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FIGHTING TOMORROW.

LONDON LOOKS FOR WAR TO BEGIN ON WEDNESDAY.

The Transvaal Government is Now Maintaining a Censorship Which Amounts to a Suppression of All Information—Troops Massing in Natal.

LONDON, Oct. 3.—A special despatch from Pretoria says that General Jan Kock will command the Boer forces on the Natal border, Commandant Onje on the southwestern, and General Schalk Burger on the eastern frontier.

A complete plan of campaign has been arranged with the Orange Free State.

A rigorous censorship is maintained over all press telegrams.

President Kruger addressed the troops which started for the Natal border on Saturday, appealing to their patriotism and wishing them God speed.

Fighting is expected by Wednesday. The rumor that fighting has already commenced seems to have originated at the Woolwich arsenal.

Matters are at a standstill and practically no despatches from South Africa have been received this morning.

The Daily Chronicle says it has reason to believe that the formation of a naval brigade is contemplated.

It is understood that the Colonial office received an important despatch from Sir Alfred Milner, British high commissioner for South Africa, yesterday, the contents of which, however, have not been made public.

A rumor which, however, lacked confirmation, was current at the clubs last night that the Duke of Connaught would accompany Gen. Sir Redvers Buller to Africa as imperial commissioner to confer with President Kruger and President Steyn.

LONDON, Oct. 3.—The Lisbon correspondent of the Standard says he is able to deny the rumor that negotiations are in progress respecting Delagoa Bay.

LONDON, Oct. 2.—Had the Boers not determined to fight it out, or if they were not prepared for hostilities, they would, it is thought, have sent some temporary reply to Great Britain's despatch.

All the hanging back seems to be on Great Britain's side, where, in spite of the newspaper and war office talk of the mobilization of an army corps, the work is apparently proceeding in a curiously leisurely manner.

The departure of Gen. Sir Redvers Buller, the commander of the British forces in South Africa, has been postponed from week to week, and when the members of the cabinet talk in public their assurance of Great Britain's good will towards the Transvaal are regarded as almost smacking in pathetic appeals for peace.

The duke of Devonshire, lord president of the council, in a reply to a toast to his health at a public luncheon of the Manchester technical school Saturday afternoon was careful, in referring to the Transvaal situation, to announce that the cabinet's new proposals were moderate and the withdrawal for the sake of peace.

What is Scott's Emulsion? It is the best cod-liver oil, partly digested, and combined with the hypophosphites and glycerine. What will it do? It will make the poor blood of the anemic rich and red.

It will give nervous energy to the overworked brain and nerves. It will add flesh to the thin form of a child, wasted from starvation. It is everywhere acknowledged as The Standard of the World.

HONORING MR. BLAIR.

THE MONCTON CITIZENS GIVE HIM A VERY WARM WELCOME.

A Splendid Banquet Tendered Him Monday Night—Distinguished Guests to Meet Him—His Policy Endorsed by Westmorland Men—An Able Speech in Reply.

MONCTON, Oct. 2.—The complimentary banquet given by the Moncton city council to Hon. A. G. Blair, minister of railways, in the Victoria rink tonight, was a magnificent and brilliant affair.

The spacious building where the spread was held was gaily decorated with bunting and beautifully illuminated with colored electric lights.

Accommodated for over two hundred guests was provided at the banquet tables and there was no room to spare.

F. Gallagher, proprietor of the rink had charge of the catering and did himself credit in the undertaking.

Mayor H. H. Ayer presided, having on his right Hon. Blair, the guest of honor, and Hon. W. B. Fielding, minister of finance, on his left.

Other distinguished guests occupying seats at the table of honor were Premier Emerson, Premier Farquharson, of P. E. Island; Colonel Tucker, M. P.; George Robertson, M. P.; St. John; Dr. Lewis, M. P.; L. P. F. Jones, M. P.; P. P. Charlotetown; Senator McSwenney; Jas. Barnes, M. P.; Buchanan; C. W. Robinson, M. P.; J. G. Lamb, M. P.; F. & M. Co.; C. J. Osmann, M. P.; Hillsboro; D. Postinger, manager Intercolonial; A. E. Wall, secretary banquet committee.

Among the guests present from outside of city were Councillor Hickman, W. H. Chapman, J. F. Friel, Dorothea; A. H. Copp, barrister; Sackville; G. O. Copp, S. Copp, Conn. McQueen, Westmorland; N. A. Rhodes, Amherst; Dr. Smith, Conn. Roberts, Sackville; R. A. Irving, barrister, the Rev. A. J. G. Ham, H. H. Foley, Sackville; J. N. Smith, Conn. Ryan, Coverdale; A. Co.; W. F. Taylor, Conn. J. Steeves, Hillsboro; Judge Emerson, Sackville; Conn. McKee, Sackville; H. O. Read, Sackville.

