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THE TRANSVAAL.

London Chronicle Has News Which It Does Not Think Advisable to Print Just Now.

London, May 8.—The uneasy feeling which is prevalent here concerning developments in the Transvaal already is shown to an appreciable extent in the fall of the South African securities on the Stock Exchange, while The Chronicle on Saturday stated that it has received sensational news, which, in view of the situation, it does not think it right to publish.

Significant, too, is the reply of Lord Salisbury, Secretary for War, to a question in the House of Lords, where he refused to give up Ladysmith, in Eastern Cape Colony, as a military station.

The "Dislanders" petition to the Queen under consideration, but action upon it will soon have to be taken, and the responsibility for what follows will be with President Kruger. Private information received here points to a general belief on the part of those interested in South African affairs that Kruger is unlikely to accede to Mr. Chamberlain's demands. In that case the Colonial Secretary is almost certain to proceed to extremities in force.

NEWS FROM THE PHILIPPINES.

San Francisco Looks He Can "Whip the Whole Lot" of Americans.

Manila, May 8.—To clear the Filipinos of Bacolor, about five miles southwest of San Fernando, will be the next task of the Americans. The rebel general Aguinaldo has a force of 6,000 men, well armed and possessed of plenty of ammunition. His troops have never met American soldiers, and they think, according to reports carried to San Fernando, that they can "whip the whole lot" of Americans.

The rebels have an outpost about a mile beyond San Fernando, with a trench that holds between two and three hundred men. From that point several volleys were fired last night upon the camp of the 20th Kansas Regiment.

Senior Major-General MacArthur nor Major-General Lawton moved on Sunday. It is rumored that Mabini, president of the Cabinet and Minister of Foreign Affairs in the so-called Filipino Government who is a Radical, is to be succeeded by Paterno, framer of the Spanish Constitution of 1896. This change is regarded as significant at the present juncture.

TRADE RETURNS.

Increases and Decreases in Our Trade With Britain.

London, May 8.—The British Board of Trade returns for the month of April show the following changes in Canadian imports in British bottoms: Increases—Cattle, \$9,000; corn, \$9,000; bacon, \$4,000; hams, \$19,000; butter, \$2,000; sugar, \$22,000. Decreases—Sheep, \$1,000; wheat, \$19,000; flour, \$8,000; peas, \$2,000; cheese, \$1,000; fish, \$24,000; grapes, \$7,000; timber, \$4,000; horses, \$2,000. The returns of exports to Canada in British bottoms show that the following increases occurred: Cottons, \$8,000; silks, \$2,000; lace, \$2,000; silks, \$1,000; woollens, \$5,000; cutlery, \$1,000; iron plates, \$1,000; lead manufactures, \$2,000. The exports of tin and iron decreased considerably.

MRS. BESANT'S POSITION.

The Former Anti-Christian Now "Resists Not Evil."

London, May 8.—Persons who knew Mrs. Annie Besant in her earlier days, when she was a militant anti-Christian, and later, when she was a fighting theosophist, will be surprised to learn that she has taken to Buddhism and the regeneration of the youth of the far east by the establishment of a great native university in India, she has abandoned her right of self-defence. A friend recently wrote to her, urging her to bring an action against a man who libelled her. She replied:

"I could not consistently sue a slanderer nor seek to punish one who injures me. All such actions I have renounced. They belong to the life of the world, and not to the spiritual life to which I have definitely pledged. This man is only claiming a Karma debt. I pay it cheerfully, and cannot open a new account against him by punishing him."

Sir H. S. Naylor-Leyland Dead.

London, May 8.—Capt. Sir Herbert Christopher Naylor-Leyland, Bart., who had represented the Southport division of Lancashire in the House of Commons in the Liberal interests since last August, died yesterday of laryngitis, after a long illness. He passed away at his London residence, Hyde Park House, 11, Albert Gate, S.W., in the presence of his wife, who was Miss Jennie Wilson Chamberlain, formerly of Cleveland, Ohio, and of his mother-in-law, Mrs. William S. Chamberlain. Sir Herbert was in his 56th year.

