

ABUSE AS A DEFENSE

Chamberlain Answers Stead's Charges by Personal Attack on Stanhope.

SPEAKER REPROVES COLONIAL

No Attempt is Made to Disprove Complicity in the Jameson Raid.

EFFORT IS SHOWN TO EVADE ACCUSATION

Raid Chapter Said to Have Been Closed When Official Inquiry Ended.

STEAD'S ALLEGATIONS GIVEN IN DETAIL

Upon Warning from Rhodes That Loss of South Africa Impended, the Colonial Office is Said to Have Promoted the Plot.

(Copyright, 1899, by Press Publishing Co.) LONDON, Oct. 19.—(New York World Cablegram—Special Telegram.)—Chamberlain's defense of his policy of diplomacy in the House of Commons tonight attracted an immense audience, including Ambassador Choate, who sat in the diplomatic gallery between the Danish and Spanish ambassadors throughout Chamberlain's 160-minute speech. Chamberlain's performance was a disappointment in every respect. He opened with a fierce personal attack on Phillip Stanhope, who had challenged him to answer Stead's charges, and was called to order by the speaker for implying that Stanhope was dishonest. Chamberlain refused to submit the letter to Stanhope, but offered, if asked, to show it to Harcourt or Bannerman, who, however, were both parties to the hushed-up raid inquiry. I learn that this letter is a lengthy document containing specific proofs of the complicity of the colonial office in the Jameson raid and threatening Chamberlain with exposure for his denunciation in the House of Commons of its promoters. Bannerman refuses to accept Chamberlain's offer by asking for the letter, but Harcourt has not definitely replied so far. Chamberlain's position is much weakened by tonight's proceedings.

Charges Made by Stead.

In this pamphlet, Stead says: "Before the prime minister of the Cape went very far in the conspiracy he found it necessary to call the support of the colonial office in his designs. He sent over to London his fidus Achates, Dr. Rutherford Harris, with instructions to inform Mr. Chamberlain of what was brewing. "Dr. Harris received his mission and called Cecil Rhodes to the result of the interview. At first Chamberlain refused, but when Mr. Fairbairn of the colonial office contents communicated a cablegram from Rhodes, warning him that if he thwarted the conspiracy he would lose South Africa, Chamberlain gave way on the convenient pretext of the necessity for protecting the builders of the Bechuanaland railway from pestilence among savage tribes. "Further, Kruger has heard that communications between the conspirators' emissaries and the colonial office were close and constant and that during the whole month of November cablegrams were exchanged between Cape Town and the trusted emissaries and friends in London who were on his behalf keeping the colonial office in touch with the movements. He knows also that on November 4 Mr. Fairbairn advised that the removal of the imperial troops before the ugly row began in which the leading role was to be played by the forces of the chartered company. This letter is one of the few documents that are in evidence.

Chamberlain Deep in Intrigue.

"He has heard also that so far from Mr. Chamberlain knowing nothing of the plot he took so keen an interest in its development that he insisted that Jameson's men should go in under the union jack and that the next governor of the Transvaal should be appointed by the colonial office. Further, he knows that just before the raid took place a cablegram was received at Capetown from a trusted friend of Rhodes in London who, immediately after a long interview with Chamberlain, telegraphed to hurry up. "President Kruger also knows that when Rhodes went home to face the music after the raid his first step was to send Mr. Hawkesley to tell Mr. Fairbairn of the existence of the cablegram, which had passed between Capetown and London, and which established the complicity of the colonial office in the conspiracy. "Mr. Rhodes after this had two hours' conversation with Chamberlain at the colonial office. Mr. Chamberlain then stood up in the House of Commons and solemnly declared that to the best of his knowledge and belief everybody, Rhodes included, were all equally ignorant of the intention or action of Jameson and that belief he expressed after having carefully examined all statements of all parties concerned. Ten months later Chamberlain admitted he had never discussed the subject with Rhodes, whose confidences were not wanted, being indeed unnecessary. Rhodes then returned to Africa, where he met Tatton Egerton, M. P., who told him plainly the Chamberlain was in the conspiracy up to that it has been publicly stated in London, and never contradicted, that when Tatton Egerton was confronted with the colonial secretary he was asked, 'Who told you I was in it?' Rhodes himself, said Mr. Egerton, 'The traitor!' was said to be Mr. Chamberlain's only reply. "Kruger also knows that copies of all incriminating cablegrams were furnished by Hawkesley to Chamberlain; that they were kept by him for some days and then returned. He has further heard that correspondence accompanying these letters frankly recognized the complicity of the colonial office in the conspiracy."

Kaiser William Debates Science.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Oct. 19.—At the celebration of the centenary of the Technical High school here today Emperor William and the empress, with five of their sons, were present. The minister of public instruction, Dr. von Woytowicz, read a royal decree empowering technical high schools to confer the degree of doctor. Emperor William, in the course of an address, pointed out the connection between his cabinet and universities and dwelt upon the great progress of technical science. "Technical science," said his majesty, "like

LIVELY SCENES IN COMMONS

Two Members Arraigned for Expressing Sympathy for Boers.

