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COLONIAL REPRESENTATION IN THE PRIVY COUNCIL.

An Important Announcement by Mr. Joseph Chamberlain on the Australian Federation Bill.

London, May 14.—The secretary of state for the colonies, Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, rose in the House of Commons today to introduce the Australian commonwealth bill, which he described as a great and important step towards the organization of the British Empire.

THE GREAT ST. LOUIS STRIKE IS ADJUSTED.

St. Louis, May 14.—There were important developments in the street car situation today. At a conference held between the officials of the Suburban Railroad Company, the only system in St. Louis not controlled by the St. Louis Transit Company, and on which a strike was inaugurated ten days ago, it was declared that the settlement of the strike on the Suburban, presages an adjustment of the difficulties between the Transit Company and its 3,600 striking employees in the near future.

EMPEROR OF AUSTRIA COQUETING WITH RUSSIA.

Berlin, May 14.—Political circles in Germany are much displeased at the reply of Emperor Francis Joseph to the address of Her Jovoski and Herr Zilggy, presidents of the Austrian and Hungarian delegations respectively. The passage in which the Austro-Hungarian ruler declared a steady entente with Russia on the subject of Oriental questions necessary and that in which he referred to such an entente as a good compliment to the Austro-Hungarian alliance with Germany are particularly criticised.

SCOURGE OF CHOLERA ADDED TO PLAGUE.

Bombay, May 14.—Louis Klopsch, of New York, publisher of the Christian Herald, has arrived here and is starting on a tour of the famine stricken districts. He has handed to the international missionary committee \$145,000 for distribution among the famine sufferers.

BOERS TALKING PEACE AND RETIRING,

Being Hustled Out of the Free State and Natal—Buller Doing Good Work—Dissensions in the Enemy's Camp—The End in Sight.

London, May 14, 3.45 p. m.—General Buller's turning of the Biggarsburg position was effected by a bold movement. The Boers had evacuated Helpmaker, but were making a stand Monday evening at Bliskopplage, seven miles from Dundee. The correspondents on the spot regarded this as a rear-guard action intended to cover the retreat of the army.

ANOTHER ATTACK UPON MAKEKING.

Pretoria Reports the Besiegers Taking a Parting Shot at It.

LORD ROBERTS RECOMMENDS TEMPERANCE.

Says Abstinence from Liquor is Good for Soldiers.

GENERAL BULLER VICTORIOUS IN THE MOUNTAINS.

He is At Last Driving the Boers from Natal.

CORRESPONDENCE CONCERNING BRITISH PRISONERS.

President Kruger Says They Are Properly Treated.

GAMBLERS FINED.

Sentences Imposed at Moncton—Liberal Club Addressed.

MOUNT VESUVIUS BOILING.

Spectators Are Warned Away from It.

SOUND AND FURY SIGNIFYING NOTHING

Mr. George E. Foster Ranted and Roared in the Dominion House Yesterday—False Attack to Cover Inconsistency.

Ottawa, Ont., May 14.—There was an hour's discussion when the House met to-day on the adoption of the report of the debates committee. For years past there has been a great deal of trouble over the French translation of the Hansard. The difficulty began in 1887 when the late Sir Adolphe Chapleau, then Mr. Chapleau, dismissed two of the translators for taking part in politics in Quebec.

BOSTON WILL ENTERTAIN THE BOERS.

Committees Have Been Appointed for the Purpose.

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London, May 14.—A special despatch from Stone Hill Farm, Natal, dated today, says: "General Buller's advance commenced Thursday when he left Ladysmith in strength. Within two miles of Helpmaker the Boers opened a heavy artillery fire and the British replied, while a portion of Buller's troops worked round the Boer flanks. The British attack was practically taken. General Buller's march subsequent to the attack, was carried out without a hitch. The British are still pushing on."

TURKEY AND GREECE.

The Latter Country Appeals to the Powers.

GERMAN SEIZURES IN CENTRAL AFRICA.

Free State territory up to Ruzie river, occupying 3,000 square miles of Congo territory with 1,000 soldiers, fifteen officers and cannon.

ICE HOUSE BURNED.

Gardiner, Me., May 14.—During the severe thunder storm which passed over this city about 8 o'clock tonight the ice houses situated below South Gardiner and known as the Haley houses, but belonging to the American Ice Company, were struck by lightning and totally destroyed.