

LEUTWEIN GIVES UP

German Governor of Southwest Africa Surrenders Office After Long Service.

LIBERAL POLICY RECEIVES CRITICISM

He is Held Responsible for Not Keeping Natives Under Control.

CASTS REFLECTIONS ON GREAT BRITAIN

Berlin Paper Says German Fleet Saved War with Russians.

FRANCE DENIES GERMAN STATEMENT

Claim is Made that Latter Country Was Intriguing Against Settlement of North Sea Incident by Arbitration.

BERLIN, Dec. 10.—(Special Cablegram to The Bee.)—The governor of German Southwest Africa, Colonel Leutwein, has been granted leave of absence for an indefinite period, and the commander-in-chief, Lieutenant General von Trotha, will act as interim general of the colony. The German colonial administration will be organized, and that Colonel Leutwein may be entrusted with the command of the local colonial forces, the future peace footing of which will be considerably strengthened. No surprise has been created in this country by the announcement of Colonel Leutwein's so-called retirement. The governor's health has been subjected to a severe strain during the last ten or twelve months, but it is equally certain that he was prepared to remain at his post until his work was done. According to official accounts, Lieutenant General von Trotha's assumption of the conduct of the campaign against the Hereros released Colonel Leutwein from his post, and he has since left his native land. The commander-in-chief can now dispense with his services altogether.

Knows the Natives.

Colonel Leutwein has been exactly eleven years as governor in German Southwest Africa and he knows the native mind better than any German officer or German official now in the colony. His long command was to reduce the Hereros to submission within twelve months of his arrival, and Hendrik Witbooi and his followers have remained loyal for ten years. In many competent quarters the view is strongly held that it was the suppression of Colonel Leutwein by Lieutenant General von Trotha which shook the confidence of Hendrik Witbooi.

Colonel Leutwein has been severely criticized of late for coming to terms at all with Hendrik Witbooi in 1884, and he has been blamed for treating the natives with too great leniency and consideration.

It is pointed out that the Hereros are a force that a policy which stood the test of a period of ten years cannot be altogether devoid of merit and cannot as yet be said to have been discredited by the circumstances of the Herero rising, much less by those of the mutiny of the Witboois.

It is perfectly true that Colonel Leutwein should seek for external causes for the insurrection and that he should attribute the defection of the Witboois to itinerant agitators, religious or otherwise, but his position cannot be strengthened by explanations of this kind. Any discussion of the causes of the native rising in German Southwest Africa is at present premature, but it is safe to say that Colonel Leutwein's policy towards the natives, which may have erred upon the side of moderation, must be held to be infinitely preferable to the policy of extermination which in one form or another is being so recklessly urged in this country.

Reflections on Great Britain.

Some reflections on what appears to have been published by the Army and Navy Gazette upon the part which it conceives might have been played by the German navy if the North sea outrage had been followed by the gravest results have already been published in the Berlin conservative Post a reply which is not without significance. The Berlin conservative journal repudiates most of the statements of its English contemporary, but observes with regard to the weight of the German navy as a factor in the recent Anglo-Russian crisis:

Every concrete assertion in these English references to the attitude of Germany in the North sea incident is a mere invention, and the silly statement regarding the more favorable treatment of German ships as compared with those of Russia has long ago been refuted by the British prime minister. But apart from this fact, these English assumptions may be regarded as proving that Germany's naval policy is not without merit. The German fleet, even in its present incomplete form, had been a factor in the present perilous times, that policy would already represent an historical fact of decisive importance.

In view of the character and extent of the recent naval dispositions of Great Britain, it would almost seem as if the "historical" inferences of the Berlin journal were, to say the least, premature. After disassociating the British government, however, from all responsibility for the views which have apparently been expressed in an English contemporary, the Post somewhat magnanimously concludes its article as follows:

We think that we are justified in saying that government circles in England recognize the common sense of the German policy towards the whole world to be so intimate that any disturbance of Anglo-German relations could not fail to be disadvantageous to the island empire as to ourselves, or even more so.

Says Germany Wants Trouble.

PARIS, Dec. 10.—(Special Cablegram to The Bee.)—While England and Russia were trying to arrive at an understanding regarding the North sea commission, Germany, whose interests lie in making trouble, was intriguing in St. Petersburg to that end. It has been Germany's role the services which France recently rendered it by intervening in a friendly manner during the Anglo-Russian crisis, and now to do the same that France is the accomplice of England in humiliating Russia.

Children Burn to Death. KIRKWIN, Dec. 10.—The home of Charles Smith was destroyed by fire and four children, under 12 years of age, were burned to death. The parents were in bed. The children attempted to start a fire with coal oil. One lived to tell the story.

IRISH ALWAYS IN OPPOSITION

John Redmond Speaks of Fate of the Party.

DUBLIN, Dec. 10.—(Special Cablegram to The Bee.)—Mr. John Redmond, M. P., was presented recently with the freedom of Drogheda. In acknowledging the compliment he said that there were few rewards for national politicians who were struggling for home rule. As far as Parliament was concerned, they were in perpetual opposition. English and Scotch and Welsh politicians looked forward to the day when they and their party would cross the floor of the House and share in public honor and emolument, but there was no prospect of that kind before those who represented the Irish national cause in Parliament. Till home rule was won they had no prospect of advancement and no hope of sharing in public honor or emolument. This circumstance made it all the more the duty of the public bodies of Ireland, such as the ancient corporations, to give to those men such honors as they could command as an encouragement to them in the difficult position they had to fill.

