

SECRET CABLEGRAM

Sent by Chamberlain to the Australian Premiers.

ALARMING RUMORS CIRCULATING

Canada's Offer to Garrison Halifax and Allow the Withdrawal of Regulars Was Accepted.

LONDON, March 2.—A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Sydney, N. S. W., says: "It has developed that the Premier received a few days ago a cablegram from Mr. Chamberlain, marked confidential, with a request that its contents be communicated to the Premier."

OTTAWA, Ont., March 2.—The offer of Canada to garrison Halifax by the Canadian militia and allow the regulars to be sent elsewhere has been accepted.

ENGLAND'S WAR EXPENSES.

Government May Have to Borrow \$200,000,000.

LONDON, March 2.—The Statist shows that if the government estimates of expenditures are realized, it will be compelled to borrow \$200,000,000 for war purposes, of which \$5,000,000 will be raised to cover normal expenditures, and that the Chancellor of the Exchequer will be compelled to increase the taxation for the year £7,000,000. It suggests that the income tax be increased 1 penny, which would give £2,500,000 additional revenue; that the tobacco duties be increased 3 pence a pound, whereby £2,300,000 would be obtained; that the beer duty be increased 1 shilling a barrel, which would bring in £1,400,000, and that the spirit duty be increased 1 shilling a gallon, realizing £1,200,000.

CRONJE AT SIMON'S TOWN.

The Boer General Affected by His Misfortune.

CAPE TOWN, March 2.—General Cronje and his party arrived at Simon's Town today. Cronje was received here by General Frederick Forrester-Walker and a representative of Sir Alfred Milner, Governor of Cape Colony.

ORANGE RIVER, March 1.—General Cronje and his wife passed here last night, en route to Cape Town.

General Cronje looks greatly affected and miserable, and is much grayer. He entered the refreshment-room accompanied by his wife, son and interpreter and General Pretzman and his staff. Taking his seat at the table, Cronje covered his face with his hands for a few moments, as if engaged in prayer.

STORIES THE PRISONERS TELL.

Cronje's Night March Began in a Panic.

PAARDEBERG, Wednesday.—All the prisoners were paraded yesterday afternoon. They extended in a long trailing line like a serpent across the plain, and as far as possible were arranged in companies. The Free Staters were kept separate from the Transvaalers. The look upon the faces of the men as they passed, made it impossible to arrive at any other conclusion than that they were all overjoyed at their release from the daily hell of shell and shot which they had been experiencing lately. Many did not even take the trouble to conceal their delight from the soldiers guarding them. They extended in a long trailing line like a serpent across the plain, and as far as possible were arranged in companies. The Free Staters were kept separate from the Transvaalers.

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Some of the sick prisoners have given a vivid description of the march. It began in a panic, and terrible confusion prevailed throughout. Huge warrens crowded the narrow road, there was an utter lack of order and discipline. The Boer rations consisted of one and a half pounds of fresh meat daily and one and a half pounds of coffee, three pounds of sugar and five pounds of four per man weekly.

TO MAKEFING'S RELIEF.

British Force Probably on the Way to the Town.

LONDON, March 2.—With no prospect of any exciting news coming in from Ladysmith in the near future, all eyes turn once more toward Lord Roberts and his advance into the Orange Free State. Critics of the afternoon papers are almost unanimous in expecting the main stand of the Boers to occur at Winburg, or in its vicinity. Before Roberts' advance on Bloemfontein can become actual, the strong force of the Boers already gathered southwest of Paardeberg must be dispersed. The British lack remounts, and the necessity of a thorough transport organization may delay decisive action in this quarter for several days and perhaps weeks.

MAKING ALONE NOW AWAIT RELIEF.

The force to accomplish this is probably already on its way. No more popular event could now occur for Great Britain than the relief of Baden-Powell's gallant little band. It is believed they are quite able to hold out until Roberts arrives.

IN Northern Cape Colony the British campaign progresses well.

It is suggested that White's garrison may be sent to the sea to recuperate, but this scarcely seems probable.

THE AFTERNOON PAPERS devote jubilant editorials to the joy that reigns throughout the empire, manifesting it as one more sign of imperial unity.

A dispatch from Buller was received at the War Office this morning, announcing that 73 wagons and 1000 supplies are now entering Ladysmith. The first 10 wagons contained hospital comforts.

