

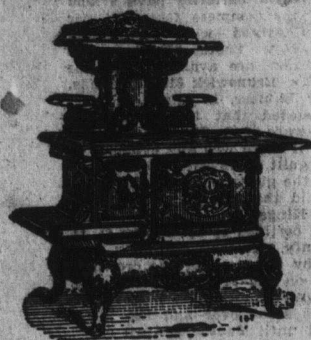
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#### SOUTH AFRICA.

Botha's Letter to Kitchener Published in London.

LONDON, April 4.—The letter of Gen. Botha, the Boer commander-in-chief, to Lord Kitchener, commanding the British forces in South Africa, preliminary to the recent peace meeting, casually referred to in Lord Kitchener's report of the negotiations, and from which the opponents of Colonial Secretary Chamberlain hope to obtain some clue to the reason for the failure of the conferences, was published as a parliamentary paper this morning. The letter is dated at the commandant-general's camp, Feb. 18, and commences with a reference to "The verbal message from Your excellency."

Continuing, the letter says:—"I have the honor to inform your excellency that no one desires more than to bring this bloody strife to an end. I would also very much like to meet your excellency for the purpose of a final decision to see if it is not possible to discover terms under which it can be done."

The remainder of the letter of Gen. Botha is of no importance. It merely suggests a place of meeting and arrangements for the guarantee of safe conduct.

NEW YORK, April 4.—According to the Tribune's London correspondent the news comes from Brussels that Mr. Kruger thinks that the occupation of South Africa will finally break down the Boer defense. It is the Boer seat of government, contains supplies of stores and ammunition, and it is understood to be in danger as a result of Lord Kitchener's northern campaign. But prisoners who have recently arrived at Pretoria are, however, said to have expressed opinions that the war will last for three years longer.

#### JAPAN AND UNITED STATES.

WASHINGTON, April 3.—The state department has received from the United States consul general at Yokohama, Japan, a circular issued by the president of the American Association of Japan relative to the proposed erection of a monument commemorating the arrival at that place 48 years ago of Commodore Perry, U. S. N., as American envoy for the purpose of concluding the first treaty of commerce and friendly intercourse between the United States and Japan. A site for the monument has been selected, and it is the present plan to hold the unveiling ceremony on the next anniversary of Commodore Perry's visit, the 14th of next July.

#### GOLD IN EUCADOR.

NEW YORK, April 4.—Dr. Jose Maria Borgia, ex-counsel general and acting minister to the United States from Ecuador who has been here for some time, has started for home. Before leaving he said:

"I have been in this country making arrangements for machinery for the better development of our goldfields. In a few months we shall have more than 300 dredges there worked by electricity. Orders have also been placed with the American bridge company for more than \$2,500,000 worth of bridge material, to be used in the completion of the Guayaquil and Quito railroad, a very necessary adjunct to the success of the working of the mines. We consider our goldfields, when fully operated, will prove the richest in the world."

#### FEAR AMERICAN COMPETITION.

VIENNA, April 4.—An important representative meeting of Austrian manufacturers, just held in Vienna, dealt largely with the question of meeting American competition. A resolution was adopted unanimously declaring the necessity of placing the commercial relations of the dual monarchy with the United States on a basis of reciprocity and equality simultaneously with the renewal of the commercial treaties in 1902.

#### JEW, GREEK AND TURK.

LONDON, April 4.—The Morning Leader publishes the following dispatch from Vienna, on the strength of rumors that the Jews had murdered a Greek lad for ritual purposes, ten thousand infuriated Greeks stormed the ghetto. The Turkish troops charged the mob with bayonets, one person being killed and 14 others wounded.

#### SAYS "THE CHARGE IS FALSE."

Dr. A. A. Stockton says he has not yet taken action for the S. P. C. A. in respect to the complaint lodged against A. W. Pratt, of Penobscot, charged with ill-treating his cattle. Mr. Pratt produces a statement of eight of his farmer neighbors who say that his cattle are in a thriving condition and have been well wintered. He is the English farmer who made arrangements with Immigration Agent Hickman to give instruction in farming to young women from the old country. Mr. Pratt attributes these charges to personal spite and jealousy. Dr. Stockton says that he intends to look carefully into the case before taking action.

#### RECRUITS WANTED FOR HALI-FAX.

Orders have been received by the district officer at Fredericton to recruit men for the special service battalion at Halifax. Quite a number of men are wanted, and Sergt. Brewer will go out and establish recruiting stations. Large posters have been received and will be distributed. The men when recruited will be mobilized at Fredericton.

