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De Witt Talmage to Preach at St. James
Hall—Queen's Birthday—Lipton Will
Not Challenge Very Soon.

LONDON, May 26.—(Copyright 1900 the Associated Press)—The outlook for peace, how soon it will come and the steps by which it will be procured are the foremost topics of the hour here. The air is full of rumors about messages from President Kruger, the Boer delegates and other formal steps looking to a cessation of hostilities; but these, so far, have proved to be without any foundation. According to the opinion of one of the highest officials of the foreign office there is a popular misconception regarding the importance of these imaginary appeals. This authority is inclined to believe that the most submissive telegram President Kruger could impose would not alter the situation in the slightest.

"Peace," he declared, "can only be accomplished after the Transvaal has undergone the same process as the Free State. The cases are, or will be in a few days, analogous. The most forcible illustration of my meaning can be gathered by supposing President Steyn now sued or had sued for peace. What difference could such action make to us? Neither Kruger's word nor Steyn's word are any guarantee that their people will submit.

Kruger might surrender, Pretoria might be in our hands yet, in other parts of the Transvaal, we might have a recurrence of such a thing as the siege of Wepener, or widespread uprisings which would necessitate the presence of thousands of troops.

A thorough occupation having now become the object of the war it cannot terminate until a disarmament is completely effected among all the Boer forces. When the Boers want peace, they must tell Lord Roberts and take him their arms. This may, perhaps, occur at the instigation of President Kruger; but the only importance we could attach to any of his appeals or utterances is the extent with which they will be observed among his own people. My personal opinion is that it will be found that the extent is small, though this fact should not delay peace, or, more properly, pacification.

Lord Roberts should be able to subdue the Transvaal almost as easily as he did the Free State. If, as I hear is likely, a lot of them will take to the hills, a lot of them will be kept there till they are tired. With the bulk of the population disarmed these guerrilla bands are not likely to be a serious factor.

"I fail to see how matters will be altered even if a foreign power, the United States, consented to transmit the unconditional surrender of our foe. I cannot see that it would be worth the paper it is written on, though the action we would take is too hypothetical for me to forecast it."

Others who have given the matter study echoed these ideas, while a well known member of the diplomatic corps told a representative of the Associated Press that he thought it most improbable that he would transmit even unconditional offers from the Boers, or that such a method of attempting to stop the war would do the Boers any good, except as saving their pride.

The queen's birthday was made an excuse for prolonging the Mafeking celebrations. Major-General Baden-Powell, naturally enough, is the hero of the hour. While Colonel Mahon is as much a nonentity as when the name of the commander of the relieving column was undisclosed.

Colonel Mahon is said to be Lord Kitchener's favorite officer and the British Empire is represented to have telegraphed to him to come from South of Khartoum to South Africa. To obey this mandate, it is added, Mahon drove to death in fewer than five miles, while crossing the desert. He is a member of an old Galway family and a relative of Sir Edward Henry Carson, the new solicitor-general.

Parades of students and others that would do credit to the Latin quarter of Paris continue to make the house of Major-General Baden-Powell's mother his chief attraction. A noticeable feature of the parades is the prevalence everywhere of the Stars and Stripes, which was never before displayed to such an extent and which is almost always next to or intertwined with the Union Jack. Commenting on this fact, the St. James Gazette says: "This is as it should be."

The proprietor of a weekly paper adopted a novel experiment in celebrating the anniversary of the day by buying 30,000 flags and distributing them gratis.

It is interesting to note that with the exception of General Hunter, Baden-Powell is the youngest major-general in the British army.

From Sir Thomas Lipton, a representative of the Associated Press learns that he will not announce the date of his next challenge for the America's cup till August. The continuation of his claim, he frankly admits, is due to the belief that it will further his chances of winning. Hence the announcements purporting to come from him are untrue, and it is clear that Sir Thomas has no idea of again attempting to "lift the cup" until next year.

The cutter Hester is the latest British yacht to be sold to America, which has already denuded the sixty-five foot class and has commenced raiding the fast cruisers.

It has been persistently rumored that Sir Henry White, who has been director of naval construction since 1883, is resigning his position. He has been absent from his office many weeks and is completely broken down over the Royal Yacht fiasco.

Moreover, he has many difficulties with the admiralty and many naval officers frankly express disbelief in his armament theories, declaring he has not kept up with the progress made in warship building, especially in the case of American progress. Mr. Watts, the Armstrong's chief designer, is reported to have been offered Mr. White's post.

Dr. T. DeWitt Talmage preaches in London May 27. Preparations have been made to provide for overflow audiences, as St. James hall is not expected to be large enough. Dr. Talmage says the heartiness and enthusiasm of his English and Scotch reception are indeed most remarkable. Like most Americans now in London, Dr. Talmage is soon going to Paris. His visits to the British metropolis are now cut shorter than ever. However, London will be able to hold up its reputation once more when the khedive of Egypt and the shah of Persia arrive. The former will be here June 21. Both these royal personages will doubtless be welcomed warmly and no end of political capital will be made out of their visits.