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THE PACIFIC CABLE.

Sir Sandford Fleming's Remonstrance on That Great Question.

BRITAIN'S RETROGRADE STEP.

The Imperial Government's Proposal a Change of Attitude at the Eleventh Hour—The Effect a Most Serious One—Joint Government-Ownership Plan Accepted in Previous Negotiations.

Ottawa, May 8.—Sir Sandford Fleming, who, it will be remembered, was expert adviser to the Imperial committee on the Pacific cable which sat in London during 1896, has issued a vigorous remonstrance against the unexpected and disappointing attitude of the Imperial Government on that question. The remonstrance is in the form of an open letter addressed "to the British people."

Sir Sandford, after showing that it had been arranged that the Pacific cable should be established as a national work, the Governments of Canada, Australia and New Zealand being joint partners with the Imperial Government; that on Aug. 20 last the Australasian colonies finally agreed to contribute eight-eighths of the cost, and last month Canada finally undertook to contribute five-eighths, making thirteen-eighths in all, thus leaving only five-eighths to be assumed by the Home Government, he says:

"It appears that the Home Government, although it has not absolutely declined to enter into the partnership and assume the remaining five-eighths of the liability, has merely offered to bear five-eighths of any loss of revenue which may result from operating the cable, provided priority be given to Imperial Government messages, and that they be transmitted at half ordinary rates."

"As this proposal at the eleventh hour, taken by itself, involves an entire change in the well-known plan upon which Australia, New Zealand and Canada have been proceeding in their negotiations more than two years—and, moreover, is in itself of no value in securing the establishment of so important a national work, it is impossible to believe that it is the full or final judgment of Her Majesty's Home Government, for the following reasons, viz.:

1. It would always be regarded 'as a recession on the part of the Mother Country from a common understanding with Canada, Australia and New Zealand.
2. It would always be regarded as an attempt to retard the expansion and cripple the commerce of the Empire, in the interest of a few rich monopolists.
3. It would always be regarded by the people of Canada, Australia and New Zealand as an unjustifiable and discourteous act to them.
4. Its effect would be far-reaching, and its immediate effect would be a fatal blow to the scheme for establishing a system of state-owned British cables encircling the globe.
5. It would be a very grave retrograde step in the Imperial movement, which aims to draw closer the bonds between the Mother Country and her daughter lands."

At great length he states the grounds for these reasons, and he concludes with this pertinent paragraph: "The joint ownership of the cable by Great Britain, Canada, Australia and New Zealand would be a unique co-partnership, unparalleled in history; it would be an object lesson to the modern world. To throw this co-partnership overboard at the last moment would be a momentous step backward in the movement which we had hoped would bring into permanent alliance Great Britain and her self-governing daughter nations in both hemispheres."

THE CARNATION OF THE DAY.

The sensation made by the Lawson \$30,000 carnation has created a sort of carnation mania, recalling the tulip craze which upset the steady going Hollanders in the seventeenth century. In presenting a sketch of this attraction of the day The New York Herald says it was first exhibited about four years ago in Boston, where it received much attention.

The original plant has been multiplied with the succeeding years, and the flower keeps on winning prizes. Peculiar delicacy, daintiness of coloring, large size and unique arrangement of petals are numbered among its distinguishing points. The plant is said to be a seedling of Yan Leeuw and Daybreak, strong and healthy, with very sturdy stems. The flower is a cerise pink.



MRS. T. W. LAWSON CARNATION.

Popular favor seems to be gradually attaching itself to this comparatively new fruit. Its many good qualities, which suggest that it should be more widely planted both for home use and market, are commented upon by Professor F. S. Earle, who tells that it grows readily in all parts of Alabama and is a very abundant and constant bearer. It starts into growth quite early in the spring, so that the wood is occasionally injured by late freezes, but the flowers, coming as they do on the new wood of this season's growth, are never killed by cold. Trees begin bearing very young, often the first year after planting. They are of dwarfish habit and may be planted as close as 10 or 12 feet apart each way. They should receive liberal fertilizing and good cultivation to enable them to carry their heavy annual crops. Considerable confusion exists as to the names of varieties of Japanese persimmons. Professor Earle's experience indicates Okame, Yeddo Ichi, Costata and Yemon as the best market kinds.