CHAMBERLAIN REPLIES TO CRITICISMS

Colonial Secretary Defends Action of Government in Dealing with Kruger and Blames the Boers for War.

LONDON, Oct. 19.—Floor and galleries were densely crowded today in the House of Commons in anticipation of a speech by the secretary of state for the colonies, Joseph Chamberlain, on the government's policy in South Africa.

Mr. Balfour, in reply to an interpellation as to whether the imperial government was now reviewing the action of the Cape Colony premier, Mr. Schreiner, and other members of the Cape government, and as to whether the governor of Cape Colony, Sir Alfred Milner, would be allowed to dismiss the Schreiner ministry, to dissolve the Cape legislature and temporarily to assume full authority, said:

"This question is apparently founded upon newspaper reports for which, so far as the imperial government is aware, there is no foundation. Henry Seton-Karr, conservative, in accordance with notice given yesterday, asked the first lord of the treasury whether the attention of the government had been directed to certain speeches and letters by and emanating from the members for Kilkenny and East Clare, Messrs. Patrick O'Brien and William Redmond, Parmentier, advocating the cause of the Boers, attempting to seduce British soldiers and inciting them actively to assist the enemies of the queen, and what action, if any, the government proposed to take in the matter. Mr. Redmond rose quickly and said that before the first lord of the treasury replied he desired to ask him whether it were not a fact that he (Mr. Redmond) in suggesting a message of sympathy to President Kruger had only followed the precedent set by his majesty's grandson, the German emperor. (Loud laughter.)

Mr. Balfour replied as follows:

"I was not aware that the honorable member for East Clare framed himself upon such an august model. (Laughter.) I may point out among the differences between himself and the emperor of Germany that his imperial majesty is not a Britisher nor a member of this house."

Chamberlain Criticizes Opposition.

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TESTIMONY ON CORPORATIONS

LAWYER SETON, FORMER PARTNER OF EX-PRESIDENT CLEVELAND, BEFORE INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 19.—The industrial commission today heard testimony of Francis Lynde Seton of New York, former law partner of ex-President Cleveland, and Elbert M. Gary, president of the Federal Steel company. Mr. Seton advocated "broad freedom of contract" and said that persons having business with them should learn to inquire concerning their responsibility just as they would in dealing with individuals. He deprecated the tendency toward socialism and said legislation could not make business men of lunatics and paupers. He believed that all stockholders in any corporation were entitled to know who the corporations such as railroads and insurance companies, he suggested general publicity. He recommended a general amendment to corporation laws of the state authorizing corporations to contract with power to issue stock with capital stock without any nominal or par value, and constituting merely a stated proportional part of the total capital. He opposed a national corporation law as useless and dangerous. New Jersey's popularity as an incorporation state, he said, was due to the fact that taxes were low; to the immunity of stockholders from personal liability and to the fact that no limitation is put upon amount of indebtedness a company may contract. Mr. Gary, in his testimony, said that the Federal Steel company, whose authorized capital stock is \$200,000,000, of which almost \$100,000,000 had been issued. He explained that the stock issued included the actual book value of property owned by various parties, \$45,000,000; cash capital, \$10,000,000; increase in value of property not represented on the books, \$31,000,000; money advanced on the Morgan & Co. bankers, who had engineered the consolidation, \$14,000,000. The remaining stock was not for less than par value in cash. Morgan & Co. had received about \$200,000 for their services in the transaction. He contended that the Federal Steel company was not a trust, because the constituent members of it had never been rivals in any industry. Nor is it, he said, a monopoly, because it does not control the entire product in any article. In reply to questions he said the company had never made any contributions to assist in political campaigns and laborers at the various companies were free to do as they might please in the matter of politics. Referring to the tariff, Mr. Gary said some protection was necessary, but it need not be high enough to give a monopoly to anyone. He also said he did not believe the tariff had anything to do with the present prices of steel.

CONDemn OVERTIME WORK

Council of American Federation of Labor Consider Practice an Injury to Employes.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 19.—The executive council of the American Federation of Labor today voted that the federation financially assist the jewelers of New York, Newark and Providence with a view to the more thorough organization of the trade and to be helpful in every way to secure a recognition of the union as well as a reduction in the hours of the daily labor. In consequence of the fact that a large number of employers are alleged to be unnecessarily forcing their employes to work long hours per day under the pretense of overtime, the executive council passed resolutions condemning the practice. The organization of the workers of the far west was again taken up and the officers located at headquarters were instructed to keep in close correspondence with the organizers and to submit the names of additional organizers to the executive council for approval.

CONCERN OVER THE PRACTICE

The council adjourned this afternoon to meet next at Detroit, Mich., at a date to be fixed hereafter.

BOUNDARY DISPUTE TO REAR

Modus Vivendi is Approved in England with Small Changes and Will be Signed at Once.

ANOTHER CUP CHALLENGER

Millionaire Spanknapper of England is Likely to Make a Try for the Trophy.