The queen's birthday honor list is generally voted absurdly inadequate. No naval officer is mentioned and the host of "unknowns" that gained the

coveted distinction. The Pall Mall Gazette rather pathetically comments on the fact that the press is "altogether omitted."

Speculation is now rife as to who will be the first Duke of Fife to be mentioned, but his royal wife is notoriously disinclined to taking part in state functions. The new Duke of Argyll and the Earl of Hopetoun and Jersey are also declared to have a chance of filling the important position.

Following the lines of Lady Warwick the Daily Mail is exposing for the benefit of the public the horrors of the invasion of American millionaires. These intruders, the Mail declares, are so enormously rich that they are indifferent to the fancy prices asked for great estates.

Mr. Andrew Carnegie, the reader of the Mail learns, came to England to avoid a publicity and that in his own personal aim, though he has a passion for building and a love of solitude. The histories of these gentlemen and the Bradley-Martins, Mr. James H. K. Kest, Mr. Joseph Pultney, Mr. Marshall Field, Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal, and a few South African millionaires, are carefully detailed, with estimates about their fortunes, but the writer makes several curious mistakes, among them being the statement that Mr. Marshall Field, who is dubbed the "Lipton of Chicago," is a "Reverend Monopoli." It is well known in hunting circles in Warwickshire, whereas Mr. Field does not hunt at all, the Mail writer mistaking the son for the father.

In a small paragraph at the end of the article the following notice is given to these apparently non-millionaires: "There are political bosses and patrons of sport, such as Richard Croker; sober American bankers like Mr. Drexel, of yachting and motoring fame, and social fame, such as Mrs. Ronalds, and Mrs. McKay."

TISSOT'S FAMOUS PAINTINGS.
The Reading Club Will Soon Have Reproductions of Them.

When the paintings of Tissot were exhibited in Chicago last year, the rooms of the Art Institute were packed to suffocation day after day by crowds eager to study the wonderful conceptions of the French artist. The remarkable change which came over the man who had spent a lifetime in painting common-place scenes, such as might be expected from a Bohemian, is one of the romances of art. The man was over 50 years of age, and the occasion was the church of St. Sulpice, in Paris, whither the worldling had gone to study faces of beautiful women. There a vision came to the painter which transformed him into a new man, with a new ambition and a new future.

He left Paris on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, where he studied with eager attention every spot associated with the life of Jesus, and read the gospel narrative more than 100 times. He determined to paint the story of the career of the Nazarene, giving it the exact setting in which it took place. For ten years Tissot studied and painted. At last he placed before the world the result of his long toil—500 paintings and drawings.

When his father looked at them he was amazed to find how wrong his impression had been of the places which the boy felt had touched. He exclaimed: "Then I must alter all my preconceived ideas of these things! What, is not Calvary a high mountain, in the shape of a sugar-loaf, covered with rocks and brushwood?" "Why no," replied Tissot, "the Mount of Calvary, though it occupied the summit of the city, was, at the most, only 22 or 23 feet high. Your mistake is shown by the great number of believers; the Christian world has for a long time past had its imagination misled by the fancies of painters; and there is a whole stock of images that must be driven out of the mind before it can be familiarized with notions that are a little nearer the truth."

The exhibition of Tissot's work soon set all Paris in a flame. Such pictures had never been seen before. In London a profound impression was made. New York was also deeply stirred. Men unaccustomed to a display of emotion stood before the pictures with the tears courting down their cheeks.

One can get a better idea of the topography of the Holy Land, the architecture, the dress, the faces of the people, by studying Tissot's work than by reading many books. Leonardo's great painting of the "Last Supper" is placed by the side of Tissot's picture of the same subject. The latter is most interesting to a Raphael or an Angelo or a Hoffman near a Tissot and note the different conceptions of the artist.

The Reading Club of this city has done a real service to the community by bringing to the coast a collection of slides made from the Tissot paintings, which will reproduce them in the original color. Every art lover and all who are interested in the study of Israel's great hero should avail themselves of the opportunity of seeing these famous pictures at the Presbyterian church, May 29.

ARE GIVING
LIGHTS AWAYSudden Change in West Shore
Mills Company's Finances.Two Weeks Ago So Poor They Could
Not Afford to Take the Old City
Contract—Now They Don't
Want Money.

Almost everyday nowadays the agents of the West Shore Mills Company announce that the streets will be lighted for another night because some official or citizen has asked the West Shore Mills Company to light them and they add, with a great show of pride, that the corporation donates the lights.

