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TERMS OFFERED BY KITCHENER

Outline of Negotiations With Botha Disclosed.

BOERS TOO NARROW MINDED

Objected to Allowance of Equal Rights to Blacks and Jews—Public Will Never Know Full Details of the Negotiations.

LONDON, March 22.—The Daily Chronicle, professing to be able to give an outline of the negotiations between Lord Kitchener and General Botha, says:

"The chief obstacle to a settlement was Lord Kitchener's refusal to grant complete amnesty to the leaders of the rebels in Cape Colony. He offered self-government on the lines of Jamaica immediately upon the cessation of hostilities, with legislative bodies partly elected by the burghers.

"The government agreed to provide £1,000,000 to compensate the Boers for property destroyed.

"No burgher of either state was to be allowed a rifle except by special license.

"General Botha was generally in favor of these conditions but he dissented strongly from the proposal to give full privileges of citizenship to properly domiciled and registered blacks. He was also greatly concerned about the position Jewish capitalists would occupy in the country and was told that the Jews and Christians would enjoy equal rights, no distinction being made in the matter of concessions."

"The parliamentary papers on the subject will probably appear today (Friday)."

RUMOR DISCREDITED.

LONDON, March 21.—The Antwerp rumor of the execution of General French by the Boers is absolutely discredited in London.

NOT TO BE DISCLOSED.

NEW YORK, March 21.—A dispatch to the Tribune from London says:

It was fully expected and indeed the government had intended that the papers promised by Mr. Chamberlain, bearing upon the peace negotiations between Lord Kitchener and General Botha, should have been ready for issue on Tuesday evening. Unforeseen delay with the printers, however, rendered publication impossible then, but the papers would have been ready for distribution yesterday had it not been for the fact that at the last minute it was found that one of the dispatches was of too important a nature to be issued without undergoing certain revision and the publication was accordingly again delayed.

It is tolerably certain that all communications which passed between England and South Africa in reference to the matter will not be seen by the public. It is stated that the failure of the negotiations was caused by a disagreement on the question of the treatment of the Cape rebels.

PHILIP BOTHA KILLED.

LONDON, March 21.—A special from Cape Town, dated March 20, says that Philip Botha was killed in the recent fighting at Lydenburg.

SITUATION EXTREMELY GRAVE.

Participation of Factory Hands in St. Petersburg Riots Causes Anxiety.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 21.—Owing to conditions created by the recent riots in which students took part, lectures will hardly be possible for the remainder of the year at any of the higher institutions.

The participation of factory hands in the riots is considered extremely grave so far as the future is concerned.

INTERVIEW WITH CARNEGIE.

He Tells English Reporter That Consolidations Are Beneficial.

LONDON, March 21.—To an English interviewer, after his arrival in London today, Andrew Carnegie talked freely

concerning the United States Steel Corporation, which he thought would not affect Great Britain much one way or the other.

Consolidations are the tendency of our age, said he, and will prove beneficial. The chances of Andrew Carnegie, if he landed a princely sum in New York tonight, would be as bright as they were in 1848, and he would have an even wider field. He thought the tariff was a back number for many things, having done its work, "but," he added, "where it is still needed you may rely it will be freely used."

CONFERENCE OF ORANGE MEN.

Hundreds of Carloads of California Fruit Spoiled Owing to Lack of Transportation Facilities.

LOS ANGELES, March 21.—The orange growers and shippers from all over southern California assembled here today to discuss the alleged car famine and delay in transit of fruit to the East. Hundreds of carloads of fruit, it is said, are being rejected on arrival at their destination because of rot. Much of this decay, the growers claim, is due to the slow time made in transit. A committee was appointed to confer with the railroad officials that a time schedule may be arranged which the railroads must keep or pay the penalty for every day in excess thereof.

INDEMNITY QUESTION.

Russian View Appears to Coincide With That of the United States.

WASHINGTON, March 21.—A number of foreign representatives called at the state department today, all interested in China and all keenly aroused over the progress of negotiations concerning indemnities. The Russian view as to indemnities appears to coincide with that of the United States, being favorable to keeping the amount down to a sum which there is some prospect that China can pay, instead of placing it so high that China's inability to pay will result in a territorial scramble.

RACE WILL COME OFF.

The Abbott and Boraima Will Test for \$25,000 a Side.

NEW YORK, March 21.—Fire Commissioner John J. Scannell announced this afternoon that he had decided to agree to the conditions stipulated by Thomas W. Lawson, of Boston, that the proposed race between the trotters The Abbott and Boraima should be for four heats in seven. The race will be for \$25,000 a side.

MCNELL HAS RESIGNED.

For Thirty-Three Years Has Been Connected With Union Pacific System.

