeg during the boom and was part owner of the Winnipeg Sun.

Proceeding then to British Columbia, he was for a time part owner of the Victoria Times. In 1888 he established the Daily World, Vancouver, of which he had been editor and proprietor since that time.

Politically he was a Liberal; in religion he was a Presbyterian. He has held prominent positions during his career in Vancouver.

He married first Miss Jessie Green, of Woodstock, Ont., by whom he had two children, one son, John, still living. He married secondly Miss Sarah A. Macleure, by whom he has had five children, four of whom are still living.

Mr. McLaughlin took a very active part in public affairs and in the general advancement of the province. He was especially active in the welfare of the agricultural industry.

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Anxious For Discussion

Japanese Press Urge That Manchurian Question Be Brought Before Ministers.

Russia Has Separate Agreements With Provinces Which Remain in Force.

St. Petersburg, April 9.—The Novoye Vremya avers that Russia has no cause for uneasiness regarding Manchuria. She possesses separate agreements with the government of each of the three provinces which remain in force. In the future, if China desires her former position restored at any time she can sign the treaty in her possession.

In the meantime, the Sobranje Zeitung says Russia is free to act in Manchuria for the preservation of order as her judgment directs.

Japanese Attitude.

Yokohama, April 9.—The dissatisfaction of Japan with Russia is not in regard to the Manchurian agreement, the leading papers here affirm, but with Russia's action in Manchuria. Hence, the Japanese press, to consider the settlement of the agreement as a final abandonment of the Manchurian question. It is urged that this question should be brought before a conference of ministers, like the other Chinese questions.

Indemnity Question.

Washington, April 9.—The cabinet today gave some attention to the subject of indemnity to be required of China, it being brought forward by Secretary Hay in connection with Mr. Rockhill's despatches received since the last meeting.

Great surprise was expressed at the enormous total of the claims, which, according to ministers at Pekin, approximate the vast sum of half a billion dollars. Moreover, at least one of the powers insists on keeping the account open until it shall be satisfied from Pekin as to the exact date to be fixed at its own will, thereby having the total of its claim increased greatly hereafter.

The opinion of other cabinet officers is completely in accord with that of Secretary Hay as to the desirability of securing a reduction of the claims.

An Agreement.

Berlin, April 9.—Dr. Stuebel, director of the colonial department of the German foreign office, and at one time German consul at Shanghai, who recently went to London on a special mission connected with the question of Pekin, at length, has returned to Berlin. He reports that the negotiations in London regarding the fixing of a modus on Chinese indemnity were successful, and resulted in a mutual agreement.

London, April 11.—"M. de Giers demands the return of all communications to the Chinese authorities from the Russian frontier regarding the Manchurian negotiations," says Dr. Morrison, writing to-day to the Times from Pekin, "and he has warned Li Hong Chang that, instead of being, as heretofore, an advocate of the Chinese cause in the conference of the ministers of the powers, he will henceforth support the policy of the utmost severity. Russia has still ample means for inflicting the heaviest penalties on the Chinese, and he believes it is premature, that Russia has already prepared a fresh form of convention. Doubtless, however, when the process of initiation has been completed, a fresh attempt will be made to reserve the lost ground."

At the station it was learned the men were John Theodoris, Count Lamsons and Theodoris Malaran. He charged the men secured \$10 each from about 300 other Greeks to pay transportation to a point on the line of the Union Pacific route, where the men were to work at wages of \$1.75 per day. Geo. Papadopolis, sent to buy the tickets, disappeared, and the riot occurred.

THROWN DOWN STAIR.

Paris, April 10.—La Patrie to-day publishes a dispatch from St. Petersburg, which says, the Chinese minister there, Yang Yu, was thrown down stairs and fatally injured in the head. This is a new reason for the illness of the Chinese minister.

NEW STEAMSHIP LINE.

Service Opened Between Denmark and Danish West Indies.

