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THE WAR MUST BE FOUGHT OUT

Lord Salisbury Says This is Necessary for Imperial Stability.

Decided Utterances of the Premier at the Conservative Union-Mousing of the Peer the Burning Question Locally in London-Lord Salisbury Counsels Action Looking Towards Relief-Well Laid Boer Plans.

London, Dec. 19.—At the annual conference of the National Union of Conservative Associations yesterday, Lord Salisbury, commenting on the remarkable change of London from a Radical to a Tory stronghold, remarked that the only radicalism remaining was found where the burning question was the housing of the poor. The Conservatives, he added, could not more surely maintain their hold on the public than by devoting their whole power to removing this scandal of civilization—the suffering many working people had to undergo from the pitiable accommodations—and providing adequate, healthful habitations for the poor.

War Must Be Fought Out. Alluding to the war, Lord Salisbury said that, if they wished to sustain the Empire and maintain the glory of England unarmished, their efforts must not be slackened until this great enterprise should be carried out, for, on the issue thereof, depended the glory and perpetuity of the Empire. It might require a strenuous effort and great self-sacrifice. The present was a period of some anxiety.

"We," said the Premier, "do not know exactly what has taken place. We earnestly hope the issue may be better than the beginning. But, we have to push it through. Maybe there are matters which have not been explained, and when explained it may be the subject of scrutiny as to the steps whereby the present results have been reached. But we must spare no efforts whereby the glory and the maintenance of our Empire may be achieved."

Boer Plans Were Splendidly Laid. Johannesburg, Monday, Dec. 17.—Details of the defeat of the British at Nooitgedacht, indicate that Gen. Clement's entire force had a narrow escape from capture. The Boer plans were splendidly laid. If the British column had tarried a little longer there would have been a complete success for the Boers, who exposed themselves undauntedly, yelling and waving their arms. Their rushes were only stemmed by artillery.

After the British retreat the Boers held a prayer meeting. Their hymns could be heard by the retiring soldiers. All accounts indicate a heavy Boer loss.

Col. Legge exhibited splendid bravery. He shot five Boers with his revolver before he fell, with three bullets in his body.

All the Wounded King Well. London, Dec. 19.—Lord Kitchener, in a despatch from Pretoria, dated Dec. 17, reports that all the British wounded in the engagement at Nooitgedacht have arrived there, and are doing well.

Brabants and Cape Rifles Defeated. Cape Town, Dec. 19.—The Boers who crossed the Orange River into Cape Colony, west of Alwal North, on Saturday, encountered the Cape Rifles and Brabant's force, who retired with loss.

Volunteer Officers Resign. Their Affairs Going to Ruin, and War Office Has Let Them Off.

London, Dec. 19.—The Government publicly requests employers who have kept open situations for yeomanry, colonials and volunteers to continue their patriotic efforts to minimize the sacrifices of these men in the services of their country.

The War Office has issued the Queen's thanks to the yeomanry, colonials and volunteers, expressing their reliance that those abroad will continue to aid her regulars.

The foregoing are designed to quiet those in the field who are waiting to go home.

Numerous volunteer officers' resignations were gazetted last night—lawyers, physicians and business men, who have urgently represented that their affairs are going to ruin. The War Office, on account of these representations, has let them off.

THE RAID ON CAPE COLONY. Boers Entered at Two Points and Gen. McDonald Is Engaging the Invaders.

London, Dec. 19.—"The Boers have raided Cape Colony at two separate points, 100 miles distant," says the Cape Town correspondent of The Daily Mail. "One commando advanced upon Philipstown, between Colesberg and Kimberley. The other, supposed to be Herzog's commando, crossed the Orange River between Odendaal Stroom and Bethulie, northwest of Burgersdorp, its objective apparently being Cradock."

General McDonald is engaging the invaders, who have no guns, 20 miles west of Burgersdorp. The latest news is that they are being slowly forced back to the Orange River, where a warm reception is being prepared for them."

Plague Quarantine Raised. Cape Town, Dec. 18.—A woman has died from the plague in the King William's Town district. No fresh cases have been reported, and the quarantine has been raised.

Sentenced For Treason. Cape Town, Dec. 18.—The sentences imposed by the court at Colesberg in the cases of the men convicted of treason are regarded as very lenient. Van Rensburg was sentenced to eighteen months' imprisonment and to pay a fine of £500. Roux was condemned to two years and six months' imprisonment, Swart to one year and six months, Fowler to one year and to pay a fine of £500, Jooste to one year and three months

and to pay a fine of £500, and Muller to one year and three months. Independence or Death.

