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PEACE COMMITTEE FORMED
Of Which a Former Member of the Transvaal Was Elected President.

KITCHENER GAVE AN ADDRESS
Promising to Respect Property Rights and Ancient Laws and Customs.

London, Jan. 4.—The censorship has just permitted news of the following peace treaties to emanate from Pretoria:

About the middle of December, a number of prominent burghers, who had submitted and were living in the Pretoria district, formed a peace committee. Mr. Van Rensburg, a former member of the first Volksraad of the Transvaal, was elected president of the committee, which included other prominent former members of the Volksraad.

The committee resolved to attempt negotiations and accordingly, in response to a suggestion, Lord Kitchener attended a meeting of the committee Dec. 21, and addressed the meeting.

He said he was glad to meet a committee desirous of bringing the war to a speedy conclusion and he assured them that they could rely upon his assistance in every way calculated to further that object. He proposed to point out the folly of a continuation of guerrilla warfare, since the British Government would never permit the re-establishment of the Boer Government.

No War to Oppress Burghers.

Mr. Chamberlain's statements in Parliament, Lord Kitchener continued, clearly showed that there was no wish to oppress the burghers. On the contrary, the British proposals foreshadowed an enlightened government, in which the burghers would have a prominent share, and the rights of property and the ancient laws and customs of the burghers. Lord Kitchener stated that it was useless to continue the present human struggle, pointing out that the burghers had suffered a great deal of loss of life and property, and that the war was no longer a just war. He said he had sought a good friend, and he had found one in the person of the British Government, and he was sure that there were more of the Boer people who would be restored to their rights.

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A Startling Report This.

Paris, Jan. 4.—Le Journal reports, under reserve, the death of Count Von Waldersse, the rumor being that he was killed by an officer of the allied troops, the circumstances not being related. It is said that the rumor is current in Berlin, where it is not confirmed.

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CFMPS NEST COAL DIRECTORS
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Report That Toronto Men Were Considering a Sale of the Coal Fields to the Great Northern—Mr. Jaffray Says No Such Thing is Thought of.

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In a letter to the negotiations for the Crow's Nest Coal lands are still earnestly going on. Nothing definite can be learned. From a gentleman very close to Hill it is learned that there is every probability the deal will be consummated.

Mr. Jaffray Explains It.

Interviewed over the telephone last night, Mr. Robert Jaffray said that there was nothing in this story. The idea of a sale of the Crow's Nest Coal lands had never been even mooted.

Quoted further as to the object of the company's directors' present visit to St. Paul, Mr. Jaffray stated that Mr. Hill is to take over the Crow's Nest Coal fields of the Great Northern's consumption. The conference was held in connection with this proposition. It is understood that Mr. Hill will be the present take over of all the Crow's Nest Coal fields. Later, it is believed, the Great Northern will build a line direct from Bonanza's Ferry, Idaho, to the coal fields. The Toronto holdings of the Crow's Nest Pass Coal are enormous.

NOVA SCOTIAN MINERS' STRIKE
SETTLED IN FAVOR OF THE MEN

Great Rejoicing at Amherst and Other Places Because a Strike Has Been Averted—Springhill Men Resume Work To-day—Stellarton and Thoburn Not Yet In.

Amherst, N. S., Jan. 3.—The men at Springhill will go to work to-morrow morning as usual, the management having agreed to accede to their demand of an advance of 12 per cent, to take effect from Jan. 1. This will make a total advance of 22 per cent. within four months. Everything is quiet, and there is much rejoicing, not only among miners, but in business circles, as a strike at this season would be most disastrous. The matter was finally settled at 10 o'clock this evening, when the report of the manager was first submitted with an offer of an advance of 10 per cent. The men replied quickly that nothing short of the original demand would be accepted.

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EARS AND NOSES FROZEN OFF.

Struggled at the Gars All Night and Were Barely Able to Reach Shore.

St. John's, Nfld., Jan. 3.—Thirty men of the crew of the British steamer Iydvende, owned by J. Lunn & Co., narrowly escaped death off this coast Wednesday night. While they are alive to-day, many of them have had ears, hands, noses and other parts of their body frozen by the terrible cold. All are suffering from exposure and exhaustion after the all-night battle for life. Their ship, bound from Hamburg to Wilmington, set-sailed, was supposed to be ten miles south of Cape Race, but instead was thirty miles north of her course, and in a blinding snowstorm struck the rocks near Lamette and midnight. When the struck the ship tore 'over her bottom, and as the sea boiled her she slowly settled down. The crew had barely time to leave their great boats before they were submerged and were under, pounding on the rocks, was splintering everything, while all the movable parts of the steamer went overboard.