Among the decorations was the word "Blair" in lights, the guest of honor, the head of the minister of railways, while on the opposite side of the rink were the banners "Moncton welcomes Blair" and "Railways and Blair" on which was the Minister of Finance.

When justice had been done the sabbath school and various societies of the rink were thrown open and the public were admitted. A large crowd soon assembled and extended a warm reception to the speaker and the various speakers of the evening.

The toast included the queen, the governor general of the Dominion, the Hon. A. G. Blair, the parliament of Canada, the legislature of the maritime provinces, trade and commerce.

Previous to the toast of the evening Mayor Ayer presented Hon. Mr. Blair with a lengthy address in which he lauded the occasion and hoped that the management of the I. C. R. E. the increase in business, the improvement in the railway, the construction of building engines and cars at the Moncton works. The address endorsed the policy of the extension of the Intercolonial to Montreal and the aggressive and business-like methods applied to the operation of the road.

Mr. Blair replied in nearly an hour on a half speech, dealing exhaustively with the matters mentioned in the civic address. His speech was devoted principally to the Intercolonial, its management since he assumed control of the department of railways, the extension of the road to Montreal. He promised that it would be operated vigorously as a government railway, and he appealed to the opposition to the extension of the I. C. R. E. in parliament, pointing out the arguments which should be brought against the government in connection with this enterprise and showing conclusively the wisdom of the step taken in the civic address.

The result of the extension policy was increased traffic, increased revenue and instead of the usual deficit last year the road had a surplus of sixty odd thousand dollars. He claimed that the beneficial results of extension and improvement were only beginning to be felt. Traffic on Intercolonial would expand and the increased business would not only benefit its employees but the maritime provinces. Moncton particularly would feel to a greater extent this era of prosperity upon which we were entering. The importance of maintaining an up-to-date trans-continental highway to carry traffic from the west was placed clearly before the large audience who applauded Mr. Blair enthusiastically.

The civic address indulged in the hope that the work of building locomotives and cars in the Moncton works already hinted at would be continued on a larger scale. In reply to Mr. Blair referred to the difficulty of the government building locomotives in their shops here because of the objection of employees to the piecework system by which locomotives were built in shops elsewhere. The matter of building locomotives and cars here, he said, rested with the employees themselves. Their association with other organizations which favored the piecework, was a barrier to the construction of rolling stock, and he hoped the men would consider the point wisely.

Mr. Blair, however, predicted much benefit to Moncton in work of trade and traffic on the Intercolonial as a result of the vigorous policy entered upon. He concluded as he spoke by thanking, very sincerely, the complimentary function tendered him, and assured the

citizens that he would look after the Intercolonial Railway in any contest for traffic.

Hon. Mr. Fielding made a rousing speech in reply to the Parliament of Canada, and received a reception only equalled by that given to the minister of railways. He referred more particularly to the work of parliament and paid a deserved eulogy to Mr. Blair in connection with his management of the I. C. R. E.

Col. Tucker, Dr. Lewis, H. J. Logan and Senator McSwenney also replied to this toast.

The legislatures of the maritime provinces were replied to by Hon. M. Emerson and Premier Farquharson of Charlottetown, Mr. Emerson making one of his usual rousing speeches in which he paid a high compliment to the minister of railways.

The name of George Robertson, M. P., of St. John, was associated with the toast to Trade and Commerce, and that gentleman made an address appropriate to the point.

The speech making lasted until 11.30, a large part of the audience remaining to the end.

SECRET OF THE WAR TALK.

CONSPIRACY TO ESTABLISH A DUTCH FEDERATION.

From the Zambesi to the Cape—The English Would Then Have Neither Franchise Nor Any Other Rights—The Negotiations Seem to Be at an End.

LONDON, Oct. 1.—Were peace or war dependent merely upon matters of expediency or the franchise there might be some hope that hostilities might be averted at the last moment. But, apparently, there is in what the peace party papers have often hinted at, that is to say, that the underlying motive actuating the British government throughout the negotiations has been the suppression of what they have reason to believe was a far-reaching conspiracy for the establishment of a Dutch federation from the Zambesi to the Cape.

The authority for this statement is Mr. Chamberlain himself. In conversation the secretary of state for the colonies said that one great factor of the situation which could not be brought before the public, for fear that the government's objects might be misinterpreted, was the cabinet's well defined understanding that, for months, a carefully formed plot had been in progress to form a Dutch federation from the Zambesi to the Cape of the Orange Free State and to that of the Afrikaner republics of the Cape legislature, which somewhat confirms Mr. Chamberlain's view, for it is impossible to believe that such important steps would result from mere spontaneity of sentiment on a current dispute. It has long been suspected that the cabinet were prompted by more vital questions than the Outlander rights, and if Mr. Chamberlain is quoted correctly, it would appear that Great Britain will not stop until the resumption of the absolute safety of her supremacy in South Africa.

