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KRUGER LANDS IN FRANCE.

Deposed Transvaal Chief Welcomed at Marseilles.

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Nobly State historical society Text of Oom Paul's Reply to Addresses—Welcome—Asserts That the Boers Will Never Surrender and Characterizes the War as Barbarous.

Marseilles, Nov. 23.—Yesterday proved a triumph for Mr. Kruger such as even the Boer delegates and his most ardent admirers failed to anticipate. The delirium of enthusiasm which marked every step of his progress from the time he landed until the hotel was reached was a revelation even to the people of Marseilles themselves.

An assembly of such masses, exceeding even the most sanguine estimate, might perhaps be partly explained by the ceremonious obsequies of the



PRESIDENT KRUGER.

bishop of Marseilles, including an imposing religious procession from the cathedral, but nothing can minimize the spontaneous explosion of sentiment displayed toward Mr. Kruger by the entire population of the first port and one of the largest cities of France.

Yet the grandeur of this demonstration, perhaps, ranks second in importance to the emphatic manifestos of "no compromise" which Mr. Kruger delivered in a low voice, but one vibrating with emotion, accompanied by energetic gestures of the right hand, stirring the hearts of all within hearing.

The last sentences of his declaration were uttered with a vigor and a decision which bore out his reputation as the incarnation of iron will and stubborn resistance. His mere delivery of a declaration of such far-reaching importance testifies to the independence of his character, as it came as a surprise even to his intimate political advisers, who, up to the last, were in ignorance of his determination. He announced to the world that the Boers would be free people or die.

The unfortunate occurrence at the hotel on the main boulevard alone marred the character of the demonstration, which up to that moment had been unanimously and exclusively a tribute of sympathy and admiration.

"Vive Kruger," "Vive les Boers" and "Vive la Liberte" were the cries that formed a hurricane of cheering and swept over the city. Unfortunately the highly reprehensible foolishness of half a dozen persons in throwing small coins into the crowd as Mr. Kruger passed acted like magic in conjuring up an anti-British outburst, which it needed all the promptitude and energy of the police to prevent becoming a serious disturbance. The hotel remained for the rest of the day in a state of siege, while at one time a procession, several thousand strong, marched in the direction of the British consulate, shouting "Down with the English," and raising other threatening cries. The result was that a strong body of police was compelled to disperse the demonstrators, although it was not found necessary to make more than a few temporary arrests.

Text of Kruger's Address.

The following is the text of Mr. Kruger's speech on landing:

I thank the people of Marseilles for their welcome. I thank all this population assembled in great concourse to greet me, for, although I wear mourning for the misfortunes of my country and although I have not come to seek festivities, still I nevertheless, accept with all my heart these acclamations, for I know they are dictated to you by the emotions which are inspired in you by our trials and by your sympathy for our cause, which is that of liberty. I am very proud and happy at having chosen as my point of landing a port in France, to set foot on free soil and to be received by you as a freeman. But, my first duty is to thank your government for all the tokens of interest that again only recently it was pleased to give me. I believe England, had she been better informed, would never have consented to this war, and since the expedition of Jameson, who wished to seize the two republics, without the necessity of firing a rifle shot, I have never ceased to demand a tribunal of arbitration, which has always been refused. The war waged upon us in the two republics reached the last limits of barbarism. During my life I have had to fight many times the savages of the tribes of Africa, but the barbarians we have to fight now are worse than the others. They even urge the Kafirs against us. They burn the farms we worked so hard to construct, and they drive out our women and children, whose brothers and husbands they have killed or taken prisoners, leaving them unprotected and roofless and often without bread to eat. But, whatever they may do, we will never surrender. We will fight to the end. Our great, imperishable confidence reposes in the Eternal, in our God. We know our

cause is just, and if the justice of men is wanting to us, He, the Eternal, who is master of all peoples, and to whom belongs the future, will never abandon us. I assure you that if the Transvaal and the Orange Free State must lose their independence it will be because all the Boer people have been destroyed, with their women and children.