Copenhagen, April 11.—The United Steamship Co. will start a new steamship service between here and the Danish West Indies by way of Holland, England and the United States. This service will be inaugurated whether the Danish West Indies are sold or not.

PASSENGERS SHAKEN.

Omaha, Neb., April 11.—The Wabash passenger train, No. 1, northbound, met with an accident at Wilcox, Missouri, by running into an open switch. As the train was running slowly, the engine was overturned, and only the mail car was thrown into the ditch. The passengers received a severe shaking up, but no one was seriously hurt.

NEW ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

Washington, April 9.—Mr. Philander C. Knox, of Pittsburg, was sworn as Attorney-General this morning. The ceremony occurred in the cabinet room of the White House, Justice Shires, of the United States Supreme court, administering the oath.

SIFTON MURDER TRIAL.

London, April 10.—The Sifton murder case opened before Chief Justice Sir Ralph Meredith this afternoon.

MAHER BODE WINNER.

London, April 11.—At the Croxton Park meeting to-day the Granby handicaps of 100 sovereigns was won by Ordery, ridden by Danny Maher.

STEEL RAILS.

Dominion Government Has Made Contract With Sault Ste. Marie Company.

Ottawa, April 9.—In supply in the House on the item of half a million for steel rails for the Intercolonial railway, Hon. A. G. Blair said the government had made a contract with the Sault Ste. Marie Company for 25,000 tons at \$32.60 per ton. The company desired this contract as a basis for inviting the investment of capital in the enterprise. The company asked a five-years' contract. The government is not willing to blow up this, but had reached an understanding to buy rails for the Intercolonial from the company as long as it furnished a standard quality at prices current in the British market.

HE APPEARED DANGEROUS.

Armed Macedonian Arrested at Entrance to Bulgarian Chamber of Deputies.

Sofia, April 10.—A Macedonian, armed with a revolver and a yatagan, was arrested yesterday at the entrance to the Sobranje. The president of the Sobranje has requested the government to blow up the chamber of deputies with a bomb.

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COMMISSIONER AT BUFFALO.

Canadian Building at Exposition is Nearing Completion.

Buffalo, April 11.—Wm. Hutchinson, of Ottawa, the commissioner of the Dominion of Canada to the Pan-American exposition, arrived in this city this morning accompanied by H. C. Mordie, of London, the architect of the Canadian building. They will inspect the Dominion structure, which is in an advanced state of erection, and is expected to be completed early in May. They speak in enthusiastic terms of the prospects of the exposition.

A Plea For Unity

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Return of Russian Fleet Causes Joy Among Citizens of Paris.

Nice, April 9.—President Loubet, replying to the toast of his health at a banquet to-night, asserted that the principles of justice, solidarity and good will were the foundations of the republic and inseparable to France.

He said the country needed unity and concord, and that the conflicts of the interests and the country's increasing wants would end in compromising the future of the nation unless steps were taken to ameliorate social conditions. Solidarity and civil peace could not be secured except by reciprocal sacrifices.

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RUSSIANS DECORATED.

Cross of the Legion of Honor Presented to Three Naval Officers.

Ville Franche, April 10.—President Loubet this morning paid his promise to the Russian squadron. He decorated Admiral Birleff and two of his officers with the Cross of the Legion of Honor. Admiral Birleff and his staff, contrary to usual usage, landed and conducted M. Loubet aboard the flagship. The whole squadron was dressed and manned. President Loubet embarked on the St. Louis and sailed for Toulon. The Russian hands played the Marseillaise and their crews cheered, and both French and Russian warships saluted. The Russian fleet will remain here for a week.

Waiting for the President.

Toulon, April 10.—The town is filling up fast and is gay with flags and festoons of French and Italian colors. The Duke of Genoa visited the Mayor of Toulon this morning and was everywhere greeted with cheers in the streets. Enormous crowds on the quays watched the arrival of the squadron escorting President Loubet.

BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

Hiram Donkin, resident manager of the Dominion Coal company, has resigned.

Stewart Richardson, aged 22 years, nephew of R. L. Richardson, M. P., died at Winnipeg last night of typhoid.

The ice jam which on Sunday completely demolished the bridge between Richmond and Melbourne yesterday, caused a regular deluge in town.

According to a dispatch from Cairo to the London Daily Mail, the bubonic plague has re-appeared in Egypt, one case having occurred in Alexandria.

The 83rd birthday of King Christian was celebrated yesterday evening in Denmark. The King is in good health, and received the congratulations of many dignitaries.

Rev. Father Geobagan, of St. Peter's church, Hamilton, Ont., carried out his threat on Sunday and admitted a class of young people who had not been confirmed into full membership in the church.

The Quebec branch, Daughters of the Empire, have entered a protest against the erection of a memorial by Boston gentlemen to Gen. Montgomery, who was killed leading an assault on Quebec on September 31st, 1775.

The wholesale drug house of Gilpin Langton & Co., Baltimore, was destroyed by fire yesterday. The roof of the machinery establishment of Thomas Bashore & Co. was also burned, and the contents of the latter building badly damaged by water. The losses probably will reach \$200,000.

Detectives were placed in St. Simon's church, Toronto, on Sunday, and after service captured Peter Wheeler, who had robbed the church of its Easter offering a year ago, securing \$100 in cash and \$1,700 in checks, besides some other valuables, including a silver watch belonging to the pastor.

The death of Sir George Murray Smith, the well known English publisher, was announced in London yesterday. Sir George was a member of the firm of Smith, Elder & Co., and published some of the first editions of the works of William Makepeace Thackeray. He founded the Cornhill Magazine in 1860.

PREPARING FOR THE DUKE.

American Warships Gathering at Colombo for His Reception.

Colombo, Ceylon, April 11.—The United States cruiser Buffalo has just arrived here. The United States armored cruiser New York is expected soon. Elaborate preparations are being made to receive the Duke and the Duchess of Cornwall and York on board the Ophir.

GAMBLING CRUSADE.

Cleveland, O., April 11.—Mayor Tom L. Johnson has declared war on gamblers and gambling in this city, and has had notice served on keepers of gambling houses that they must close them. Similar instructions to the police officials have been issued regarding dives and disorderly saloons. Uniformed officers will be stationed at the entrance to these places, and the names of all visitors taken.

DISCLAIMER BY ENGINEERS.

They State That They Do Not Want to Disrupt the Lake Carriers' Association.

Detroit, April 11.—After holding conferences yesterday with President Duff of the Marine Engineers' Association of the local unions last night issued a statement in which they denied that the proposals of the engineers were to disrupt the Lake Carriers' Association. They said they simply wanted the members of that association to use their influence with the executive committee to have the demands of the engineers granted, if it were not done the owners would leave the association, as there was no reason for the owners giving the engineers anything to live up to the demands of the carriers.

RAISING THE WIND.

The Sultan May at Last Settle the Cramps and Krupps' Claims.

Berlin, April 11.—The Frankfurter Zeitung to-day prints a special dispatch from Constantinople, which says that the Turkish government has raised a loan of \$2,000,000 from the Ottoman bank to settle the claims of the Cramps and Krupps.

DECORATIONS BESTOWED.

Ministers, Officials and Workmen Honored by King of Italy.

Toulon, April 11.—On behalf of the King of Italy, the Duke of Genoa this morning distributed a number of decorations to French ministers and military and civil officials. President Loubet distributed medals to workmen who had been thirty years in the same employ.

At noon President Loubet boarded the St. Louis for the Italian legation, and left with the Duke of Genoa.

Mr. Clarke, Toronto, suggested that he be passed to the Commons, where

Lawyer's Evidence

Capt. Jas. A. Baker Examined To-day in the Rice Murder Trial.

Witness Acted as Attorney Up