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FORMER BOER LEADERS ARE AGAIN IN POWER

Are Enacting British Laws This Time Transvaal's First Parliament Convened Yesterday Amid Brilliant Surroundings—Premier Botha Adopted the Dutch Language, But Others Used English—Bill Passed to Bar Out Asiatic Labor.

Pretoria, Transvaal, March 21—The first parliament of the Transvaal colony under the newly granted constitution met here this morning in the hall in which the late President Kruger presided for so many years over the sittings of the Upper Volksraad of the South African Republic.

The scene setting was the same as in the old days of the Dutch Republic, but the characters in the drama were a mixture of the British Imperialists and Boers. A large crowd assembled in front of the house of parliament on Government Square where two regiments of British Infantry, escorting the high commissioner, were drawn up.

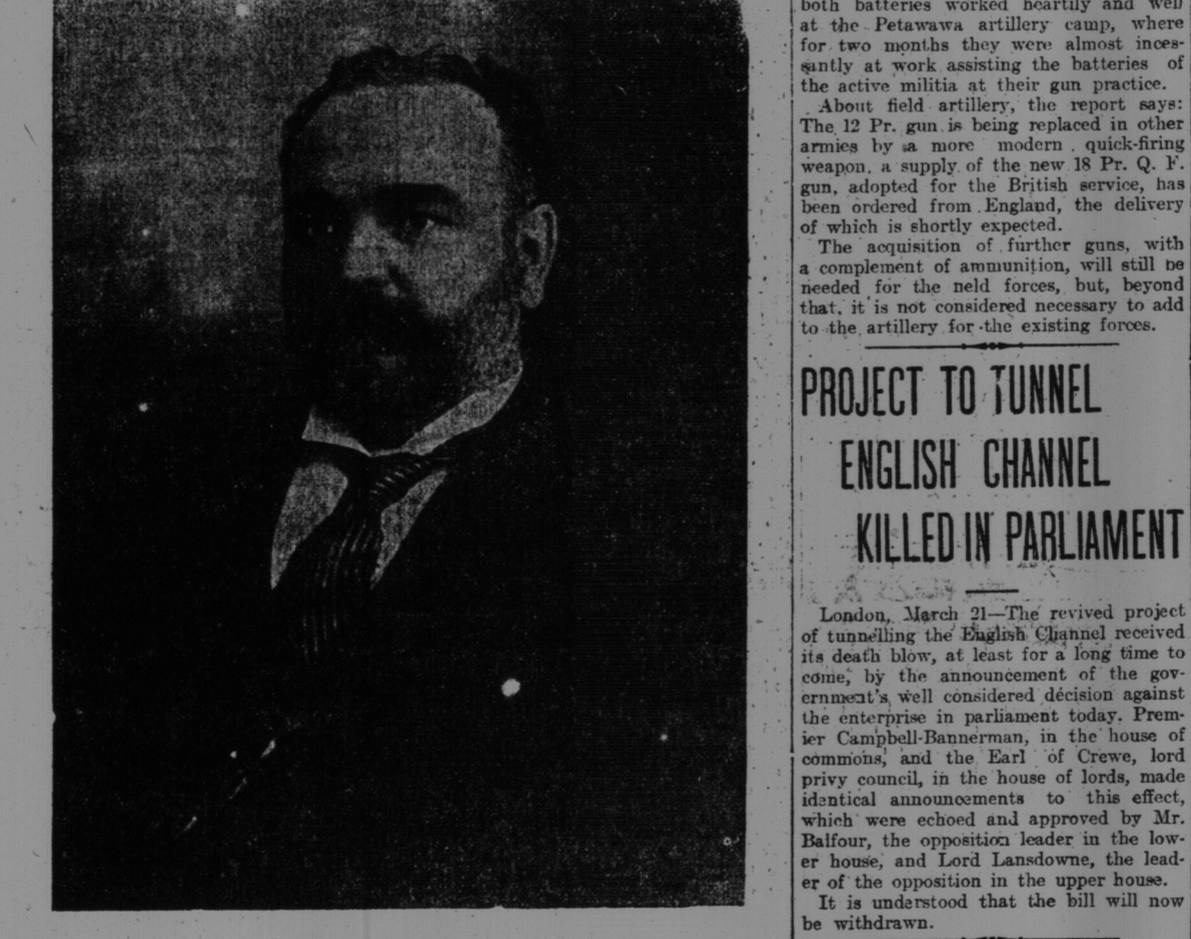
Lord Selborne ordered the members of the lower house to retire and elect a speaker and as soon as they had assembled in their hall a language controversy sprang up. The Afrikaners persisting in the use of Dutch.

