

STORMY SCENES IN PARLIAMENT

Unparalleled Display of Fierce Animosity and Bitter Invective.

CHAMBERLAIN BECAME WILD

Lord Salisbury Deprived Boers of Last Shred of Hope—Lord Rosebery Made a Spirited Attack on the Government.

LONDON, Dec. 7.—The fifteenth parliament of the reign of Queen Victoria opened yesterday. Before the lights went out in the ancient chambers almost every leading politician had spoken.

Such fierce personal animosity and such bitter invective had scarcely ever before marked the proceedings at Westminster. Joseph Chamberlain, secretary of state for the colonies, was the center of the storm.

How great a strain he had undergone was evident in the scarcely suppressed excitement shown on the part of one rarely known to show feeling in the house.

Irritated beyond control by frequent interruptions and disturbances he called one of the Liberals amid excitement a "cad." The speaker called him to order and Chamberlain withdrew the epithet, apologizing for its use.

BRITISH LION ROARS. LONDON, Dec. 6.—Lord Salisbury, speaking in the house of lords today, said that the Transvaalers, Free Staters and world understood that there could be no deviation from the policy of the government already outlined.

The war must proceed to the inevitable issue. England must let it be felt that no one by the issue of an insolent and audacious ultimatum could force the British government to humiliate itself and abandon its rights.

THE FEATURE OF THE SESSION WAS Lord Rosebery's spirited attack on the government. He was unsparring in his criticism of the dissolution of parliament, the conduct of the war, the policy of the government toward China and everything handled by the cabinet.

CHINESE SMUGGLED IN. Detectives Arrest Two Chinamen in Railroad Station at Jersey City.

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—Detectives of the Jersey City police department have arrested two Chinamen in the Pennsylvania railway station in Jersey City for the alleged violation of the Chinese exclusion law.

The prisoners, who said they were Ching Tung and Yin Wah, were passengers on the Lehigh Valley express train from Buffalo. They had berths in the Pullman sleeping car.

Chief of the Jersey Police Murphy received information that Chinamen were being smuggled into New York by the wholesale as many as ten a day sometimes arriving over the Lehigh Valley road.

REVENUE CUTTER REPAIRED. This is Now as Good as New and Will Soon Go Into Commission.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 6.—The revenue cutter Thetis, on which repairs costing \$10,000 have just been made, will have her machinery overhauled at the Mare island navy yard and will soon go into commission.

WANTED TO LYNCH THEM. Enraged Passengers Would Hang Bandits Who Held Up a Chicago Street Car.

CHICAGO, Dec. 6.—Two attempts were made to hold up cars on the West Side last night. The first was

productive of a fight and the final capture of two of the robbers by the crew and passengers of the car and came near ending in a lynching.

Only prompt action on the part of the conductor and motorman, who hastened their prisoners to a patrol box and summoned the police, prevented the enraged passengers from wreaking summary vengeance on the men.

Two hours later three men tried to hold up a car on West Fortieth avenue. The car was chased two blocks by the bandits, who fired several shots after it, but the driver whipped up his horses and escaped.

The first affair occurred near Union Park. In the fight two of the three robbers were captured. The third man fled down the street followed by the angry passengers.

When the pursuers of the third bandit returned after a fruitless chase and others joined the other passengers, the trouble started. The crowd surrounded the car and demanded the prisoners.

Conductor Wilson refused to give the prisoners up and dropped the clasp on the doors. Motorman Horan slipped out the front door while Wilson was arguing with the crowd and turned on the current. The car sped rapidly toward Madison street, followed by a number of the crowd, but the former passengers were soon distanced and gave up the chase.

ENGLISH PRESS EXCITED. Beginning to Take Seriously the French Threats of Invasion.

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—A dispatch to the Tribune from London says: The English press is displaying signs of increased excitement over General Mercier's speech representing a French invasion, and is thereby strengthening his hand and enabling him to regain the prestige lost during the Dreyfus trial.

