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## Rosebery's Position

### Former Premier Speaks Plainly at Meeting of Liberals in London.

### If They Fail in Their Duty a New Party May Be Formed.

London, July 19.—Speaking at the City Liberal Club this afternoon, Lord Rosebery remarked that his recent manifesto, in which he said the Liberal party could not exist under the present conditions, had been followed by such an extraordinary hullabaloo that he felt convinced he had expressed in this manifesto the exact truth in respect to the situation and that not one of his allegations had been disproved or challenged. The speaker said he wrote the manifesto because, after the meetings in Queen's hall and at the Reform Club, unless some clear repudiation of the statement regarding the war was made it was impossible for the Liberal party to continue to exist as a sound force, appealing to the highest sympathies of the country.

On the question of the war, his lordship said, his starting point was that in spite of the Jameson raid and in spite of the South African committee, the Boers had invaded the dominions of the late Queen, and from that moment, although he had criticized the methods of the government, yet on the main issue to carry the war to a triumphant close, they would have his warmest support. The failing of the government should be the opportunity for the opposition. If the Liberal party would not undertake the task another party would be created for the purpose. Lord Rosebery said, however, that he did not despair of seeing the Liberal party purged of all anti-national elements; that the country was ripe for a domestic programme, and that he believed the revolutionized Liberals would yet breathe new life into the dry bones of the public office.

As to the statement that he would not voluntarily return to the political arena, Lord Rosebery explained that has been his attitude since his resignation. His Lordship concluded by saying that at present he must proceed along and plough his furrow alone; but that before he got to the end of his furrow it was possible he might find himself not alone.

Lord Rosebery said the vote of confidence in Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, the Liberal leader, passed at the Reform Club meeting, was, in the Earl of Beaconsfield's phrase, "organized hypocrisy," and that his reason for disturbing the Olympian repose created by this vote of confidence was that the position was as perilous to the party as to the present government, and there was no impartial observer who remembered any government that had crowded such a frightful assemblage of error, weakness and wholesale blunders into its administration.

### THREE SCREW CRUISERS.

Plans of New Vessels for United States Navy Now Under Consideration.

Washington, July 18.—The plans now under consideration for the two new armored cruisers authorized by congress contemplate such a new departure in steaming capacity that these ships will be able to make voyages far exceeding any by the ships now in commission and equalling, if not exceeding, the long-distance trip of any naval warship afloat. They provide for a combination of three screws so separated that any one can work independently. By using all three screws the ship could develop great speed, from 22 to 23 knots, so that she would be listed as a 23-knot ship. By alternating the screws, using but one at a time, the big craft could make a voyage of at least 10,000 miles without a stop to recoal, and at the same time she would always have her three screws in readiness to develop a 22 or 23-knot speed in case of necessity.

### RUSSIANS IN MONGOLIA.

Frontier Station Has Been Garrisoned—Surveying Parties at Work.

London, July 18.—"Mongolia is now Russian," says a dispatch to the Daily Express from St. Petersburg. "Urga, a Chinese frontier station on the road to Pekin, about 20 miles south of Kiakhta, has been fortified and garrisoned by Russians.

"Surveying parties, escorted by troops, have penetrated as far as the edge of the great desert to determine the route of a direct railway to Pekin across the desert, and the point where it will join the mid-Siberian railway extension now being constructed around the south end of Lake Dakal."

### DEADLOCK AT PEKIN.

London, July 18.—In the House of Commons to-day the parliamentary secretary of the foreign office, Lord Cranborne, informed a questioner that the difficulty which caused the deadlock among the ministers of the foreign powers at Pekin had reference to the collection of revenues, as marked for the purposes of the indemnity, and that the negotiations at Pekin were still in progress.

### SUDDEN DEATH.

Utica, N. Y., July 19.—Robert Folger Wescott, the head of the Westcott Express Co., died suddenly at Richfield Springs at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

### THE DUKE WILL ENTERTAIN.

Conservative and Liberal-Unionist Delegates Invited to Blenheim Palace.