London, Dec. 19.—The Anglican bishop of Lebombo says that he found a dying Boer in the Delagoa region wearing a medal inscribed, "Independence or Death." The Boer said that many of his countrymen wore similar medals, all of whom had taken an oath to fight to the death in the cause of the republic's independence.

The Thanksgiving Service. London, Dec. 19.—The contemplated thanksgiving service in St. Paul's Cathedral in connection with the return of Lord Roberts from South Africa has been abandoned, owing, as the Government announces, "to its being considered desirable to defer general thanksgiving until the close of operations in South Africa."

The program now is for Lord Roberts to debark in the Solent, to visit the Queen at Osborne House Jan. 2, to re-embark, and to land finally at Southampton, coming from that point to London.

Domestic Government Inquiry. Berlin, Dec. 19.—At a meeting yesterday of pan-Germans, protests were entered against the expulsion of Germans from the Transvaal. Some of the speakers so expelled alleged they were brutally treated by the British, and a Government inquiry was demanded.

Pott Sails For Europe. Lorenzo Marquez, Dec. 18.—Herr Pott, the Netherlands' Consul, sailed to-day for Europe. There was no demonstration.

SOME CANADIANS ILL. Corp. Callahan, C. M. R., Dangerously Sick at Pretoria.

Ottawa, Dec. 19.—Sir Alfred Milner cables as follows: Cape Town, Dec. 18.—380, Faulder, 639, Hermitage, Springfontein; 63, Corp. Callahan, 1st Bat. Canadian Mounted Rifles, Pretoria, dangerously ill.

(Signed), Milner. The C. S. O. at Halifax wires as follows: Halifax, Dec. 18.—Following received from War Office: Roslyn Castle Cape Town, Dec. 13, due Halifax, Jan. 5, with 45 officers and 733 men Canadian contingent. Private Hanbrook insane.

(Signed), C. S. O. Every Man Gets a Watch. Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 19.—Elaborate preparations are being made in the city for the reception of British Columbia's returning members of the Transvaal contingent. Each Vancouver man will be presented with a suitably engraved gold watch, and a memorial will be raised to those who have found graves on the African veldt—Jackson and Whitley. A banquet will be tendered the whole British Columbia contingent on its arrival here.

Money, Medal, Banquet. St. Thomas, Dec. 19.—Monday night the City Council decided to present each of the five returning South African soldiers, representing the city, with \$31.60 and a suitable medal. The money is taken from the Home-Coming Fund, raised in the city. A banquet will also be tendered them.

THE HAY-PANCOFOTE TREATY. Mr. Foraker Advocated Its Passage in the U. S. Senate.

Washington, Dec. 19.—After going into Executive session yesterday, and before taking up the Hay-Pancofote treaty, the Senate ratified the minor treaties before it. Senator Foraker then spoke on the Hay-Pancofote treaty, defending and supporting it as a wise precaution for the protection of American interests. He said that he had been willing to support the treaty unamended, believing it to have been properly guarded, but that if there originally had been any doubt on that score there could now be none, in view of the amendments already adopted by the Senate, and those recommended by the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Colombia's Attitude. New York, Dec. 19.—A despatch to The Herald from Panama says: The Colombian Government will do everything within its power to facilitate and hasten the opening of the canal by the Panama route, whether it is effected by the actual company holding the concession, which expires in 1906, or by whomsoever may represent their rights.

Hon. Joseph Martin III. Winnipeg, Dec. 19.—Ed. Martin received a letter from his brother, Hon. Joseph Martin, yesterday, in which it was stated that the latter was suffering from necrosis of the bone of the knee, and that it would be necessary for him to go to the hospital there for two or three weeks' treatment. His case, although a painful one, is not of a serious character, and Mr. Martin has no doubt that his brother will come through his trouble all right. Mr. Martin was troubled with the same disease upwards of 20 years ago.

Woman Burned to Death. Toronto, Dec. 19.—After a fire, which destroyed her dwelling in the rear of 49 and 51 Elizabeth street, had been extinguished early yesterday morning, the dead body of Catherine Wiggins, aged 68 years, was found by the firemen. There was nothing to show how the fire had started, but it is believed the woman met her death by setting fire to her skirts while lighting a small house lamp.