Lord Selborne, in his speech said that he hoped that the granting of the self-government to the Transvaal would remove the cause for misunderstanding and division and result in permanent peace and progress.

ST. JOHN VALLEY ROAD SEEMS ABOUT ASSURED

Premier Pugsley Announces Negotiations With Mackenzie & Mann Canada's Great Railway Concern Willing to Build Railway to Form Part of Their Great Transcontinental Line if Terms Are Satisfactory—New Brunswick Government Leader Greeted With Bursts of Applause as He Pictures the Need of the Road and the Magnificent Country it Would Serve—Other Important Matters Dealt With in Budget Speech.

(Special to The Telegraph.) Fredericton, N. B., March 21—Premier Pugsley, in concluding one of the ablest and most statesmanlike budget speeches ever heard in the New Brunswick legislature, made the announcement this afternoon that the New Brunswick government was now considering the proposal from Mackenzie & Mann to construct a railway down the valley of the St. John river to Westfield.



bridges of a permanent character which we have built in recent years. Since 1901, when we began to build covered wooden bridges, we have constructed some 120 ranging in spans from 57 feet long to 180 feet long, while many of the bridges embrace a number of such spans.

Some people are criticizing the government for placing the New Brunswick Coal and Railway among the assets of the province, and saying that the I. C. R., which is owned by the government of Canada, is not among the assets of the province.

The premier's closing remarks, in which he referred to the resources and people of New Brunswick, were of the most hopeful and optimistic nature and made a profound impression upon the house.

"BIG STICK" NOW WAVING IN CENTRAL AMERICA

Uncle Sam to "Pacify" Warring States Marines Landed at Honduras Ports to Guard American and Foreign Interests—Will Likely Intervene in Conjunction With Mexico and End Hostilities.

Washington, March 21—Blue jackets and marines have been landed from the United States gunboat Marietta at Trujillo and Ceiba and probably at Puerto Cortez, Honduras, in order to protect American interests in those ports.

In addition to the protection given to Americans it is felt that the action of this government will relieve foreign governments of the necessity of taking any steps toward making a naval demonstration.

Marines Landed. From the meagre dispatches received, it appears that Commander Fullam has been cruising up the Honduran coast from east to west. It is understood that he landed a force of about 20 marines at Trujillo and Ceiba and then continued his course to Puerto Cortez.

Joint intervention by Mexico and the United States in the war which threatens to involve all Central America is now regarded as probable by diplomats.

Secretary Root and Mr. O'neal, the Mexican ambassador, have been in conference frequently since the outbreak of war in Central America and Latin American diplomats would not be surprised by the announcement that Mexico and the United States have decided the war must cease.

Diplomats have pointed out to the Washington government that his position at the coming peace conference at The Hague will be peculiar if it permits a war to progress, which it might stop and which the Monroe doctrine prevents European powers from stopping.

