

BUSY DAY IN LONDON

Universal Activity Over Peace Proposition is Apparent in Official Circles.

CHAMBERLAIN TALKS WITH KING EDWARD

Devotes Two Hours to Conference, but Withholds Any Statement.

BALFOUR LIKEWISE IS NON-COMMITTAL

Officials Carefully Guard Against Results of Conferences.

EYES TURN TO BOER LEADERS' MEET.

Great Anxiety and Hopefulness Felt by British Over the Prospect of Ending the Prolonged Struggle.

LONDON, April 13.—The announcement of the presence at Pretoria of the Orange Free States and Transvaal leaders who have been at Klerksdop considering terms of peace has caused a decided increase in the hopefulness of the public concerning the possibilities of peace.

A conference of members of the cabinet was held last night at midnight in Mr. Chamberlain's house. Mr. Chamberlain, Mr. Brodrick, the war secretary; Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, chancellor of the exchequer, and the duke of Devonshire, president of the council, were present.

Chamberlain Talks to King. At 1:30 this afternoon Mr. Chamberlain drove to Buckingham palace and remained with King Edward for two hours.

These outward signs of Sunday activity have not been supplemented by any authoritative or official statement. The question most discussed thus far has been whether the peace negotiations would affect the government's financial proposals.

There appears to be no doubt that the Boer leaders have communicated the results of their deliberations to Lord Kitchener. Attempts will be made in Parliament tomorrow to ascertain what information the government has on the South African situation and to learn its intentions.

NEED PROTECTION OF TROOPS

Merchants of Lagouey Fear Outrages of Lawless if Soldiers Be Withdrawn.

MANILA, April 13.—The merchants of Lagouey, in southern Camarines province, Luzon, have sent a cable message to General Chaffee, praying that the American troops be withdrawn from Lagouey.

The merchants declare they are unanimously of the opinion that if they are deprived of the protection of the military they will become victims of the lawless element at the cost of their lives and property.

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OKLAHOMA ELECTIONS VOID

Brought About by Special Proclamation and Justice Barford Brands Them Illegal.

GUTHRIE, Okl., April 13.—Chief Justice Burford of the territorial supreme court has rendered a decision holding that the recent city elections at Chandler and those at Lawton and the other cities in the new southwestern counties are void, having been brought about by special proclamation.

Forbes' Body Found in Lake.

ALBERT LEA, Minn., April 13.—The body of Frank B. Forbes, who had been county treasurer for three terms and was a prominent business man, was found today in Fountain lake. Forbes had evidently waded into the water and lying down had drowned himself.

CONSUL CAMPBELL RESIGNS

American Agent at Warsaw, Poland, Decides to Abandon His Post.

ST. PETERSBURG, April 13.—Consul Campbell has gone to the United States department to resign his position in the hands of the secretary of state. This brings to an end a misunderstanding which has lasted six months.

On the death of Joseph Rawitz, for many years American consul at Warsaw, his nephew, Vladimir, signified his desire to succeed to the post. His resignation, however, was not accepted by the secretary of state.

This inquiry, by some mistake, caused the issuance of an exequatur for Rawitz. As the consular position at Warsaw is highly esteemed Rawitz immediately received congratulatory visits from the local officials and the other consul.

William H. Osborn, United States consul general in London here intervened by recommending the appointment of Mr. Campbell, an American dentist in London, who formerly lived in Warsaw. Rawitz became very much perturbed by newspaper statements that Campbell had been appointed on the ground of his American citizenship.

In the meantime a storm had gathered over Campbell's head. The consular clerk at Warsaw voicing the alleged widespread objections of the inhabitants of that city to the American, wrote Consul General Holloway that Campbell could not continue as an exequatur as his real name was Finkelstein and he was born in Lemberg.

Campbell came here and ridiculed these charges, asserting that he was a Christian, that he was born in Montreal, Canada, that he was a naturalized American citizen and formerly a dentist in Chicago. He declared that his mother-in-law was responsible for the charges against him, which she brought with the desire of withholding \$200,000 from her husband.

KINFAUNTS CASTLE IS FLOATED

British Steamer Which Went Ashore Off Isle of Wight Proceeds to Southampton.

LONDON, April 13.—The British steamer Kinfaunts Castle, Captain Duncan, which went ashore off Bright Sand, Isle of Wight, at 3 o'clock yesterday morning, was floated this morning and has proceeded for Southampton.