Prominent Montrealeur Dead. Montreal, Dec. 19.—One of the leading business men of the Dominion passed away yesterday afternoon in the person of Mr. James Robertson, president of the James Robertson Company, Limited. For more than a year Mr. Robertson had been in failing health and had been compelled to give up any active interest in the vast business he had created.

FOR MILITARY SUPERVISION.

Count Von Waldsee Assigns Each of the Allies a District.

Lord Lansdowne and U. S. Ambassador Choate Had a Long Conference Regarding Chinese Affairs—The Word "Irrevocable" Cuts a Prominent Figure as Regards Joint Note—Various Misunderstandings.

Pekin, Dec. 18.—Count Von Waldsee has issued an order assigning various districts in the neighborhood of Peking for supervision to the military representatives of the various powers. The order says that the extent to which the co-operation of the French and American troops can be depended upon is a matter to be determined by agreements made with the generals commanding these forces.

Count Von Waldsee says he knows that there is a considerable force of Chinese under General Ma in the northern part of the Province of Shan Si, and another south of Tshang Tsang, but during the severe winter, that has now set in, he does not expect an aggressive Chinese Government. On the other hand, wherever the allies leave a district for any length of time, bands of robbers and Boxers will congregate. For this reason, the Field Marshal desires the co-operation of all the allies to cover the various districts with strong patrols.

It is now understood that a meeting of the foreign envoys will be held to-morrow.

Had a Long Conference. London, Dec. 19.—Mr. Choate, the United States Ambassador, had a long conference yesterday afternoon regarding the Chinese situation with the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, the Marquis of Lansdowne, and subsequently Mr. Henry White, secretary of the United States Embassy, paid a visit to the Foreign Office. What could be learned from British and American sources varied considerably, the former expressing annoyance and anxiety, the latter maintaining that nothing serious was developing.

Some explanation, however, was gathered of the extraordinary tangle in which the Chinese negotiations have recently been mixed up, and some reconciliation of the contradictory telegrams that have emanated from Peking and various European capitals.

It appears that over a week ago the powers came to an agreement to eliminate the word "irrevocable" from the joint note. Then, when it was believed that everything had been settled, objections were raised, and Great Britain, for the sake of harmony, although much against her will, agreed to reinsert the "irrevocable" clause. In this, it is believed, she was supported by the United States.

A Misunderstanding Arose. Once more the joint note seemed on the verge of signature, when a misunderstanding arose in Peking. This confused the Governments, and formed the subject of the despatch from Secretary Hay, which Mr. Choate transmitted to the Marquis of Lansdowne yesterday. As the result of the interview, Mr. Choate has sent a long cablegram to Secretary Hay, in which he attributes the latest misunderstanding to be an error in forwarding instructions, an error which occurred, presumably, through the cable company, and which caused Mr. Conger and Sir Ernest Satow, the British Minister in Peking, to take opposite views, although their home Governments were perfectly agreed.

The United States Embassy, while noncommittal, hopes that to-day's conference will clear up the muddle and bring about a signing of the joint note in Peking within a few days.

Not Quite So Hopeful. On the other hand, the British Foreign Office is not quite so hopeful. Officials there profess to be rather at sea as to whether the conditions are to be irrevocable or otherwise. Indications point to their being irrevocable. British officials admit that they gave in under protest, and with a distinct reservation that, although the demands are irrevocable, this in no way constitutes enforcement of demands by European troops. To such a course, Great Britain cannot, and will not, agree.

Britain's Alterations Accepted. London, Dec. 19.—Great Britain's proposed alterations in the preamble of the joint note have been practically accepted by all the powers, says the Peking correspondent of The Daily Mail, wiring Monday. "Both Russia and Japan, whose support was regarded as doubtful, have agreed. Only the attitude of the United States remains as yet not clearly defined; but the acquiescence of America is anticipated, and it is probable that the joint note will be signed and delivered to the Chinese plenipotentiaries within three or four days. The German Minister has warmly supported the British proposal."

Ontario Beats Them All. Toronto, Dec. 19.—Hon. John Dryden has received a letter from J. G. Jardine, Ontario Commissioner to the Paris Exposition, saying that Canadians have been awarded an added 2 gold, 15 silver and 5 bronze medals for fruit, and, with a total of more than 20 awards for agriculture and horticulture, has beaten every country in the world.

Farmers' Institutes Report. Toronto, Dec. 19.—The report of the Farmers' Institutes in Ontario has been issued. It is gratifying, and shows that a large increase in membership and activity has taken place during the year. The total membership now is over 140,000. The report contains several valuable papers on various subjects, by experts.

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