

CONSPIRACY TO KILL LORD ROBERTS

And Shoot British Officers Has Been Discovered in the Capital of the Transvaal.

PLOT INCLUDED RECAPTURING PRETORIA

It Was Arranged That Scheme Should Be Put Into Operation on Tuesday—Townsperson Communicating With the Enemy.

(Associated Press.)

London, Aug. 10.—A special dispatch from Pretoria says the Boer plot to make a prisoner of Lord Roberts and shoot all the British officers possible, discovered on Thursday, included the recapture of Pretoria and the shooting of Lord Roberts and an attempt to induce the burghers to rise en masse.

A number of accomplices of the conspirators have been conducted across the border.

The British authorities are awakening to the danger of allowing Boer sympathizers to remain in Pretoria, and the issue of passes to the burghers has been stopped.

Treachorous Burgers.

Pretoria, Aug. 10.—The plot to make a prisoner of Lord Roberts and shoot all the British officers, discovered yesterday, included a number of townspersons who were in communication with the enemy. It was arranged that the capture and killing should take place on the evening of Tuesday last.

May Start For Tien Tsin

Russian Minister and Staff Authorized to Leave the Chinese Capital, Provided the Imperial Government Guarantees Them a Safe Journey.

Siege of Legations at Peking Still Continues—Another Conger Dispatch.

(Associated Press.)

London, Aug. 11.—A special dispatch from Shanghai, dated Friday, August 10th, says the British consul-general replying to protests of the Chinese merchants against the landing of troops, explains that this is merely a precautionary measure, due to the fact that the disturbances north are spreading and coming daily nearer to Shanghai.

He also says Kiang Su is already in a state of revolt, and that at Tsung there has been serious rioting, the telegraph station being burned.

The Russian government's permission to M. de Giers and his staff to leave Peking under Chinese guarantee, while the United States and other governments tell their minister to hold out till relieved, is the subject of much comment in London, where the supposed Russian designs are closely scrutinized.

A special dispatch from St. Petersburg attributes to Russia the intention to fill Manchuria with troops and not to let go of that territory when the present ebullition is over. The Russian war office expects to have 142,000 men and 342 guns in Siberia by the end of September.

The total number of allies in the province of Pei Chi Li is 38,000 with 114 guns. The total by August 30th is expected to be 78,000 with 280 guns.

Appeal to the United States.

Washington, Aug. 11.—The viceroy of China, including Li Hung Chang, has addressed a request to the United States government to use its good offices with the powers to stop the landing of foreign troops at Shanghai. The state department received the communication

and does not fix the time when it left Peking by courier.

The Fight at Yang Tsun.

Washington, Aug. 11.—The following cablegram has been received at the navy department from Admiral Remey: "Chee Foo, Aug. 10.—Taku, Aug. 7.—Chaffee telegrams from the front on the 6th: 'Yang Tsun' occupied. Casualties about sixty. My command, two marines wounded. Many protected by heat and fatigue. Next move yet unknown.' "The general commanding the English at the front telegraphs: 'Marched from Pei Tsang nine miles towards Yang Tsun when we formed for attack, with Americans on the right and Russians on the left. After a rapid advance of three miles, under hot fire, our troops carried the first line of defence. Casualties: wounded, or dead from sunstroke, (Signed) Remey.' "

London, Aug. 11.—The average comment of the morning papers in China is now genuinely suing for peace through Li Hung Chang.

Dispatches printed this morning give further details of the taking of Yang Tsun. According to the Daily Mail's correspondent, the attack was led by the British and United States troops. The Chinese position consisted of seven lines of entrenchments. The enemy fell back from one to another until, driven from the last line, they fled toward Peking, completely demoralized. The Chinese say they retreated because the British "poured poison into their troops. This refers to the lyddite shells, which the Chinese then experienced for the first time.

The correspondent adds that the British casualties were 200 and the American 250, but this latter estimate, it will be noticed, is four times greater than that of Gen. Chaffee's report.

A St. Petersburg special says the Chinese minister there, Yang Lu, has received a telegram announcing that Li Hung Chang is dangerously ill and confined to his bed, and that he has been granted a month's leave.

Another St. Petersburg dispatch asserts that the Russian general staff have been notified that the Chinese, 12,000 strong, are moving from Hui Nan and Hui Hei to Peking and Tien Tsin.

The Shanghai correspondent of the Daily News, writing Thursday, announces that the Chinese merchants are petitioning the authorities not to land troops.

To March on Peking.

Washington, Aug. 10.—In the light of latest dispatches from Minister Conger received by the state department through Minister Wu today, the attitude of the administration is that there is only the thing to be done in the present circumstances—to press the relief of the besieged garrison at Peking. This was made known after extended communications between Washington and the President at Canton.