London, July 19.—The Duke of Marlborough is about to appear in a new role. There will occur at Blenheim Palace, the Duke's seat at Woodstock, Oxford, on August 10th, the largest political demonstration of recent times. Its object is to celebrate the third Unionist victory in the elections. Three thousand delegates from the Conservative and Liberal-Unionist associations throughout the country will be present, while the gathering will number in all about 7,000. Mr. Balfour will preside. The Duchess of Marlborough will entertain this great throng at luncheon in a huge tent specially erected upon the historic grounds.

All the Unionist members of the House of Commons have been invited. The palace will be en fete, as it has not been for many years. A distinguished house party will follow, several of the most prominent persons present remaining till the end of the week. Among the features of the fete will be a recital upon the celebrated organ in the long library, boating upon the lake and the rendering of band music during the entire day. The Duke of Marlborough said to a representative of the Associated Press:

"No significance is attached to this fete so far as I am concerned. I did something similar five years ago, only on a much smaller scale. I thought this would be good for the Unionist party, effectively prove its cohesion and the concord which prevails in the party, and also give the leaders a chance of personally thanking their agents and workers; so I asked them all to come to Blenheim."

The Duke of Marlborough is not going to the United States, and has not the faintest idea of succeeding Lord Minto as Governor-General of Canada. He characterized both reports utterly unfounded.

## The Final Heats To-Day

### Ideal Weather Prevails For Closing Events of Regatta at Philadelphia.

### Toronto Argonauts and Winnipegs will Take Part in the Senior Eights.

Philadelphia, Pa., July 20.—Weather conditions, as ideal as those of yesterday, prevail to-day for the final races of the annual regatta of the National Association of Amateur Oarsmen which will be rowed this afternoon, beginning at 3 o'clock. To-day's sport promises to be of the finest order, as the cream of the rowing world will measure strokes in several events. The programme includes the first, second and final heats of the intermediate singles; final heat in the intermediate four-oared shells; final heat in the association single, the winner of which will row for the championship of the United States next year; final heat in the intermediate doubles; final heat in the international fours; final heat in the intermediate pair oared shells; final heat in the senior eights and the dual contest for the national championship.

The race that is attracting the most attention is the senior eight, in which are entered the Vesper crew of this city, which won the world's championship at Paris last year, the Argonauts of Toronto, the Winnipegs and the New York Athletic Club.

Intermediate Fours (final)—Passaic B. C., Newark, first; Harlem R. C., New York, second; Clifton B. C., Staten Island, third. Time, 8.19.

Association Singles (final)—C. S. Titus, Union B. C., New York, first; Lem Marsh, Don B. C., Toronto, second; C. E. Johnstone, Winnipeg, B. C., third. Time, 9.46.

Intermediate Singles, First Heat—Lou Schoales, Don R. C., Toronto, first; John Moran, Columbia B. C., Alleghany, Pa., second. Time, 11.31.

Second Heat—James Miller, Columbia B. C., Allegheny, first; A. C. McCloskey, Pennsylvania B. C., Philadelphia, second; E. J. Hess, Century B. C., St. Louis, third. Times, 10.31.

### DISTURBANCES IN SPAIN.

Convents and Churches Have Been Closed and Barricaded.

Saragossa, Spain, July 19.—As a result of the encounters here during the past two days between Catholics and Free Thinkers, in which one man was killed and 45 were wounded, 12 of the latter fatally, the majority of the clergy have fled from the city, some going to neighboring villages, while others have left the province. The convents and most of the churches of Saragossa are closed and barricaded.

### CANDY CAUSED DEATH.

New Westminster, July 19.—Peculiar circumstances marked the death of Clarence, eighteen months old son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Best, Port Moodie, which occurred yesterday afternoon. The child was given a piece of peanut taffy and shortly after took seriously ill and died in less than half an hour. Medical aid was summoned, but nothing could be done. The physician stated that the candy was the immediate cause of death.

### TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

Buffalo, N.J., July 19.—In the New York state tennis tournament but one match was played this morning, Jenny defeating I. Wright in the semi-final handicap, 7-5, 5-7, 6-2.

## Practically Settled

### The Strike of Fishermen on the Fraser is Now About Over.

### Basis of the Agreement Which Has Been Accepted by Grand Lodge.

Vancouver, July 19.—The fishermen's strike was practically settled to-day, through the efforts of a committee of citizens, headed by Fred. Buscomb.

