

NEWS FROM LONDON.

The "Times" on the U. S. Loan—Sir George Baden Powell on Venezuela.

Armed Burglers Patrol Streets of Johannesburg—Britain Wants Tenders for Warships.

LONDON, Jan. 16.—The Times says in its financial article this morning that it doubts whether the popular loan will permanently strengthen the American treasury.

The Chronicle believes that Sir Augustus Hemming, the newly appointed governor of British Guiana, will have authority to deal with the Venezuelan government if the latter so wish.

Advices from Massawa say that the Italians inflicted another defeat upon the Abyssinians at Makalleh on Monday.

Sir George Baden-Powell, who was the British member of the Behring sea joint commission, writes to the Times this morning suggesting that Great Britain follow the successful Behring sea precedent, and invite Venezuela to appoint two representatives to meet two British representatives and form a joint commission.

A thousand armed and mounted burghers traversed the streets of Johannesburg yesterday, causing great excitement, and twelve hundred others were outside the city and will ride through the town to-day, in order to exhibit their fighting strength to the miners and gratify them.

The Brazilian government has concluded a contract for the immigration of a hundred thousand foreigners, Italians being excluded from the provisions of the contract.

Governor Sir Hercules Robinson has telegraphed to the colonial office that he has completed arrangements for the transfer of the prisoners now held by the Transvaal government at the Natal border.

The Chronicle announces with great prominence the fact that the Associated Press had published in New York yesterday morning Lord Aberdeen's letter to M. Fortique, of January 31, 1892, which it prints textually and comments upon at some length, declaring: "If the publication of this dispatch is intended to answer our commissioner's disclosures it is no answer at all."

An editorial in the Times this morning repeats that the only point in the land can concede nothing is the retention of the border districts to Great Britain, and that the only point in the land can concede nothing is the retention of the border districts to Great Britain.

The Times says this morning that the Admiralty has invited the principal private firms to tender bids for 10 third class cruisers to be completed in one year, the armament to be wholly of quick firing guns.

Many friends of Americans at Johannesburg called to-day at the United States embassy here and made inquiries regarding their status. The U. S. ambassador, Mr. Thomas F. Bayard, had no additional news to give them.

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MISTRESS OF THE SEAS

Immense Advance in Britain's Naval Resources in the Last Ten Years.

Practically Alone in the Family of Nations—Suggestion of Possible Alliances.

LONDON, Jan. 15.—The destination of the extra fleet, mobilized from the Naval Reserves, which went into commission yesterday is as yet unknown and will possibly remain so until Saturday, when it will be assembled off Beach Haven, on the southwest coast of Ireland, with sealed orders relative to the nature of the movements of the vessels.

The political situation in Europe to-day is a puzzling one. It has been generally supposed that the policy of the British government is at present towards an entente between Great Britain, Russia and France.

The Chilean government asks European banks to advance £2,000,000 sterling pending the floating of a projected loan of £4,000,000.

A disastrous fire has occurred in the Hermenigilde coal mine, Sillesia, with much loss of life. Fifteen bodies have been recovered already, and seventeen injured miners have been taken out.

NEWS OF THE PROVINCE.

Suicide at Kamloops—Dolings at Queen's Mouth—Social and Otherwise.

Vancouver's New Council Meets—The Hawaiian Deportees—On Trial for Arson.

(Special to the Colonist.) VANCOUVER.

VANCOUVER, Jan. 13.—The new council met to-day. The following chairmen of committees were elected: Finance, J. J. Banfield; works, Shaw; health, McPhaden; water, Mark; Brown; fire and police, Cawell; light and railways, Clewning.

The preliminary hearing in the arson case came up to-day, the defendants being Robert Barker and Annie Morrison, on suspicion of setting a fire on Granville street. Osmond McDonald swore that Barker offered him \$200 to set fire to a building as well as the other fire. The case was adjourned till to-morrow.

