

BOERS ANXIOUS FOR CHANGE

South African Residents Hope for Better Times Under New Government.

SELECT COMMITTEE MAY DO GOOD WORK

Advocates of Lord Milner's Plan Propose to See Hope for His Policy After Report is Made.

JOHANNESBURG, April 21.—(Special Cablegram to The Bee.)—As is well known in the terms of the surrender of the Boers it was agreed that military administration in the Transvaal and the Orange river colony should, as soon as possible, be succeeded by self-government, representative institutions leading up to self-government being introduced as soon as circumstances permit. As is well known, the Boers had placed their own interpretation on the phrase "representative institutions" and by pretending that it refers solely to municipal representatives have not hesitated to accuse his majesty's late ministry of a breach of the terms of surrender. The Boers do not appear to understand the difference between the expressions "self-government" and "representative government."

In using the word "self-government" the Boer leaders might have been expected to interpret it in the light of their own experience, that is to say, self-government on the only lines familiar to them in the Transvaal and the Orange Free State. The distinction between "representative" and "responsible" government was quite unknown to them or at least was as far from their thought as the Prussian three-class system of election. Unfortunately, before the arrival of the time for carrying into effect all that the provisions of the terms of surrender an agitation was started in the Transvaal by a section of the British population to obtain without any intermediate stage the fullest measure of political freedom known in the British empire.

The Boer leaders in the Transvaal at once set about to appreciate the situation in terms of the forms of government, and three of the weight of their influence at once into the "responsible" scale. They appeared to ignore the facts, and urged that the system of government enjoyed by them before the war ought to be granted to them again, and had no objection in convincing themselves and their followers that responsible government as understood in the empire had been the political heritage of the Boers.

Committee May do Good Work. The appointment of a committee of inquiry into South African affairs is recognized as a step in the right direction, and on the whole the personnel of the committee is favorably commented upon. By the Boers and a few others of distinctly liberal complexion it is considered eminently satisfactory, while those who regarded a royal commission as more in keeping with the gravity of the issues at stake are relieved to find that there is no chance that partitioning feeling will figure in the committee's report. After all every unbiased Englishman, from Lord Milner downward, who has studied African problems on the spot, has arrived at the same conclusions, and there is no reason to suppose that the committee of inquiry will prove an exception to the rule.

Although the terms of reference do not specifically mention the Chinese question it is hoped that the committee will be allowed to form an opinion on the subject for the personal guidance of the cabinet if not for inclusion in the report.

It remains to point out the need of the utmost dispatch in the task of the committee. A crisis has undoubtedly arisen in the history of the colony which is none the less grave because it is developing quietly. The Transvaal may be spared demonstrations by unemployed, but the status of the class of people most required in the colony has begun, and so long as the present check on all enterprise continues the number of unemployed will increase.

Love Laughs at Lawmakers. King Plew in Face of Adversity When He Proposed to Ena.

MADRID, April 21.—(Special Cablegram to The Bee.)—According to all accounts the match between the King of Spain and Princess Ena of Battenberg is a success. It is a love match, on the side of the king at least, that it became like some more plebeian matrimonial alliances, a matter of carrying the affair into execution in opposition to maternal and religious influences.

It is interesting to note that the king found favor in the ultra Catholic circles of the court. Queen Maria Christina had hoped that the choice would fall on a princess of Austria of her faith, and the great officers of state who have for years stood next to the throne and who, through the king, have been in contact with the pope in that opinion. "A Catholic by birth," they urged, and though they were in the minority, yet they formed the minority that rules and has governed Spain for years. In these days of agnosticism the wave of free thought is not so strong as it once was, untouched; indeed, if anything, it has closed the ranks of Roman Catholicism against all "intruders." But the weightiest opinions of mother and members of the cabinet were gossamer before this youthful king, who is sincerely in love. He wore down opposition gradually but surely, and today finds Spain enthusiastic, and the Spanish court at least tolerant. But it was so much of a love match and the opposition was so fierce that if the truth be told it almost estranged the boy king from his mother. However, it has apparently brought him nearer to the people, and the principle that the whole world loves a lover. One hears of little else except the marriage no matter where one travels throughout the country and one sees the portraits of King Alfonso and Princess Ena in almost every square. The princess has apparently been very popular to the hearts of the common people and of the thinking classes, though she may still have to conquer the court itself. However, with the tremendous popularity accorded the match in all quarters, and sure of the support of the king, the prince will be difficult for the princess to accomplish.

BRITISH DISAPPOINT AUSTRALIA. Commonwealth Desires a Strong Ship and is Given an Old Vessel.