The Grand Lodge this morning agreed to a settlement on the basis of 12½ cents for 25 per cent. of the pack, and 10 cents for the remainder. All that now remains to be done is for Vancouver lodge to ratify this action. The agreement will no doubt be officially announced to-morrow and the men will all start to work on Sunday night. From fifty to sixty fish to the boat were taken last night.

Patrick Hayes was run over and cut to pieces by a freight train running out early this morning near Hastings.

Dr. McEwen, house surgeon of the City hospital, had a narrow escape from drowning last night in the bay. He fell out of a canoe and was rescued by Mrs. Long, who, with four children, was rowing into town.

Vancouver, July 20.—The Grand Lodge of Fishermen to-day ratified the agreement to fish for the season at the terms stated yesterday. White men are all preparing to go out to-morrow night. The average catch was fifteen to twenty fish to the boat last night. On the river fish are scattered, but shoals of salmon are reported further south.

Mr. Forsman, president of the Alaska Packers' Association, and Mr. Drysdale, of San Francisco, who have bought Winch's cannery at Anacortes, arrived today aboard the private yacht Wigwam. They are inspecting local canneries.

Steamer Cottage City arrived last night from Skagway after the fastest round trip on record. She made the voyage in six days and seven hours, making five calls on the way down. News was brought that eight steamers on the upper Yukon are lying idle on account of the falling off of traffic.

### FIRST DAY OF REGATTA.

Winnipeg Won the First Trial Heat for Intermediate Eights.

Philadelphia, July 19.—Fine weather and a smooth course is the outlook for the first day's race in the twenty-ninth annual regraata of the National Association of Amateur Oarsmen, which will begin at 3 o'clock this afternoon over the national course on the Schuylkill river in Fairmount park. Skilled oarsmen from Winnipeg, Man.; Toronto, Ont.; Detroit, St. Louis, New Orleans, Alleghany, Pa.; Arlington, Mass.; Boston, Mass.; Worcester, Mass.; Greater New York, Newark, N. J., and this city, are ready for the sport and only await the word from Starter James Pilkington, of New York.

In the first of the two trial heats to qualify for the finals in the intermediate eights, Winnipeg R. C. was first, Malta R. C., of Philadelphia, second, and West Philadelphia R. C. third. Time, 8:11.

Second heat—Fairmont R. C., of Philadelphia, first; N. Y. Athletic Club, second; Nonpareil R. C. of N. Y., third. Time, 8:07½.

Senior Pairs, Final.—Vesper, R. C., of Philadelphia, first; Detroit R. C. of Detroit, second; Western B. C., of St. Louis, third. Time, 9.44.

Association Singles, First Heat.—Two entries, Len Marsh, of the Don Rowing Club, Toronto, first; James Bond, of the Bachelors B. C., Philadelphia, second. Time, 10.17.

Second Heat.—C. W. Johnston, of Winnipeg R. C., first; C. S. Titus, of Union B. C., New York, second; Jas. B. Juvenal, Vesper R. C., Philadelphia, third. Time, 10.06. Titus was disqualified for not turning his stake. Juvenal will row in the finals.

Intermediate Doubles, First Heat.—Detroit R. C., first; New York A. C., second; Crescent B. C. of Philadelphia, third. Times, 9.38.

Second Heat.—Won by Harlem R. C., of New York, row over.

### "JUMPED" A MINE.

A Prospector Restaked Property Estimated to Be Worth Over $10,000,000.

Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., July 19.—The big Helen iron mine at Michipicoten, owned by the Clergue syndicate, has been "jumped" by Julius George, a prospector, who restaked the property a few days ago. The mine is estimated to be worth between $10,000,000 and $15,000,000.

George claims the company has not owned the mine which it has been operating the past year under a miner's license. A patent was applied for, but had not been granted at the time of the restaking, and George alleges that at the expiration of the proper period the company had not complied with the law, and it was therefore an open claim. George restaked the claim one morning at daylight. Mr. Clergue is in the east.

### EXODUS FROM LONDON.

Season is Drawing to a Close and Society People Desert Metroplis.