Negotiations at an impasse. War now seems certain. The extraordinary delay of the Boers in taking a hostile initiative is still a peculiar circumstance. But it is of doubtful significance when compared with the genuine and far-reaching preparations they are making for hostilities. The attitude of the British government is always insisting upon sovereign power, has practically undergone no change throughout the entire negotiations. Every step taken upon the improvements, planned by Sir William, to be put upon his property this year, so extensive have they been that it will require many weeks of constant work yet to complete same. The large barn, already fully described in the columns of The Daily Telegraph, has been nearly completed and is now well stored with hay, grain and fodder to feed the stock during the winter. To the north from the big barn has been erected and completed a spacious and slightly elevated, with four large and airy sleeping rooms on the ground floor and a hallway drawing room, pantry, dining room and kitchen on the lower flat. There are also wood sheds and other out-buildings attached to the cottage. This cottage is for the use of Sir William's hostler and family. On the east side of the barn has been erected a large dairy and ice house, constructed of solid grey granite, and roofed with shingles. On the east is a newly erected pumping station, boiler house and hot house, for plants; Sir William has also had a pretty little cottage built and finished near his private stable at Coverdale, his summer mansion, which will in future be occupied by his coachman. A very great deal of work has also been done on the island this year in laying out roads, walks, tennis court, flower beds and lawns and erecting stone walls and fences, so much so that the appearance of things on Minister's Island is becoming more and more that of a country estate. Sir William intended, before another season, to have erected near his summer mansion a large bowling alley and also purchased a new motor car, a large passenger yacht of 65 feet length.

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WESTMORLAND NEWS.

No Municipal Contest—Marriage This Week—Personal Items.

PORT ELGIN, West Co., Oct. 2.—Dr. H. E. Carter and wife left for Montreal. They will be absent about a week and will visit Quebec and other points of interest along the I. C. R. E.

W. W. Wells, M. P., F. P., goes to Moncton tonight to attend the Blair banquet. A large number of the residents of this town attended the exhibition at Halifax last week. Among those attending were: J. G. Lamb and Miss Jeanie Lamb, Mr. and Mrs. Fred. Magee, William McLeod, W. H. Spencer, L. E. Howard, Edgar Rayworth and Charles Fialon, J. C. Milligan, the organizer for the Liberal party, has been working in this section of Westmorland. As a result these parishes are now well organized.

There will be no municipal contest in the parish of Westmorland. The present Council, J. A. McQueen and Dr. Anderson, will be returned by acclamation.

Next Wednesday evening will witness the nuptials of one of our promising young men to a very lady prominent in musical and social circles.

The Botsford and Westmorland Agricultural Society hold their annual exhibition and cattle show here next Saturday.

Mrs. J. H. Copp and her daughter, Miss Fannie Copp, have returned from St. John and Halifax, where they attended the military openings. Their show now presents an attractive appearance and is well patronized by our ladies.

A COMMERCIAL TREATY. Some of the Articles Which Can Now Be Sent to the Barbadoes Free of Duty.

OTTAWA, Oct. 2.—The department of trade and commerce has received preliminary of the new treaty of reciprocity recently adopted between the government of Barbadoes and the United States. The schedule is of interest in that it extends to the United States and Canada to share the advantages in common with Great Britain and all her possessions. The following articles are entitled to entry free of duty: Bran, candles of tallow, cards and vehicles, cloths, corn, brooms, hats, corn, corn sheaves, eggs, hay, horse, lamps, machinery for electric light wire, fencing, etc.

It is as Easy to Love Your neighbor as yourself when your neighbor is a pretty girl. It is just as easy to cure yourself of Catarrh, Bronchitis or Asthma, if you use Catarrh-cure, the new indicated str treatment for all diseases of the nasal and respiratory passages caused by germ life. Catarrh-cure cures by inhalation without danger or risk to the sufferer. It goes wherever air can go and never fails to reach the affected parts. This is why it excels treatments requiring the use of sprays, douches, powders, ointments, etc., which cannot reach the seat of the disease and are therefore useless. For sale at all druggists, or direct by mail, price \$1.00. Send 10c. in stamps to N. C. FOLSON & CO., Manuf'g chemists, Kingston, Ont., for sample outfit.

The Appointment Pleases Mr. Tarte.

MONTREAL, Oct. 2.—Hon. J. I. Tarte, in view of his resignation regarding Mr. Sutherland's admission to the cabinet, says the province of Ontario is fully entitled to six representatives when Quebec has five. The Ontario man was simply chosen to replace a Quebec member so as to give the western province its proper percentage of representation. The appointment of Mr. Sutherland is, Hon. Mr. Tarte says, as satisfactory and gratifying to Quebec as it is to Ontario.

Market for Wheat Screenings.

