

ENGLAND'S FOLLY IS POINTED OUT

Kitchener's Assumption That War Is Over Ridiculed.

FRENCH JOURNALS' OPINIONS

Great Britain as Far Off From Conquest as Boer Republics as First Day of the War—Natal Will Not Be Invaded.

LONDON, Sept. 25.—The correspondent of the Times in Paris says the recent British reverses in South Africa have afforded to the French journalists an opportunity, which they have hastened to seize, to point out the folly of Lord Kitchener's assumption that the war is over.

The Temps says that, after the sacrifice of so many thousands of lives, the loss of so many milliards of francs, the painful bankruptcy of the liberalism of a great country and the eclipse of its international conscience, Great Britain is as far now as it was on the first day of the war from the realization of its object—the conquest of the two Boer republics.

NATAL WILL NOT BE INVADED.

Flooded Rivers and Presence of Troops Render a Move Impossible.

LONDON, Sept. 25.—A dispatch to the Times from Newcastle, Natal, says: The moment for a serious invasion of Natal, if such an idea has been in Commandant-General Botha's mind, has passed. Both the Buffalo and Tugela rivers are in flood, while General Lyttelton's troops are sufficient to deal with the enemy should he elect to cross the border. It is thought probable that Botha's plan of seeming to threaten Natal was in order to keep the minds of the Burgers occupied and so divert their attention from the expiration of the term of grace allowed by Lord Kitchener's latest proclamation.

The correspondent of the Times at Cape Town says the Chamber of Commerce there has discussed the advisability of placing the entire Cape Peninsula under martial law. The members decided that they were ready to submit to the inconvenience which such an attempt would entail, if it were entirely for the successful ending of the war. They took no definite action, however.

ACTIVITY OF THE BOERS.

NEW YORK, Sept. 25.—The Tribune's London correspondent explains the prevailing English view upon the South African situation in the following dispatch:

War news from South Africa remains vague, but details of recent reverses are reassuring in one respect. Evidence points to the errors in the judgment of the officers rather than to apathy and staidness. The men of the rank and file fought well and there was no lack of courage and spirit.

DeWet's reappearance in some unexpected quarter is looked for hourly, since the recrudescence of Boer activity, after a long period of stagnation, was evidently the result of preconcerted action among the commandoes.

OUTLOOK FOR THE FUTURE.

LONDON, Sept. 25.—The Vienna correspondent of the Times quotes an encouraging report from the Austrian consul at Cape Town on the economic prospects in South Africa. He says there are the best reasons to regard the future with assurance, but adds that a suitable government must largely depend upon the farmers, who after the war is over, must be provided with seed, cattle, food and clothing either by the British government or the local authorities.

CLIFF DWELLERS' RUINS.

Mexican Scientist Thinks Our Government Should Preserve Them.

DURANGO, Colo., Sept. 25.—Leonardo Batres, a scientist representing the government of Mexico, is in Durango, on his way to Mexico from a visit to the cliff dwellers' ruins of the Mancos canyon. Señor Batres has fully satisfied himself that the inhabitants of the cliffs were of Asiatic origin, as he found many baskets and other trinkets of Asiatic and Japanese design, but how many thousands of years ago they came to this country he is unable to even make a guess.

He thinks the mound builders and the cliff dwellers two distinct races. The cliff dwellers after leaving this section migrated to Mexico, going through Arizona, where indications of their stoppage en route are found. In Mexico they completed the original

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Tolies and built cities. That this is so verified by legends and inscriptions. Señor Batres found on the walls of some of the rooms. Señor Batres says the United States government should take steps to preserve the ruins from vandals and tourists, as they form a wonderful link to a prehistoric race. The ruins are being destroyed by visitors and no time should be lost in taking steps to preserve them.

SUPPOSED VALUABLE PICTURE.

Genuine Corregio Painting Said to Have Been Discovered at Rochester.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Sept. 25.—Some persons are of the opinion that a genuine Corregio painting has been discovered here. This picture is larger and is said to be as valuable as the famous Gainsborough Duchess, of which so much was said a few months ago. The picture was obtained thirty years ago from a gypsy band for a mere song. The canvas is thirty-three by thirty-six inches, the background a delicate shading and intermingling of greens and browns. In the foreground is the Christ child lying on a white cloth held by two adoring angels. Besides him kneels the Virgin, her hands held up in wonder and awe. Above her stands Joseph and to the right a shepherd, with his crook. A typical Italian priest points out to him the child.

Prof. Forest Chier is the possessor and not until recently did he suspect the value of his prize. It was covered with black asphalt paint and only faintly showed the Christ child at first. Now the entire picture stands out.

IMPEDIMENT TO PEACE.

Great Britain Stands in the Way of Russian Emperor's Plans.

LONDON, Sept. 25.—An editorial on the czar's visit to France in the Politika, a Czech organ of Prague, is quoted by the Vienna correspondent of the Times. The article says the impediment in the way of the Russian emperor's plan for peace, disarmament and the arbitration of disputes is the British empire which is "carrying on a war in South Africa that would be a disgrace to barbarians." Great Britain, the editorial proceeds, has hitherto found too much advantage in the armed peace of Europe not to make every effort to maintain it. This must be fully realized by the powers of Europe.