The Congress today was accepted as showing conclusive justification for the imperative demand of the United States to the Chinese government on Wednesday night, insisting that the imperial troops co-operate with the international forces in the rescue of the ministers, and until this condition, as well as that for the cessation of the bombardment, is fully complied with, there is no other course open but to press steadily onward in the mission of relief.

The discussion with the President led to the determination to reply to the Conger message at once, and accordingly Secretary Root and Assistant Secretary Adee conferred on the contents of reply. The text was ready by 3 o'clock, and it was forwarded late in the day. It was announced officially and positively that the message would not be made public. It was made plain, however, that the message was sufficiently guarded as not to increase the jeopardy of the United States minister in case the Chinese have access to the cipher. As to the terms of the message, they are believed to make plain that the government will not advise, much less direct, that Mr. Conger leave Peking under Chinese escort, when the minister had advised Washington that this would mean certain death. Moreover, the reply doubtless lets the minister know that there is an "unaccountable error in the statement of the Chinese government as conveyed to him through the Tsung Li Lamen, that the foreign government had charged repeatedly that the minister be sent out of Peking under suitable escort.

The government has assurances from the other powers that they have not advised their representatives to accept Chinese escort from Peking.

It was officially stated at the close of the day that no further representations have been made to the Chinese government since the Adee note of the 8th, and that none will be made until the Chinese government gives some indication of the attitude it will assume in complying with or denying the demands of the United States.

While the state department is continuing to dispatch messages to Minister Conger upon the assurance of the Chinese government that communication is uninterrupted, it is doing so with comparative small hope of their delivery. This assertion was borne out tonight when Secretary Root said that there was no convincing evidence that any of the dispatches had really reached Minister Conger. This indicates that the minister had not given a direct and satisfactory answer to any of the queries that have been addressed to him by the department of state.

Canadian Missionaries.

Toronto, Aug. 10.—The Methodist mission board has received a cable from Hankow, dated August 10th, to the effect that all Canadian missionaries had arrived there all well. The cable is signed by Dr. Hart, who is superintendent of Methodist missions there.

Notes From Ottawa

Quartz and Placer Mining Regulations Amended—Renewal of Certificates.

Hon. Clifford Sifton Disposes of Yukon Appeals—Question of Royalty.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, Aug. 11.—The following judgments have been given by Hon. Clifford Sifton in appeals from the gold commissioner of the Yukon:

Peter Werhus and Michael Bede vs. J. Vincent. This was V. 1 and 2 R. L. 79 B. Bonanza; L. 1 and 2 R. L. 77 B. Bonanza. Mr. Chas. Murphy appeared for the appellants and Messrs. Belcourt and Ritchie for respondents. The appeal was allowed. The appellants were confirmed in the ownership of the claim, appellants to pay the respondent the value of the work done upon the claim by the respondent and those through whom he claims, value of the work to be assessed under the direction of the gold commissioner. Wellman, appellants, vs. Gains, respondent. F. H. Chrysler, Q. C., appeared for the appellant and H. B. McGivern for the respondent. The appeal was dismissed. Leonard, appellants, vs. Davis, respondent. Messrs. Lewis and Smellie appeared for the appellant and Messrs. Belcourt and Ritchie for respondent. The appeal was dismissed.

George Isidore Barthe, French translator, who at one time represented Richelieu in the Dominion House, died here today. Prostration from heat caused his death. He was 64 years of age.

F. St. Denis, 78 years of age, a line-man who worked for the Great North-western Telegraph Co. for 50 years, was climbing a pole to-day when something gave way and he fell to the ground. He died shortly afterwards.

Dr. Borden has received a letter from Capt. Ponsbury, A. D. C. to Her Majesty the Queen, expressing Her Majesty's regret that he was unable to accompany a soldier as Lieut. Borden should have met death. He also requests that a photograph of Lieut. Borden be sent.

Quartz and placer mining regulations in Manitoba, the Northwest and the Yukon have been amended as follows: "Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the regulations, a free miner may be new his certificate within ninety days, from the date of its expiration and such renewal shall be in force for one year from the date the certificate expired, and the holder of such renewal shall be entitled to all rights of a free miner.

In regard to certain disputed applications for the size of claims on Dominion creek, which arose at the time of the closing of the creek, an order-in-council has been provided that such applications who protest to the satisfaction of the department of the interior that he staked the claim applied for prior to the 15th of November, 1897, be permitted to receive an entry for 250 feet frontage thereof in accordance with the provisions of the regulations in that behalf.

The report sent here from Vancouver that the royalty has been abandoned in the Yukon is not correct. A proposition is before the government to adopt expert duty in place of royalty, but no action has yet been taken.

