

A GRAVE SITUATION.

THE BOERS DO NOT ACCEPT MR. CHAMBERLAIN'S TERMS.

They Adhere to the Seven Year Franchise Law.—They Will Maintain Their Ground on Other Matters.—The Orange Free State Encourages the Boers.

LONDON, Sept. 16.—A special despatch from Pretoria says: "The Transvaal reply will be on the following lines: "The Transvaal adheres to the seven years franchise law, but is willing to consider, and if necessary, to adopt any suggestion Great Britain may make with regard to the working of the law.

"In regard to the other points of Mr. Chamberlain's despatch, the Transvaal holds the same position as before. It is said that the reply is couched in very polite terms.

"The Secretary of State, in the course of an interview today, expressed some doubt as to whether any alteration would be made in the existing franchise law, but said he believed a way should be found to establish an arbitration court. As to a satisfactory, the least said is soonest mended, remarked the state secretary.

"The Pretoria correspondent of the Daily Chronicle says: "The Boers assert that Mr. Chamberlain's despatch is their intention to adopt the attitude they have regarding equality, and that he tacitly encouraged them as the documents show. His 48 hour demand, and the string of blue book tenders for which he and Sir Alfred Milner are responsible have produced an official atmosphere in which anything is possible. At the same time Mr. Meyer and practically every member of the Cape Alexander party have wired urging acceptance of the British demand.

"The Pretoria correspondent of the Manchester Guardian says: "The situation has become extremely grave. The material changes in the draft of the reply to Mr. Chamberlain today are due to representations from the Transvaal and the disposition of the volunteers.

"The Transvaal feels at liberty to depart from the joint inquiry, which has been accepted in the bona fide belief that it would lead to a final settlement."

LONDON, Sept. 15.—A blue book containing the last Transvaal despatch of the secretary of state for the colonies, Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, relating to the matter which led up to his being asked to resign, was issued today. The text of Mr. Chamberlain's note is identical with the despatch which he sent to the Associated Press on September 15. The only important feature revealed is a telegram from the British high commissioner, Sir Alfred Milner, dated August 31, referring to the commercial clause and saying, "I am receiving representations from many quarters to urge the imperial government to terminate the suspension of the South Africa is prepared for extreme measures and is ready to offer much more in order to see the vindication of British authority in the province of the negotiations, unless an indefinite state of affairs is reached. I fear that there will be a strong reaction of feeling against the policy of the imperial government if matters drag. Please understand that I invariably preach confidence and patience and not without effect. But I did not inform you of the increasing difficulty of doing this, and of the unmitigated situation and of the desire to see it terminated at any cost I should be failing in my duty."

Other lengthy dispatches from the British high commissioner are published, but they only reiterate the Outlander's claims regarding the franchise and the commissioner's ideas regarding the positions already made.

"The blue book throws no new light on the situation as it is today except to show that the commissioner's patience has reached the ebbing point. A published interview with President Kruger, said to have taken place at Pretoria yesterday is far more important. He is quoted as saying:—

"I have tried all along to place the Boers in the Transvaal on the same footing politically as the Burghers. Mr. Chamberlain says he has not kept my promises. "I have," says the President, "I deny."

Continuing, the president of the South Africa republic is said to have added: "The Boers of the Transvaal are given the same commercial rights as the Burghers and have always enjoyed them without interference. I want to let them have the same political rights but they will not avail themselves of them. Boers by there are more than fifty thousand men who have been here more than seven years and have registered, now being eligible to the franchise. Yet of the British subjects who have availed themselves of it the chief part have been Afrikaners and not English born. This shows that the British in the Transvaal do not want the franchise."

"In my opinion there is no cause whatever for war. Everything could be settled by arbitration."

PRETORIA, Sept. 15.—At the close of the discussion today both sides met in secret session to discuss the final draft of the Transvaal reply, which will be handed to Mr. Chamberlain in the morning. It is understood the reply is courteous, urges the acceptance of the joint conference and maintains the convention of 1884.

PRETORIA, Sept. 17.—The reply of the government of the Orange Free State to the latest despatch, dated September 12, of the British secretary of state for the colonies, Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, after acknowledging the receipt of the British note, proceeds in part as follows:—

"The government deeply regrets the withdrawal, as the government understands it, of the invitation contained in the British despatch of August 23 and the substitution in place thereof of an entirely new proposal.