Men Rowed Out to Sea.

The crew was unable to get ashore because of the fear that the high-running surf would dash their boats high upon the boiling rocks. Therefore they rowed out to sea and then along the coast, hoping to reach a harbor somewhere. In this effort they were exposed to the full fury of the intense gale. All their boats were overturned, the men were unable to make a landing, for the waves were so high that they were unable to get ashore. The men were in a pitiable plight from the effects of the storm. Several had lost fingers and ears, but none will lose limbs. The men were rescued by a boat from the steamer Iydvende, which was in the neighborhood of the wreck.

Landed Near Mobile.

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ADVICE OF LONDON FINANCIER

Is for English Companies to Deal With Canadians in a Fair Spirit.

Montreal, Jan. 3.—A Star special cable from London says: British underwriters are much concerned over the cable announcement of the formation of a Canadian layds syndicate. The financier said to-day that it would be well for English companies to exercise caution in discriminating against the syndicate.

LONDON CIGARMAKERS OUT.

Vallens & Co.'s Cuban and Spanish-made Cigars Have Been Working Too Cheap.

London, Jan. 3.—Eighteen Cuban and Spanish cigar makers employed at Vallens & Co.'s cigar factory, went on strike yesterday morning. They alleged that they were not being paid as much as they were entitled to for their work.

GIGANTIC TRUST IN PLOWS.

Sixty Concerns in the Combine and Capital of \$35,000,000.

Chicago, Jan. 3.—Formation of a trust of sixty concerns, manufacturing plows and cultivating machinery, is said to have been completed by C. R. Flint of New York. Judge William A. Vincent, according to the word from South Bend, has secured fifty written options on the largest plow and cultivator concerns in Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, New York, Michigan and Wisconsin. The conference is to be held in New York this week, at which time Judge Vincent will present his options, and the final steps taken. It is said the capital stock will be \$35,000,000.

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Li Hung Chang and Prince Ching Have So Announced to the Foreign Ministers at Peking—The Time and Place Talked Over—Are Chinese Sparring for Time?

Peking, Jan. 3.—At a meeting of the foreign ministers to-day it was announced that Li Hung Chang and Prince Ching were ready to sign an agreement, as soon as it is ready for signature.

Li Hung Chang desires to conduct the negotiations to a conclusion, and the physicians attending him think he might be taken to the Spanish legation, where the conferences have been held. If the Germans are reported to be returning to San Ho with a number of prisoners, the time and place considered.

The foreign envoys, with the exception of the British minister, Sir Ernest Satow, are ready to consider the time and place for the acceptance and signing of the joint note. Nothing definite was decided.

THE MAYORALTY.

Why shouldn't the Conservatives support Mr. Howland? The Liberals and the Liberal papers are supporting Mr. Spence to a man. Mr. Howland carried South Toronto for the Conservatives, and made a splendid fight for Centre Toronto. Secret work was sent by the Liberal organizers to all their friends throughout Ontario to make a dead set to get as many Liberals as possible elected to municipal councils this year, so as to help Mr. Howland in the forthcoming provincial election. This secret message leaked out. The effort is being made in Toronto with a vengeance, and Mr. Spence is so bent on helping some of the Liberals as to warrant a show in the field for the purpose of dividing the Conservative vote. Listen to this disinterested advice from The Montreal Herald, a purely Grit paper:

If Mr. Howland succeeds in convincing the people that the introduction of party politics is an effort to divert attention from the real interests of the city, Mr. Spence, who happens to be a Liberal, notwithstanding that he happens to be by long odds the best man available, it is to be hoped, will feel that it is his duty to support Mr. Howland. The municipal council of the city is good enough, as compared with that of other cities, to warrant the continued relegation of party politics to the background.

This is very nice advice, but it is a kind that the Liberals do not take themselves. The Liberals want Mr. Spence Mayor for political reasons.

Messrs. Crawford, Pyne and Foy must see what Mr. Spence's supporters are after, and a good deal of the responsibility for Mr. Howland's defeat, if it is to be defeated, will rest on them.