#### BRITISH CIVIL LIST.

Labouchere Has a Filing at the Pomp of Royalty.

LONDON, April 4.—The report of the committee appointed to consider changes in the civil list recommends that the new civil list be fixed at about £470,000, as follows: Privy purse £110,000; salaries of household and retired allowances £125,000; expenses of household £193,000; works £20,000; royal bounty £15,000; and sundries £8,000.

The report recommends an annuity of £200,000 to the Duke of Cornwall and York, £100,000 to the Duchess of Cornwall and York, and £50,000 to each of the King's daughters. The Queen's annuity is increased to £70,000, and an annuity of £30,000 is provided for the Duchess of Cornwall and York in the event of her surviving the Duke.

The proposals for the civil list show a net increase of £67,000. Henry Labouchere (advanced liberal) the sole signatory of the minority report, thinks that no increase is necessary. In one paragraph he says:—"The committee did not deem it within the scope of their inquiry to consider whether a continuance of the pomp of pride and ceremony of the court is desirable. Suggestions have been received that the cost of living has gone up among the wealthier classes since her late Majesty ascended the throne. This idea seems to be due to the present ostentatious expenditure of some of those who have suddenly acquired large fortunes. But, your committee does not believe the sovereign would desire to enter into monetary competition with such persons, or encourage by his example such vain glorious prodigality on the part of his subjects."

#### EASTER MARKET.

On account of the state of the roads the market is much bared of local stuff than is ordinarily the case at Easter. There is however a splendid showing of western beef, lamb, pork and poultry. Some of the carcasses of beef are exceptionally good ones even for the Easter trade. Eggs are particularly scarce. The hennery article retails at from twenty to twenty-two cents a dozen, with little or no probability of any decrease in price at the present. Celery is offered at from fifteen to twenty-five cents a head and cucumbers at from twenty to twenty-five cents a piece. Trade is however, despite the high prices ruling, rather brisk. Eggs, even at twenty-two cents a dozen, are necessities at Easter. It is the same way with the other articles.

#### THIS EVENING.

St. John Council Chosen Friends, Alexandra, Temple of Honor, Tilley Temple of Honor, Golden Rule, I. O. O. F., Gurney Division, Queen's Precinctory Royal Black Knights, York L. O. L., Special service at St. Mary's church, Court Pride, A. O. F., Concert, German street Baptist church, Children's concert, St. David's church, Meeting of King's Daughters, Frost Stock Co.

#### PROBATE COURT.

The will of Margaret Baillie probated and letters testamentary granted to Jas. Barry and Dr. McInerney, executors. \$2,500 personal. R. F. Quigley, proctor.

Letters of guardianship of Thos. Ward, infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Clancy, granted to Margaret Dever, Estate \$2,000. T. P. Regan, proctor.

The will of Ann Brown admitted and letters testamentary granted to Jessie, Andrew, Julia Barry and Minnie Mason, Estate valued at \$2,000. C. J. Coster, proctor.

Letters of administration in the estate of Mary Knox granted W. C. Miller; \$500 real estate. B. B. Teed, proctor.

#### NEXT WEEK'S BAZAAR.

The bazaar to be held in Union hall, north end, by the W. C. T. U. for a fountain will open on Tuesday next. There are to be 8 booths in the main hall, and fancy articles of all sorts will there be offered for sale. A cushion covered with a flag, on which are worked the autographs of about sixty of the returned soldiers of the first and second contingents, is to be awarded the most popular one of those whose names are inscribed. Votes will be taken to decide who will be the winner of this pretty and patriotic gift. Extensive preparations are being made by the ladies who have the bazaar in charge, and a brilliant success is looked for.

#### SALE AND TEA THIS EVENING.

This afternoon the ladies of the Union street Congregational church are holding a fancy sale and five o'clock tea. The different tables have a very pleasing appearance and reflect great credit on the ladies in charge. Quite a large number of people are present, and the affair is a most successful one in every respect. The following are the committees in charge of the different tables:

Five o'clock tea table—Mrs. John Waye and Miss Brittain, assisted by Misses Jessie Macdonald, Emma Heath and Alice Fowler.

Parquet table—Mrs. Hugh Kerr, assisted by Miss Olive Flewelling and Miss Greta Fowler.

Ice cream table—Mrs. Abbott and Mrs. Thomas.

Candy table—Miss Hazel Gregory, Miss Hortense Heath and Miss Ethel Creighton.

