

TREKKING IN AFRICA

Mr. Chamberlain Gets a Pleasant Surprise at Ventersdorp.

DELAREY SAYS HE'S THE MAN

Belief of the Boer General Was Expressed to His Command in Dutch-Colonial Secretary is "The Man to Set Things Right in South Africa" - Mr. Chamberlain Made an Address.

London, Jan. 26.—Colonial Secretary Chamberlain started Saturday on an interesting wagon trek from Potchefstroom to Mafeking, accompanied by Mrs. Chamberlain, Sir Arthur Lawley, Major-General Baden Powell and others. Relays of mules had been arranged to enable the party to travel at about ten miles an hour.

There was a picturesque scene outside Ventersdorp, thirty-one miles northwest of Potchefstroom. A command of Boers met the party and escorted it into the town. A bouquet of flowers was presented to Mrs. Chamberlain. The Colonial Secretary was conducted to the house of the Landrost, and the command of Boers drew up in a half-circle outside. Soon after, Gen. Delarey arrived and was cordially received by Mr. Chamberlain, who introduced him to Mrs. Chamberlain.

After the presentation of an address of welcome, the Secretary made a speech to the command, in which he congratulated the Boers and being the comrades of so great and gallant a man as Gen. Delarey. He said also: "I hope he is all my friends, and I hope you are all my friends. We fought a good fight, and there is nothing to be ashamed of on either side."

On the conclusion of Mr. Chamberlain's speech, which was throughout in this vein, General Delarey unexpectedly stepped forward and addressed the Boers in Dutch, declaring his belief that the Colonial Secretary was "the man to set things right in South Africa."

These speeches made an excellent impression. On proceeding on their journey yesterday, General Delarey accompanied the party.

COWCATCHER SAVED HIM.

T. H. & B. Fireman Injured at Hamilton Saturday Morning.

Hamilton, Jan. 26.—James Tice, a T. H. & B. fireman, who boards at 28 Hunter street, met with a narrow escape from death Saturday morning between 7 and 8 o'clock. At Vinemount he jumped from his engine to turn a switch, but by mischance his foot slipped on the icy track and he fell in front of the slowly moving engine. Fortunately, his coat caught on the cowcatcher, and in this way his life was saved. As it was both his arms were broken, and his chest badly cut, besides receiving serious internal injuries. He was taken to the City Hospital, where at first little hope of his recovery was held out, but yesterday he is in a much improved condition, and the doctors now have strong hopes of his recovery. Tice's home is at Welland.

A TRACKMAN KILLED.

Windsor, Jan. 26.—Charles Chubb, a trackman employed in the Grand Trunk Railway yards, was ground to death by a train of freight cars Friday afternoon. Coroner Bell empaneled a jury and decided to hold an inquest to-day.

"THE ANTHRACITE TRUST"

Conclusion of Negotiations For the Formation of a Combine.

London, Jan. 26.—After months of negotiations between the owners of anthracite coal mines a definite arrangement for the formation of a combine was concluded Saturday afternoon. The St. James' Gazette Saturday afternoon says it understands matters have so far progressed that the promoters of the plan have decided to register a company under the name of "The Anthracite Trust," with a capital of \$15,000,000. Most of the collieries, it is added, are ready to accept the promoters' terms.

Not Mining as Much.

Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 26.—The Anthracite Coal Strike Commission held one session Saturday, at which it continued to hear witnesses representing the independent coal companies. One said the contract miners employed by the company are not mining as much coal now as they did prior to the organization of the union.

Great Loss of Life.

Christiana, Norway, Jan. 26.—The steamer Adekde of Bergen, and having on board a crew of 13 men, is reported to have foundered in the North Sea in a storm Friday. A fishing smack was sunk in Randsund, and three men were drowned, and a ferry boat was wrecked at Vardoe, with the loss of five lives.

Mgr. Sbarretti Held Receptions.

Ottawa, Jan. 26.—Hundreds of Roman Catholics paid their respects to the new Papal Delegate yesterday. Mgr. Sbarretti held a reception at the university, and for nearly three hours there was a constant stream of callers in all ranks of life, from Cabinet Ministers down to humble citizens.

May Die From Fall.

London, Jan. 27.—Walter Fitzsimmons, a married man, engaged in the erection of a bridge over the north branch of the Thames, near Thorndale, fell from the top of the structure to the ground, a distance of thirty feet. He was found unconscious in his injuries received, and slight hopes are entertained for his recovery.

Killed by a Kick.