FIGHTING IN ASHANTI

Force Under Col. Burroughs Defeats the Natives, Inflicting Severe Losses.

(Associated Press.)

Bakwai, Aug. 11.—A column of 700 men, under Col. Burroughs, has returned from Kumassi, having reinforced and re-rationed the fort for two months. The force attacked and destroyed three old stockades after a desperate bayonet charge, in which four officers and 24 native soldiers were wounded and three killed. On the night of August 7th, Col. Burroughs attacked an Ashanti war camp near Kumassi, surprising and routing the enemy. Great numbers were slain without a gun being fired. A lieutenant was killed and two men wounded.

Other flying columns are going out and it is believed that the punishment-inflicted will not soon be forgotten, though several defeats are still needed to clear the country south of the rebels.

FAIR'S MILLIONS.

Judge Trout Hold that Mrs. Craven is Not Entitled to Any of Late Senator's Money.

(Associated Press.)

San Francisco, Aug. 11.—Mrs. Nettie O. Craven has suffered defeat in her battle for the millions of the late Senator James F. Fair. A decision rendered by Judge Trout holds that she is not the widow of Fair, and is not entitled to any allowance from his estate. Judge Trout declared the plaintiff dead and the alleged will, conveying to Mrs. Craven much of the late senator's estate, to be forged.

William Young, baggage man on the T. H. & B. railway, was overcome by heat on Thursday, dying in an hour.

TRAIN ROBBERY.

Express Messenger Murdered and the Safe Riddled.

(Associated Press.)

Columbus, Ohio, Aug. 11.—The passenger train on the Pennsylvania line, known as Pan Handle No. 9, due from the west at midnight, was robbed at some point between here and Cincinnati last night and Messenger Charles Lane, of this city, killed. The robbery was not discovered until the train pulled into the station and the messenger was found dead with his revolver, several chambers of which had been emptied, lying by his side. The contents of the safe had been stolen, the key having been taken from the messenger after the murder and left in the lock. The utmost mystery veils the affair. Lane was about 25 years of age. The officials of the express company give no statement as to the probable amount of money secured by the robbers, but it is reported to be a considerable amount. The indications pointed to a desperate and bloody fight.

Amespoort Occupied

By General Buller, Who is Now Marching North to Ermelo.

Member of Volksraad Surrenders to Hunter-Roberts Tells of Plot.

(Associated Press.)

London, Aug. 11.—The war office today received the following message from Lord Roberts:

"Pretoria, Aug. 10.—Johannesburg reports that a patrol from the water works was attacked on August 7th.

"Buller occupied Amespoort on the evening of August 7th. The enemy retired before his force about six miles before Amespoort was reached. The casualties were 20 men wounded. Buller was on the north bank of the Ritzspruit on August 9th, on his way to Ermelo.

"Runde arrested at Harrismith Commander Marais, three field cornets and thirty armed burghers and a British subject of Natal named Maris, a Boer spy, Erasmus and a former member of the Free State intelligence bureau.

"Hunter reports that 150 burghers, with upwards of a million rounds of ammunition, surrendered on August 8th, and on August 9th, Cloet, a member of the Volksraad, was a prisoner with Hunter.

"Kitchener engaged Dewet's rear guard yesterday near Lindeque, within hearing of Methuen's guns, six miles northwest."

The Boer Plot.

London, Aug. 11.—Lord Roberts wires to the war office from Pretoria under yesterday's date: "A plot to carry me off has been discovered. It was clumsily conceived. The ringleaders and all concerned are now under arrest."

London, Aug. 11.—The Lorenzo Marquez correspondent of the Daily Express telegraphs that President Kruger, in the course of an interview last Wednesday, said that the report that he intended to surrender was without foundation. He declared that the war would last a long time yet.

"A Boer bulletin," continues the correspondent, "announces a big battle between Lydenburg and Middleburg, in which the British had 500 killed and wounded. It also announces the capture by the burghers of Heilbron, Devillersdorf and Frankfort."

Boer reports via Lorenzo Marquez lately have proved worthy of little credence.

The Pretoria plot is the theme of many editorials this morning. All the papers deny the idea of treating the Boers too leniently. "Examples, and stern examples," says the Daily Mail, "are necessary. Although we may not agree with Sheridan's fierce maxim, 'Nothing should be left an enemy but eyes to weep with,' yet this was the conclusion of a not inhuman officer, who thoroughly understood war."

It is rumored in Lorenzo Marquez, according to a dispatch to the Daily Telegraph dated yesterday, that Mr. Steyn has committed suicide.

Boer Rumors.

Pretoria, Aug. 10.—It is said that Lord Methuen has arrested Gen. Dewet's march.

All the Boers in the field credit a rumor circulated by their leaders, that Lord Roberts is dying. Roberts, however, is now in excellent health, is displaying a wonderful energy and rides long distances daily.