WESTMINSTER, Jan. 13.—Kitty, an Indian woman, was found dead in a shack to-day. She was nearly 100 years old. At the inquest there was evidence to show that Kitty suffered for want of proper nourishment.

Charles Delas, a logger of Valdez Island, while eating his dinner at Sayward's camp on Thursday, suddenly fell from his seat dead.

H. D. Benson, of Ladner, was in the city on Thursday completing arrangements to work on his big dyking contract in Delta. The proceeds of the sale of Delta bonds had been deposited in the Bank of Montreal here, and now everything except the weather is in readiness to proceed with the important dyking and drainage work undertaken by the Delta council.

In Maple Ridge municipality the recent floods have swept away two bridges and somewhat damaged a third. The Lillooet river is very high, but the bridges over that stream have not been affected.

QUESTELLE MOUTH, Jan. 3.—Questelle has had a gay time the last week, a series of entertainments commencing with a children's treat on Christmas Eve. The children were regaled with all the dainties procurable, and afterwards with a magic lantern and shadow pantomime concluding a dance which delighted both the young and older children.

On Thursday the 26th ult., a concert was given concluding with a comedy entitled "The Mother-in-Law." The performance was an immense success, the little comedy completed the delight of the audience, the acting was of a very high order. Mr. S. Williams as the leading actor was inimitable, and Mr. J. A. Fraser was perfect as the "Mother-in-Law." All the characters sustained their part well and were loudly applauded by the delighted audience. The concert was in aid of the debt on the church—\$63 being needed after paying expenses. The new church is now out of debt, a standing memorial to the energy and Christian spirit of the people of Questelle.

On Friday, the 27th ult., a fancy dress ball was given, which was very well attended, over 150 people being present. Dancing was kept up with great spirit till early morning. On Saturday, the 28th, by special request, a short repetition of the concert and play was given. This was followed by a short dance at the Hotel Cariboo.

The weather was perfect during last week, but on the first day of the new year there was a cold snap, the thermometer falling to 3 deg. below zero. It has slightly moderated to-day.

KAMLOOPS, Jan. 13.—Herbert Smith, formerly manager of the Grand Pacific hotel, committed suicide this morning by cutting his throat at Lewis creek, forty miles from the town of Kamloops.

Robert Porter, of Victoria, has purchased and shipped six carloads of fine fat stock, averaging 1,500 pounds, from the Douglas Lake Cattle Company's ranch.

Train service near the Illecillewaet has been more or less interrupted recently by heavy snowdrifts.

The application for the incorporation of a board of trade will be shortly transmitted to the capital.

KINGSTON, Jan. 13.—At a mass meeting held here on Saturday Principal Grant moved a resolution of sympathy with the Armenians.

Toronto, Jan. 13.—There is talk of the Argonaut four going to Henley again next year.

TOLD TO THE COMMONS

Ministers Satisfied to Return to Duty Now That the Quebec Portfolio Is Taken Up.

Laurier and Cartwright in a Rage Because Grit Prospects Have Been Dimmed.

OTTAWA, Jan. 15.—Hon. E. G. Prior was introduced in the Commons this afternoon by Hon. T. M. Daly and Mr. Mara, and took his seat amidst prolonged ministerial cheers.

Sir Adolphe Caron then rose and read a statement relative to the ministerial changes, which he said had been submitted to His Excellency by the Prime Minister, and in its bearings on the position of the crown in matters of this nature it has His Excellency's approval.

"Since the reference in the house to the retirement from office of certain members of the government, the Prime Minister has had an opportunity of carefully reviewing the circumstances connected with these resignations and has satisfied himself that the best interests of the country would be served, notwithstanding any differences of opinion that exist respecting the importance of filling the portfolio made vacant by the resignation of Mr. Angers, by the return to their former positions in the cabinet of those who deemed it their duty to retire on account of that vacancy.

