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Terms Offered by the British For the Boer Surrender.

Easy Conditions of Peace - Enough to Satisfy the Most Rabid Pro-Boer-M. Amnesty to Rebels Was the Rock on Which Negotiations Split-A Million Pounds Offered as Indemnity, Crown Colony and Dual Language.

London, March 23.-The Parliamentary papers, giving details of the negotiations between the Boer Commander-in.Chief, Gen. Botha, and Lord Kitchener, commanding the British forces in South Africa, issued yesterday morning, begin with a telegram from Sir Alfred Milner to Colonial Secretary Chamberlain. The Prices have taken a tumble. We despatch is dated Pretoria, February have bought a large stock of Watches 22, and states that Mrs. Botha had and Clocks at a special price. Now returned from a meeting with her you can get a reliable Waltham move- husband, bringing a letter in reply ment in Nickle case, stem wind, for to Sir Alfred Milner's verbal message offering to meet Gen. Botha, as a means of ending the war, on the express understanding that he would not discuss the question of independence of the Transvaal and the American 15 Jewelled movement, in Orange River Colony.

Mrs. Botha assured Sir Alfred Milner that the letter had been written with that point clearly understood, Gen. Botha referred the matter to his generals, and it was stated that the meeting would probably take place at Middleburg.

Mr. Chamberlain replied that he was glad to hear of Gen. Botha's desire to treat, and hoped it was genuine. "He will find us," said the Colonial Secretary, "anxious to meet him on all points affecting his individual position.'

On February 27 Sir Alfred Milner cabled Lord Kitchener informing him that Gen. Botha had written that he would be in Pretoria at ten o'clock a. m., February 28.

The Interview With Boths.

A despatch from Lord Kitchener to now offered are not accepted after a 28. reports a long interview with they must be regarded as cancelled." General Botha, who showed very peace. He asked for information, of the receipt of the letter. "I had waters. Captain Behr would not which he said he would submit to advised my Government," wrote confirm or deny this report. his Government, the generals and the Gen. Botha, "of your excellency's letpeople. If they agreed, he would ter, but after the mutual exchange visit the Orange River Colony and of views in our interview at Middleget those there to agree. Should all burg, Feb. 28, it will certainly not then hand in their arms, it would surprise your excellency to know finish the war.

He said they could go on for some | mend the terms of said letter; but time, and he was not sure he would they shall have the earnest considerbe able to bring about peace without independence.

point," said Lord Kitchener, "and said a modified form of independence would be most dangerous and would lead to war in the fature.

The Conditions. "Replying to General Botha's inquiries I informed him that when hostilities coased the military would be replaced by a Crown colony administration, consisting of a .aominated executive and an elected assembly to advise him, followed after a period by a representative Government. The Boers would be licensed to have rifles to protect themselves against the natives; the Dutch and the English language were to have equal rights: Kaffirs would not have the franchise until after representative government had been granted. The Orange Free State law for the Our Motto: "The best at the lowest prices" Keffirs would be considered good; church property, public trusts and orphan funds would not be touched; no war tax would be imposed on farmers; assistance would be given to repair the burned farms, and to enable the farmers to start afresh, and colonists who had joined the republics should be disfranchised. "Gen. Botha generally seemed sat

isfied with these conditions." Not Covered by Kitchener.

Among the questions to which Lord Kitchener apparently did not reply were, when the war prisoners would return, and regarding the taking over of debts of the republics, s including those legally contracted since the beginning of the war.

Gen. Botha was reported to be making a strong point of this. He referred to notes which had been issued amounting to less than a million pounds.

Lord Kitchener arranged to communicate Botha's views to his Government. All that he said was qualified by being subject to confirmation from the home Government,

Replies to Botha's Questions.

On March 3rd Sir Alfred Milner cabled Lord Kitchener, suggesting the following replies to Gen. Botha:

"I beg to inform you that, on the cessation of hostilities and the complete surrender of arms, ammunition, cannon and munitions in the hands of the burghers in the field, at Government depots or elsewhere, His Majesty's Government is prepared at once to grant amnesty in the Transvaal and Orange River Colony for all bona fide acts of war during the hostilities, as well as to move the Governments of Cape Colony and Natal to similar action, qualified by the disfranchisement of any British subject implicated in the war. The military prisoners in St. Helena Ceylon, and elsewhere, on complete surrender, shall be brought back to their country. Military law shall at one be replaced by a civil administration, but it is the desire of His Majesty's Government, as soon as circumstances will permit, to establish a representative Government. On the cessation of hostilities, a High Court, independent of the Executive shall be established to administer the laws. Land, church property, trusts, and orphan funds shall be respected

Dual Language Premitted. "The English and the Dutch language shall be taught in the Public Schools and allowed in the law courts. The legal debts of the State

the franchise to Kaffirs in the Transvaal and Orange River Colony before representative Government is

The conditions regarding assistance to farmers, firearms, etc., are the Russian Duplicity the Cause of same as those in Lord Kitchener's reply to Gen. Botha. Sir Alfred Milner adds that he agrees to the above except as to the desire for modification regarding British subjects in Cape Colony and Natal in the Boer army, who, if they return to those colonies, would be liable to be dealt with under the laws of those colonies passed to meet circumstances arising in war.