DOMINION FINANCES.

Ottawa, Aug. 10.—The statement of revenue of the Dominion of Canada for the month of July, the first month of the present fiscal year, issued by the department to-day, shows the revenue to be \$3,840,220, an increase of \$78,000 over July of last year. The expenditures were \$2,618,453, an increase of \$284,647 over the same time last year, there being a betterment in the finances for the month of \$304,051, as compared with July of 1899. There was an increase in the revenue for the past month from all sources. The capital expenditures were \$150,000, as against \$174,000 for July 1899.

Quiet Week In London

Forthcoming Elections and the Shooting Season Chief Topics of Interest.

The Late Baron Russell's Generosity Nearly Proved His Financial Ruin.

(Associated Press.)

London, Aug. 11.—While people in the United States and Canada are enduring a severe heat wave, the weather in this country has been extraordinarily cold, the thermometer registering 60 degrees and lower. The cold, prolonged rains and gales, have spoiled country life and sport.

London is empty of the leisure class and with few exceptions the ministers, diplomats and financiers have gone to the countryside with the several thousand idlers preparatory to the beginning of the shooting season next week.

The side of covets and the probability of a general election taking place in October are paramount subjects for discussion among the directors of public opinion. The Conservative offices and the Liberal headquarters are deep in campaign business. Immense quantities of literature are being sent out to the constituencies. Within 35 days after the dissolution of parliament, will be announced, the newly elected parliament will meet.

Baron Russell of Killowen, whose death as the result of an operation occurred yesterday morning, was one of the most engaging and lovable personalities in English public life. His generosity to his friends, indeed to anybody he knew to be in difficulties, used up, while he was a practicing barrister, £20,000 a year, and involved him in debt that threatened to destroy his peace of mind and injure his professional future. "What you want to do," said one of his friends, "is to syndicate yourself and let a managing director direct your practice and finance your immense money-making possibilities." This was actually done. A committee of friends paid off all his debts, received all his income, gave him a large allowance and brought the system into his own hands until his only was free from debts but investments resulted in substantial results.

A display advertisement is running in the daily papers signed by Lords Portsmouth, Kinnaird, Wimborne and Grimthorpe, appealing to the public for £20,000 to pay the expenses of organizing the "electorate" so as to influence the general election and to prevent the Episcopal Church reverting to the principles and practices of the Church of Rome. Mass and confession," says the advertisement, "are openly advocated and forced on Protestant children in churches under shelter of the Episcopal veto. Seven parliamentary agents are at work and canvassing is going on in nearly every constituency in England. Already £10,000 has been subscribed.

Sir Chin Chen Lo, the Chinese minister to England, was the solitary member of the diplomatic corps who did not hold a lighted candle at the requiem mass for King Humbert in the Italian church on Thursday. Lord Salisbury seemed at home with his torch. The Duke of Devonshire looked thoroughly uncomfortable, perhaps having in mind the severe views of Lord Portsmouth and Wimborne. His Highness blew out his candle too soon and then looked sorry. It was noticed that the Chinese minister shook hands with all the diplomats except the Japanese minister.

"The American colony" as the fleet of white yachts firing the Stars and Stripes at Cowes is called, alone saved the historic yachting week from being a dismal failure. The Prince of Wales himself did all possible during the last two days to enliven the situation, but a Prince in mourning just home from the funeral of his brother is not the liveliest merry-maker and Cowes hopes to wait many years before it sees a duller season.

CANADIAN BRIEFS.

(Associated Press.)

Toronto, Aug. 11.—Morris Goldstein, manager of a second-hand store at Queen street, west, died suddenly yesterday. A doctor was called in. His suspicions were aroused and an investigation found carbolic acid in the dead man's stomach. An inquest is to be held this afternoon.

Montreal, Aug. 11.—The steamship Lake Megantic brought 163 immigrants here to-day, 36 of whom were for the United States. They were not allowed to land at Quebec. Among the Lake Megantic's cabin passengers was Dr. Attes, the celebrated Greek explorer, with his bride, who has already made a tour of the globe on foot. Dr. Attes is now on another of his famous excursions, which is to be made in a motor car, starting from this city.

Montreal, Aug. 11.—Wm. E. Sharpley, head of the well known jewellers firm of Messrs. Rice, Sharpley & Sons, is dead.

In view of the continuous rains that threaten to do damage to the crops, Archbishop Bruchesi has authorized the priests of his diocese to make processions and public prayers for more favorable weather.

Halifax, Aug. 11.—Mrs. Richard Slatery fell from a four-story window this morning and was instantly killed. Her husband died in the hospital at Sydney, C. B., a short time ago. She leaves five children.

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