London, July 20.—London is fast emptying, the recent heat wave having given a final kick to the dying season. Great expectations socially are entertained for Cowes, where the presence of the King and Queen will give that necessary fillip which has been wanting to every fixture this year. King Edward has chartered his old yacht, the Britannia, for the Cowes regatta, and most of the habitues of Cowes will be there. One London paper hears that "the American yachts which will be at Cowes are expected to beat anything ever seen before in the Roads for luxury and splendor."

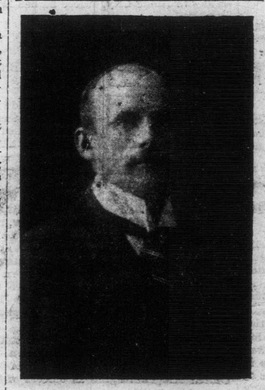
According to the latest interpretation of the British law the audience in a theatre can throw stones at the stage with impunity. A rowdy has been hauled up in a police court charged with throwing stones in a music hall at Hoxton. Six or seven stones were produced in court which had been picked up from the stage, but the magistrate held that in the absence of any witness having been struck by the stones or individual pelted by the thrower the prisoner must go free.

## Bodley's Shooting

### Got Fourth Place in First Stage of St. George's Vase Competition.

### Scored Sixty Six Out of a Possible Seventy—Canadians "At Home"

London, July 19.—In the competitions at Bisley yesterday, under the auspices



SERGT. S. W. BODLEY.

of the National Rifle Association, Sergt. S W. Bodley, of Victoria, stood fourth in the first stage of the St. George's vase competition, the second important prize, with a score of 66 out of a possible 70.

During the afternoon the Canadians held an "At Home," and Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal presented two cups to Col. Tilton, commandant of the Canadians, one of them from himself for the highest aggregate score made by a member of the team, and the other from the Canadian Club for the second highest.

Winner of Silver Medal.

London, July 19.—In the shooting today the King's silver medal was won by Cyclist Comber, of the Surrey volunteers, with a score of 189.

In Final For King's Prize.

London, July 19.—At the completion of the second stage of the shooting in the contest for the King's prize, the Canadians entitled to compete for a gold metal to-morrow were announced as follows: Gunner Fleming, 179; Lieut. Ogg, 179; Company Sergeant-Major McDougall, 178; Sergt. Wilson, 177.

The final stage in the contest for the Kolapore cup at the 200 yards range, resulted with the following scores: Mother Country, 260; Guernsey, 256; Canada, 255; Jersey, 244.

The Kolapore cup was won by the Mother Land with a total score of 759. The colonial prize in connection with the Kolapore cup was won by Canada, with a score of 733.

The King's Prize.

London, July 20.—Corporal Saunders, of the Queen's Rifle Volunteer Brigade, of Edinburgh, won the King's prize. Saunders tied with Sergeant-Major Burr, of the First Hampshire Volunteers. In the shoot off the former gained the coveted distinction.

Bodley Wins Badge.

London, July 20.—In the rifle shooting contests held to-day at Bisley under the auspices of the National Rifle Association, the St. George's Vase was won by Private Mahy, of Guernsey, with a score of 116.

Sergt. Bodley, of Virtoria, who was fifteenth with a score of 109, wins the National Rifle Association Badge and £9 sterling.

### SENTENCES COMMUTED.

Capetown, July 19.—Lord Kitchener has commuted the death sentences passed on 34 prisoners of war to penal servitude for life at Bermuda.

## Sensational Paris Story

### Correspondent Tells of Alleged Conspiracy to Overthrow the French Republic,

### And Install Prince Louis Napoleon as Emperor—Demonstration Fixed for September.

London, July 19.—The Pall Mall Gazette publishes this afternoon a somewhat remarkable communication from its Paris correspondent giving circumstantial details of an alleged conspiracy to overthrow the French Republic and install Prince Louis Napoleon as Emperor of France.

The correspondent is assured that September 14th, upon which date the Czar intends to promote Prince Louis to full generalship in the Russian army, has been selected as the occasion for a demonstration to support the claims of this Prince, who is such a close friend of their Russian ally, by all the elements opposed to the present regime. The names of M. Deroulede, the Marquis de Lur Saluces and M. Marcel Habert are mentioned as the leading spirits of the movement, and several high functionaries of the present government are alleged to be assisting the movement with funds.

