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BRITISH TROOPS FOR CAPE

COLONY. London, April 19.-At a conference held on Thursday between the Mar-Sir Redvers Buller, it was arranged Cape Colony and Natal. This meas-Cape Colony, and British High Commissioner in South Africa, who has advised the Government that the reinforcement of British troops now in South Africa will excite the Boers, and hinder the prospect of peace with the Transvaal. Governor Robinson states that President Kruger has sent a communication to him declaring that negotiations between the Transvaal and Great Britain will be thwarted of troops are sent to Cape Colony. The "Unionist" and many Liberal newspapers protest that the Government ought not to show timidity before the Boers and submit, while the Transvaal is arming itself to the teeth, to keeping the British forces on a mere peace subservient to the Government of the Transvaal. In this it certainly voices Conservative feeling.

PRESIDENT KRUGER'S COMMIS-SIONER.

President Kruger has sent Jonkherr Von Boeschorten, a high state official, to England on a mission connected with the charges that the Transvaal has violated the provisions of the convention of 1884, forbidding the Transvaal to grant preferential rates to any power against British imports. President Kruger dodges this provision by allowing a large rebate on the duties collected on goods imported from Germany by lowering railway rates on shipments for the Transvaal by way of Delagoa Bay, which is the route followed by German goods, and by other methods, all of which result in a benefit to imports from Germany and disastrously affects British trade with

An Englishman named McLeary that country. Brown, who was recently in the service of the Chinese, has been appointed to the financial control of Corea. Mr. Brown was attached to the Chinese mission headed by Anson Burnham, a former American Minister to China, and in 1868-69-70 visited the United States and the European nations for the purpose of framing treaties of amity with those nations.

RUSSIAN INFLUENCE IN ABYS-SINIA. The interest of Russia in Abyssinia is arousing the curiosity of Europe, and there is a great deal of ironical comment here regarding the Russian Red Cross expedition, fitted out by popular subscription, to proceed to Massowah and thence inland to attend the wounded Abyssinians. The present Russian expedition recalls the former so-called scientific and religious missions which have resulted in welding is paid off. The Anti-Parnellites are olitical links. The present expedition explorer of Abyssinia; Lieut. Kochowski, a skilled engineer officer; ten tinue their efforts against it in the surgeons, six assistant surgeons, sixty attendants, one paymaster and three But it is more than suspected that the surgeons and assistants much more about killing men shold two regiments of guards and three and France have been smuggling arms and ammunition into Abyssinia and possibly even into the Soudan, and the agents of these countries are beginming the work of organizing the tribes

against the Italians and British. AGRICULTURAL LAND RATES.

The Parliamentary event of this week will be the introduction on Monday of the bill of Henry Chaplin, president of troops and supplies, etc., to Dongola. the Local Government Board, providing for a reduction of the rates on agricultural lands. Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, in his budget speech on Thursday evening, adverted briefly to a statement as to the full extent of landlord class legislation that the Government will support. It was proposed, Sir Michael said, to devote the estimated budget surplus of £1,708,000 to the reduction of the maximum rate on land from four shillings in the pound to one shilling. Large as this sum is, Mr. difference of opinion as to the policy to Chaplin's measure will involve a far be pursued clearly exists in the Cabgreater amount. The bill proposes to inet. Mr. Chamberlain has in the meanreduce the whole rating one-half, making the yearly total contributed by leagues to add 1,500 more troops to the the general taxpayer for the relief of permanent garrison in South Africa. landlords about £1,950,000. According to the estimate of competent authorities the great fight of the session will be waged over this bill, but the Liberal opposition will not lessen the determination of the Conservatives to grasp what they can while they have the Liberals under their feet. most extreme Tories do not think that the prospect of spoil to be obtained ander the bill is good enough. want all the land rates to be swept way, and take the coming bill as a nere installment of their full demands. An analysis of the Chancellor of the Exchequer's proposal discloses some surious features. Under the scheme of and relief the English farmer or landlord will get about double the remission in taxes on a farm of the same value as the Irish farmer. Landlords will have redeemed their land tax under the belief that their tax would be perpetual. Members of the House of Commons representing the railroad terests will be sure to raise an outcry against the present proposal. A WOLF IN SHEEP'S CLOTHING.