Tweed, Jan. 22.—A man named Gilbert Genereau was found dead in the woods near Actinolite last night. He had been working at skidding logs and from marks on his forehead it is evident that one of his horses had kicked him.

Col. Velasco Banished.

La Paz, Bolivia, Jan. 26.—At noon Saturday the First Vice-President, Col. Velasco, was banished. A police patrol conducted him to the Peruvian frontier.

STRIKERS TURNED DOWN.

Markle Miners Guilty of No Criminal Action, Kept of List After the Commission Modus Vivendi.

Philadelphia, Jan. 27.—The attention of the Anthracite Coal Strike Commission was yesterday directed to the claims and charges of the independent operators. The first case presented is that of G. B. Markle & Company, whose collieries are located in and about Jeddo, in the Lehigh region. Ten witnesses for the company were examined, among them General Superintendent Sidney Williams. His testimony was based upon the company's answer to the miners' demands. He was subjected to a rigid cross-examination by Attorney Darrow for the Miners' Union, and was compelled to admit that although thirteen men were refused employment by the company for alleged criminal acts during the recent strike, he had no knowledge that any one of them had ever been guilty of a criminal action.

Mr. Darrow read from a letter written by Mr. Markle to Recorder Wright of the commission, a paragraph stating that it was the intention of the company to take back all the former employees excepting a few who had been guilty of criminal acts. He asked the witness if he saw and approved the letters before it was forwarded, and received an affirmative reply.

"Is there one of the thirteen men mentioned who has ever been guilty of a criminal act, so far as you know?" queried Mr. Darrow. "No," said the witness. "Why were these men turned out?" "Because Mr. Markle said they had committed acts for which he did not care to re-employ them."

Frank Walk of Jeddo, general storekeeper, testified that up to 1890 ninety per cent. of the Markle Company employees had dealt at his store. The credit system, he said, was discontinued in July, 1901.

After the credit system had been abolished, witness said he had made reduction in the prices of his goods amounting to about ten per cent. He said also that he had lost about two-thirds of his custom.

All Old Officers Elected.

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 27.—At yesterday's session of the United Mine Workers' convention the report of the tellers on the referendum vote for national officers showed the reelection of all the old officers. Delegates to the American Federation of Labor were also chosen. Indianapolis was selected for the next convention.

Dealers Have Cold Feet.

Detroit, Mich., Jan. 27.—A preliminary injunction was issued yesterday against the Detroit Coal Exchange, an organization of thirty dealers, restraining the Exchange from fixing the minimum prices at which coal shall be sold. The fact was brought out that fourteen of the largest dealers have resigned from the Exchange, leaving the smaller dealers to settle with the law.

A CANADIAN WITNESS.

Coal Investigating Committee in Boston Begins Its Work.

Boston, Jan. 27.—The Coal Investigating Committee appointed by the National House of Representatives began its work here yesterday. Henry T. Shaffer, a salesman of the Sterling Coal Company, shipping over the Pennsylvania road, explained trade conditions. He did not think many small vessels are carrying coal at present which in former years had been driven out of the business, owing to low freights. He thought that the McCall resolution, suspending the coastwise law, might relieve the situation in a measure, but most foreign vessels are not adapted for carrying coal, and it might not have much effect.

Whitfield Tucks of Winchester Asked the Committee to Request the Presence of a Witness.

Whitfield Tucks of Winchester asked the committee to request the presence of a witness, H. A. Channell of Stansstead, Quebec, a dealer who said to be buying coal in Pennsylvania and selling it in Canada at \$7.50 a ton.

HU-LIEN-SEN PROTEST FAILS.

Notorious During Boxer Troubles, Is Now Governor of Shang-Si.

Pekin, Jan. 27.—Hu-Lien-Sen, Governor of Huanan, one of the officials blacklisted by the powers after the Boxer troubles on account of his complicity in the massacre of missionaries, has been appointed Governor of Shang-Si. The Ministers ignored the failure of the Chinese Government to observe the agreement to dismiss him from office, but now the American, British and French Ministers are sending a note to the Government, saying that, considering the former and recent missionary murders in the territory under his jurisdiction, it is not wise to send him to a province where the missionary interests are exceedingly important.

Suffocated in a Mine.

Terre Haute, Ind., Jan. 27.—The Tipton at the Harris Landford Mine, three miles west of here, was burned yesterday. One man was killed. Four men were so badly suffocated that their recovery is doubtful. The mine, which is a small one, has but one entrance. The fire destroyed the hoisting machinery, and 20 men in the workings were raised to the surface by ropes.

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PETERS AND SUBSIDIES.