### PEASANTS DESTITUTE.

Forty Thousand Acres of Grain Destroyed by Storms and the Hessian Fly.

London, July 20.—A dispatch to the Evening Standard from Odessa says that according to the reports of special agents the Siberian crops appear to be nearly a total failure as a result of the two months' drought. Such a hot and dry summer has not been experienced in ten years. The South Russian crop may be decided upon the whole as fairly an average, yet there are disastrous results in the southeast districts in the Ekaterinoslaff government, and an instance of the utter destruction of about 40,000 acres of grain by hailstorms and the Hessian fly. The worst of all are the Polga provinces. The peasantry of this vast region are practically destitute. The Russian minister of ways and communications is making active provisions for the timely transportation of food and other supplies from the south.

### YACHT CAPSIZED.

Eight Person Missing Are Believed to Have Been Drowned.

New Haven, Conn., July 19.—In a squall off Captain's Island yesterday afternoon the sloop Venitzia, of Philadelphia, bound for Newport, was capsized and only two persons are known to have been rescued.

On board the yacht were Arthur Coburn and his three daughters, Misses Ida and Annette and Mrs. Walter T. Spanker, all of Philadelphia. There was also a crew of three men on the boat.

Mrs. Spanker and the steward of the boat were picked up by the tug Gertrude, Capt. T. C. Brown, and brought here this morning. The rest of the party are believed to have been lost.

### WAYS OF THE TURK.

Children Are Prohibited From Attending Foreign Schools.

Constantinople, July 17.—Following the graduation of the first Turkish girl from the American Girls' College, the Turkish government has issued an edict prohibiting Turkish children from attending foreign schools, the employment of Christian teachers in Turkish households or the appearance of Turkish ladies in public, accompanied by Christian women companions. The edict deprives hundreds of foreign governesses of the means of subsistence. It is intended to prevent the dissemination of liberal ideas.

### MASSACRE OF SERVIANS.

Bodies of Turkish Soldiers and Albanians Attack Villages Murdering Inhabitants.

Constantinople, July 17.—Bodies of Turkish troops and Albanians are murdering and torturing inhabitants of Servian villages in the neighborhood of Metrovitza. The outrages are alleged to be designed to drive out the Servian settlements possessing a modified independence along the great strategetic road from Metrovitza to Berane.

### FRIARS IN PHILIPPINES.

Catholic Authorities Will Not Withdraw Them From Islands.

Manila, July 19.—The Catholic authorities in Manila say they have no intention of withdrawing the Friars from the Philippine islands, and reiterate their belief that the Friars will be welcomed by the masses of the Filipinos as their spiritual advisers when the people are thoroughly assured the Friars will no longer exercise temporal authority.

### CHINESE CUSTOMS TARIFF.

Great Britain Will Not Yield on Question of Proposed Increase.

Pekin, July 18.—United States Special Commissioner Rockhill has postponed his departure in consequence of the deadlock between the ministers. There are no signs of Great Britain's yielding on the question of an increase of the customs tariff.

The Germans are erecting extensive brick barracks at Tien Tsin.

### TIBETAN DELEGATES

Pay a Friendly Visit to St. Petersburg—Press Comments on Mission.

St. Petersburg, July 19.—Akhorambo Atchwan Dorshieff, who has gained the favor of Daliai Lama of Tibet, came to Livadiast in October and was received by the Emperor. He returned to Tibet and succeeded in persuading the Daliai Lima to send a special mission to St. Petersburg to open friendly relations with this country. This mission arrived under the guidance of Dorshieff, and has been received by Count Lamsdorff. It consists of four persons, one of whom is Laloo, the Lama's second secretary.

The Russian newspapers attach much importance to this journey and no doubt properly it makes another step in the extension of Russian influence towards the Indo-Chinese possessions of France. The Russians regarded the establishment of a chain of communications across the Indian Empire and the permanent isolation of India from the Yang Tse Kiang as practically assured.