BURGLARS KILL AND ROB

Three Men Shoot Wealthy Pennsylvania Farmer, Lock Up Sisters and Plundered Chest.

UNIONTOWN, Pa., April 13.—Alfred J. Jones, a wealthy farmer, and uncle of District Attorney Jones, was murdered and his house robbed near Gane last night by three burglars. A voice inquiring the way to the farm house, which was attracted to the door and as he opened it saw three men, who had quietly slipped up and while Jones was trying to push the door shut one of the burglars reached around the door with his revolver and shot Jones. He fell to the floor at the first shot and the burglars had everything they wanted.

STRIKER DEFIES THE COURT

Journeyman Baker Throws in Gutter Restraining Order Served on Him.

KANSAS CITY, April 13.—Striking journeyman bakers have disregarded an order issued by Judge John Henry of the federal court restraining them from interfering with the business of Warneke's bakery and court's order that they cease when a deputy served it. What course Judge Henry will take remains to be seen.

Denies Purchase of Harmony Mills.

SCHENECTADY, N. Y., April 13.—The report that the General Electric company's proposed lease of \$15,000,000 for the purpose of buying the plant of the Harmony Electric Co. in this city was today emphatically denied by Hinsdill Wilson, fourth vice president of the company.

Tuskegee School Gets Donation.

TURKISH, Ala., April 13.—A prominent and wealthy southern man, a native of South Carolina, engaged in business in Tuskegee, Ala., has made a contribution of \$500 to the Tuskegee Normal and Industrial school. This is the largest donation ever received by this institution from a southern white man.

OFFICERS FIRE ON RIOTERS

Open Their Manner Rifles on Disorderly Strikers with Fatal Results.

MANY PEOPLE KILLED IN BRUSSELS STREET

M. Von der Velde, Leader of Socialists in House of Deputies, is Unable to Restrain Young Members of His Party.

BRUSSELS, April 13.—The bloody reversion of the disorders of yesterday evening has created a painful impression among all classes here, although it is appreciated that the majority of the victims of the encounters do not belong to the better class of workmen. Yesterday for the first time the police really fired their rifles loaded with blank cartridges.

Saturday's rioters were composed of the dregs of the population, with a sprinkling of what is called the young socialist guard, composed of mere boys with titles regarding the orders of M. Van Der Velde, a member of the Chamber of Deputies and the leader of the socialist movement in Belgium and the socialist committee. It must be explained that the Maison Du Peuple is situated on the upper slope of a hill, that the Central boulevard and market, the business portion of the city lies at the foot of this hill, while the royal palace, the low courts, the Chamber of Deputies and the ministries stand upon the ridge of the hill.

Worst Quarter of City.

The quarter around the Maison Du Peuple is the worst in the city. It is a perfect tangle of low-class dwellings intersected by steep and narrow streets and malodorous alleys. In the vicinity of the Maison there are some small squares in which the rioters gathered yesterday evening until they were dispersed and the squares occupied by detachments of the civil guard. The rioting was confined to the occupants of the houses raised missiles upon the heads of the gendarmes.

Defy the Officers.

An officer of the gendarmes then shouted to the crowd to disperse. No notice was taken of this order. Then for the first time in many years, the gendarmes fired their Mauser carbines, loaded with what are called strike cartridges, which contain a ball, but a minor charge of powder. The gendarmes fired only one volley, but when the mob scattered, several bodies were lying on the ground. Two were mortally wounded and died while being conveyed to the hospital.

Exact Number of Dead Unknown.

It is impossible to ascertain the exact number of the victims of yesterday's rioting. Many who were slightly injured had their wounds dressed in pharmacies or at home. The director of the hospital of St. Pierre, however, told a representative of the Associated Press this afternoon that three rioters had died in the hospital and that another one there was believed to be mortally injured. Thirty others who are badly hurt, were received at the hospital last night.

SCHNUR FAMILY RELEASED

Jewish Parents Accused of Murdering Son Freed by Proof of Man's Existence.

NEW YORK, April 13.—Dr. M. Neustader of this city today received a telegram from Vienna giving notice of the release from prison of the Schnur family, ten members of which have been confined there for some time on the charge of having murdered Schulm Schaur.

STEAMER HERO SAFE IN PORT

Vessel Driven Ashore Near Colon Towed into New York Harbor Slightly Damaged.