MELBOURNE, April 21.—(Special Cablegram to The Bee.)—The British Admiralty recently removed the flagship Murray from the Australian auxiliary squadron and substituted the Powerful. The Commonwealth government protested. The Admiralty then offered an armored cruiser of the Monmouth type.

VULTURES BECOME DESPERATE. Birds Attack People in Switzerland and One Woman is Made Blind.

OBJECT TO CANADIAN STOCK

Irish Would Forever Bar All American Cattle from Their Borders.

ALLEGED DISEASE WILL BE SPREAD

Lord Dunsen is Not Permitted to Borrow State Money to Buy Land Which He Had Once Sold.

DUBLIN, April 21.—(Special Cablegram to The Bee.)—The question of permitting the importation of live store cattle from Canada is still agitating Ireland. An influential delegation has just returned from London, where an emphatic protest against the admission of Canadian cattle was made. The members of the deputation in their speeches to the prime minister urged that the present embargo against the importation of live store cattle should be maintained in order to guard against the serious danger of the introduction of cattle disease into Ireland to the great detriment of the cattle trade and dairy industry. Examples were quoted of the disastrous consequences of imported cattle disease in times prior to the existing restrictions. The prime minister is understood to have stated in reply that he had been impressed by the strong case which the deputation had so clearly put forward. The subject was one of interest, not only to Cork, but to all who were engaged in agriculture in Ireland. There was, of course, some objection to a continuance of restrictions upon the free movement of agricultural produce, but he was not unaware of the danger which was apprehended. A good deal of comment had been excited by a speech he made on the subject some months ago to his own electors in a grazing district, who, whilst fully appreciating the supplies obtained from Ireland, were naturally disposed to welcome any safe extension of their sources of supply. He had no hesitation in promising the deputation that their views would be laid before his colleagues, and all due attention would be paid to the importance of the subject.

Resolutions at Cork. At the last meeting of Cork county council Mr. O'Callaghan, County Cork, Banteer, proposed the following resolutions:

That we, the County Council of County Cork, assembled in special meeting, duly convened, earnestly and unanimously protest against the proposed importation of Canadian cattle into the United Kingdom, which has been so free from disease since these restrictions were imposed and we consider such importation would be a great menace to the present immunity of cattle disease in Ireland. We therefore earnestly request the government to maintain the existing restrictions on the importation of Canadian cattle into the United Kingdom, which has been so free from disease since these restrictions were imposed and we consider such importation would be a great menace to the present immunity of cattle disease in Ireland. We therefore earnestly request the government to maintain the existing restrictions on the importation of Canadian cattle into the United Kingdom, which has been so free from disease since these restrictions were imposed and we consider such importation would be a great menace to the present immunity of cattle disease in Ireland.

As to Land Purchases. That the thing has made a deep impression on the mind of the king, and that following resolutions, just adopted by the Boyle town commissioners:

That we, the Boyle Town Commissioners, have learned with regret that processes have been issued against purchasers for the King-Harman estate for failing to pay their purchase instalments. That the demands made to these tenants for interest at 20 per cent during the last few months have driven away their ready money, and that the rumor of the introduction of Canadian cattle has caused a recent local fair and left stock unsold in large numbers. We respectfully appeal to the government to exempt the tenants of the King-Harman estate from these processes and not heap unnecessary costs on the people in a season of depression.

It is being urged that these things should have been thought of when the tenants were being induced to pay twenty-four and one-half years' purchase of the fair rent for the estate. The estates commissioners have, of course, no right to refuse the order which forbade the questioning of candidates for commissions in the army with regard to their personal views on the subject of the duel was invariably enforced. The efforts to put down the duel had had a favorable result, and on principle they would persevere in the attempt to suppress it altogether in the army.

SCOTCH PARTY IS PROPOSED. Liberals and Conservatives May Both Be Affected by the Suggested Organization.

GLASGOW, April 21.—(Special Cablegram to The Bee.)—An effort is being made since the recent trouble over the question of the organization of the Scottish liberals to organize a new party here in Scotland. Whether this will be made an effort to drive an entering wedge into the liberals or the conservatives it is for the future to unfold, but it is urged the nucleus for such a party is to be found in those members of the present Parliament who owe allegiance to the duke of Devonshire—a party which will be open to liberals and conservatives alike on the basis of (1) the maintenance of free trade, (2) the preservation of the union, (3) opposition to the subversive policy of the new labor socialist group.

There are many who agree with Mr. Chamberlain that the results of the recent elections are not truly indicative of the feeling of the country on the fiscal question. In fact it is probable that the majority of liberals as well as conservatives would freely admit that the issues were not clearly defined. It is quite well known that many votes were given to the Conservatives in a long fight with the Liberals, not as such, but as the official representatives of the unionist party, and one may indulge the hope and belief that in future elections at least this question is not complicated with a thousand and one other issues.

