

SCHEME TO PACIFY

British Plans Already Laid to Perpetuate Peace in South Africa.

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LONDON, March 19.—(New York World Cablegram—Special Telegram.)—Part of the plan for the pacification of South Africa is now apparent in the announcement that all British authorities there will make every effort to induce reservists, time-expired men, volunteers and colonials from abroad to settle there as soon as the war is over by giving them 240 acres of land each, over which they occupy it for ten years.

Agents in all the colonies and authorities in Rhodesia and the Chartered company in London are lending aid to the plan. Men who do not wish to take up land will be made tempting offers to enlist in the Chartered company's field force under Carington.

It is declared officially that the War office will not sanction or encourage transfers from colonial, volunteers or yeomanry to the regular establishment of the British army.

Levds to Go to Paris.

BRUSSELS, March 19.—(New York World Cablegram—Special Telegram.)—Dr. Levds has returned from Holland. He had several consultations with the Netherlands ministers, probably about intervention. He will go to Paris at once to see Delcasse upon the same topic.

LONDON, March 20.—A man—the War office has had no news to this hour concerning the report of the relief of Matekings, but George Wyndham, parliamentary under-secretary for war, replying to a private inquiry in the lobby of the House of Commons about midnight smilingly said: "I think it all right."

Free States Not Quite Collapsed. The Free States seemingly have not quite collapsed. They are in considerable force around Smithfield, although much dispersed. A British spy from Rouville reports that Commandant Olivier and a commando are going to Kromstad. The agents he left behind are using desperate means of raising recruits, commanding British Boers under penalty of death. Kromstad, where the Boers are concentrating, is surrounded by a country of hills and jungles.

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Relief for Porto Rico Postponed by Disagreement in Congress.

HOUSE FAILS TO CONCUR WITH SENATE

Appropriation Bill Sent to Conference—Representatives Would Continue to Turn Revenues Back to Island's Treasury.

WASHINGTON, March 19.—The house today refused to concur in the senate amendments to the Porto Rico relief bill. The democrats supported an amendment to concur on the ground that it would avoid further delay in extending relief to the inhabitants of the island, but the republicans stood firmly behind Chairman Cannon in his demand that the house should insist upon its original provision to appropriate not only the money collected on Porto Rican goods up to January 1, but all subsequent money collected or to be collected. The remainder of the day was devoted to District of Columbia business.

Moody of Massachusetts supported Cannon's motion and said the conflict of the two houses had absolutely nothing to do with the question of free trade between the United States and Porto Rico.

"Will non-concurrence not delay the relief?" inquired Mr. T. P. O'Connor.

"It may delay it an hour or a day," replied Moody, "but there will be no appreciable delay. The essential thing is that this side believe that the United States should not profit one dollar from the duties collected on Porto Rican goods."

McClary of Minnesota, in advocating Cannon's motion, declared that the Porto Rican tariff bill proposed to treat the people of the island better than the people anywhere of the United States, wherever situated.

Action on the Material Thing. Cannon said words were cheap. Action was the material thing. His motion was designed to turn over to the Porto Ricans every dollar heretofore and hereafter collected.

A motion by McRae was designed to limit the appropriation to the money collected prior to January 1, 1900.

Cannon ridiculed the democrats for their harsh words concerning the treatment accorded Porto Rico in the past.

"And now, after all the bitterness of these years, after the imprisonment and the snubs and all the rest, the controversy is ended by the order of the highest and greatest figure in the republic, and I am glad to be said about so many other concessions to Irish feeling, 'too late, too late,' but assuredly the concession has not come too soon."

And now as to the visit of the queen to Ireland. I will not say as yet that I may use the word, a statesmanlike and eloquent proof, added to the many others, that the present sovereign is one of the wisest that ever ruled these lands."

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