OTTAWA, Oct. 2.—C. H. Mitchell, the Dominion government agent at Liverpool, writes to the Ontario Minister of Agriculture that there is a market for wheat screenings in Great Britain if they can be purchased in Canada at a low figure.

We must economize our exhausting pleasure, or resign life.

SECRET OF THE WAR TALK.

CONSPIRACY TO ESTABLISH A DUTCH FEDERATION.

From the Zambesi to the Cape—The English Would Then Have Neither Franchise Nor Any Other Rights—The Negotiations Seem to Be at an End.

LONDON, Oct. 1.—Were peace or war dependent merely upon matters of expediency or the franchise there might be some hope that hostilities might be averted at the last moment. But, apparently, there is in what the peace party papers have often hinted at, that is to say, that the underlying motive actuating the British government throughout the negotiations has been the suppression of what they have reason to believe was a far-reaching conspiracy for the establishment of a Dutch federation from the Zambesi to the Cape.

The authority for this statement is Mr. Chamberlain himself. In conversation the secretary of state for the colonies said that one great factor of the situation which could not be brought before the public, for fear that the government's objects might be misinterpreted, was the cabinet's well defined understanding that, for months, a carefully formed plot had been in progress to form a Dutch federation from the Zambesi to the Cape of the Orange Free State and to that of the Afrikaner republics of the Cape legislature, which somewhat confirms Mr. Chamberlain's view, for it is impossible to believe that such important steps would result from mere spontaneity of sentiment on a current dispute. It has long been suspected that the cabinet were prompted by more vital questions than the Outlander rights, and if Mr. Chamberlain is quoted correctly, it would appear that Great Britain will not stop until the resumption of the absolute safety of her supremacy in South Africa.

Negotiations at an impasse. War now seems certain. The extraordinary delay of the Boers in taking a hostile initiative is still a peculiar circumstance. But it is of doubtful significance when compared with the genuine and far-reaching preparations they are making for hostilities. The attitude of the British government is always insisting upon sovereign power, has practically undergone no change throughout the entire negotiations. Every step taken upon the improvements, planned by Sir William, to be put upon his property this year, so extensive have they been that it will require many weeks of constant work yet to complete same. The large barn, already fully described in the columns of The Daily Telegraph, has been nearly completed and is now well stored with hay, grain and fodder to feed the stock during the winter. To the north from the big barn has been erected and completed a spacious and slightly elevated, with four large and airy sleeping rooms on the ground floor and a hallway drawing room, pantry, dining room and kitchen on the lower flat. There are also wood sheds and other out-buildings attached to the cottage. This cottage is for the use of Sir William's hostler and family. On the east side of the barn has been erected a large dairy and ice house, constructed of solid grey granite, and roofed with shingles. On the east is a newly erected pumping station, boiler house and hot house, for plants; Sir William has also had a pretty little cottage built and finished near his private stable at Coverdale, his summer mansion, which will in future be occupied by his coachman. A very great deal of work has also been done on the island this year in laying out roads, walks, tennis court, flower beds and lawns and erecting stone walls and fences, so much so that the appearance of things on Minister's Island is becoming more and more that of a country estate. Sir William intended, before another season, to have erected near his summer mansion a large bowling alley and also purchased a new motor car, a large passenger yacht of 65 feet length.

Mr. James R. Asgherson, who has spent the past two years in Central America, is in town on a visit to his sister, Mrs. Andrew Lamb. Mr. Asgherson expects to leave again for Central America about the 15th inst.

Sir William Van Horne has been spending a few days with his family on Minister's Island, and will probably remain until the family leave for their home in Montreal, which will be some day this week. Notwithstanding a very large crew of men has been engaged all summer upon the improvements, planned by Sir William, to be put upon his property this year, so extensive have they been that it will require many weeks of constant work yet to complete same. The large barn, already fully described in the columns of The Daily Telegraph, has been nearly completed and is now well stored with hay, grain and fodder to feed the stock during the winter. To the north from the big barn has been erected and completed a spacious and slightly elevated, with four large and airy sleeping rooms on the ground floor and a hallway drawing room, pantry, dining room and kitchen on the lower flat. There are also wood sheds and other out-buildings attached to the cottage. This cottage is for the use of Sir William's hostler and family. On the east side of the barn has been erected a large dairy and ice house, constructed of solid grey granite, and roofed with shingles. On the east is a newly erected pumping station, boiler house and hot house, for plants; Sir William has also had a pretty little cottage built and finished near his private stable at Coverdale, his summer mansion, which will in future be occupied by his coachman. A very great deal of work has also been done on the island this year in laying out roads, walks, tennis court, flower beds and lawns and erecting stone walls and fences, so much so that the appearance of things on Minister's Island is becoming more and more that of a country estate. Sir William intended, before another season, to have erected near his summer