The Novoe Vremya regards the sending of this mission as proof that the prowess of Russia in Manchuria has penetrated to Tibet, and there is no reason to doubt that active communications are maintained between Urga in Mongolia, where another Deliai Lama sits as regent, and Tibet. This journal thinks it only natural that Tibet should seek in Russia a protector against the "Greed of England," or that other outlying territories of China should turn their faces towards the "White Czar."

A good part of this and much more of the same sort in other papers is no doubt written for the Tibetan visitors.

Women will in future be admitted to the University of Helsingfor on equal terms with men. In Russia women are not yet admitted to the universities, but there are many women's colleges.

## More Men Quit Work

### Strike in Philadelphia and Reading Railway Company's Shops Is Spreading.

### A Large Number of Employees, Many Not Unionists, Join Ranks of Strikers

Reading, Pa., July 19.—The strikers at the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company shops here added to their ranks in an unexpected manner to-day. Last night the company brought in thirty-two strangers to help man the boiler-making and blacksmithing departments of the locomotive shop where 350 mechanics of these two classes have been on strike for three weeks. The recruits, mostly foreigners, were given protection at the hands of the company's special police, and this morning they were put to work in the two departments. A committee was sent by the strikers to the company's office to have these men taken out. This demand was refused, and before 10 a.m. 175 moulders, machinists and others, many of whom do not belong to the union, walked out in a body. The foreigners were hooted and were marched out of the shop to their temporary quarters on the third floor of the plant. Here they occupy a room, about 200 by 40 feet in size, which has been fitted up for them to live in.

In a case in the building, it is said, were stored 400 Winchester rifles, which had been used by the coal and iron police during the riots of 1877. These weapons, it is stated, were taken from the cases and stacked in the room occupied by the imported workmen.

The strike has assumed a more critical stage than ever before. The locomotive shop is now badly crippled.

### NANAIMO NOTES.

Nanaimo, July 20.—Stanley Craig, a leading manufacturer here, marries in Victoria this evening Miss Carrie Elizabeth Beers, also of this city.

T. O'Connel, oldest son of Thos. O'Connel, a prominent member of the pilotage board, was married this afternoon to Miss Hughes, of Chase river, at St. Alban's church, by the Rev. David Dunlop.

Captain Alexander Kirkwood, of the steamer Mineola, which is on the Nanaimo-Los Angeles run, will be married on Monday to Miss Ritchie, eldest daughter of a well known business man of this city.

George Pittendrigh, holder of the Dorothy medal and Hon. C. F. Cornwall's cup, which he won twice in succession, is unable, through pressure of business and illness, to defend them at this year's annual matches. The Nanaimo's team for the competitions are W. J. Macallen, Robert Adam, W. H. Wall, J. D. Quine, James Dick and A. Baxter.

The funeral of Edmund Harrison, who was killed on Thursday night in Protection Island mine, took place this morning under the auspices of the Miners' Union. There was an immense turnout of men.

### TWO FIRES.

Cincinnati, Ohio, July 20.—The old plant of the Globe Wernicke Co., on West Eight street, was partially destroyed by fire last night. The loss is estimated at $100,000.

Indianapolis, Ind., July 20.—Fire destroyed the plant of the Indianapolis Bridge Co. and two large buildings of the Van Camp Packing Co. at an early hour this morning. The loss is $75,000.

## Steyn Still Hopeful

### Thinks Complications Will Occur in Europe Which Will Help the Boers.

### Upbraids Reitz With Weak-heartedness—The Shooting of Wounded Soldiers.

London, July 18.—The war office issued late to-night a dispatch from Lord Kitchener, giving the correspondence between Mr. Reitz and Mr. Steyn, that was captured with the latter's baggage near Lindley on July 11th. Mr. Reitz, under date of May 10th, wrote Mr. Steyn that a meeting of the Transvaal government had been held, attended by General Botha, General Villioen and Mr. Smurtz, to consider the national situation. He went on to catalogue the difficulties, the numerous surrenders of burghers entailing a heavy responsibility on the government, the rapidly decreasing supply of ammunition, the disintegration of the government, and the lack of any definite assurance of European intervention. "In view of these facts," he said, "the government has decided to address a message to President Kruger, pointing out the terrible conditions. The time has passed for us to let matters drift as at present; we must take a final step."

