

SPEAKS FOR KAISER

Count Von Buelow States Circumstantially Emperor's Attitude to Kruger.

GERMANY TRIED TO WARD OFF BOER WAR

President of Transvaal Republic Informed as to Conditions in Europe.

AFRIKANDERS REFUSED ARBITRATION

Feeling on Part of the Boer Leader Ran Too High for Counsel.

GLOOMY VIEW OF TRADE IN FATHERLAND

Secretary of the Treasury Declares That While He Does Not Look for a Repetition of Panic of '73 He Does Look for Contraction.

BERLIN, Dec. 10.—The imperial chancellor, Count von Buelow, replying to a question on the subject of Mr. Kruger's failure to be received by Emperor William, said the government did all in its power to ward off war and left the two republics in no doubt as to the state of affairs in Europe and of German neutrality. When, in 1895, the question of arbitration seemed not altogether excluded, the government recommended it. The amendment was lost by a vote of 239 to 128.

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In the Reichstag today during the debate on the estimates the secretary of the imperial treasury, Baron von Thielmann, took a decidedly gloomy view of the economic situation in Germany. He said the system had been undergoing a radical change since summer and people must be prepared for a number of years to see a gradual shrinkage of the inflated condition.

ROBERTS ON FARM-BURNING

Late Commander-in-Chief Defends Punishment, but at the Same Time Depreciates Its Necessity.

CAPTOWN, Dec. 10.—In a memorandum to the premier of Cape Colony, Sir John Gordon Sprigg, Lord Roberts explains that farm-burning has been ordered strictly in accordance with the usage of war. He says in part: "Whether the people whose houses are burned are actual accessories to the cutting of railways and other damage must be left to the general officers commanding to decide. They must be trusted to make full inquiry before having recourse to extreme measures, but, as this was essentially police work, I am satisfied that when the police are established we shall find the necessity for burning gradually disappearing with less danger of the innocent suffering and that my successor will eventually be able to abolish altogether a distasteful punishment."

PROHIBIT PRO-BOER MEETING

Liverpool Authorities Will Not Allow Maud Gonne to Talk—Enter-tain Canadians.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 10.—A pro-Boer meeting, at which Miss Maud Gonne was to preside tonight, has been prohibited by the police.

RE-TRUST SALISBURY

House of Commons Refuses to Censure Premier on His Alleged

LONDON, Dec. 10.—The desultory discussion Joseph Wainwright, a member of the Barnsley division of the West Riding of Yorkshire, withdrew his amendment, ordered Friday night to the address and G. C. T. Bartley, conservative, moved an amendment to the address asking the house to express regret at the fact that Lord Salisbury had recommended so many of his own family to offices under the government.

One-fifth of the cabinet members, Mr. Bartley said, are of the same family. Sons would obey their father and sons-in-law and nephews would yield to the same influence. Such conditions precluded an independent inquiry into the family failures in South Africa and were calculated to impair gravely the efficiency of the public service and diminish the chances of reform in the system of national defense.

When the premier's nephew rose to reply the house was filled with expectation. Mr. Balfour said the unhappy accident of birth could not be a bar to public service. There was only one member of Lord Salisbury's family in the present government who was not in the last, Mr. Bartley, he added, had not shown that the appointees complained of were incapable, while the country at the recent election had shown confidence that the premier would carry out his ability his thankless, heart-breaking task.

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Colombian Secretary Replies.

After various speeches for and against the resolution, Mr. Chamberlain replied: "It is my personal honor that is involved in this question," he said, "and I think it hard, after twenty-five years of life in the full light of Parliament to have to stand up and explain that I am not a scandalous thief. I have been a member of the cabinet for nearly twenty years and I have never been charged with any pecuniary gain for myself or my relations."

Colombo Connection Explained.

Proceeding to explain his connection with the two companies, Mr. Chamberlain said he had joined the Colombo company twenty-three years ago. His shares had never been quoted on the stock exchange. The contract to build the railway in Ceylon was given to the Colombo company on the responsibility of the local government without any communication with himself. So far as the Birmingham trust was concerned, he said, he knew nothing of its investments, although he had recently ascertained that there was a trifling investment in the Tubes, Ltd., since his brother managed the business of that organization, but the company's already small business with the Tubes, Ltd., had largely decreased and he had made further explanations of a similar kind. Mr. Chamberlain exclaimed amid ministerial cheers: "It is not hard to have to deal with such rubbish as this? When all is reckoned up, perhaps my indirect share in it is a government of a few pounds or even shillings. And yet the House of Commons is called upon to pass a solemn resolution which will not strike me, but will be a self-denying ordinance for many members who do not anticipate that result."

Inworthy Methods in Public Life.

In an eloquent peroration the colonial secretary declared that the attacks had not injured him, but had given pain to a number of private individuals. Those who had made them, he asserted, had introduced into public life unworthy methods and had made it more difficult for honorable and active men to serve their country. He was loudly cheered as he resumed his seat. His son, J. Austen Chamberlain, financial secretary to the treasury department, followed with some remarks.