ENVOYS AT PEKING PROTEST

Imperial Decree is Denounced and Punishment of Tung Fu Hsiang Demanded.

London, Nov. 23.—"Nine of the foreign envoys," says the Peking correspondent of the Morning Post, "have written strong letters denouncing the punishment edict and declaring that Tung Fu Hsiang must be punished."

London, Nov. 23.—Dr. Morrison, writing the Times from Peking Tuesday, says: "The appointment of Yu Chang as governor of the province of Hu Pei has been cancelled. This was due to the strenuous British protest. Ching Hsiang, who has been appointed in his place, is regarded as almost equally objectionable. The foreign envoys have agreed that the consistent bad faith which the Chinese have shown in disseminating abroad misleading intelligence shall be recorded in the preamble to the conjoint note. It is reported that Chinese troops have repulsed a German expedition, but no details have been received."

NEW CLASH ON CHINA.

Foreign Envoys at Peking Face Probability of Failure to Reach an Agreement. No Word From Conger.

Washington, Nov. 23.—The state department so far has heard nothing from Minister Conger respecting the "impasse" reported to have been reached by the foreign ministers at Peking. In fact, save a brief expression respecting the insufficiency of the punishments proposed by the Chinese government to be inflicted upon the responsible leaders of the Boxer movement, Mr. Conger has not communicated with the department for more than a week.

Without taking issue with Mr. Conger respecting this matter of punishments, the state department has earnestly advised him not to insist on impossible conditions in the negotiations.

An interesting problem is suggested by the possibility, which now is almost a probability, that the ministers representing the powers at Peking cannot reach an agreement. The impression seems to be that if a majority of the ministers, or perhaps even one of the representatives of a great power, withhold assent to the agreement, then the whole undertaking falls, and there must be either fresh negotiations directly between the home governments in the effort to agree upon new basis of action, or the powers must proceed to deal with the Chinese situation singly, or in groups, the latter contingency having been provided for in the German-British agreement.

Falling Engine Explodes.

Kansas City, Kan., Nov. 23.—At Rosedale, suburb, yesterday a Kansas City, Fort Scott and Memphis switch engine left the track on a trestle and, falling 30 feet to the bottom of the ravine, exploded. Four men in the cab of the engine at the time were painfully hurt. John Egan, engineer, was taken to the hospital unconscious and will die. James Fitzpatrick, foreman of a switching crew; John Blankenship, fireman; and Peter Jensen, switchman, were seriously but not fatally hurt.

Victory for Labor Unions.

Des Moines, Nov. 23.—The restraining order issued by Judge McPherson of the United States court against the Tri-City labor congress of Davenport, Rock Island and Moline on Nov. 9, was dissolved yesterday and the case dismissed. Judge McPherson declares he issued the restraining order under a mistaken apprehension of the facts and decides the court has no jurisdiction. The dismissal is regarded as a victory for the labor unions.

Rumor of Czar's Death Unfounded.

London, Nov. 23.—The rumor of the czar's death appears to be unfounded. Nothing to confirm it has been received at the Russian embassies in Berlin and Paris, and the embassy here has received nothing since the bulletin yesterday.

Old Soldier is Killed.

Hastings, Neb., Nov. 23.—John S. King, an inmate of the insane asylum, was struck by the Missouri Pacific train yesterday and killed. King was an old soldier from Red Willow county and has been in the asylum for some ten or 15 years, but was out on parole most of the time.

Iowa Grocers' Association.

Des Moines, Nov. 23.—The next meeting of the Retail Grocers' association of Iowa is to be held in Waterloo, arrangements to that effect having been practically completed by A. L. Sorter of Mason City, president of the association.

The quartermaster general has been advised that the transport McClellan left San Juan, Porto Rico, Thursday for New York, with batteries E and G of the Fifth artillery and company I of the Eleventh infantry.

Maurice Brennan, one of the three men arrested for dynamiting property of the St. Louis Transit company during the recent street railroad strike, was found guilty by a jury Thursday and sentenced to serve ten years in the penitentiary.