Mr. Steyn, replying on May 15th, upbraids Mr. Reitz with weak-heartedness, saying:

"There is still sufficient ammunition to continue the struggle. You ask what prospects there are of a successful termination. I ask what chance there was for two small republics when they declared war against the mighty power of Great Britain? You will answer that we trusted in God and in foreign intervention. What reason is there now to place less trust in God? I have seen recent European newspapers, and I firmly believe that complications will occur in Europe in the course of a few months which will secure our good fortune."

Mr. Steyn also says the fact that Mr. Kruger and other Boers remain in Europe convinces him that they consider the case not beyond hope.

He adds that he has summoned Gen. Dewet and urges Mr. Reitz to take no steps until he has heard further from him.

Shooting of Wounded.

Johannesburg, July 18.—In the course of an inquiry continued under oath here to-day, various non-commissioned officers and men of the British army confirmed the statement that the Boers shot the British wounded at Vlakfontein.

### INTRIGUES IN THE HAREM.

Several Arrests Follow Fire and Some of the Conspirators Were Tortured.

Constantinople, July 18.—Owing to the mystery and secrecy enshrouding all occurrences in the Yildiz palace, the real cause of the recent fire there has only now transpired. The incident was the result of an intrigue by the ladies of the harem against the lady treasurer of the harem, whom they wished to get rid of. At the instigation of the conspirators, a negro placed materials for a conflagration in a corridor of the palace, lighted them under conditions compromising the lady treasurer so that she would be accused of the act, and dismissed. The desired result was obtained. The lady treasurer was not only dismissed, but she was imprisoned in the palace. Her relatives are influential and have been endeavoring to obtain her release. There have been numerous arrests in consequence of the attempt at incendiarism, and some of the women have been subjected to torture in the hope of extracting confessions from them. The Sultan first believed the conspiracy was directed against himself. The fire did not occur in a room adjoining that used by the Sultan as first reported, but in a corridor quite a long way from His Majesty's apartments.

### ELECTED OFFICERS.

Masonic Grand Lodge in Session—Windsor Next Meeting Place.

Hamilton, July 18.—The grand master and deputy grand master were elected by acclamation to-day, as also were M. W. Bro. J. J. Mason, grand secretary, and M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, grand treasurer. For the remaining officers a spirited election was carried on, two ballots being needed for all, but the officers of the board of general purpose, and three ballots in the case of the grand chaplain and the grand registrar. The first ballot decided that Windsor will be the next place of meeting.

The following cablegram of acknowledgment was received in the course of the afternoon from R. W. Bro. E. Letchworth, of the Grand Lodge of England, in reply to a message sent by the Grand Lodge of Canada: "His Royal Highness and the Grand Lodge receive the congratulations of the Grand Lodge of Canada with the greatest of satisfaction, and most heartily reciprocate the good wishes."

The Grand Lodge elections resulted as follows: E. L. N. A., W. Bro. T. Clappson, Hamilton; G. K. A., W. Bro. A. E. Dymett, M.P.P., Thessalon; G. chaplain, W. Bro. Rev. R. Vonprich, Berlin; G. registrar, V. W. Bro. James O'Hara, Toronto.

Board of General Purpose—W. Bro. Wm. Roaf, Toronto; W. Bro. J. C. Morgan, Barrie; R. W. Bro. J. H. Burritt, Pembroke; R. W. Bro. P. W. D. Broderick, London; W. Bro. Aubury White, Toronto; W. Bro. Abraham Shaw (for one year, to replace W. Bro. Hargraft). Appointed—W. Bro. G. S. May, Ottawa; R. L. Gunn, Hamilton; Allan McLean, Kingston; H. Hillier, M.D., Leamington; W. H. McFadden, Brampton.

### TO ORGANIZE.

St. Louis, Mo., July 20.—An international convention of delegates from the various metal trades unions of the United States and Canada will convene here on Sunday to organize an association to be known as National Metal Trades Council.

### WELCOMED TO DALHOUSIE.

Dalhousie, N. B., July 19.—Lord and Lady Minto arrived here on the government steamer Minto yesterday, and were warmly welcomed.