If Trip to Successful Prince Edward Island Would Get \$100,000 and Quebec \$150,000 From Dominion.

Montreal, Jan. 26.—The Prince Edward Island delegation, composed of Hon. Arthur Peters, Prime Minister; Hon. B. Rogers, Minister of Agriculture, and Hon. J. P. Wheat, were here Saturday, en route for Ottawa, where they will, in conjunction with other provincial Ministers, discuss better terms on Tuesday with Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his colleagues. The Premier states that all of the local leaders are in accord as to the demand for an increased subsidy, and if they succeed Prince Edward Island's grant for civil government and legislation will be increased from \$30,000 to \$100,000, while Quebec's figure will go up from \$80,000 to \$150,000. In fact, Mr. Peters declares these demands, which are based on the resolution adopted at the Quebec conference some years ago, and supported by Premier Parent of Quebec, will no doubt receive favorable hearing at the hands of the Federal Government.

As regards increased representation for P.E.I. in the House of Commons, Hon. Mr. Peters and his colleagues say they will have to fight it out alone. Theirs, he added, being a special case, and not infringing on the B.N.A. Act, he is most hopeful of success.

MANITOBA SCHOOL QUESTION.

Archbishop Bruchesi of Montreal Says It Is Not Settled.

Montreal, Jan. 26.—Archbishop Bruchesi, in the course of a sermon at the cathedral yesterday, dealt with a number of public topics, including the Manitoba school question. He repeated that no question can be definitely settled while full justice to any section of the people is withheld or denied, and in making the statement he said that the Pope shared his views. Thirty years ago the Pope was despoiled of his liberty. The head of the church continues to reaffirm that this great spoliation and injustice has taken place, yet no one ever dreams of accusing the Pope of wishing to set Europe in a flame. So it is with the Manitoba school question, which is not dead and buried, and which will not be settled until justice is done. His Grace also threatened to interdict a certain newspaper for its criticisms of the clergy, and certain theatres for producing immoral plays.

NORTH YORK PROTEST.

Petition and Cross-Petition Formally Dismissed on Saturday.

Toronto, Jan. 26.—No evidence being offered, the petition and the cross-petition against Hon. E. J. Davis and Mr. T. Herbert Lennox, respectively, were formally dismissed at Osgoode Hall on Saturday by Mr. Justice MacLennan and Mr. Justice MacMahon. The proceedings were of the briefest possible character, lasting only a couple of minutes. Neither the petitioner nor the respondent was present.

Hon. Mr. Davis had nothing to say on Saturday with reference to the dismissal, but it was stated in his behalf that he was reserving his statement until Tuesday, when it would be made to a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Liberal Association of North York to be held at 2.30 in the afternoon in Temperance Hall, Newmarket.

FREED ON SATURDAY.

Man Who Shot His Brother Discharged by Judge Hardy.

Brantford, Jan. 26.—Sam Watson was given his freedom Saturday. He was arraigned on a charge of manslaughter in connection with the death of his brother, Wesley Watson, at Middleport.

The law in reference to manslaughter was argued at length by Crown Attorney Wilkes, who acted for the Crown, and Louis F. Heyd, who defended the accused. After considering the circumstances under which the shooting occurred Judge Hardy acquitted the prisoner and discharged him. In doing so he referred to the pain which the tragedy had caused the brothers, and both of them, who were in court, wept bitterly.

TO ANNIHILATE SPACE.

Prof. Braun Announces a New and Important Discovery.

Berlin, Jan. 26.—Prof. Braun announced that he has discovered a new, simple and economical method by which he can send unmeasured quantities of electric energy into the atmosphere. By this discovery he will be able to overcome the question of distance in wireless telegraphy, insure greater reliability in transmission and more precise tuning of corresponding instruments, thus rendering them independent of other systems.

Civil Servants' Wants.

Ottawa, Jan. 24.—The civil servants have decided to ask for an increase in the salaries of all the grades of the service. A meeting was held Thursday night in connection with the matter.

Retreat Against Personators.

Toronto, Jan. 24.—A petition has been presented to Premier Ross praying that a commission be issued to enquire into the charges that personation and ballot stuffing were practised on a large scale in connection with the taking of the referendum on the Liquor Act, 1902, in South Toronto on December 4 last.

Beer Delegates May Go Home.

London, Jan. 24.—The Government, at the request of Colonial Secretary Chamberlain, has granted Abraham Fischer, one of the Boer delegates in Europe, and former member of the Executive Council of the Orange Free State, permission to return to South Africa.