A Cranky but Excellent Pear.

One reason why the Bosc pear is not more largely grown is the difficulty in propagating the stock. This tree has such a cranky, obstinate way of growing that it is very hard indeed to obtain good specimens. It is a pity, too, because this pear carries really the finest flesh of any fruit that grows on a tree, says Rural New Yorker.

De Freycinet Steps Down.

Paris, May 8.—The Dreyfus juggernaut has crushed another War Minister, and the retirement of M. Freycinet is welcomed by both his friends and enemies. His vigor is disappearing with age, and he is no longer capable of performing the duties of responsible statesmanship. M. Krautz, the new War Minister, has no important antecedents, but it is understood that he favors revision. So does M. Monestier, the new member of the Cabinet, but he is rated politically as a mere satellite of Premier Dupuy.

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CHESTNUT CULTURE.

A Boom Appears to Be Impending in This Industry.

Chestnut culture bids fair to be taken up with a vim, and many are the questions asked about it. One query as to the relative size, quality and time of ripening of five important varieties—viz. Paragon, Numbo, Cooper, Scott and Ridgely—is answered in the following very practical manner by The Rural New Yorker, with letters from several growers:

We have fruited only two of the varieties named—Paragon and Numbo. They ripen at about the same time. The Paragon is the more productive, and has no off years. With us Numbo sometimes fails entirely. Last season it did well, but the previous year our largest tree, about 20 feet high, had only one or two burs, while the Paragon was too full. As to quality, we find Paragon a little sweeter, but not quite as fine grained as Numbo. The latter is a more brilliant, glossy nut than Paragon, but will not average as large.

H. M. ENGLE & SON.
Pennsylvania.

The Paragon and the Numbo are of about the same size and general appearance, being about the size of the big foreign chestnuts seen on the street stands. In my opinion the Paragon is the best in flavor of any of the varieties of the foreign types which are being offered to the public. It is also quite early, but not so early as some of the seedlings of the Japan type. It has the very good characteristic of opening all its burs within a short time, which is of importance in reducing the cost of gathering the nuts. Ridgely is a large and profitable nut, but not so large or of as good quality as Paragon, so far as I have tested it. Cooper and Scott I have never tested.

H. E. VAN DEMAN.
Virginia.

I have neither Cooper nor Scott in my collection of bearing nuts. There is but little difference in time of ripening of the other three, neither have I noticed any material difference in quality. But they vary much in size and productiveness and are quite distinct in form of bur and growth of tree. The Paragon is a robust, upright grower, very productive. The burs usually have three large, perfect nuts, but occasionally have as many as seven. Numbo is a very shy bearer. A great many of the burs are not filled at all; besides it is a rare thing to find more than one perfect nut in any bur. The Ridgely is much more inclined to the drooping of its limbs. The nuts are not quite so large on an average as either of the others, but it is much more prolific than Numbo. It usually has three nuts to the bur. They are all at least a month later than our earliest Japan varieties.—J. W. Killen, Delaware.

Sand Sprouted Potatoes.

The horticultural department of the Kansas station has recorded the interesting experiments of two seasons in methods of hastening the growth and maturity of early potatoes. It has sprouted potatoes by placing whole tubers in shallow boxes filled with sand, setting them blossom end up and one-fourth exposed. The sand sprouted potatoes were ready for use while other whole tubers not sprouted before planting and same cut seed, all planted at the same date, were not yet large enough for the table. At the final digging the sand sprouted potatoes showed better tubers and 10 per cent larger yield than the others. In a second experiment sand sprouted potatoes took the lead of some that were sprouted without sand in open boxes, and the latter were ahead of tubers taken from the storage room and not exposed to light till planted. Whole tubers sprouted in rather moist sand and planted about the 25th of March gave the best results and produced table potatoes seven to ten days earlier than the same variety planted at the same time, but not so sprouted.

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