RAILROADS ARE HARD HIT.

Colorado Lines Suffer Untold Damage From Storm.

WRECKAGE BLOCKS TRAINS.

Air Fall of Flying Sand, Gravel and Small Stones—Property Loss at Colorado Springs Amounts to \$200,000—No Lives Lost So Far as Known.

Denver, Nov. 23.—It is impossible for the railroads to estimate the amount of damage suffered by reason of the wind storm which swept the lines for nearly 100 miles along the base of the mountains yesterday. The wires were blown down and trains are moved with great caution in the absence of telegraphic orders, seriously delaying traffic. Many freight cars on sidings had their roofs blown off, station buildings were damaged more or less all through the storm region, and the tracks strewn with wreckage, which further retarded the movement of trains.

Between Pueblo and Colorado Springs houses were damaged, hay stacks blown away and outbuildings demolished. The property loss will be heavy among the ranchmen.

The storm stands without a parallel in many respects. Former severe wind storms have been accompanied with either rain or snow, but in this case it was neither, and the wind carried sand, gravel and small stones, similar to the awful sand storms of the desert. It was remarkable and unlike any past storms in the scope of territory covered, though terminating at the foothills, seemingly. Cripple Creek and the district surrounding was basking in bright, clear weather there, similar to that of Denver.

Trainmaster Dean from La Junta, with all the linemen to be had, is engaged in restoring the Santa Fe wires between Denver and Pueblo.

Between Durango and Alamosa, where the Rio Grande had trouble with its trains Wednesday, the snow storm has passed and trains are being moved with reasonable promptness. That was an entirely different storm from the one which devastated Colorado Springs and the country between there and Pueblo.

The damage at Colorado Springs by the storm will approximate \$200,000 and is due entirely to destruction by the wind. About 500 houses and business blocks are damaged and many trees uprooted.

CALIFORNIA SUFFERS.

Railroad Property Especially Damaged by Wind and Flood.

San Francisco, Nov. 23.—Telegraphic communication with the outside world is almost fully restored and details of the storm which raised such havoc with telegraph and telephone wires are beginning to come in. Not in many years has southern California experienced a fiercer storm. The rainfall in this section is phenomenal. According to reports received by the Southern Pacific and Santa Fe companies, the storm showed no mercy for the lines of either of these big roads, which tracks were laid over undermined as if they had been loose piles of soft sand, rails were torn up and carried along with the rushing torrent like toothpicks, while telegraph poles were rooted out of the earth or snapped in two.

PRESENTS BILL DEC. 1.

Ways and Means Committee to Submit Reduction Schedule Next Month.

Washington, Nov. 23.—The Republican members of the ways and means committee decided to present the bill for a \$30,000,000 reduction of the war revenue to the full committee on Dec. 1. The bill, however, probably will be prepared some time before that. Commissioner Wilson of the internal revenue bureau was before the committee for some time yesterday, giving information concerning the effect of the reduction of certain schedules and also as to the amount of revenue raised by portions of the present law which it is proposed to reduce.

The committee has agreed on a number of schedules to be reduced, while on others there is a disagreement. It is probable that a subcommittee soon will be appointed to make a final draft of the measure.

Czar is Improving.

London, Nov. 23.—Better news has been received as to the emperor's condition at Copenhagen. A courier has arrived with news that the doctors believe the crisis has passed. Similar favorable intelligence has reached Berlin. Grand Duke and Grand Duchess Sergius, who arrived in Vienna yesterday from Florence, were expected to start immediately for Livadia, but on receipt of favorable telegrams they decided to remain at the Austrian capital until Sunday unless there should be an unexpected change for the worse.

Steyn and Dewet Attack.

Maseru, Basutoland, Nov. 22.—Natives report that former President Steyn and General Dewet, with 1,000 men, traversed the British lines between Alexandria and Warringham's store and attacked a British post, subsequently retiring by the road to Dewetsdorp, in the Orange River Colony.

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