The Irish Times, in noting the fact that the tariff commission is now about to deal with the statistics of agriculture, says that the commission has arrived at what is to Ireland the most interesting portion of its labors. The Irish Times hopes that steps have been taken to secure a satisfactory selection of witnesses from Ireland, and adds: "If Mr. Chamberlain can devise a system by which it will be worth while to re-fill some of the lands which formerly grew grain and so to arrest the stream of emigration, political prejudice will not long avail to prevent his proposals from receiving sympathetic attention in this country."

Mr. T. W. Russell, M. P., writing to the Irish Times with reference to the statement issued by the executive committee of the Ulster Liberal Unionist association, says that at intervals and passes resolutions upon public questions," and continues: "This is the body which claims the right to dictate to the farmers of Ulster as to what they shall or shall not represent them in Parliament, and which objects to the duke of Bedford expressing an interest in the candidature of his friend. The Ulster farmers have not shown any disposition of indifference to change it for that of a handful of placemen in Belfast."

This week the Dublin corporation adopted a resolution asking the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for an explanation of the circumstances in which exhibits in the Irish section of the St. Louis exposition were delayed from completion for the official award of merit. The resolution referred to statements which have been made in certain nationalist newspapers charging the Irish Department of Agriculture and the British Royal commission at St. Louis with a "conspiracy" to this end.

DIVER CAUGHT BY OCTOPUS

Employe of Capetown Harbor Board Has Exciting Experience in the Bay.

CAPE TOWN, Dec. 10.—(Special Cablegram to The Bee.)—A diver named Palmer, in the employ of the Capetown Harbor board, has had a terrible experience with a monster octopus. Palmer was down under thirty-five feet of water at the spot where the Dunvegan Castle collided with the elbow of the south arm of the pier. The creature was delayed from completion for the official award of merit. The resolution referred to statements which have been made in certain nationalist newspapers charging the Irish Department of Agriculture and the British Royal commission at St. Louis with a "conspiracy" to this end.

Having no knife, Palmer could make no fight with the monster, which had drawn itself clear of the block and was clinging bodily to him.

Fortunately he retained presence of mind to pull the signal cord and the men at the surface began to haul him up. As he emerged from the water he was completely wreathed in the sucking tentacles of the fish and was in a state of collapse. The octopus still clung to him and had to be chopped off with knives and hatchets. When spread out on the pier the fish measured eleven and a half feet from tip to tip of its tentacles.

MORE TROUBLE FOR THE PRINCE

Servian Crown Prince Falls to Show Major His Superiority Over Corporal.

BELGRADE, Dec. 10.—(Special Cablegram to The Bee.)—At the meeting of Melbourne citizens held to advance preferential trade with the mother country two resolutions, the first to the effect that the meeting cordially approved of preferential relations between the motherland and Australia, with due regard to the interests of the commonwealth, and the second urging Parliament and the government to take the matter into immediate consideration, were moved by the president of the Chamber of Manufacturers and the president of the Trades Hall, respectively. Mr. Watson, secretary of the Protectionist association, in seconding the first resolution, said that he recognized that some duties should be raised against the foreigner and some lowered in favor of Great Britain.

LAUGH SAT GERMAN AIMS

Dutch Have Little Fear of Being Added to Ranks of the Kaiser.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 10.—(Special Cablegram to The Bee.)—Articles recently published in London concerning the approaching annexation of Holland by Germany are received here with tranquility, and amply deserve the derision which is heaped upon them. Germany's interests would be much better served by an independent Holland than by an increase of its existing exorbitance. But apart from this, whatever Dutch feelings may be about other countries adhering to the Pan-German policy, it is the last thing any Hollander would ever dream of.

WIMERSLEY TRIFF

Three Clubs of Dorsetshire Pass on the Proposals of Chamberlain.

DESIRE DUTY ON POULTRY AND EGGS

Plan of Protection to Grain Growing Interests Receives Their Approval.

FREEDOMERS ARE SHOWING ACTIVITY

Lord Lytton Addresses Meeting in Ireland Declaring for Existing Laws.

AUSTRALIANS PLEASED WITH PREFERENCE

Party Leaders Unite in Asking Parliament to Put Measure into Effect as Soon as Possible.

LONDON, Dec. 10.—(Special Cablegram to The Bee.)—The combined committee of three farmers' clubs of Dorsetshire, who have been considering Mr. Chamberlain's proposals, made their report to a farmers' meeting at Dorchester this week. They are of opinion that the proposed 2 shilling quarter duty on wheat would not materially increase the growth of wheat in this country, but should not be less than 2 shillings per 100 pounds. All imported barley for feeding should be admitted free, but foreign mowing barley and other grain for distilling should have a 6 shilling per quarter duty, provided a corresponding reduction is made in the excise duty on the articles produced from it. Mr. Chamberlain's 5 per cent duty on all dairy products was endorsed. The report advocated protection for other articles not included in Mr. Chamberlain's proposals, including poultry and eggs.

Free Traders Are Active.

DUBLIN, Dec. 10.—(Special Cablegram to The Bee.)—This week Lord Lytton addressed a largely attended meeting in Fenelon town hall, under the auspices of the Free Trade League. In moving a resolution affirming unshaken belief in the principles of free trade and expressing his convictions that free trade was more than ever necessary for the well being of the United Kingdom, Lord Lytton said that the great question had been raised by Hon. W. Lambton and he was a free trader, but he was also a free trader, and it was as free traders that they appeared together on the platform. They were free traders who accepted the guidance of the duke of Devonshire, and were prepared to sink other considerations so long as the cause of free trade was in danger and fight for it to the best of their ability. 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