"While it is true that this point was freely discussed between the Prime Minister and his colleagues, it is equally true that they were unwilling to accept a filling which cannot be questioned, as sufficient reason for the resignation of any member of the government. This view, however, was not concurred in by some of his colleagues, who urged that meeting parliament with a Quebec portfolio vacant might seriously imperil certain important measures to be presented during the session. He can reasonably be supposed to be able to fill that position, up to the very day when parliament met, and was disappointed that his efforts failed. After the opening of parliament certain members of the government went on to inform the Minister of public business with an incomplete cabinet. They thought this course was too great a departure from sound constitutional practice and so weak, as a matter of policy, that they were unwilling to consent to remain as members of an incomplete government.

"Since the receipt of the resignations referred to, the objections put forth by the members who resigned have been removed by the acceptance of a seat in the cabinet by Hon. Alphonse Desjardins, a gentleman well known and esteemed in the province of Quebec for his ability and integrity of character, and by the accession to the ministry of Sir Charles Tupper, Bart. Under these circumstances, and with these objections removed, the ministers who resigned have deemed it consistent with their duty to their country to resume the positions they respectively held in the government.

"It is gratifying, therefore, to be able to inform the house that the country that a ministry has been formed which will command the support of a majority in parliament and enable us to proceed with the measures foreseen in the budget from the throne." (Cheers.)

A debate arose and lasted until late in the evening. Mr. Laurier and Sir Richard Cartwright, full of disappointment at the downfall of Grit hopes, were very bitter in their speech. Cartwright savagely designated the government as "The royal Ottawa low comedy troupe." Referring to Sir Charles Tupper's accession to the ministry he said Nova Scotia was the nursery of hoodlums. Mr. Foster and Sir Charles Hibbert-Tupper made effective speeches in reply.

The debate on the Address will commence to-morrow, and will probably last a week.

Sir Charles Tupper senior visited the precincts of the chamber to-day and got a magnificent reception. He is to be the leader of the Commons and will represent Cape Breton. Mr. McKee retired in his favor. Sir Charles left for Montreal to-night to address the Board of Trade on the development of trade between Canada and the motherland. He proceeds to Cape Breton on Monday.

THE AMERICA'S CUP. NEW YORK, Jan. 15.—The annual report of the regatta committee of the New York yacht club deals with all the regattas and cruises which were held last year under the auspices of the club, and under the heading "The match for the America's cup," goes exhaustively into all the circumstances leading up to the final which lost Valkyrie the second race. The conditions under which the races were sailed are first explained. The four is fully detailed, and the Defender's claim and Valkyrie's defence are given in detail. The committee justifies its action in sustaining Mr. Iselin's protest in the following words: "A yacht shall not bear away on her course so as to hinder another passing to leeward," and it was on this section that the committee based its decision. Accompanying the report are several photographs, one taken just after the fourth occurred and the other about five seconds later. Both are submitted as proof that the Valkyrie had plenty of room to luff without danger of collision.

BRITAIN AND THE COLONIES. LONDON, Jan. 15.—The Marquis of Salisbury has telegraphed his thanks to Premier G. H. Reid of New South Wales, at Sydney, in reply to a telegram received from Mr. Reid on Sunday on behalf of all the Australasian governments assuring Lord Salisbury of their loyalty and sympathy in his determination to resist foreign interference in matters of British colonial concern, and congratulating him upon the prompt and fearless measures adopted in defence of the integrity of the empire. Lord Salisbury in his reply says that nothing could give the government greater confidence in maintaining the rights of this country than the knowledge that they possessed the full approval and good will of the great colonies.

Having used Burdock Bitters for 15 years I can testify to its efficacy. I have sold hundreds of bottles from my store, and as I keep other medicines I ought to know which is the best. It is a wonderful medicine. Yours very sincerely, MRS. DONALD KENNEDY, Caledonia, Ont.

LAURIER'S "BONNE BOUCHE."

WINNIPEG WIRINGS. SENATOR MACDONALD, OF VICTORIA, PASSED THROUGH THE CITY ON TUESDAY EN ROUTE TO OTTAWA.