COMMENT ON EMPEROR'S SPEECH

Majority of Papers Do Not Notice It—Some Not Complimentary.

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FIRST DAY'S REGISTRATION

Total Far in Excess of First Day of Last Year's Registration is Shown.

REPUBLICANS FAIRLY WELL REGISTERED

Democrats and Populists Poorly Represented—Alleged Silver Republicans Cannot Be Found with a Search Warrant.

OMAHA.

"First Day's Registration.....6,010 Registered as Republicans.....3,929 Registered as Democrats.....1,168 Registered as Populists.....131 Registered as Silver Republicans.....49 Political party unavowed.....727 First Day Last Year.....5,081 (\*Several precincts missing in three wards.)

The registration of voters under the new law began yesterday morning in Omaha and South Omaha at 8 o'clock and ended at 9 o'clock in the evening. There are only two more days for registration—October 27 and November 4.

The first day's registration shows a total far in excess of the first day of last year's registration—an evidence of deep interest in the coming election. The figures indicate that the republican vote is being fairly registered, while that of the democrats and populists is poorly represented.

The total of the first day's registration in the city of Omaha was 6,016, with several precincts of the Fifth, Sixth and Eighth wards to be heard. The total of the first day's registration last year for the whole city was 5,081. These figures show a healthy increase in registration. In the precincts reported were registered yesterday 3,928 republicans, 1,168 democrats, 131 populists, 49 silver republicans and no party affiliations, 727.

In South Omaha 1,190 were registered, of whom 414 were republicans, 410 democrats, 32 populists and 244 gave no party affiliation. The total registration of Omaha and South Omaha will therefore be over 8,000 when all returns are in.

During the morning hours the registration proceeded rather slowly, the real rush being deferred owing to the fact that the proper days of republican rule are upon us and men are consequently employed throughout the working hours. The registrars would have been larger had not the stores and factories been working overtime to fill orders, thus keeping employes away from the booths.

Some misunderstanding arose in several precincts over the location of the places of registration. In the Third precinct of the Ninth ward the registration officers moved from Thirty-ninth and Cummins streets to Fortieth and Hamilton, leaving a sign at the former place to designate the removal. The sign was placed at Seventeenth and Leavenworth, instead of at Eighteenth and Leavenworth, as advertised. At this place a sign also had to be posted and the mistake kept down the registration also in that precinct.

All over the city where store buildings had been rented for registration places instead of the old-time booths the accommodations were generally quite acceptable. One registration party in an upper ward reported that the accommodations were excellent.

Little animosity was experienced in obtaining answers as to party affiliation, those refusing to answer being a small percentage. The scarcity of populists and alleged silver republicans was one of the noteworthy features of the day.

The registrars are expected to send returns to the city clerk so that a complete and official exhibit may be tabulated for public information. The figures by wards and precincts follow:

Table showing registration figures by ward and precinct. Includes columns for Ward, Precinct, Rep., Dem., Pop., Silver Rep., and Total.

MISS GOULD GUEST OF TOWN

She Accompanies Party of Missouri Pacific Officials to Wichita and is Royally Treated.

WICHITA, Kan., Oct. 19.—Miss Helen Gould, Frank Gould, Vice President C. G. Warner of the Missouri Pacific railroad, General Manager Dorrledge, Dr. Mann, director, and Mrs. McCracken, wife of the president of the University of the City of New York, arrived here today on a special train over the Missouri Pacific to attend the street fair.

Miss Gould was given a reception at the train and is the guest of the town. Governor Stanley is her escort. Miss Gould says that Kansas people treat her too well.

SUIT TO STOP SALE OF MINE

Minority Stockholders of Homes Mining Company of Nevada Object to Sale.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 19.—Suit has been commenced in this city against Colonel W. J. Suber, president of the Homes Mining company of Nevada, by A. H. Ricketts, representing minority stockholders, to prevent the sale of the Homes property and other Nevada mining properties to an English syndicate for \$4,000,000. The suit is brought for the protection of the minority stockholders.

GLUCOSE COMPANY A TRUST

Supreme Court of Illinois Declares Its Charter is in Violation of Anti-Trust Law, and is Void.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Oct. 19.—The supreme court this morning handed down a decision declaring the American Glucose company of Peoria a trust and its charter in violation of the anti-trust law of Illinois of 1891 and 1892, and therefore void.

CONDITION OF THE WEATHER

Forecast for Nebraska—Partly cloudy; southerly winds.

Table showing temperature at Omaha yesterday for different hours and days.

KILLED BY HUNDREDS

Large Numbers of Boers Reported Slain by the Explosion of Mines.

BURGHERS DRAWN ON TO THEIR DEATH

Fifteen Hundred Dead as the Result of an Attack on Klerksdorp.

WOUNDED ARE TAKEN TO JOHANNESBURG

British in Camp Near Ladysmith Are Expecting Battle Today.

ORANGE FREE STATE TAKES INITIATIVE

Two Thousand of Orange Boers with Artillery Are Within Seven Miles of the Town All Ready to Fight.

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