The liveliest kind of a protest is now going on because of the fact that the trustees of the Clyde trust are building storage warehouses and entering into active competition with the stores now existing. It is declared that this is opening up a large and a serious question of vital moment, not to storekeepers only, but to private enterprises in all its forms. From storekeeping to cartage contracting the step is a small and obvious one, and once the principle is set-

There is no logical reason, it is claimed, why the trust may not become vendors of flour and grain, and so eliminate the private trader altogether. It is claimed that there is no city in Great Britain so well supplied with storage warehouses as Glasgow, and arguments are being advanced that for a public body with unlimited funds at its disposal to think of starting on a course, the ultimate object of which can only be the destruction of the existing storage trade, is unjust.

SUNKEN GOLD DISAPPEARS. Money Lost in Sinking Ship Cannot Be Found by Rescue Party.

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farmers he was constantly advising his friends and kindred who were engaged in farming in Ireland, and actually undertook certain of the duties of the present agricultural department by exporting cattle from Yorkshire.

DUELS IN GERMAN ARMY

Matter Discussed in Reichstag and Practice Said to Be Growing Obsolete.

BERLIN, April 21.—(Special Cablegram to The Bee.)—The Reichstag during the winter has paid a great deal of attention to the subject of duelling among the officers and maltreatment of the men. Dr. Spahn, the leader of the clericals, has been leading the discussion recently. He has called attention to the declaration on the subject of duelling made to the Reichstag in January, which included the statement that no officer could be tolerated in the army who was not prepared to vindicate his personal honor with his sword. In the opinion of Dr. Spahn, who is a Prussian judge, the imperial chancellor's statement is a declaration of the government's intention to break the laws of the land, and it was a singular anomaly that an incitement of this character should come from the sole responsible minister of the empire, who in that capacity also represented the Department of Justice.

The Prussian minister of war, General Von Emmert, replied by reading a fresh declaration on the part of the imperial chancellor to the effect that his statement of January 15 had been in many quarters misunderstood. He referred back to the declaration which his predecessor, Prince Bismarck, had made in the Reichstag in November, 1896, to the effect that all quarrels between officers were to be submitted to a court of honor, whose decisions should be binding and should never bear the character of compulsion to fight a duel. These declarations had been carried into effect by an imperial cabinet order of January 1, 1902, which compelled officers to submit their dispute to a court of honor with the best results. Duels on trifling grounds could not now take place except under unusual circumstances. As a matter of fact duels between officers had become so rare that it was now impossible to speak of the existence of such a custom in the German army. No importance was attached to this at the moment, but it has gained a good deal of significance in view of the report of the expedition which has just returned.

LIVES WITH PIERCED HEART

Young Paris Woman Sustains Remarkable Operation and is in Good Health.

PARIS, April 21.—(Special Cablegram to The Bee.)—An extraordinary operation has been performed here by Dr. Quinquaud at the Cochin hospital. A girl was brought in suffering from a knife-inflicted stab in the breast. The knife had pierced the heart and the patient was to all appearance dead. Dr. Quinquaud, however, believed in a sign of life and determined to effect a most delicate operation. Opening the chest above the heart, he examined the wound and found that the heart was still bleeding. At the fourth attempt he succeeded in getting hold of the organ and in drawing it out. In twenty-five minutes he sewed up the wound with a minute needle and the finest thread. He then attached the wound in the chest, banded it and placed the patient in bed. Artificial respiration was resorted to and after a considerable time the color returned to the lips and it was evident that the patient still lived. She was nursed with the greatest care and twelve days later got up, dressed herself and went home. Interviewed, she announced that on the previous night she had been to a ball and danced without even losing breath.

CARLISTS WANT NO TROUBLE

Friends of Spanish Pretender Have No Connection with Rumored Catalan Agitation.

MADRID, April 21.—(Special Cablegram to The Bee.)—The duties of the Carlist government do not attach much importance to the rumors set afloat by the Catalan press concerning an alleged conspiracy of Catalan Carlists to disturb the peace of Spain. Nevertheless the Barcelona authorities have been put on the alert, and the civil governor, the duke of Bivona, reports that the police in domiciliary visits at Callella have seized arms, ammunition and uniforms similar to those discovered at two other places. The Madrid newspapers say that the government is really anxious to discover the origin of this scare, as the war material already seized shows an outlay of several thousand dollars. Though there is an evident inclination in Barcelona to attribute the agitation to Carlists, the civil authorities believe it more probable that unscrupulous Bourse speculators are behind these preparations, desiring to foment disturbances, with the object of checking the recent buoyancy of the Spanish funds and money market. The government has bestowed the de-

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