It was less than two weeks ago that the principal owner and the manager of the West Shore Mills Company stood up before the water commission and announced that the company had been losing money steadily upon the public lighting of the streets and it was for that reason it could not afford to renew its old contract with the city but must raise the price of lights. Now, it seems, the company can afford to give away its lights to any citizen who chooses to ask for them.

When the Astorian said this matter of giving away of street lights by the West Shore Mills Company, was a "grand stand play"—that is, it is being done in an attempt to win the support and sympathy of the people and not because the corporation desires to favor the city or the people unless paid for it—it told the truth. If it was mistaken, how does the West Shore Mills Company reconcile its action in giving away lights with its statements that it was too poor, and losing too much money, to allow the city its old rate on street lights—which was a big price—for another year?

The dodge is too "cauzy" to fool anybody, but it is hoped the citizens will keep on asking the West Shore Mills Company to give away its lights and that company will continue to grant the requests. If there could be any certainty of this being done the public lighting question would be settled in a manner most satisfactory to the taxpayers, while the name of the West Shore Mills Company would be written under that of Abou Ben Adam as a public benefactor.

The statement has been made, time and again, by the agents of the West Shore Mills Company, that the average cost of street lights throughout the United States is \$101 per year. This has always been made as an assertion by these agents and has never been backed up by the proof of a single figure taken from the cost of lighting, public or private, as furnished by the various cities in the United States.

The statement is absolutely untrue. The Astorian has published the cost of street lights, furnished by both public and private lighting plants, in over one hundred cities and in but three (and those in locations remote from natural fuel supplies) has the price per light per annum equaled \$101.

If that figure is the average it could be easily shown, but it is not, and has not been for nearly ten years past.

Just as an instance: The Chicago Times-Herald quotes the cost of street lights in Portland, Ind., contracted under public ownership and private corporation. It gives the figures for sixty-five arc street lights as costing \$62.72 per annum under municipal, or public ownership of the lighting plant, as against \$90 per annum when a private corporation furnished the lights.

There is the slight difference of \$27 per light per annum between the Portland, Ind., rate under private supply and what is claimed as the average cost of street lights in this country.

It is worse than foolish for the agents of the West Shore Mills Company to try to deceive the people, especially when there is such an abundance of incontrovertible proof ready at hand to show their statements false. It is a question whether the average cost of street lights within the United States, even when furnished by private contract, will amount to as much as \$90 each per annum, and under public lighting, where the municipality controls and operates the lighting plant, the average will be nearer \$60 per annum than \$101.

The agents have also been in great glee over the seeming indifference of the water commission, as regards the public lighting question in Astoria. The members of the water commission are merely servants of the people, honored above their fellows in the appointment to that position because it was believed they were men of sound discretion who would do their duty.

The Astorian has all along urged that the water commission be given ample time to investigate the public lighting question. Nobody wants it to rush headlong into the proposition, and neither does anyone want it to delay the settlement of the matter an hour longer than is necessary. It is understood that the members of the water commission are making the investigation they promised to make, namely, as to the cost of building, operating and maintaining an electric lighting plant for the purposes of furnishing "this city, and the inhabitants thereof," with light and power "for any purposes whatsoever." That is the direction of the law that created them in laying down their duties and they are men of too high character to shirk their obligation. So it can safely affirm

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that the water commission is at work trying to decide what is best to do.

Mr. S. Elmore, who has been in Portland several days, returned yesterday. While absent he thoroughly investigated the cost of building and running electric light plants. What he learned will probably be communicated to the water commission at a meeting that will be held tomorrow.

At the same meeting Mr. Welch, of the Northwestern Electric Light Company, will appear before the commission with facts and figures for its consideration.

All these things tend to show that, while the matter is moving slowly, it is moving surely, and the final solution of public lighting in Astoria is not far off.

UNWORTHY SON OF NOBLE SIRE.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 26.—The Examiner says that Julian T. Bidolph Arnold, member of the London firm of Knightley, Arnold & Kreighner, who is under arrest here for embezzlement, is the second son of Sir Edwin Arnold, the famous poet. Young Arnold is also an author, having written a book entitled "Palms and Temples," descriptive of a trip up the Nile. The extradition papers in his case have been signed, and the prisoner will soon be on his way back to England. He says he is anxious to return and have the whole thing over with.

SUMMER RESORTS.

"To the mountains our people in increasing numbers yearly look for those days of relaxation and recreation necessary to maintain the human machine in fair working condition. The languorous sloth of the seashore proves very seductive while it lasts, but many have decided that the annual outing should provide not only radical change of air and surroundings, but also such stimulation of flagging energies as will provide brawn and vigor for the return to labor. For this they urge the mountain climb and ramble, the balsam of the mountain pines, and the clear, unadulterated mountain air.

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