Officers of the French army and navy are constantly talking about the possibility of effecting a landing in England. It is their most interesting technical problem. They have precise information about the defenses of English towns like Dover, Portsmouth and Plymouth, also about the military resources of ports like Liverpool.

AMERICAN HORSES BEST. British Army Dependent Upon American-Bred Stock.

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—A number of Canadian horse experts, mostly veterinarians, have just passed through this city on their way to St. Louis and western points to pass on herds of horses selected by British military agents for use in the Transvaal.

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TOTAL OF SEVEN DEATHS. As Result of Boiler Explosion in Power House of Northwestern Railroad.

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COMMONER SOLD. Well-Known Stake Winner Bought for \$2500.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Dec. 6.—The Commoner, by Hanover, a big stake winner and sire owned by William A. Wallace of this city, was sold at Woodward & Shanklin's thoroughbred sale to Hinde & Baker, of Galeburg, Ill., for \$2500.

INAUGURAL COMMITTEE. Chairmanship Given to John J. Edson of Washington.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—Senator Hanna, chairman of the Republican national committee, this afternoon offered to John J. Edson, a prominent business man of this city, the chairmanship of the inaugural committee. Edson accepted.

FEATURES OF AGREEMENT. Proposal of Secretary Hay Adopted by the Powers With But Slight Modification.

CHICAGO, Dec. 6.—A special to the Times-Herald from Washington says: American diplomacy leads the world. The great powers have practically reached an agreement as to the basis of future movements in China and this basis is that which was proposed by Secretary Hay.

Secretary Hay has cabled Minister Conger to sign for the United States an agreement which the ministers reached at Peking. This agreement was sent to the home governments for their approval and with a single exception every power has already cabled its representative at Peking to sign the agreement and that power will probably do so tomorrow.

Thus the concert of the powers is preserved and a practical and rational basis of settlement, has been reached at last, thanks to the skill and firmness of the American secretary of state. The chief features of the agreement are as follows:

"It is stipulated that the punishments to be meted out to the guilty Chinese are as severe as it is possible for the Chinese government to administer, but not more severe. The government of China is not to be asked to do the impossible.

It is expected that under this obligation the government will punish severely eleven ringleaders in the attacks upon the legations and in the incitement of anti-foreign outrages. Some of these will be beheaded. Others will be banished or degraded.

Great Britain and Germany had been permitted to have their way the dynasty would have been compelled to agree to behead men who are beyond the reach of the emperor's government—men who are in the western provinces and in command of military forces sufficient to protect them. Secretary Hay has from the first contended that while, in justice, all these heads should be taken off, it is necessary to catch your hare before cooking him, and that it was simply absurd to require the Chinese government to decapitate men whom it could not get hold of.

These guilty officials will be banished and degraded and thus it will be made impossible for them to return to positions of power.

It is stipulated in the agreement that the Chinese government is to formally admit its liabilities to the powers for damages and for the expenses of military operations. This done the amount to be paid for each nation is to be ascertained afterwards by means of careful inquiries and estimates.

This part of the plan will require much time and, while of course it will give rise to opportunity for trouble making powers to precipitate new complications, it is felt that a good point has been gained by making the amount of indemnity a subject of negotiations as it should be rather than a preliminary condition. Other features of the agreement pertain to the legation guards to be kept at Peking, to the raising of the Peking forts and other military precautions similar to those proposed by the French government a month ago.

TO ALL THESE conditions it is understood that Li Hung Chang and Prince Ching, representing the emperor, are willing to accede.

ENGLISH PRESS SKEPTICAL. LONDON, Dec. 6.—The Times, in the course of a skeptical editorial concerning the chances of an agreement at Peking, says:

"Are the Chinese to be judges of what is the severest punishment they can inflict, or the European powers? If the latter is the case, the acceptance of the American view will not take us much nearer solution. And the same thing may be said of the indemnity question. It seems in fact that there is no settlement but simply an adjournment.

"It is believed here," says the Shanghai correspondent of the Times, "that the Yangtze viceroys are gaining power over the court and substituting their troops for General Tung Fu Siang's. The new governor of the province of Che Kiang has been instructed to arrange forthwith the questions arising out of the Chuchau massacre."