But is he to be defeated? Not likely, for the Conservatives are getting their eyes opened. Why shouldn't Mr. Howland get the same vote that the Conservatives got in the last general election? He had over 1200 majority in that portion of the city. Mr. Howland had over 1500, Mr. Brock about 300 and Messrs. Clarke and Oler over 2000, a Conservative majority of five thousand.

Mr. Shaw has no hope of being elected. There is a good chance, a royal chance, for Mr. Howland. Let Mr. Shaw withdraw. But Mr. Miller and Mr. Laxton insist on his running.

Because The World advocates Mr. Howland for Mayor as against Mr. Spence, The World charges Mr. Shaw with treason, and professes to be a favor of public ownership. We support Mr. Howland because he would make, in our judgment, the best Mayor for Toronto. Next to Mr. Shaw, the best Mayor would be Mr. Howland. Mr. Laxton won't hear of anyone but Mr. Shaw, not that he likes to elect him, but that by Mr. Shaw heading in the field Mr. Spence may be elected.

STILL IN THE OLD CENTURY.

The twentieth century has not yet dawned upon Bussa, and will not until midnight Jan. 13. The reason is that the Julian calendar, and not the Gregorian, which is the one used by the rest of Europe and America, is the official basis of computing time. In consequence Russia is thirteen days behind the rest of the civilized world. She hopes to catch up with and even improve upon the Gregorian calendar within a year or two. A commission of astronomers has been appointed, and is at work upon a new system of time measurement, which, it is proposed, shall be even more accurate than the Gregorian.

DEATHS.

Have lunch in new dining-room—Thomas' English Chop House, King St.

Dillon, at the residence of her sister, Mrs. Hibbit, 212 Parliament-street, on Jan. 3, Mrs. Mary Dillon, late of Fort Frances, Minn. Montreal papers please copy.

STEAMSHIP MOVEMENTS.

Jan. 5. At. From. California, New York, etc. (via San Francisco).
Caribbean, St. John's Nfld., Liverpool, etc.
Belgian, Philadelphia, Liverpool, etc.

A valuable collection of oil paintings and water color drawings, by many prominent artists, for private sale at auction prices. Terms and conditions apply. The public are always welcome.

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STRIKE TROUBLE IN CUBA.

Stevedores, Sugar Handlers and Other Laborers Refuse to Work

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Unreasonable demands should not be made of the commercial prosperity of the country. Every citizen should make every effort to bring in outside labor and resume business.

MILDER AND MOSTLY FAIR.

Metropolitan Office, Toronto, Ont., Jan. 3.—(Special.)—The weather continues very cold in the Northwest Territories and in Quebec and the Maritime Provinces; but there is a tendency towards higher temperatures in Ontario. Severe gales, with snow, are prevalent on the Pacific coast.

Minimum and maximum temperatures—Victoria, 25-40; Montreal, 15 below; Calgary, 26 below—14 below; Prince Albert, 28 below—18 below; Qu'Appelle, 20 below—18 below; Winnipeg, 22 below—8 below; Port Arthur, 16 below—16; Perry Sound, 18 below—22; Toronto, 1-24; Ottawa, 16 below—20; Montreal, 1 below; Quebec, 14 below—2 below; Halifax, 2-14.

PROBABILITIES.

Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay—Southerly winds, a little milder and mostly fair, a few light local snow falls.

Upper St. Lawrence and Ottawa Valley—Southerly winds, a little milder and mostly fair, a few light local snow falls.

Maritime Provinces—Westerly winds, with a little higher temperature, snow, and a few light local snow falls, turning colder again.

Montreal—Fair, continued, very cold.

EDWARDS AND HART-SMITH, CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS, OFFICE CANADIAN BANK OF COMMERCE BUILDING, 1-200.

Have lunch in new dining-room—Thomas' English Chop House, King St.

Dillon, at the residence of her sister, Mrs. Hibbit, 212 Parliament-street, on Jan. 3, Mrs. Mary Dillon, late of Fort Frances, Minn. Montreal papers please copy.

STEAMSHIP MOVEMENTS.

Jan. 5. At. From. California, New York, etc. (via San Francisco).
Caribbean, St. John's Nfld., Liverpool, etc.
Belgian, Philadelphia, Liverpool, etc.

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