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DAVID B. HILL FOR PRESIDENT

Trusted Lieutenant of New York Democrat Forecasts Him as Choice in 1904.

APPEAL MADE TO CONSERVATIVE ELEMENT

Mayor McGuire of Syracuse Deprecates Talk of Party Reorganization and Incidentally Mentions Name of W. J. Bryan.

CHICAGO, Dec. 10.—The Chronicle will say tomorrow: David Bennett Hill, ex-governor of New York, and former United States senator, is to be a prominent candidate for the presidency on the democratic ticket in 1904. A declaration equivalent to a personal announcement by the New York man was made tonight by James K. McGuire, Mr. Hill's political lieutenant, mayor of Syracuse and chairman of the executive committee of the New York state organization. Mr. McGuire arrived in Chicago yesterday afternoon from the east and was visited at the Palmer house by a number of the local party leaders.

"If the republican foreign policies so far as the Philippines, Porto Rico and Cuba are concerned shall fall absolutely or in any part in the next four years," said Mr. McGuire, "and the democrats want a man fitted to the task to solve the existing question, that man undoubtedly will be David Bennett Hill."

"Six-Senator Hill is very much like Grover Cleveland was politically. Mr. Hill is less than he might be in the state organization, but he is wonderfully strong in the nation. He is looked upon as a man absolutely safe and is regarded by one of the ablest statesmen in the nation."

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CONFIDENT OF WALDERSEE

German Papers Assume That His Return of Chaffee's Letter Must Have Been Justified.

BERLIN, Dec. 10.—The German government has not taken official notice of General Chaffee's letter to Count von Waldersee complaining of the removal of the astronomical instruments from the walls of Pekin and the return of the letter to the American commander "on account of its tone."

Only a few of the papers print the incident in their news columns. The Vossische Zeitung remarks: "Whatever the cause, General Chaffee had in no case a right to use such rough language in his letter to the commander-in-chief."

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BOTH SIDES ARE CONFIDENT

Santa Fe and Its Striking Telegraph Operators Each Claim a Victory.

RAILROAD DENIES BEING INCONVENIENCED

Order Issued for Discontinuance of Work at Shops is Rescinded and All the Men Return to Work as Usual.

CHICAGO, Dec. 10.—Officials of the Santa Fe system claim that the telegraphers' strike on their line is practically over and point to the fact that almost without exception their passenger trains were on time today and that freight was being handled in volume as great as before the strike was inaugurated.

Third Vice President Barr of the Santa Fe system, the official most active in adjusting the operation of the road during the strike of the operators, made the following statement tonight: "We have all the men we want west of Albuquerque, but are short 250 to 300 east of that point. We have been hiring men all day and at the present rate will have a full complement within three days. The train due here at 9:30 a. m. today was the only train that was late, and that but twenty minutes."

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CONDITION OF THE WEATHER

Forecast for Nebraska—Generally Fair Wednesday and Wednesday; North to East Wind.

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday:

Table with 4 columns: Hour, Deg., Hour, Deg. Rows for 8 a.m., 10 a.m., 12 m., 2 p.m., 4 p.m., 6 p.m., 8 p.m., 10 p.m.

CARTER TO SERVE FULL TIME

Defrauding Captain's Demurrer is Overruled by Court and He is Sent Back to Finish Term.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 10.—In a decision handed down by Judge Hook of the federal district court of Kansas, and concurred in by United States Circuit Judge Ames Thayer this afternoon, Oberlin M. Carter, formerly captain in the United States army, under sentence of five years' imprisonment for misappropriation of government funds while in charge of the harbor work of Savannah, is remanded to the custody of Robert W. McCloughry, warden of the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth, where Carter has been confined, the court overruling the petitioner's demurrer on the habeas corpus writ issued some time ago and sustaining the ruling of the district court, together with the subsequent action of President McKinley, who set aside twelve of the charges under which he was convicted, but made no change of the sentence imposed by the court-martial.

In addition to the prison sentence Carter was fined \$5,000, which was paid and he was dismissed from the army. Judges Thayer and Hook find these proceedings were entirely regular.

EXPLOSION IN ASPEN TUNNEL

Five Men Reported Killed and Others Injured in Accident on Union Pacific.

SALT LAKE, Utah, Dec. 10.—A special to the Tribune from Aspen, Wyo., says a disastrous gas explosion occurred today on the new railroad tunnel by which four men lost their lives and several others were injured. The tunnel is being built on the cut-off of the Union Pacific road between Aspen and Hilliard. The explosion was caused by the accumulation of gas.

MARTIAL DEAD BROUGHT HOME

Transport Hancock Brings Bodies of 1,500 Soldiers and Sailors to San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 10.—The transport Hancock arrived today from Manila, via Nagasaki, with the bodies of about 1,500 sailors and soldiers who either died in battle or succumbed to the ravages of disease in the Philippines, China, Guam and San Juan valley in the course of the Spanish-American war. The Hancock will likely remain in quarantine a few days. The bodies will be conveyed to the Presidio and placed in the buildings there pending shipment or shipment to the homes of the relatives.