No Amnesty For Rebels.

He adds: "While I am willing to concede much in order to strengthen Gen. Botha in inducing the people to submit, amnesty for the rebels is not, in my opinion, a point which His Majesty's Government can afford to concede. I think it would have a deplorable effect upon Cape Colony and Natal to obtain peace by such concession."

Mr. Chamberlain, in a reply dated March 6, directs Lord Kitchener to modify the terms on a number of points.

Eventually Lord Kitchener reported to the War Office under date of Pretoria, March 20, that he had written Gen. Botha the terms the Government was prepared to adopt. These are the same as already given, except in the following particulars: "The Government cannot undertake

any liabilities regarding the debts of the late republics, but it is prepared as an act of grace to set aside a pro rata.

The Kaffr Franchise.

"The Kaffir franchise, when given, shall be so limited as to secure a just predominance of the white race. The legal position of the colored inhabitants will be similar to that now held by them in Cape Colony." form Your Honor that if the terms

that I do not feel disposed to recom-

KEEPING OUT OF REACH. That Is the Boor, While Harrassing Them Is the British Policy-A Big Capture by Scevill.

ation of my Government. I may add

that my Government and my chief

officers here entirely agree with my

Cape Town, March 22.-The Boet raiders in the eastern part of Cape Colony are, with the exception of almost daily skirmishes, keeping ou of the reach of the British. Colonel Scovill engaged Commandant Fouche and Commandant Malan near Blaawkrantz, March 20. Three British were killed and four wounded, and four Boers were killed. The number of Boers wounded has not been as-

Commandant Kritzinger is marching steadily northward. It is officially reported that Gen.

ably to give the men a rest.

Still Gathering Them in. Bloemfontein, March 22.-The sult of the combined movements against Gen. Fourie near Thabanchu was the capture of 200 Boers, 140, 000 sheep, 5,000 horses and a host of cattle. The Boers broke south ward to the right and left.

More Boer Prisoners. Bloemfontein, Orange River Colony, March 22 .- Military operations in the southeastern part of the Orange River Colony are progressing. Major Julian Byng has brought in 300 refugees, 16,000 cattle, and 40,000 sheep from the Wepener and Smithfield districts. Col. Bethune mans have ousted the Chinese Imhas sent in 17 prisoners from Thabanchu. Three hundred prisoners are

now encamped here. The South African Recruits. Ottawa, March 23.-It has finally been decided that the recruits for the South African Constabulary shall leave here on Monday afternoon, and sail from Halifax on Wednesday. The delay occurred in getting the Montfort into shape as

Marseilles Dockmen's Strike.

Marseilles, March 23 .- The strike of dockmen here, which has influencshows no sign of abatement. The storekeepers are anxious and a majority of the stores are closed. The street cars have ceased running. Re-200 free laborers are working on the be taken up some time soon. docks, strongly protected by troops

Roblin v. Free Press.

Winnipeg, March 23 .- The case of Premier Roblin v. The Free Press for criminal libel was entered at the Court House yesterday by Mr. J. A. M. Aikens, K.C., solicitor for the Premier. The charge is that the paper accused Hon, Mr. Roblin of forgery in respect to the false signatures in the "McGee restaurant" incident.

Archbishop Lewis Very Low. New York, March 23 .- His Grace the Lord Archbishop of Ontario, to the amount of £1,000,000 shall Travers Lewis, of Kingston, Ont., be paid even if contracted during who has been ill in the Hotel Emhostilities, to the extent a creditor pire for some time, was reported proves he has given value. The Gov- last night to be in a serious condiernment does not intend to extend tion.

the Latest Overt Acts.

Troops Were Withdrawn as Agreed, But Russians Suddenly Returned and Planted Flags All Over the Disputed Ground-Then They Retired-A St, Petersburg Message to London Times Says Russia Will Arbitrate.