Sample table—Miss Morson, Miss Dorothy Creighton and Miss Grace Heath.

#### CHINESE AFFAIRS.

Formulating a Scheme to Secure Payment of Indemnity.

PEKIN, April 3.—The ministers are considering proposals submitted by financial experts for the raising of a sufficient sum for the payment of the Chinese indemnity. It is probable that some arrangement will be arrived at on the basis of the scheme of Sir Robert Hart, director of the imperial maritime customs, which provides for the handing of the salt and opium taxes over to the maritime customs administration and the levying of an annual house tax equal to one half a month's rent, which it is calculated will provide twenty million taels yearly, sufficient to pay five per cent. interest on two hundred and fifty million taels and clear the whole of the principal in less than forty years. Two hundred and fifty million taels is equivalent roughly estimated at \$5,000,000 pounds, but the total amount of the indemnity is likely to be much more. Some of the powers are greatly averse to compelling China to contract a loan for the payment of the indemnity. It is thought that the increased cost of raising the money required in that way is likely to hamper the commercial development of China and it is therefore believed to be desirable to have the money raised internally in China.

#### CONDENSED DESPATCHES.

Another oil well was developed yesterday at Beaumont, Texas. It is about 1,050 feet deep and is in the vicinity of other wells.

Mrs. Charissa J. Huyler, a spiritualist medium, died at Middletown, N. Y., last night. It was through Mrs. Huyler's mediumship that Luther R. Marsh secured some of the material for his books.

The Kingston, N. Y., board of health has ordered all day and Sunday schools closed on account of the rapid increase of scarlet fever. Livery stablemen have been ordered to fumigate their carriages after funerals.

William R. Warner, a widely known manufacturing chemist of Philadelphia, died yesterday. Mr. Warner was the first to introduce sugar coated pills. He was a distant relative to George Washington, and his art collection included over 100 portraits of Washington.

The steamer Chester W. Chapin, of the New Haven steamboat line, went ashore on Patience Island in Narragansett bay about 9 o'clock last night during a heavy fog. The steamer was heaved to from Providence for New York with a large number of passengers, who were taken off by two tugs and a steamer and forwarded to New York by rail.

#### THE KING'S HEALTH.

NEW YORK, April 4.—The latest reports about King Edward's health are reassuring, says the London correspondent of the Tribune. His throat has been examined by Sir Felix Semon and the recent disturbing rumors have been pronounced to be groundless. Sir Felix is the German throat specialist who has been appointed physician extraordinary to the king and has been naturalized as a British subject. The king's general health is good. He has not suffered from the pressure of public business. Rumors about a mysterious ailment in his throat have caused uneasiness in high circles on account of the fatal malady of the king's brother, the Duke of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha.

#### BRITISH ENVOY INSULTED.

LONDON, April 4.—Despatches received here from Paris reiterate the stories of affronts to Lord Carrington and his suite while returning from Lisbon after formally announcing King Edward's accession to King Charles of Portugal. It seems that the train on which the mission travelled conveyed a number of nurses returning from the Boer army. The result, says a despatch to the Exchange Telegraph company from Paris, was that at every station there were violent anti-British scenes. Lord Carrington and his suite were openly insulted, while the nurses were greeted with loud cheers. The situation became so intolerable that the British mission finally changed trains.

#### A HOP BEER FAMINE.

PORTLAND, Me., April 3.—There was a scarcity of hop beer in Portland today. The liquor deputies went at the raiding again at noon, and visited about every place in the city, including those which they called upon Tuesday. Many of the places were found shut up, and no hop beer or any other kind of beer was being sold so far as could be learned. In fact the sheriff was told that some dealers were taking their barrels of hop beer down to the docks and running the stuff off into the water in order to save the barrels.

#### A HOLY WAR FEARED.

ODESSA, April 3.—It is asserted here that the Russian political agent in Bulgaria has sent to St. Petersburg a very pessimistic report regarding the situation in the Balkans, declaring that the Bulgarian government is quite incapable of coping effectively with the agitation of the Macedonian committee and that there is constant danger of some outward incident leading to a conflict. The report emphasizes the ominous fact that Turkey will listen to no foreign intervention with regard to Macedonia because any concession of Macedonian territory would lead to a holy war.

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#### THE WEATHER.

TORONTO, April 4.—Moderate to fresh winds. Rain tomorrow.

WASHINGTON, April 4.—Forecast: Eastern states and northern New York—Partly cloudy tonight; Friday, clear, winds becoming high northwesterly.