CHICAGO WAGES WAR ON VICE

Churches to Unite in an Effort to Suppress Civic Immorality.

CHICAGO, Dec. 10.—Representatives of nearly every church denomination in Chicago have resolved to unite in a crusade against civic immorality and take an active part in the suppression of vice and the maintenance of law and order in Chicago. This course was decided on today at the regular weekly meeting of the Methodist ministers and later at a joint meeting at which several other denominations were represented. It was resolved to appoint a committee of laymen to see that all laws for the suppression of vice are enforced and that the downtown basement resorts, whose licenses were recently revoked, be kept permanently closed, as places dangerous to the moral welfare of the community.

DOLPHIN HOPEFUL OF SUCCESS

President of the Order of Railway Telegraphers Says Developments Favor Strikers.

DALVERSTON, Tex., Dec. 10.—President Dolphin of the Order of Railway Telegraphers issued a circular today on the strike situation which he telegraphed to all operators, assuring them that success would crown their efforts. He cited freight delays at Texas stations, where, he claims, the Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe cannot handle the business. He claims to have heard from operators as far west as California and as far east as Chicago, and that at least 95 per cent of the operators on the Santa Fe system are out. President Dolphin emphatically denies the truth of the alleged statement from Chairman Newman of the Order of Railway Telegraphers on the Santa Fe, to the effect that Newman instructed all the men to return to work and that the company had agreed to arbitrate. Mr. Dolphin says that Newman never made such a statement and declares that officials of the railroad company are authority for the statement.

RUSH TO NEW GOLD FIELD

Profitable Digging Reported from Fourth of July Creek Near Canadian Boundary.

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 10.—A special to the Chronicle from Nelson, Wash., brings news of a stampede up Fourth of July creek, a branch of the Ketsene river. Short gold has been discovered with ground running \$10 to the cubic yard. Digging in that vicinity has been secretly worked by George Arnett, an old miner, for three or four years. It is estimated he has cleaned up \$10,000. The strike extends on both sides of the British-American boundary.

FULL OF FAKE NAMES

South Omaha's Registration Books Stuffed Full of Fictitious Fusionists.

DISCLOSURES MADE IN CONTEST HEARING

Alleged Frauds Are Shown to Have Solid Foundation in Fact.

BOOKS SHOW SIGNS OF MANIPULATION

Plain Proof of Neglect of Law That Padding Could Be Done.

SAMPLE LOTS OF IRREGULAR "VOTERS"

Names Put Down on Polling Lists from Vacant Lots or From Places Where They Were Unknown to Residents.

The election contest proceedings before Frank J. Sutcliffe and George W. Covell, notaries public, in which republicans seek to establish their right to legislative seats for which fusionists hold certificates, is becoming interesting. The hearing, which opened last week and adjourned from time to time, was resumed yesterday morning.

In addition to the overwhelming proof of fraud in the counting of ballots which was brought out in the hearing, now there is evidence of gross irregularity in the registration in various precincts of South Omaha. Add to the "queer" count of the ballots the remarkably "queer" registration system, and there is an aggregation of irregularity such as is seldom found in any election. The foundation thus far laid by the contestants establishes beyond all doubt that they are operating on a tangible basis and there is an important volume of evidence to be taken.

Briefly summarized, the proceedings thus far have shown that what the fusionists did not accomplish in juggling registration they finished when the counting of the votes was reached.

S. C. Shrigley, city clerk of South Omaha, was the witness for the forenoon yesterday. Mr. Shrigley carried with him duplicate records of the South Omaha registration and the entire forenoon was occupied by him in reading aloud to the stenographers the names showing the registration in the various precincts. This was preliminary to a more searching investigation which is to come later.

The attorney for the contestees objected to the introduction of the books as evidence on the ground that they were only copies of the original records. This was simply in line with the policy of the contestees to burden the stenographic records with objections.

Gross Carelessness Shown. Only a glance at the registration books is necessary to reveal that something is wrong, and the most charitable construction that can possibly be placed upon it is gross carelessness. The law requires that at the close of each registration day the registrars shall draw a red line beneath the last registered name and then affix their signatures below that. The purpose of this red line is to show where the registration closes and to prevent the possibility of unauthorized names being added. This happened in a number of precincts, and in some cases no red line and no signatures to indicate where the legitimate registration ceased. In this way 100, 200, 500 or even 1,000 names might be added.

The work was so bunglingly executed that in many instances the red line figures are out of all proportion to the voting strength of the respective precincts. This feature of the contest has not yet been entered into thoroughly, but the attorneys for the contestants are coming to it as rapidly as possible, and some very interesting developments are expected.

There was an animated discussion at the noon hour as to whether City Clerk Shrigley had the legal right to leave the registration books with the notaries. "I want to go to dinner," said Mr. Shrigley, "and I would like to know if I am authorized in relinquishing custody of the records. I am the custodian and I don't like to let them get out of my possession."