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WHILE PASSING THROUGH THE MATASAGUA DISTRICT THE INSURGENTS HUNG TWO PLATEADOS, AND AT MANICARICUA, PROVINCE OF SANTA CLARA, INSURGENTS HAVE BURNED THE LARGE STORE AND TOBACCO WAREHOUSE, CONTAINING 500 BALES OF TOBACCO, BELONGING TO THE TORTIZ COMPANY. DISTRESS IN THE PROVINCE OF MATANZAS AND OTHER PLACES DEVASTATED BY THE INSURGENTS IS GREAT. THE SPANISH AUTHORITIES IN VARIOUS DISTRICTS HAVE BEEN GRANTED THE NECESSARY PERMISSION TO COLLECT FUNDS BY PUBLIC SUBSCRIPTION FOR THE RELIEF OF THE SUFFERERS. IN ADDITION ALL THE SOLDIERS AND ALL THE EMPLOYEES OF THE DIFFERENT BRANCHES OF THE GOVERNMENT HAVE AGREED TO GIVE ONE DAY'S PAY EACH MONTH TOWARDS THE FUNDS BEING COLLECTED TO RELIEVE THE DISTRESS REFERRED TO.

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VERY ALARMING NEWS.

Towns Burned by Cuban Insurgents Who Are Rapidly Advancing on Havana.

General de Campos Said to Be Much Alarmed—Insurgent Leader Captured.

HAVANA, Jan. 18.—Most exciting news from the front was received about noon yesterday, and was in a shape which prevented its accuracy from being denied. The sound of continued artillery firing was heard south of Rincon, not far from Belinca, the town which had been attacked by the insurgents, with the result that according to the official statement of the affair they were forced to retreat after a heroic resistance upon the part of the government force, the battle lasting, it is claimed, five hours. The insurgents plundered the stores in the outlying streets of Belinca, burned a number of houses and destroyed the railroad depot by fire. Previous to this they had burned the important town of Salud and partly destroyed Quirican, a smaller place. They burned freight trains and destroyed railroad engines as they pushed on northwards towards Havana.

This force of insurgents is the one supposed to be commanded by Gomez in person, although this report has been denied repeatedly, it being insisted that he is still in the province of Pinar del Rio. People who are in a position to know, however, still claim that this is Gomez's force. It has been announced that on Sunday last the Spaniards made an important capture in the person of Jose Cepero, second in command of the Cuban column commanded by General Riego. Cepero was on his way from Cienfuegos, in the province of Santa Clara, to Batabano with important communications from the Santa Clara insurgents. The insurgent leader was travelling on the Spanish steamship Gloria under the name of Lorenzo Dupuy.

The railroad station and railroad bridge at Goves has been burned by the insurgents, the bridge being partially destroyed. Goves is on the railroad south from Havana, and south of Rincon and near Belinca. In the immediate neighborhood of which an engagement was supposed to be taking place this afternoon between General Linerae and the insurgents, cannonading has been heard.

Although the Spanish authorities are making the best of the situation, it is known that Captain-General de Campos is very much disheartened at the turn events have taken during the last six weeks, and rumor succeeds rumor in announcing the probable retirement from command. The government is securing all the horses possible, in order to mount the Spanish infantry, the great advantage of the insurgents being the superiority with which they have been able to move on account of their forces being mostly composed of cavalry.

NEW U. S. LOAN. NEW YORK, Jan. 15.—Wall Street was agreeably surprised to-day to find that the formal announcement of the dissolution of the world-famed government bond syndicate was not followed by any sensational developments. The knowledge that the new government loan would, in the event of necessity, command the support of the members of the syndicate either individually or as a combined force, caused the news to be received with equanimity. The volume of business was light and the market displayed waiting tenacity, due to the uncertainty in financial circles as to the probable course of the money market in the event of indiscriminate withdrawals of gold from the banks or the subsequent payment for the allotment of the new government bonds. The appearance of the members of the syndicate as individual bidders is expected to result in increased competition for the bonds and in very satisfactory prices for the treasury department. The stock market closed firm, with unimportant net changes.

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