"It is the general belief here," says the Tien Tsin correspondent of the Daily Mail, wiring Tuesday, "that China will accept the demands of the joint note, which all the powers approve, within a fortnight or three weeks and that then the second stage of the negotiations—the examination of proposal after proposal in detail—will begin."

COUNTRESS INDIGNANT. Castellanes Present Counter Claims Against the Bric-a-Brac Dealer.

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—A dispatch to the World from Paris says: Sensational allegations are made by the Count and Countess de Castellanes in their answering affidavits just completed and to be used in conjunction with the injunction proceedings pending in the supreme court of New York against George J. Edwin, Howard and Helen Gould as trustees of the estate of the late Jay Gould.

WHEAT MARKET. PORTLAND, Dec. 6.—Wheat, Walla Walla, 53 1/2¢.

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—Silver, 64 1/2¢.

the American courts to deprive them of their income from the Gould estate. They retaliate by making counter charges of lack of good faith against Asher Wertheimer, the London dealer in articles of vertu, bric-a-brac and other luxuries, who seeing no other prospect of being speedily paid the \$385,000 he alleges the Castellanes owe him assigned his claim to Anton J. Dittmar, of New York, and thus brought on the present legal complications.

The count and countess ask the court to vacate the injunction proceedings, first on the ground that the Wertheimer claims are excessive; that the countess really owes him nothing and that some of the extraordinary high-priced antiques for which thousands of Gould dollars were pledged were not what they were represented to be. In fact the count and countess intimate a desire to prove that certain mirrors bought for a large sum are not genuine antiques.

Probably the strangest point of their affidavit is the allegation that their indebtedness to Wertheimer for goods actually supplied does not exceed and never did amount to \$385,000. They claim that \$120,000 of this big sum is accrued interest for which they disclaim all responsibility.

The Countess Anna sets up as another and distinct reason why the injunction should be vacated the declaration that Wertheimer retains in his possession art objects belonging to her which she values at from \$300,000 to \$400,000 and that she is about to bring suit to recover this amount.

As a final point the Castellanes allege that they have property in France worth more than three times the amount of Wertheimer's and all allied claims and that they are able to satisfy them. The count and countess supplicate the supreme court of the city and county of New York not to impose an injunction on the continued regular payment from the estate of Jay Gould.

MORGAN WILL COME. To Assist in the Northfield Work of the Late Dwight L. Moody.

EAST NORTHFIELD, Mass., Dec. 6.—W. R. Moody has reached home after a visit to London in the course of which he secured the consent of Rev. G. Campbell Morgan to assist in the Northfield work. Mr. Moody says that such an arrangement was planned by Dwight L. Moody before his death and that Mr. Morgan will come to this country in the early summer. He will make his home in East Northfield and will attend the Northfield conference, beginning his special Northfield extension work in the early autumn.

This work has been carried on by Mr. Meyer, Mr. Morgan and H. W. Pope in previous years and consists mainly in holding conventions for a week or ten days' duration in various cities, seeking thereby to awaken a deeper interest in Bible study and greater fellowship among Christian workers.

PRISONERS ESCAPED. Eight Desperate Convicts Being Brought to America From Manila Got Away at Hong Kong.

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—A dispatch to the World from Hong Kong, British China, says: Eight desperate convicts who were being taken from Manila to San Francisco escaped from the United States army transport Grant, which touched here to get the body of Paymaster Barber and convey it to America.

The convicts were destined to prisons in the United States. They got loose somehow and snatched life belts and jumped into the sea. After floating about for awhile they were picked up by a steam launch and brought to this city.

Among them was a soldier who deserted from the American army and had joined the insurgent Filipinos but had been captured. Three of the party have been found and taken back on board the transport Grant in Irons.

WILL INVEST IN MEXICO. Millionaire Mine Owner Goes There to Investigate Conditions.