(in connection with the discovery of the bodies of a number of infants in the Thames, are horrifying the country. It has been proved that since Christmas twenty children were in-Auis of Lansdowne, Secretary of State or War, Mr. Chamberlain, Command-only four are living. The others have er-in-Chief Lord Wolseley and General vanished. Prior to Christmas many her charge disappeared. The woman to gradually pour English troops into for a long time has practiced a wholesale system of infant murder. It is ure is taken in direct opposition to thought that she has caused the death Sir Hercules Robinson, Governor of of over 40 children. She lived in Reading. Where she had the reputation of Cape Colony, and British High Comwas a figure of Christ, beneath which "Suffer little was the inscription: children to come unto Me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of The police are tracking her heaven.

THE STATUE TO HIGHLAND MARY Lady Jeune, assisted by Miss Marie Corelli, has undertaken the management of the selection of distinguished patronesses for a grand costume ball in aid of the Highland Mary statue they will be thrust forward at Moscow fund, to take place in the galleries of as representing the entire Hebraic the institution of painters in watercolors on the night of May 21. The fund is being raised for the purpose level. The Globe suggests the dismis-sal of Governor Robinson for being too subservient to the Government of the of the death of Robert Burns.

GEN. BOOTH BUSY. Gen. Booth, the commander of the Salvation Army, recently celebrated the anniversary of his birth by holding a series of councils from early in the morning until late at night. He has concluded arrangements for reconstaructing the official staffs of the army in the United States, Canada, India, South Africa and Australia. The War Cry publishes an article in which it offers gratitude to God for the general's marvelous activity and energy. It says that his zeal does not abate, and that he is able to work fifteen hours daily, attending to the Minutest detail of organization.

THE IRISH LAND BILL. land legislation are exploring the mazes of the text of the Irish Land RUSSIA, COREA AND BRITAIN.

It is stated on the authority of a They find it difficult to agree on exact on the macedon are quite inadequate to cope with them. If war breaks out it will be the foreign official that the relations between Russia and Great Britain concerning Corea are satisfactory. Lord Salisbury has received assurance that Russia does not aim to interfere in their satisfactory. His style of exposition did not assist. in elucidating the intricate subject. Experienced gallery reporters concurred in the opinion that Mr. Balfour's speech was the most complicated and The text of the bill shows Hament. that the measure is divided into six parts and forty-four clauses, of which the matter of purchase occupies seveneen clauses, covering an even page. Until the bill is fully scrutinized nothing definite can be said as to the attitude towards it of the Irish leaders. Under the present law, when tenants buy the land, the state advances the interest thereon throughout a next ten years the same rate on £86; for the next ten years on £74, the sum on which interest is to be paid lessening with each decade until the full amount of the principal advanced

> committee of the whole. THE SOUDAN CAMPAIGN. The War Office has been instructed to

than they do about healing wounds, line regiments in readiness for acand evidence is accumulating in many tive service abroad in June. The deevidence is according that both Russia stination of the troops is not officially announced, but it is unofficially known that they are destined for Egypt, where it is expected they will land in July. By the end of August British reinforcements will number 6,500, and probably an Indian contingent will raise that

number. According to the Army and Navy Gazette, the earliest advantage will be taken of the raise of the Nile at the end of July to transport the Until the river is high enough to allow stern-wheel steamers to pass safely over the cataracts, native crafts will be used for transportation purposes. They will, however, only be used to transport stores to places near the present base of operations.

While there is every sign that formidable operations are designed in the Soudan in the autumm, the question that is exciting interest here is, will the Government venture to simultaneously challenge the Transvaal? Some Lord Salisbury means to deal with the Soudan matter first. It depends upon the Boers whether they will allow the British to wait for an opportunity to deal with them.

TROOPS FOR THE CAPE.

In the Commons Mr. Chamberlain, replying to a question on the subject, said the Government had decided Natal and Cape Town. Therefore a battalion of line and a body of mounted infantry would be dispatched to those places as soon as possible. This movement, he added, was connected with the decision of the Government to permanently increase the strength of the garrison of Cape Colony, a step which had been urged by the military authorities, who were of the opinion the present garrison of Capetown was inadequate for the defense of the dockyard and ceal depots.