Spare a Little Money if you Possibly can and make good use of it at

GOUGH'S CHALLENGE SALE.

No man who has a little money to spare should miss this event. The sale started well two weeks ago, but as it grows older it grows better. The storey of the values was too good to keep and friends told friends about the phenomenal Clothing values that could be found at Gough's Challenge Sale before stock-taking.

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- All our Heavy Freize Overcoats to be sold for \$3
- 450 pairs Men's Fine Tweed Trousers to be sold at \$1.75
- 300 pairs Men's \$1.25 and \$1.50 Heavy Working Trousers to be sold at 70c.
- 240 pairs of Men's Heavy Winter Tweed Trousers to be sold at \$1.25
- Men's Suits
 - All Wool Canadian Tweed Suits, regular \$5.50 for \$2.85
 - All Wool Fine Tweed Suits, regular \$7.50 for \$4.90
 - Gough's special \$12 Suits in English Clay Worsted for \$10
- School Clothing for Boys.
 - Boys' Raglan Overcoats for \$3.95
 - Youths' Raglan Overcoats for \$4.25
 - Boys' Freize Reefers for \$1.75
 - Boys' 3-piece School Suits for \$2.95
 - Boys' 3-piece fine Suits for \$3.95
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 - Men's 2-piece Suits for 95c
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The Wonderful Cheap Man

CLASH BETWEEN SOCIALIST AND CONSERVATIVE FACTIONS.

Indianapolis, Jan. 23.—At yesterday's session of the annual convention of the United Mine Workers of America, there came a clash between the conservative and socialistic factions. It originated in a resolution from a local union favoring an extension on government ownership of coal mines and railroads. The socialistic faction based its arguments on the anthracite strike, and the combination of coal companies and railroads, and declared that a tendency not to treat with miners "according to the laws of man or God," made it necessary for the Government to take some such action. The controversy finally was referred back to the committee.

MINE OWNERS' VIEW.

Chamberlain's Scheme For Government Control Is Objected To. Johannesburg, Jan. 23.—Mr. Chamberlain in a speech Wednesday night proposed that the Government should import to South Africa five thousand natives on condition that the mines import an equal number, the Government laborers to be employed on the railroad and other Government works. He estimated that this step would release ten thousand natives for work in the mines. The mine owners, however, appear to object to any Government control in the matter. They want the open door policy and believe that the shareholders will not sanction the importation of British laborers.

DIVORCE IN ITALY.

Vatican's Opposition to It Increasing at Time of Vote Approaches. Rome, Jan. 26.—With the approach of the date for the reassembling of Parliament, the agitation against the Government's divorce bill is becoming more acute. In several dioceses public prayers have been offered that the bill may be rejected, and a special fast has been ordained at the Church of the Gesù. Some newspapers point out that the most practical method for stopping such agitation would be for the Catholic party to send Catholic members to Parliament, but the Papal prohibition against the Catholics voting at general elections is still in force.

MILBURN'S

- LAXA LIVER PILLS
- CURE CONSTIPATION
- CURE BILIOUSNESS
- CLEAN COATED TONGUE

NO RECIPROCITY.

Canadian Duty on Soft Coal Not to Be Interfered With. Toronto, Jan. 23.—The Globe's Ottawa correspondent hears on good authority that there is little prospect of the Canadian Government imitating the action of the United States Congress and removing the duty of bituminous coal. The rebate of duty by Congress is only temporary, and the opinion here seems to be that it would be inadvisable for Canada to take off its duty under the circumstances. As to a reduction of duty, Congress has not fulfilled the conditions which under the Dominion tariff would enable Canada to lower the cost rate from 87 cents to 40 cents a ton.


IRISH CITY SCORCHED.

Damage Placed at \$5,000,000—Trade of Armagh Paralyzed. Armagh, Ireland, Jan. 26.—A great fire broke out here yesterday, and spread so rapidly that the local fire brigade being unable to cope with it, Belfast, 85 miles distant, was appealed to for aid. The fire burned ten of the largest warehouses and shops in the centre of the town, the damage being estimated at \$800,000. The trade of the town is paralyzed by this destruction. The timely removal of a quantity of dynamite from one of the stores, averted a worse disaster.

Spain Sues Clyde Builders.

Edinburgh, Jan. 22.—The Spanish Minister of Marine Señor Sanchez Toca, began action yesterday to recover \$375,000 from the Clyde Bank Engineering and Shipbuilding Company because of the company's failure to deliver in contract time four torpedo boat destroyers which had been intended for use during the Spanish-American war.

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