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TO VOTE ON EXCLUSION BILL

Senate Will Reach Final Action on Measure to Bar Chinese Wednesday.

WASHINGTON, April 13.—In accordance with the agreement reached on Friday last, the senate on Wednesday will vote on the Chinese exclusion bill and the present understanding is that the Philippine government bill will be taken up immediately afterward.

It is probable, however, that the Philippine bill will be soon broken in on by the calling up of the river and harbor bill, being an appropriation bill, which is a privilege of the senate and can be taken up at any time, but it is not the desire of the committee to have it considered until there shall have been a chance afforded to make further amendments in the committee. That opportunity will not be provided until Thursday, following the vote on the Chinese bill.

The opponents of the Chinese bill will press their fight from this time forward and if they find that they cannot secure its recommitment, they will concentrate their efforts on proposed amendments. Especial effort will be made to secure the adoption of a "Platt substitute" for the bill.

FAVOR GROWTH UNDER COVER

Tobacco Trade Interest Increases in Leaf Cultivated Below Chesapeake, Says Prof. Whitney.

WASHINGTON, April 13.—Prof. Milton Whitney, chief of the bureau of soils of the Department of Agriculture, has returned from a trip to Hartford, Conn., New York and Philadelphia, where he went to learn the feeling in regard to the Sumatra tobacco grown under cheese cloth covering by direction of the department's tobacco experts.

He reports that the interest in this tobacco leaf is increasing among the tobacco trade, and says it is believed that it will become a sharp competitor of the Sumatra tobacco.

ADMITS KILLING A. T. SHARPE

Prominent Memphis Citizen Says He Stabbed Detroit Man in Self-Defense.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., April 13.—The mystery surrounding the killing of A. T. Sharpe, a traveling representative of Parke Davis & Co. of Detroit, on a crowded street last night, was cleared up tonight, when Lacey Chase, a young man well known in Memphis, surrendered to the police. Chase claims that in an altercation with Sharpe, the latter knocked him down, whereupon he drew his knife from his pocket and cut Sharpe several times. Chase was immediately locked up in jail.

TWO WOMEN ARE MURDERED

Mother and Daughter in Ohio Shot and Stomach is Held for Crime.

CLEVELAND, O., April 13.—Mrs. Martha J. Calhoun, aged 75 years, and her daughter, Mrs. Vaughn, aged 46 years, were shot and killed today two miles east of Mantus station, a village forty miles southeast of this city.

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LONG FIGHT NEAR THE END

Final Action on Cuban Reciprocity Bill Expected by Last of Week.

PASSAGE COUNTED ON BY ITS FRIENDS

Democrats and Republicans Opposed to Bill Offer a Formidable Force Which Gives Much Alarm.

WASHINGTON, April 13.—The leaders of the house expect to see the Cuban reciprocity bill passed by the end of the present week, but they admit that the debate may be prolonged, so that the final vote will not be reached until next week. Proceeding as the debate is, without a rule, it can be drawn out as long as anybody desires to speak, but the leaders believe the general debate will exhaust itself by Thursday, at the latest. Mr. Daltell will close the general debate in favor of the bill.

When the measure is thrown open for amendment, a great number of amendments will be offered by the democrats with a view of opposing a vote on amending the schedules of the Dingley tariff law. It is known in advance that all such amendments will be held to be not germane to the bill whose title provides for reciprocity with Cuba and that only amendments raising or lowering the duties on the proposed concession will be in order.

CONDICION OF THE WEATHER

Forecast for Nebraska—Rain Monday; Cool in North and East; Tuesday Fair and Warmer.

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday: Hour, Day, Hour, Day. 5 a. m. 35 1 p. m. 53. 7 a. m. 36 3 p. m. 53. 9 a. m. 37 5 p. m. 53. 11 a. m. 40 7 p. m. 56. 1 p. m. 47 9 p. m. 55. 3 p. m. 51 11 p. m. 52. 5 p. m. 51 1 p. m. 50.

TO DISSOLVE THE MEAT TRUST

Order from Washington Said to Have Been Sent to Kansas City.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 13.—The Journal tomorrow will say: According to a dispatch from Washington, Major William Warner, United States district attorney, has been instructed by the attorney general to immediately take steps to dissolve the so-called beef trust. A federal grand jury will be ordered this week to commence its session next Monday. Major Warner yesterday positively declined to make any statement whatever regarding the matter.

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