SEVEN SWEAR THAW IS INSANE

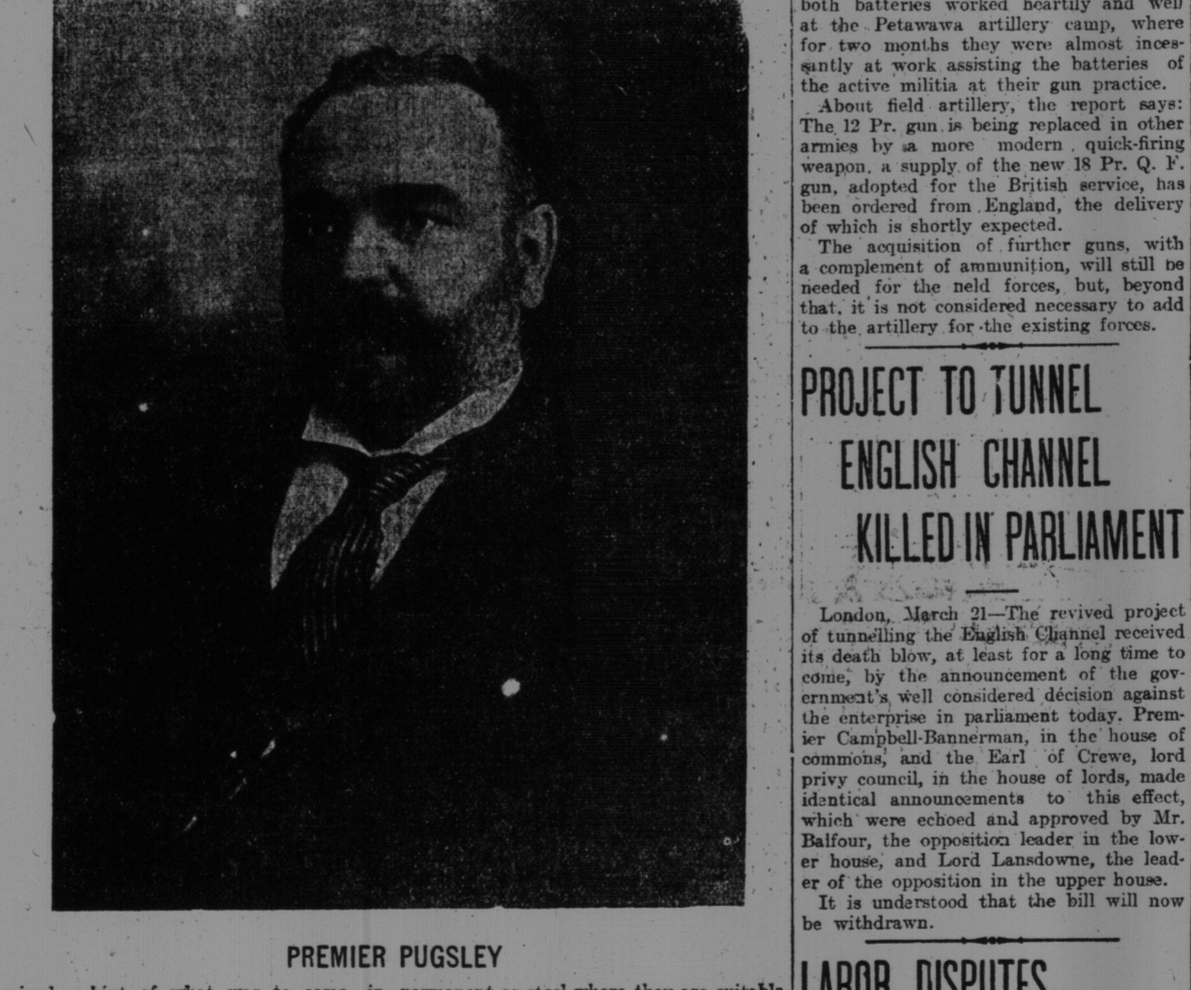
Jerome Presented Experts' Affidavits to Court Yesterday ANOTHER DELAY Defence Gets Till Tomorrow to Put in Reply to District Attorney's Latest Move—Much Speculation About the Outcome.

New York, March 21—District Attorney Jerome today presented to Justice Fitzgerald eight affidavits in support of the suggestion he made yesterday in the case of Harry K. Thaw, that the defendant is now in such a state of lunacy or insanity as to be incapable of understanding the proceedings against him or making his defense.

Justice Fitzgerald allowed both sides until Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock to file such affidavits as they wish with the clerk of the court. There will be no further hearing in the matter of the appointment of a lunacy commission unless Justice Fitzgerald so direct after considering such affidavits and exhibits as are to be offered.