"Thus in course of time," says the article, "the dual alliance may develop into a continental alliance such as Napoleon conceived, but which his idea of his own universal predominance prevented."

MR. HAY'S CANAL TREATY.

Probability That It Will Be Submitted to Senate and Ratified.

NEW YORK, Sept. 25.—Commenting upon the canal treaty the Tribune's London correspondent says:

There is no information respecting Lord Pauncefote's negotiations and the precise changes which have been suggested in Mr. Hay's previous canal treaty, but the prospects of a satisfactory adjustment of the points raised by the senate are brighter than ever before. Lord Pauncefote has been resting in the country and has not been actively at work influencing ministers before sailing for America October 1. His labors ended before the ministers took their holidays and were scattered over the country, and he was satisfied with the result.

There is a general expectation in diplomatic circles that the new treaty will be submitted to the senate in December and that it will be ratified.

GROCERS IN CONFERENCE.

Plans Discussed for Formation of Wholesale Grocers' Combine.

NEW YORK, Sept. 25.—Wholesale grocers from different sections of the country, but principally from the New England states, have been in conference in this city for the last two days looking to the forming of a combination of wholesale grocers. According to the Journal of Commerce the movement is not looked upon with favor by the leading firms of New York city, but has received support from grocers in outside sections.

The scheme is to form a stock company composed chiefly of wholesale grocers of the country in the number of about 200, and later to offer stock to customers, thereby giving them direct interest in the company.

WANT YANKEE PRODUCTS.

Spain Planning Large Contracts for Machinery and Tools.

NEW YORK, Sept. 25.—The World says: Spain is at present placing extensive contracts for railroad material and machinery in the United States. Over 1,000 cars have been ordered from an American car and furniture company which are to be used by the Spanish del Norte, the principal railroad of the country. The Bilbao-San Sebastian line is to be equipped largely with American machinery, tools, etc. Large orders are also being placed in this country.

WILL REMAIN AWAY.

LONDON, Sept. 25.—An official of the Times from Shanghai says a high authority in the North China News that the court has decided not to return to Peking for years. It is added that the court will remain at Kai Fong Foo.

BORDEN RAISES WAGES

FACTORY EMPLOYES GIVEN ADVANCE OF FIVE PER CENT.

Bourne Mills Grant Similar Increase—Causes Conference of Other Mill Owners.

FALL RIVER, Mass., Sept. 25.—The announcement that M. C. Borden, owner of the American Print Works and other factories, contemplated a five per cent increase in wages is the chief subject under discussion here. The wage schedule is to go into effect next Tuesday, October 1.

After the announcement the question of what would be done by the other mills in the city was presented. Nearly all of the manufacturers gave opinions that the present scale paid here was the limit of what the business would stand, and that if it became necessary to advance even by a small percentage, the mills might as well be shut down. Those agents who are willing to talk at all upon the subject could not even advance a theory as to what the object of Mr. Borden could be in raising wages at this time.

The locals council has called a meeting for tonight when action on the five per cent increase will be taken. As a result of Mr. Borden's latest move George A. Chase, treasurer of the Bourne mills, posted a notice of similar increase to take effect September 20.

Like Mr. Borden's big corporation the Bourne mill is not a member of the Manufacturers' Association and was not a party to recent agreements on handling products. The Bourne mill for several years has been run on the profit-sharing basis, the profits going to the operatives every six months in proportion to their wages.

MOUNTED GUN READY FOR AMERICAN WHALER

German Officials on Island of Ruk Will Give Unknown Vessel Warm Reception.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 25.—According to information brought from the Carolina islands by the brig John D. Spreckles, the German officers in authority on the island of Ruk are prepared to give a warm reception to an unknown American whaling bark that has San Francisco for its home port.

Last year, it is said, the whaler sold a quantity of knives, revolvers and other warlike material to the natives of the island, having before the German officials knew about the transaction. The Germans were very wrath and made up their minds to give the whaler a reception upon her annual visit to Ruk this year. A big gun was planted on an eminence overlooking the island anchorage and a petty officer and 15 men were placed in charge of the weapon. While the gun is intended for general use against smugglers, the American whaler is particularly described to come within range.

As an indication of the summary measures taken by the German officials against smugglers, officers of the John D. Spreckles cite the case of the Japanese schooner that was seized some months ago upon being apprehended in the act of smuggling revolvers and ammunition to the natives. Not only were the schooner and its contents seized, but all the Japanese traders on the island of Ruk were sent away.

TO FIGHT FOREST FIRES.

Government Aid Asked to Extinguish the Colorado Conflagrations.

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IDEAS OF A REPUBLIC

CONDITIONS IN PHILIPPINES ARE FAVORABLE.

General MacArthur Makes Brief Address to Chamber of Commerce at Milwaukee.