CHICAGO, Dec. 6.—The Record says: J. Sloat Fassett, the millionaire mine owner of Elmira, N. Y., started from Chicago to the City of Mexico last night in the private car of J. H. Hampson, president of the Mexico, Curnavaca & Pacific railway, to investigate railroad and mining conditions in Mexico. Mr. Hampson said:

"I do not know just what Mr. Fassett expects to do when he gets to Mexico, but he will make a thorough investigation of the mining and railroad interests there. He has extensive mining interests in Mexico and South America and is anxious to add to them, I understand."

Before leaving for his trip Mr. Fassett was asked if he was not going to the City of Mexico with a view to investigating a great amount of capital in railroad interests, to which he replied:

"I am going to Mexico on a pleasure trip, but I do not care to say anything about it. When I return perhaps I can talk more intelligently."

DEATH ACCIDENTAL. Coroner's Jury Holds Dead Responsible for San Francisco's Thanksgiving Accident.

NOT EMPRESS' JEWELS. Interesting Letter From Artillery Officer Who Served under Maximilian.

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—A dispatch to the Herald from Vienna says: The report to the effect that the jewels of Charlotte, once empress of Mexico, have been discovered in the United States through the arrest of two men for smuggling has brought forth an interesting letter from an artillery officer who served under Maximilian and was with him till his death. He now lives at Innsbruck and sends the following to the Wiener Tageblatt:

"I do not believe that the jewels belonged to Empress Charlotte. Toward the end of the year 1866, when it could be seen with certainty that it was impossible to maintain the Mexican empire, the palace guard was disbanded, the personnel of the court reduced and the greater part of the valuables packed and sent under escort to Vera Cruz. Here they were placed on board the Novara and sent to Miramar."

IMPROPER PICTURES MADE. Ten Thousand Negatives Confiscated and Photographer Arrested.

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—While a big Broadway crowd watched the proceedings last evening, a patrol wagon carted away 10,000 films and negatives of the American Electroscopic Company as well as the proprietor, John J. Alexandra, of Brooklyn.

It was the second time he had been arrested during the day, the federal authorities having first put him under apprehension. He was taken into custody at the instance of Anthony Comstock. The ten thousand films and negatives are alleged to be in part improper.

The federal authorities arrested Alexandra during the day on a charge of sending improper matter through the mails. He was taken before Commissioner Shields where he waived examination and he was held in \$1000 bail, which he immediately furnished. The police claim young men would go to the rooms and pose for the pictures.

TOWNE NOW SENATOR. Has Received the Official Documents Which Entitle Him to Succeed Senator Davis.

ST. PAUL, Dec. 6.—Chas. A. Towne this afternoon received from Governor Lind the official documents which entitle him to a seat in the United States senate until the state legislature, which meets on the 8th of January, can elect a successor to fill out the remainder of the unexpired term of the late Cushman K. Davis.

CHILEAN CABINET RESIGNS. VALPARAISO, Chile, Dec. 6.—The cabinet has resigned. Mariano Sanchez, secretary of the interior, has retired because of bad health.

EAGAN RESTORED. Balance of Sentence Remitted and He Was Then Placed on Retired List.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—Brigadier-General Charles P. Eagan, commissary-general, was today restored to duty by

Fisher's Opera House. L. E. SELIG, Lessee and Manager.

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the president and at once placed on the retired list. The order issued by the president remitted the unexpired portion of his sentence and restored him to a "status of duty with station in this city." This order was immediately followed by one issued by General Miles, announcing that General Eagan had been placed on the retired list today, on his own application, after thirty years' service.

the Thanksgiving day disaster in which twenty-two lives were lost by the collapse of the roof of a building belonging to the Pacific Glass Works during the progress of a football game has returned a verdict in each case that no one can be held responsible for his death other than himself and that the death was accidental. CZAR NOW SITS UP. Spends an Hour or Two Each Day in an Armchair. LIVADIA, Dec. 6.—The czar now leaves his bed each day and spends an hour or two in an armchair. In sleep and appetite he is improving, though he is still limited to liquid food.