London, March 25.-The Sunday Special's Tien Tsin correspondent says: "A new and unfortunate hitch occurred in the Anglo-Russian siding dispute. After both parties had withdrawn according to agreement, the Russians suddenly returned to the disputed spot and planted flags over all the territory. They afterwards again retired, leaving the flags flying."

The Berlin correspondent of The Sunday Special says: "The settlement of the siding dispute was the work of Count Von Waldersee, who interferred at the special request of Emperor William, the latter considering that the maintenance of friendly relations between all the members of the international forces was clearly within the scope of Von Waldersee's duties as commander-in-chief."

Russia Agrees to Arbitration. London, March 25 .- According to the St. Petersburg correspondent of million pounds to repay the inhabi- The Times, wiring Saturday, Count tants for goods requisitioned by the Lamsdorff, the Russian Minister of Republican Governments. If the Foreign Affairs, has agreed with claims after adjustment exceed £1,- Great Britain to submit the Tien 000,000, they are liable to reduction Tsin Railway siding to the arbitration and settlement of Count Von Waldersee.

RUSSIAN CRUISER GOES.

It Is Reported She Is to Proceed to Jap-

Philadelphia, March 25 .- The Rus-The letter concludes: "I must in- sian Cruiser Variag sailed from this port yesterday afternoon, under cable orders said to have been receivthe War Office, dated Pretoria, Feb, reasonable delay for consideration. ed Friday by Captain Vladimir Behr from the Russian Government. It is On March 16 Lord Kitchener re- reported that the cablegram ordered good feeling and seemed anxious for ceived Gen. Botha's acknowledgment him to proceed at once to Japanese

RUSSIA STILL AGGRESSIVE. Mas Been Making Trouble in Corea With

London, March 25.-The dismissal of Mr. McLeavy Brown from the post of Director-General of Corean Customs is regarded in London as another score for Russia. In 1895 and again in 1898, Russian pressure was exerted to procure his removal. In the latter case he was only reinstated after a British squadron had moved to Chemulpo. As recently as a few months ago Russia strongly opposed an attempt by Mr. Brown to raise a loan for the Corean Government to purchase shares in the railway from Seoul to Fu San. As a result of her opposition the negotiations for the loan failed.

The St. Petersburg correspondent of The Daily Mail asserts that M. Pavloff, Russian Minister at Seoul, has protested against Corea taking foreigners into the Government service, with the exception of Russians, and demanded the appointment of the latter, but Corea seemed determined, with the help of the powers, to defend her integrity.

The Japanese Squadron Meving.

London, March 25 .- "A Japanese Dewet's commandoes have been brok- squadron. Admiral Tsushima comen up for the present. This is prob- manding, left Nagasaki Saturday for Corea," says the Yokohama correspondent of The Daily Mail. "The general opinion here is that the situation is serious. Urgent instructions have been issued by the Minister of War, Gen. Viscount Katsoura, to the commanders of forts, to attend a conference in Tokio, to consider questions of home defence.

"The war rumors are causing a fall in prices on the various bourses. The feeling of the country is uneasy and intensely anti-Russian, but the Cabinet shows no indication of its pol-

Germans Ousted Chinese Troops.

Tien Tsin, March 24.-The Gerperial troops from the passes on the Chi Li-Shansi frontier, and intend summering in the vicinity of Shan Hai Kwan.

THIRTEEN CENTS A TON.

Longshoremen Agree to Accept This With 12 Hours' Work a Day.

Cleveland, Ohio, March 25 .- At the conference Friday between the 'Longshoremen's Union and the dock managers, the deadlock which existed on Thursday was broken. At the conference the 'longshoremen receded from their demands for 14 cents a ton for unloading ore and a compromise was ed all sections of working people, effected on the basis of 13 cents. It was decided that 12 hours should constitute a day's work from the opening of the season until Sept. 15, and from that date until the close inforcements of dragoons and infan- of navigation 11 hours should be try have arrived here. It is estim- day's work. Twenty-five cents an ated that there are now 18,000 men hour will be paid for overtime. The out on strike or thrown out of work | wage scale for the engineers and on account of the strike. About 1 .- hoisters and the ore shovellers will

POLITICAL POINTERS.

East Peterboro Liberal Association selected William Anderson of Otonabee Township as their representative for the coming election on Saturday. Hon. J. R. Stratton gave the address of the afternoon. West Durham Liberals in convention at Bowmanville on Saturday chose W. Ricard of Newcastle to con-

Archbishop Lewis Better.

New York, March 25 .- At the Em-Hotel last night it was said that the Right Rev. John Travers Lewis, who has been ill there for several weeks is much improved.

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