Dr. Hamilton's Evidence Important. District Attorney Jerome pleaded today for permission to examine Dr. Allen McLane Hamilton orally, but in the absence of a waiver of professional privilege on the part of the defence, Justice Fitzgerald said he would not allow the doctor to be examined further at this time.

Jerome Long Convinced of Thaw's Insanity. District Attorney Jerome occupied most of the time of the court in session today in a personal explanation of the reasons which had hindered him from earlier calling the attention of the court to Thaw's present state of mind.



permanence as steel where they are suitable to certain localities. Criticism Answered. Some people are criticizing the government for placing the New Brunswick Coal and Railway among the assets of the province.

Referring again to the balance sheet of the province, I think it ought to be a matter that should afford the greatest satisfaction to my predecessor the late premier, when he left this government our net liabilities amounted to very little more than \$5,000,000.

Before I get through I will be able to contrast this government with its predecessor and show how much better we have done in respect that as the gentlemen who were in power before us.

T. B. ALDRICH DIED A POET

Regarded Death as "Nothing But the Passing of the Shadow on the Flower" LOVING TRIBUTES William Winter, E. C. Stedman and Many Other Close Personal Friends of the Celebrated Boston Author Regard Their Loss as Irreparable.

Boston, March 21—Tributes to the memory of the late Thomas Bailey Aldrich from well known writers, which have been received at the Aldrich home in the form of letters and telegrams, were made public tonight.

My father died a poet. Only a little while before the end he said: "I regard death as nothing but the passing of the shadow on the flower."

Another Ontario Bank Manager Confesses His Guilt. Berlin, Ont., March 21—When arraigned before County Judge Chisholm yesterday, John F. Duncan, ex-manager of the Bank of Commerce at Ayr, pleaded guilty to three charges, namely, altering by forgery a bank voucher for \$17,500 to \$13,017.50.

Still Hunting for Stolen Marvin Child. Dover, Del., March 21—The detectives who have been endeavoring to locate Horace Marvin, Jr., appear to be working on an important new line of inquiry, entirely independent of Dr. Marvin, and are keeping entirely out of public view.

Woman Suicides in Boston Hotel. Boston, March 21—Mrs. Fred M. Lamson, the wife of the assistant cashier of the Temple Place branch of the Old Colony Trust Company, in this city, committed suicide by shooting today, in the woman's lavatory in Young's hotel.

SIXTEEN DAYS FOR MILITIA IN CAMP INSTEAD OF TWELVE

Annual Report of Department Recommends This to Parliament—Other Matters Commented On. (Special to The Telegraph.) Ottawa, March 21—The annual report of the militia department was presented to parliament today. It recommends 16 days in camp instead of 12. It says that the allotment of sixteen days to the field artillery has had a good effect. It says that the condition of the Royal Horse Artillery is not satisfactory.

Project to Tunnel English Channel Killed in Parliament. London, March 21—The revived project of tunnelling the English Channel received its death blow, at least for a long time to come, by the announcement of the government's well considered decision against the enterprise in parliament today.

Labour Disputes Bill Becomes Law Today. (Special to The Telegraph.) Ottawa, March 21—The labor disputes bill passed the senate tonight without amendment. It will be given the royal assent tomorrow, when the senate will adjourn until April 4.

Judge Savary, of Digby, Resigns from the Bench. (Special to The Telegraph.) Ottawa, March 21—Judge Savary, of Digby (N. S.), who has reached the age of 75, has resigned and will be placed on the retired list from the 31st inst.

Smallpox Spreading in Nova Scotia. (Special to The Telegraph.) Halifax, N. S., March 21—Smallpox has broken out in James Swan's lumber camp near New Anson, Colchester county. The men who are unaffected are still at work, but are not allowed to come out of the woods.

Newfoundland Cruiser Watching Americans. St. John's, Nfld., March 21—The colonial cruiser Flota, with fishery Inspector O'Reilly on board, will sail tomorrow for the southwest coast of the island where American fishing vessels are said to be assembling.