This announcement of Mr. Chamberlain was greeted with loud cheers, and was looked upon as meaning that the Government had finally decided to send Dyer, who was arrested at Reading South Africa. Mr. Chamberlain added.

however, that except in the greatest emergency the Imperial troops were not suited to the work of quelling a native duct her two eldest sons to the cadet insurrection, which, in the Government's opinion, can be most promptly dealt with by the local forces. There was be also said, an ample number of men and a sufficient supply of arms for that purpose in South Africa. The only difficulty experienced was that of transother pupils in the school room of their porting the men and supplies from one point to another. Finally Mr. Chamberain said that the Government was prepared to authorize the recruiting, if necessary, of colonial troops for the suppression of the disturbance in South Africa. But the Chartered Company

would have to bear the expense. The Times says the doubling of only reconcile themselves to the spectacle of their country wading waist deep into the African morass, by taking it for granted that the peace of Europe has been provided for.

HEBREWS SLIGHTED. The discovery that while representatives of every other religion, in the whole Russian empire, including the tiniest non-Christian sects in the Asiatic portions, have been invited to the month, not a single Jewish rabbi is notion that Israel had something to hope for from the new reign. To make for which employers have the affront more pointed, a delegation of rabbis has been invited from the Crimea community of Karaim—Jews, or rather Judaized Tartars, who number about four thousand, and who are disowned by all orthodox Hebrews, These Schismatics, who reject the Talmud, have always been petted by the Russian anti-semite Jews, and to rage the Jews in general, and for this reason

FOOD ADULTERATION.

It is understood that the House of Commons committee appointed to inquire into the adulteration of food have virtually agreed upon a report which will cause much stir in the trading world. The majority propose the appointment of a Government board of chemists to establish and maintain a standard of purity for articles of food, home raised and imported, and that adulterators, on their second conviction, will be sent to prison, as in ancient days. Certain parts of the report are directed against American foodstuffs, including lard, and customs officers will be authorized to take samples at the port of entry. The British dairy interest managed to persuade the committee into a recommendation that oleomargarine only be imported and sold in its natural color, which, it enforced, will utterly ruin the sale of that commodity as a butter sub-London, April 19.—Experts in Irish stitute, a business which has lately attained enormous proportions.

PROPHECY UNFULFILLED. Balkans. The machinery for a revolt is all in existence, however, and at Vienna it is believed that the half for overtime. wheels will be set in motion as soon as technical one ever delivered in Par- the Czar's coronation festival is out of the way; but in Vienna they have a habit of always believing gloomy things.

SHIPBUILDERS BUSY. The Clyde trade shows a wonderful expansion. Orders for 40,000 tons of new shipping were placed there in April. Steel vessels are esmoney, the tenants paying four per pecially in demand. The greatest of Japanese shipping companies, period of 40 years. Under the new bill the Nippon Yusen Dasha, intends to they will pay four per cent on the fuil start a line of steamers to Europe. £100 for the first ten years; for the It has ordered six vessels that are to be built at Belfast, and on the The contracts call for their Clyde. completion by the end of the year.

THE QUEEN'S LOSS. The Queen has lost a trusted servant, Hugh Brown, who was a relnot intend to pass the bill at this ative of the famous John Brown assistant, Capt. Swejwang, the Russian session, and they will therefore not Hugh Brown was her Majesty's favobstruct its proceedings, but will con- orite a charming residence at Frogmore and a cottage at Balmoral. His family was given an ample pension.

NOT A SUCCESS.

Berlin, April 18.-In well-informed circles there is an impression that the visit of Emperor William to Vienna was not such a success in strengthening the friendship between Austria and Germany as expected. It is asserted that Emperor Francis Joseph and his Cabinet are piqued at the length of Emperor William's stay in Italy and the mutual effusion displayed there during the pourparlers. question of the future German support of the Austrian-Balkan policy was repeatedly broached without eliciting satisfactory German assurances and a thorough understanding on the subject between Count Badeni and Prince Hohenlohe was not affected. The Austrian Minister for Foreign Affairs, Count Goluchowski, and all the minor Austrian officials received a German decoration, but Count Badeni, the Premier, did not.

Another question left unadjusted is that of the British-German relations. The German press has had an outburst of temper owing to an article in the Morning Post of London, which is considered offensive to Germany, and the Government, it is said, in spite of Austria's wishes, is determined to pursue a policy in South Africa dictated by its own interests entirely until Great Britain is brought to her senses. Herr Herff, the German representative, has received minute instructions in view of the latest development in South Africa.