"The proposals, now fallen through,

of Aug. 19 and 21, were elicited from his government by suggestions made by the British diplomatic agent at Pretoria (the British diplomat agent at Pretoria, the Hon. Mr. Chamberlain) to the Transvaal State Secretary (Mr. F. W. Bell) suggestions which this government acted upon in good faith and also specially ascertaining whether they would be likely to prove acceptable to the British government. This government had by no means an intention to raise any needless question of its political status, but acted with the sole object of endeavoring by the aid of the local British agent to put an end to the strained condition of affairs.

"This was done in the shape of a proposal which this government deems, both as regards its spirit and form, to be so worded as, relying upon instructions to this government, would satisfy her as a difficultly as to the acceptance of those proposals by the people and legislature of the Transvaal, also contemplated possible dangers connected therewith, but risked making them on account of a sincere desire to secure peace and stability for the Transvaal, and a quarter representation of the new population before the volkraad for unconditional acceptance. As to the language which the government never made any offer such as is referred to, considering, as it did, such a measure both unnecessary and inadvisable.

"The proposed conference, as distinct from the joint commission of inquiry, this government is likewise not willing to enter upon, but the difficulty is that an acceptance thereof is made dependent upon the acceptance, on the part of the Transvaal, of precedent conditions which this government does not feel at liberty to submit to the volkraad, and, moreover, which were discussed at the conference remained undefined.

"The government ardently desires and is ready to accept arbitration, as its firm intention is to adhere to the terms of the London convention of 1884.

"The despatch is couched in terms that the British government, on reconsideration, may not deem it fit to make more onerous or new proposals but will adhere to the terms of the London convention of 1884, as previously explained by the secretary of state for the colonies to the imperial parliament."

Polar Explorer Operated On.

LONDON, Sept. 13.—Mr. Walter Wellman, the leader of the W. L. Manby expedition, who arrived here August 28 after successful explorations in Franz Josef Land, has undergone a most successful operation for straightening his right leg which was so seriously injured by falling into a narrow crevice while exploring his party. It resulted in the successful loosening of the sinews. Another operation is necessary but the surgeon says the expected recovery of the leg and that Mr. Wellman will be able to return to America in three weeks. The explorer will depart for England from Fort Constant last spring by Lieut. Peary. These will be forwarded to New York on Saturday, by the steamer Biltmore.

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STORIES OF CRUELTY.

DEWITT'S AWFUL TREATMENT OF HELPLESS CHILDREN.

Mrs. Dewitt's Son Says His Step-Father Once Laid Him Up For Two Weeks—Had Seen Him Beat the Child Which is Now Dead and Afterwards Choke Her.

FARMINGTON, Sept. 15.—The preliminary examination of Charles Dewitt was continued today. J. H. Barry appeared in the interests of the crown. Thomas Wright, Mr. Dewitt's youngest son, was called. He said his step-father often beat him with a stick. He said the prisoner once struck him on the arm with a hoe for weeding potatoes. He could not see his step-father for nearly two weeks. The witness said he left home because his step-father treated him so badly. He often saw the prisoner beat his dead sister, Clara. About two weeks ago he beat her with a stick and then took her by the throat and choked her, which, it is black and blue marks on her neck.

Wills Wright sworn, said the prisoner had been seen with a stick and also his hand. On one occasion he took him by the throat and choked him against the door. The witness said he saw Dewitt beat his deceased sister Clara with a stick. He struck her on the head and back and witness said his mother told him that her husband had choked her, from which she died.

Before adjournment the prisoner asked that his wife be recalled but the magistrate refused on the ground that he would have a chance when the case came up for trial. Hearing then adjourned until tomorrow morning. Mr. Dewitt will probably be indicted for manslaughter and tried before Judge Wilson in the county court in October.

DOMESTICITY IDEA BEING OVERWORKED.

Girls Too Often Dependent of Healthful Excitement of Open-Air Activity.

The domesticity idea for women has been very considerably overworked in many directions, and it is to be hoped that it will not continue to be a dead weight upon the energy and strength of the sex now that more and more circumstances demand that women should be the rather sensationally put warning of a prominent physician against close application of girl students to their studies.

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AGREEMENT REACHED.

HON. MR. BLAIR AND PRESIDENT SHAUGHNESSY COME TO TERMS.

During the Coming Season the Winter Port Business at St. John Will Be Continued as Heretofore by the Canadian Pacific Railway.

MONTREAL, Que., Sept. 15.—The minister of railways and the president of the C. P. R. gave out to the press this morning the following statement with reference to the situation between the Intercolonial and the Canadian Pacific.