Buller's casualties among his officers during the fighting February 27 were:

Killed—Colonel O'Leary, of the Lancashire; Major Lewis, Captain Sykes and Lieutenant Simpson, of the Scottish Fusiliers; Lieutenant Merfyn, all eyes turned to the sea to recuperate, but this scarcely seems probable.

TAKING OF PIETRI'S HILL.

Both Sides Lost Heavily in Tuesday's Fighting.

COLENSO CAMP, Feb. 25.—The Boers lost heavily during yesterday's fighting. Lydlite wrought fearful havoc in the trenches. Many of the wounded were quite yellow from the effects of the fumes. Over one hundred prisoners were taken. Many of the Boers were killed and few were genuine Boers. Considerable ammunition for rifles fell into the hands of the British as well as damaged Maxim guns. One of the Boers was killed in the trenches. The prisoners had not heard of the surrender of Cronje, and discredited it. The majority seemed glad to be captured. They admit heavy losses. The women remained with the Boers in the trenches until three hours before the British charged. Two women were found, one dead, the other fatally wounded. Before she died, the latter said her husband would not let her go, so she was such a good shot. The woman was only 18 years old.

SPRING TRADE RETARDED

Underlying Business Conditions Are Highly Satisfactory.

RAILWAYS STILL SHOW GAINS—WEEKLY TRADE REVIEWS—BANK CLEARINGS—THE FINANCIAL REVIEW.

NEW YORK, March 2.—Bradstreet's tomorrow will say: Stormy weather has retarded the development of spring trade at many markets, interrupting telegraph and railway communication, thereby checking the movement of merchandise. In prices, aggressive strength is still the feature of the cotton and cotton-goods market. Lines of retail goods have weakened, and some raw materials, like wool and hides, are quotably lower. Railways returns continue to reflect large gains over a year ago, though, as pointed out last week, comparisons from now on will be with better conditions in transportation matters a year ago, and phenomenal gains are less likely of attainment.

STRANGE SCENES IN LONDON.

The People Apparently Were Mad With Joy.

NEW YORK, March 2.—A dispatch to the World from London, describing the rejoicing over the relief of Ladysmith, says: "In the suburbs it was no uncommon thing to see well-dressed women careening in the middle of the roads, seemingly made while combing their hair, and shouting in childish frenzy. 'To Pretoria; all the way, twopenny.'"

IN THE West End, a gang of students from the University College commanded heavy freight wains dragged them along through the principal streets loaded with students, waving flags, cheering, singing patriotic songs which were taken up by throngs on the pavement until the streets partook of the aspect of bedlam.

From early afternoon all business in the city was at an end. As night came on, the throngs grew denser, the demonstration became wilder, more unrestrained and finally degenerated into a wild orgie. Bands of men and women took possession of omnibuses, which could only proceed at a walking pace, waving union jacks, which, with the clangor of countless church bells, created an incessant din. All thought of the terrible toll of dead and maimed of the bravest of their soldiers which had been paid for this victory was forgotten.

IN THE House of Commons, when Balfour read Buller's second dispatch stating he had been to Ladysmith, and describing the horrors of the beleaguered town, there was a cheering. William Redmond, had indignantly protested against imprisoning Cronje on a flagship at Cape Town, crying: "You send your gallant captive to your hulks."

HOW MONTREAL CELEBRATED.

Noisy Demonstrations by Students of the McGill College.

MONTREAL, March 2.—The McGill students here celebrated the relief of Ladysmith by insisting that the girls of the Donalda department be given a holiday; that the mayor give the civic officers a half holiday, and that French newspapers and others hoist the union jack. The students of Laval, the Catholic University demanded that flags be ordered by the McGill men be hauled down. The request was generally complied with, but one British flag was torn up by the French students. The McGill men appeared on the scene and a riot was only averted by a cool-headed alderman.

DURING the evening 10,000 people gathered during a blizzard about bonfires in Dominion square and celebrated the relief of Ladysmith.

MONTREAL, March 2.—The students' demonstration continued today.

The Laval men taking the streets. In the afternoon they paraded the principal streets, the only notable feature being the hoisting of the Union Jack. The British flag on the office of La Patrie, the organ of Hon. J. J. Tarte, a member of the Dominion Administration. In the evening a crowd of the students, some of whom marched to the Star office, the newspaper which was responsible for the demonstration in Dominion Square last night. They tore down the flag, tore it and tore it to rags. The students arrived last night were released today, with the understanding that they would be punished with the option of a fine.