OMAHA, March 21.—J. H. McConnell, superintendent of motive power for the Union Pacific system, has resigned. McConnell will be succeeded by Samuel Higgins, superintendent of motive power of the Lehigh Valley road. McConnell has been connected with the Union Pacific for thirty-three years.

KILLED CHILDREN WITH AXE.

Horrible Crime of a Maine Farmer Who Was Probably Demented.

CLINTON, Me., March 21.—Jacob Dearborn Marr, a farmer living eight miles from this city, killed his three children, aged 13, 9 and 7 years, with an axe today. Marr had been despondent for some time and it is thought he is insane.

CAR FAMINE ACKNOWLEDGED.

Reports Confirmed by Officials of the Santa Fe Road.

CHICAGO, March 21.—Officials of the Santa Fe railroad today confirmed reports from California that millions of dollars worth of oranges in that state are rotting in the packing houses because of lack of transportation facilities.

MRS. NATION WILL LECTURE.

Will Receive \$600 and Expenses for Six Talks at Cincinnati.

TOPEKA, March 21.—Mrs. Carrie Nation has accepted a contract for six lectures to be given in Cincinnati. She will receive \$100 each for lectures and all her expenses.

BOTH FORCES WILL WITHDRAW

Agreement Reached Between English and Russians.

RUSSIAN COURSE EXPLAINED

Said to Be Courting War Abroad to Promote Peace at Home or Trying to Divert Attention From Manchuria.

PEKIN, March 22.—Count Von Waldsee, General Barrow and General Wogack have been in consultation and General Wogack has agreed to withdraw the Russian troops from the disputed ground at Tien Tsin provided the British also withdraw. He insisted also upon a guarantee that the work on the railway siding would not proceed until the matter had been diplomatically adjusted. This proposal and stipulation was satisfactory to General Barrow and was accepted by him. Consequently the British and Russian troops will be withdrawn at 5 o'clock this morning (Friday), thereby avoiding all trouble at present.

Orders have been issued that no British officer shall leave or even "sleep out" at night or go to dinner without furnishing his address to the adjutant. The marines will return to their ships.

AMERICAN INTERVENTION.

NEW YORK, March 21.—A special to the Herald from Washington says:

If Russia and Great Britain desire it, the United States is willing to use its good offices to settle the Tien Tsin dispute. A high official of the administration said that no information regarding the Tien Tsin trouble had been communicated to the state department by any of its agents in China.

"This fact is conclusive," the official concluded, "that up to this time at least no clash of a serious nature has occurred. Were shots exchanged our consul at Tien Tsin would notify Mr. Rockhill, who in turn would communicate the information to Secretary Hay.

The failure of the American representatives to report on the subject is due to our well-known policy of not interfering in disputes between other nations. We are interested in the trouble because of its possible general effect, but we have nothing to do with the attitude of the British troops toward the Russian troops, or vice versa, or with the conditions which have caused them to assume the stand they have taken. The United States has no right to intervene nor will it do so, but if the disputants should intimate their willingness to have the American government exercise its good offices it would be glad to do so."

Diplomats in Washington are not inclined to believe that war will result from the Tien Tsin dispute. If the blow come, one diplomat said, it would be because of the Manchurian situation. Another diplomat said the world was not prepared for war, that Russia's financial condition as well as that of Japan prohibits them from engaging in hostilities and Great Britain is too much occupied in South Africa. Germany, he said, is the only European power in a position at this time to go to war.

BRITISH EXPLANATION.

NEW YORK, March 21.—A dispatch to the Tribune from London says:

The China situation is well summed up in Lindley Sanborn's cartoon in Punch representing a Russian warrior in an Oriental boudoir armed to the teeth, while John Bull and Germany are looking over the red palings and cautiously asking the man in possession what he is doing.

The moral applies equally to the small

affair of the railway siding at Tien Tsin and the large matter in Manchuria, for Russia is in complete possession and has nobody knows how many secret treaties in her well-stocked pocket and there can be no assurance that the allies are prepared to turn out the intruder.

The railway siding dispute is so petty that suspicion is excited in diplomatic circles that the crisis has been brought on artificially by Russia for the sake of diverting attention from Manchuria. If this theory be correct, the Tien Tsin dispute will be settled by a display of conciliation at St. Petersburg and England and Germany will be allowed the satisfaction of claiming diplomatic success in due time. Meanwhile Manchuria will become irrevocably Russian and nothing will be said about scuttling or losing prestige.

AMERICAN EXPLANATION.

NEW YORK, March 21.—A special to the Times from Washington says:

An interesting suggestion connecting the latest developments of the Chinese question with the riots in St. Petersburg and other Russian cities has been made by a public man of diplomatic experience who is well qualified to discuss European affairs. His theory is that Russia's bellicose attitude at Tien

Tsin and her apparent disposition to provoke Great Britain are directly connected with the conditions at home.