MILWAUKEE, Sept. 25.—General Arthur MacArthur, who recently returned from Manila, says the conditions in the Philippines are favorable for the ideas of a republic.

At an informal reception accorded him by the chamber of commerce he made a brief address in which he said in part: "To my mind the beauty of our position in Manila lies in the planting of American ideas of beneficence in the eastern world. We are planting imperishable ideas in that far eastern country. We are carrying the doctrine of personal liberty there and wherever the flag of the United States in the process of just advancement is once planted it is going to stay forever."

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WIDENING ITS SCOPE.

American Tobacco Company Buying English Flouring Mills.

NEW YORK, Sept. 25.—The Tribune's London correspondent, in a dispatch, gives the latest development in Great Britain, so far as the tobacco syndicates are concerned. The dispatch says:

It is stated that the American Tobacco Company, not content with purchasing the Ogden's property at Liverpool, is about to start operations in the north of Ireland. A large flour mill has been acquired at Belfast, and it is said to be the intention of the company to turn it into a tobacco factory. There is little wheat grinding in Belfast nowadays, most of the flour required for baking being imported.

EAST AFRICAN NEWS.

LONDON, Sept. 25.—A dispatch from Marseilles to the Times gives various news from East Africa. Emperor Menelik is still at Adis Alem, where he is building a village. He is in good health. The Mad Mullah has concluded an alliance with the Madjardin tribe which is well provided with rifles and ammunition.

BALLOON MAKES GOOD TIME.

VIENNA, Sept. 25.—Herr Herbert Silber, son of Herr Victor Silber, started on Monday with M. Emile Carton in the balloon Jupiter at 10 p. m. They landed Tuesday at noon at Carthage, covering a distance of 550 kilometers (341 miles) in 14 hours.

THE PLAGUE AT RIO.

BUENOS AYRES, Sept. 25.—Premier Roza has signed a decree declaring that the port of Rio is affected with the plague.

ARE DISCUSSING RATES.

Conference Operating Between the North and Prices in Conference.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 25.—Officials of the Oregon Railroad & Navigation Company, Oregon Short Line and Pacific Coast Company are at the Palace holding a conference on steamer rates between this port and Astoria and Portland and Seattle, and rail and water rates from here to Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana towns via Portland and Seattle. The interested parties assert that no noteworthy change in conditions is to be expected.

TO SEE THE YACHT RACE.

Hundreds of Visiting Boats Hourly Arrived at New York.

NEW YORK, Sept. 25.—Steam yachts here to attend the international yacht race are strung all the way along the coast from New York to Greenwich, Conn. Many more are expected from Boston, Newport and other Eastern ports. It is impossible to estimate the number of boats that will attend the race, but the indications are that all records will be broken in this respect. Anchored at Bay Ridge lies a boat that next to the two contestants will arouse the greatest interest. This is the gallant old America the schooner that 56 years ago brought the cup to this country. It will be kept in those waters until after the races for the cup.

TRAGEDY AT PLYMOUTH.

Henry W. Wood Shoots His Housekeeper and Then Suicide.

NORWICH, N. Y., Sept. 25.—Henry W. Wood, of Norwich, shot his former housekeeper, Mrs. Eliza Greenleaf, last night and then committed suicide. The tragedy occurred at Plymouth. Mrs. Greenleaf had been keeping house for Woods about three years. Two weeks ago she left him and went to live with Louis Carver, her brother-in-law at Plymouth. Wood has brooded much since her departure. The woman is not expected to live.

BREWERY BURNED.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Sept. 25.—The brewery formerly owned by M. Kellerman & Sons Company was totally destroyed by fire, involving a loss of \$90,000, upon which there is an insurance of \$40,000.

LARGE FISH FIRM FAILS.

ST. JOHNS, N. F., Sept. 25.—The failure of the large fish firm of C. W. H. Tessier is announced.

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GOVERNMENT PROPOSALS.

Proposals for Fresh Beef and Mutton: Office Chief Commissary, Vancouver Barracks, Wash., Sept. 4, 1901. Sealed proposals for furnishing and delivering fresh beef and fresh mutton for six months beginning January 1, 1902, will be received here at an office of commissaries at Port Stevens, Oregon; Boise Barracks, Idaho; Fort Casey, Canby, Oregon; Lawson, Walla Walla, Washington; and Vancouver Barracks, Washington, until 11 a. m., Oct. 1, 1901, and then opened. Information furnished upon application. Envelopes containing proposals should be endorsed "Proposals for Fresh Beef and Fresh Mutton," and addressed to commissary of post to be supplied, or to Col. F. E. Nye, A. C. G. Off. Comy.

FOR SALE

The Columbia River Packers Association has for sale, two schooners and one launch. A description of the schooners follows: Schooner "Kinney"—Length, 35.5; beam, 11.3; depth of hold, 2.10. Schooner "Hattie"—Length, 31.9; beam, 9.9; depth of hold, 3.1. Offers will be received at the office of the association, where full particulars may also be had.

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