Peace Meeting Interrupted.

LONDON, March 2.—A large crowd forced the doors of Exeter Hall, London, where a "stop-the-war" meeting was being held. The meeting was being resisted by the audience, and after a free fight the disturbers were expelled. Undeterred, they broke through the rear entrance, fighting with walking sticks and umbrellas. The police were summoned and the crowd finally quieted down, marching off toward the War Office and singing "God Save the Queen." After the meeting the British flag was hoisted on the office of La Patrie, the organ of Hon. J. J. Tarte, a member of the Dominion Administration. In the evening a crowd of the students, some of whom marched to the Star office, the newspaper which was responsible for the demonstration in Dominion Square last night. They tore down the flag, tore it and tore it to rags. The students arrived last night were released today, with the understanding that they would be punished with the option of a fine.

COLEBERG Dutch Arrested.

RENSBURG, Thursday, March 1.—The greater part of the Dutch residents at Coleberg have been arrested as rebels. The Boers yesterday were in full retreat northward, with the British force following them.

MASHONA Case Taken Up.

CAPE TOWN, March 2.—The Supreme Court resumed the case of the seized steamship Mashona today.

Entertained by Rhodes.

KIMBERLEY, March 1.—Lord Roberts and General Kitchener were the guests of Cecil Rhodes while here.

THE POPE'S BIRTHDAY.

Received Congratulations From Nonagenarians of the World.

ROME, March 2.—The Catholic nonagenarians of the world presented an address of congratulation to Pope Leo XIII on the occasion of the Holy Year at the Sovereign Pontiff completed his 90th year today. The idea of this novel address by signers nearly a century old originated, it is said, in the mind of an aged priest in Thun, Switzerland. The suggestion was met with favor on the Continent, and copies of the document prepared for signatures. The following is a translation of the address: "Having arrived at an age when the soul feels itself free from influences which at other stages of life often mislead or smother its own impulses, the undersigned are able to understand better than ever before those great truths of which your Holiness has never wearied of reminding the world, and which the latter, in its own misfortune, so readily ignores. The remembrance of the great part of your Holiness' life must fill your soul with gratitude to God for all that he has accomplished through you. And to this consciousness your Holiness' must certainly be indebted for the flourishing health, the ever youthful strength which are the wonder of the world and the joy of the universal church."

Boxing in Chicago Schools.

CHICAGO, March 2.—The boxing bouts which were held in the basement of the South Division High School under the supervision of Principal Smith, find favor in the eyes of the Board of Education authorities. President G. H. Harris stated that he had no objection to the sport, as long as Mr. Smith supervised them. Superintendent of City Schools Andrews not only indorses the exercise, but says that he had indeed thought of boxing as a best sport in which the students can partake.

MENT that the courts had at last taken in charge resulted in a general rally in prices. Wednesday, Third-Avenue, after a recovery from its depression, sold down again later in the week to still lower figures, and all of the local New York market showed a decided rally. Influenced more or less unfavorably by the fact that the assessment of those franchises is now in progress.

The Industrial stocks were for the most part heavy, and seemed to be affected by liquidation of long holdings. This was in some quarters attributed to the possibility of anti-trust legislation being considered in Congress. There was also in some instances evidence of unloading by pools in these stocks. Sugar was weak and disturbing feature, the price of the stock dropping on the unfavorable anticipations about the next dividend. There was a lack of bullish activity in the part of traders in these and other industrial and special stocks. Selling pressure in prices of railroad shares was noted, notably Baltimore & Ohio. At the same time railroad stocks showed a considerable undertone of strength, and in some instances the bullish activity was heavily bought for foreign account, a moderately bullish tendency was exhibited.

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FEBRUARY FAILURES.

Except in Special Instances, Comparison With Last Year Is Favorable.

NEW YORK, March 2.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade tomorrow will say: Besides the 881 commercial failures for \$5,351,048, which were reported today, there were in February 423 banking failures for \$263,121, and receivers were appointed for the United States Flour Milling Company, with \$25,000,000 of stock and \$15,000,000 of bonds authorized, and the last April assets for the Third-Avenue Railway Company after liens for several millions had been placed upon the property. Unless separated from such events, commercial failures compared with the corresponding week of last year, the manufacturing failures for \$4,257,628 were larger than in February of 1898 or 1899, but more than half the amount was in two classes, four large lumber and mill failures, and one for 86 per cent of the whole. The trading failures were larger than in February of last year, but 20 per cent of these defaults were made in five failures.