Mr. Shaughnessy met Mr. Blair yesterday at the Windsor hotel, and again this morning, when a very full discussion took place respecting the questions in difference between the two roads. As a result, during the coming season the winter business at the port of St. John will be continued by the C. P. R. as heretofore. The settlement practically covers all matters in dispute between the parties and has been arrived at without the abandonment of any grounds taken strongly by either party during the negotiations. Mutual concessions have been made, each being referred to in a separate statement. The public will not be concerned as to the precise nature of the settlement, although many important matters in dispute were disposed of, except in so far as may relate to the principal grounds of agreement. These are as follows: Freight and passenger arrangements existing at this date are not to be disturbed during the next winter. The C. P. R. will not be permitted to solicit traffic in Intercolonial territory to be routed for delivery at points of connection with the C. P. R., these points being limited to St. Roseville or Jacques Cartier Junction.

The whole subject is to be further discussed by the parties with a view to some permanent arrangement before next session.

Storm in Bermuda.

HAMILTON, Bermuda, Sept. 13.—The weather at 4 p. m. today was mild and the storm had disappeared.

Information for the dockyard says the damage done there is very serious. On Ireland and Bon Islands everything was more or less injured. The damage is roughly estimated at £100,000.

At Somerset all the boats and small craft were destroyed. The trees demolished were estimated at £100,000.

At Prospect Camp the damage is estimated at £200,000. The main building connecting the mainland with St. George's is destroyed. It will cost £12,000 to rebuild. News from St. George's says serious damage was done there to trees, houses, and other property.

Reports from outlying parishes show there was great destruction of trees and property. So far as can be learned there was no loss of life.

The storm occurred Sept. 11 and 12, and this was on Sept. 11 and 12.

No Canadian Boycott.

OTTAWA, Sept. 13.—No matter what may be the result of the charges maintained by some over the Dreyfus case, there is not likely to be a boycott of the Paris exposition. In Canada, as in other countries there has been the suggestion of some such a course of action, and it was even hinted in press despatches that the Canadian commissioners had been called together this afternoon to discuss this very matter.

"It is absurd to think of such a thing," remarked the secretary today, when the matter was brought to his attention. "The meeting this afternoon, is for general business and to consider applications for space." He said that so far the Canadian commissioners had not heard of any one who had intended to exhibit and was not now going to do so because of the Dreyfus affair.

The Temps on Foreigners.

PARIS, Sept. 13.—Allying to the foreign comments on the verdict of the Rennes court-martial, the Temps says:—

"The inveterate enemies of France who are exploiting the Dreyfus affair as they do all incidents of our national life, would have made as much capital out of acquittal as of condemnation. Their hate would not change, but they will not always have so many listeners, for simply believe her dishonored."

They will soon return to a more just appreciation of things; and they will find that we are not deceived by fire from heaven and that we do not do wrong anyone, even among ourselves. Let us work in peace and the sympathies of foreigners will be restored with interest."

Candidates For Parliament.

TRUROVILLE, Sept. 12.—The Liberal convention of West Ontario met here today to select a candidate to represent the riding in place of the deceased Speaker Edgar of the dominion house. The number of aspirants in the northern narrowed down to Messrs. Goss, of New Market, and Gold, of Uxbridge. Isaac J. Gold, of Uxbridge, was finally declared the unanimous choice of the convention.

BEAVERTON, Sept. 13.—The Conservative convention of North Ontario in session here today nominated Angus McLeod their candidate for the coming election to the dominion house.

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FISH POACHERS.

Seizing Sardines by Torchlight in the St. Croix River—Boats and Seins Captured.

St. EPHREM, Sept. 15.—Fish Warden French, of Calais, having received word that a large number of fishermen were in the habit of seizing sardines at night with torches, hired a small steamer on Wednesday night and with a number of assistants proceeded to the fishing ground at Mill Cove, above E. Port, where he discovered a large fleet.

He captured two large and four small boats and arrested their crews, bringing all to Calais. The crew were given a hearing before Trial Justice McGarrick, and after hearing the evidence of the officers all the defendants but one were released and furnished bail for their appearance at the October term of the Supreme court. The man who stood trial was discharged for want of evidence. Warden French retains the boats, seines and nets. The owner of one boat is unknown but supposed to belong to the Canadian side. All the others belong to Robinson. One small boat with three fishermen aboard was run into by the steamer and filled with water, the three men being taken aboard the steamer.

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