Russia, he declares, is not at present in a position to risk a war over Manchuria or north China. She is undoubtedly in a better position than Great Britain but she has not completed the trans-Siberian railway and is by no means ready for a contest in the north. It is the general understanding of her policy that she does not wish a war until her preparations in the north are completed. This applies at the present time not because of Great Britain's capacity of resistance, but because of possible complications with other powers.

A motive for Russia's warlike attitude must therefore be sought, and a suggestion is found in the apparently serious state of things at St. Petersburg. It is a well-known axiom of statesmanship that when domestic disturbances are becoming dangerous a foreign war will distract the attention of the people and produce a reaction in favor of the government. It is quite evident that the present disturbances in Russia are more serious than any since the death of Alexander II. It is believed that the Russian rioters may have forced the hand of the government and compelled it to court war when it is unready, solely for the sake of weakening a domestic danger.

BUTCHERED HER SIX CHILDREN.

Bloody Crime of Insane Massachusetts Woman.

COLDBROOK, Mass., March 21.—Mrs. Lizzie Naramore, while in a fit of insanity today, killed her six children at her home, a farm house half a mile from this village, and then tried to take her own life.

The children ranged from ten years to a babe of ten months and their lives were taken by the mother with an axe and club. She laid the blood-drenched bodies on a bed and then attempted to take her own life by cutting her throat with a razor. When discovered she was in the bed on which the bodies of four of the children were lying.

Although she cut a deep gash in her throat and suffered the loss of much blood, it is believed that she will recover.

KIDNAPPER CONFESSED.

Man Caught in Texas Was Pat Crowe's Companion.

DALLAS, Tex., March 21.—Sheriff Johnson tonight made this statement: "H. C. Henderson this evening confessed to me and County Attorney Summers that he is one of the Cudahy kidnapers. His confession was made voluntarily. He stated that he had squandered and used in fleeing from Omaha most of the money he got as his share in the kidnaping job before I arrested him in this city as a suspect early in February.

BIG CHICAGO FIRE.

Warehouse Destroyed at a Loss of \$200,000.

CHICAGO, March 21.—Fire tonight totally destroyed the large warehouse of J. S. Ford, Johnson & Company at Sixteenth street and Wabash avenue. In the wild rush to escape injury by the falling walls many women and children were knocked down and trampled upon. The loss is \$200,000.

LOW RATE PROMISED.

Fare One Cent a Mile for Grand Army Encampment.

CLEVELAND, O., March 21.—At a meeting of railway men today the one cent a mile rate promised for the Grand Army of the Republic national encampment to be held in Cleveland next September was formally promulgated.

NEW COMPANIES OF COAST ARTILLERY

Ninety-Third to Be Organized at Fort Stevens.

FORT COLUMBIA QUARTERS

Will Accommodate Two Companies Artillery—Plans Prepared by Quartermasters' Department and Bids Will Soon Be Advertised for.

WASHINGTON, March 21.—Under the army reorganization law, which provides for an increase of 20 per cent of the artillery arm of the service, an order has been issued authorizing twelve companies of coast artillery in addition to those now in service.

The Ninety-third company is to be organized at Fort Stevens, Ore., and officered by Captain M. K. Barrell, Second Lieutenant Alden F. Brewster, Ninety-fourth at Fort Flagler, Wash., Captain Eugene T. Wilson, Second Lieutenant Raymond S. Pratt.

There are several vacancies to be filled, as three officers are to be assigned to each company. These additional companies are to be filled by transfers from other companies and recruited up to 112 men.

PLANS FOR NEW QUARTERS.

WASHINGTON, March 21.—The quartermaster's department has been preparing plans and will advertise for the construction of additional quarters to be occupied by new artillery companies. The points at which additional quarters are to be constructed are Fort Stevens, Boston harbor; Fort Mansfield and Fort Wright, Long Island sound, and Fort Miles, San Francisco, quarters for one company of artillery at each. At Sullivan's island, Charleston, S. C., and Fort Columbia, at the mouth of the Columbia river, Washington, quarters for two companies each.

As soon as condemnation proceedings are completed, quarters will be constructed at Fort Casey and Fort Worden, Puget sound, Wash.

SLUMP IN PORK.

Advance Yesterday Followed by a Seasonal Decline.

CHICAGO, March 21.—May pork, popularly supposed to have been cornered, advanced to \$17.10 early in today's session of the board of trade and then made a drop that was sensational, the decline not stopping until \$16.20 was quoted for option. May pork closed at 35 cents lower than yesterday, at \$16.22.

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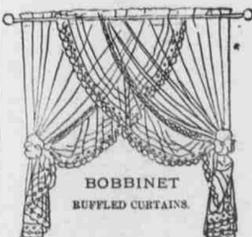
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