In most instances the comparison with previous years is encouraging, and analysis brings out in strong light the remarkably low average of liabilities in the former failures which constitute the great majority, in that category, beyond conditions and unusually satisfactory collections. The rise of cotton to 94 cents, the highest point since January, 1893, has done much to stimulate the business, drawing from the South and other country towns more than double the quantity marketed last year, distributing millions to producers, whose purchases of supplies are thus increased, and creating almost all expectation the purchases for export. Heavy selling of cotton by people who had none, but felt certain that 9 cents would mark the limit of the rise, had placed them in a position to buy at 36 per cent of the market, and for cotton have been affected all over the world, and the country will reap some benefit in a larger excess of merchandise exports over imports.

Joint Commission to Investigate Diversion of Waters of Great Lakes.

NEW YORK, March 2.—A special to the Tribune from Washington says: The Senate committee on foreign relations has favorably reported an appropriation of \$20,000 for the expenses of United States Commissioners under a resolution authorizing the President to invite Great Britain to join in the formation of an international commission to investigate the diversion of the waters that are the boundary of Canada and the United States.

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It appeared from the papers before the committee, compiled copies of correspondence between the President of the Commissioners of the New York State Reservoir at Niagara and the Secretary of the Government of Ontario, New York and the Secretary of State, that by reason of the diversion of the waters of the Lakes through the Welland Canal, and the proposed diversion of waters in great volume, to be taken under grants for the construction of the Chicago drainage canal, the proposed canal from Georgian Lake to the Ottawa River and other projected waterways, together with the diversion of waters in considerable quantities from the Niagara River above the Falls of Niagara for the generation of mechanical power, under grants from the State of New York to the Province of Ontario, the water levels of the several lakes forming a portion of the boundary between the United States and Canada are reduced, and will be in future under like grants so greatly diminished as to constitute a serious menace to navigation on those waters.

Under these circumstances the committee decided that the Commission should be authorized and recommended the passage of the resolution.

BILLION-DOLLAR TRUST.

Great Combine of Steel, Wire and Tin-Plate Companies.

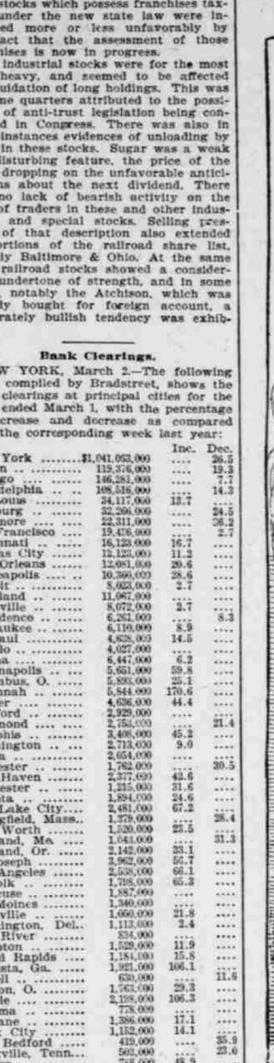
NEW YORK, March 2.—A special to the Tribune from Wheeling, W. Va., says: A combination of iron and steel industries, valued at \$1,000,000,000, has been completed within six months from April 1. It will include the American Tin-Plate Company, the National Steel Company, the American Iron Works Company, and another which is already in existence and which is as large or larger than any of the concerns named. The name of this latter concern is withheld. This information is given by a man who holds interests in all save one of these combinations, and who has been in the employ of Judge Moore, of Chicago, planned the American Tin-Plate Company and the National Steel Company.

THE FINANCIAL REVIEW.

In Spite of Favorable Factors Speculation Continues to Drag.

NEW YORK, March 2.—Bradstreet's financial review tomorrow will say: In spite of the continuance of favorable factors bearing upon the stock market here and abroad, speculation continues to be limited and dragging. The public here does not respond to the remarkable increase in railroad earnings by purchasing stocks at the present level of prices, and in London, while the succession of British victories in South Africa has caused an improvement in prices, it has failed to stimulate any decided influence upon the course of values. It has continued to be a professional market, and the activity by commission houses, which shows the extent to which the public is interested in current speculation, has been intermittent and timid. The most striking incident of the week was the picking of the Third-Avenue Railway road in the hands of a receiver. This action, however, appeared to relieve the anxiety of the street as to whether the troubles of that property might not have far-reaching effects in certain financial quarters. The fate of the road had been indeed hanging over the market for a fortnight or more, and the announcement that the courts had at last taken in charge resulted in a general rally in prices.