OPPOSITION TO DUELLING. The immense sensation which resulted from the pistol duel between Count von Kotze and Baron von Schrader, resulting in the death of the latter, and to replace the troops withdrawn from a number of other recent encounters seems to promise an early abolition of the duello in Germany. In both the Reichstag and the Prussian Diet the matter will be broached, and a demand will be made for new and stringen anti-duelling laws. Herren Richter and Bebel and other Radicals will lead the debate in the Reichstag. opinion is overwhelmingly in favor of the abolition of the duello, and it is understood that the Emperor will shortly modify the prerogatives and duties of the military courts of honor, giving them full powers to peaceably adjust quarrels, and differences of opinion, instead of merely advising. PRINCES AT SCHOOL

On Tuesday next the Imperial court

duct her two eldest sons to the cadet school at Ploen, where they will rethe local forces. There was, he an ample number of men and little schloss, where the princes will little somoss, where the princes will live, a small railway station, in log-hut style, has been specially built. They will be taught in company with the

private residence. EMPEROR WILLIAM'S MENU. Oscar Kaufmann's book makes public some curious details regarding the private life of the Imperial family. It appears that the Emperor contracts strength at Cape Town is done because with his chief butler for meals at so in case of a European war the Suez much per head. An ordinary dinner Canal would be blocked and all traffic costs less than \$2 a plate, exclusive of would have to go round the Cape, and the security of this splendid British of a dinner varies from \$5 to \$10. The harbor and base of supplies would be Emperor usually has three meals daily, an imperative necessity. If this be a meat breakfast, a hot lunch and a meat breakfast, a hot lunch and a six-course dinner, the latter being also also being also be are French and German chefs, but the French are never used for the Imperial family's service. On the menu are hoc, Bordeaux and champaign daily as table wines, and the cellars of the schloss hold 2,000 bottles of fine wines

and 4,000 casks of other wines and

liquors RESTRICTIVE LEGISLATION. The Government bill to prevent unfair competition in trade, considered by the Imperial Diet, provides for the coronation festival in Moscow next punishment of persons revealing trade secrets, which the Government has diincluded in the list, must open the eyes | vided into two categories-first, those of those who clung all along to the learned by workmen in the ordinary course of service, and, secondly, thos promises of secrecy. The Diet refused to pass the measure in this shape, and adopted a modified form by which a penalty is only applied to the betrayal of business secrets, during term of service and with intent to injure the employers or compete with them. The Diet also declined to accept the paragraph by which editors of newspapers were to be held responsible for fraudulent or deceptive advertisements, and passed the clause exempting editors from penalty unless it is proved that they were aware that the advertisements were desceptive.

A Government edict just published greatly restricts the liberties of uniersity students. Hereafter they must obtain permission from both the police and their rector before holding public or private meetings.

During the week there were violent snow and hailstorms in the German Highlands, the mercury registering 22 degrees in the Hartz Mountains, with deep snow. Hail fell to the depth of six inches in the Taunus region, and frost has done much injury to the roung vegetation in the northwest. The deep snow prevented the Emperor from hunting at Kaltenbronn and Baden. TROUBLE IN AFRICA FOR GER-MANY.

Major Leutwein, the German Governor of Southwest Africa, reports that he fears there will be a rising of the Hereros, who number 60,000, and who are giving a great deal of trouble. The German forces only number 600, and are quite inadequate to cope with

CABLE NOTES. Horace Lingard, at one time a great favorite in America, is dangerously fil his residence on Chertzy. On Friday, the carpenters at work on the Berlin industrial exhibition struck for a mark an hour and a mark and a

It is definitely stated that Lord Dufferin, the British ambassador to France, will retire from diplomatic life about the middle of July. The visit of the Emperor William to Dresden on Thursday next, on the oc-

casion of the King of Saxony's birthday, will be signalized by a gala fete, a monster a military parade, and street procession, in which the Dresden art students will take part. A. P. Frith, who is now 77 years of age, and who lives in comparative reirement at his villa, Ashenhurst Sydenham Rise, near the Crystal Pal-

ce, will, it is said, send to this year's

academy a picture entitled, "Juliet and

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