MARCH, APRIL, MAY



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FARMING FOR ALASKA

GOOD COUNTRY FOR LIVESTOCK AND CROPS.

Genus, Flax, Clover and Vegetables Thrive Surprisingly—Also Goats, Sheep and Cattle.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—One of the important reports which has just been submitted to Congress by the Secretary of Agriculture and ordered to be printed deals with the agricultural investigations in Alaska. It is important because it brings out some facts in regard to the agricultural capabilities of our vast Northern territory, which will astonish those who have regarded it as a useless ice box, which at best was valuable only for the gold it might contain or for the fur and fish it yields.

THE RUNNING RACES.

Yesterday's Winners at Oakland and New Orleans.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 2.—The weather conditions at Oakland were fine, and the track fast. The results were: Five and a half furlongs, selling—Mountbank won, Coling Event second, Mountbank 3:11 third, time, 1:55. Six furlongs, selling—Matt Hogan won, Orion second, Mafrada third, time, 1:34. Four furlongs, 2-year-old—Game Warden won, Aphrodite second, Birdy Ducat third, time, 1:20. One mile, selling—Flora Bird won, Waterwreck second, Rachel C. third, time, 1:42. Mile and a sixteenth—Castak won, Elmest second, Wyoming third, time, 1:47. Six furlongs—Revanna won, True Blue second, Peace third, time, 1:14.

Races at New Orleans.

NEW ORLEANS, March 2.—The results today were: One mile, selling—Right Bower won, Barney F. second, Russell R. third, time, 1:37. Five furlongs—Wax won, Philter second, Roundo third, time, 1:16. Mile and an eighth, selling—Elsmere won, Koeng second, Yubadam third, time, 1:58. One mile, handicap—Andes won, Prince of Varena second, Dr. Vaughan third, time, 1:42. Seven furlongs, selling—Statira won, Al-Hale second, Range E. third, time, 1:39. Six and a half furlongs, selling—Cortalls won, Agitator second, Sir Blazing third, time, 1:22.

EARTHQUAKE IN MEXICO.

A Number of Small Coast Villages Were Destroyed.

CHICAGO, March 2.—A special to the Record from Guadalajara, Mex., says: The recent earthquakes which were felt throughout Southern Mexico did much greater damage than was indicated by the earlier reports. News from remote coast and mountain towns has just reached Guadalajara and stories of great destruction of property and considerable loss of life are told. The severe seismic shocks had a remarkable effect on the sea, causing it to roll inland and covering the country for a distance of over one mile from the beach. This inundation occurred three times in rapid succession and every movable thing in its path was swept away. A number of small coast villages were destroyed, and there was some loss of life, but no definite information has been received as to the number of persons drowned. This inundation was most severe on the Pacific coast, extending from Acapulco to Manzanillo. Several of the mountain towns in the State of Michoacan suffered severely. Five persons were caught under falling walls in Pomaro and killed.

TO RELIEVE THEIR DISTRESS

Remainder of War Fund to Be Sent to Feed Puerto Ricans.

NEW YORK, March 2.—A special to the Herald from Washington says: To relieve the great distress in Puerto Rico caused by the hurricane, Secretary Root, by direction of the President, has authorized the use of \$1,225,000 remaining over from the emergency war fund. This authorization was made about 10 days ago, as the result of a special report from Major-General Davis, showing the starving condition of the natives. The matter has been kept very quiet, because, with the absence of a special appropriation for this purpose, the authorities feared criticism from those not familiar with the true state of affairs in Puerto Rico.

Will Investigate Turner's Case.

CHICAGO, March 2.—A special to the Record from Vera Cruz, Mexico, says: The Mexican Government is taking an active interest in the case of Edward Turner, the American locomotive engineer who recently died in the military hospital at Vera Cruz, after 19 months' imprisonment in prison without trial, on the charge of being responsible for the wreck of his train. Judge Lambardo, one of the most prominent members of the Mexican bar, arrived here today from the City of Mexico, with instructions from President Diaz, to make a thorough investigation of the circumstances surrounding Turner's imprisonment and death. No official demand for indemnity has been made.

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