

BRITISH "SUZERAINTY" IN THE TRANSVAAL.

At first the British demands, though obviously trumped up and without a sound basis either in morals or in law, did not directly involve the question of the independence of the Transvaal. The situation was merely that of the strongest empire in the world bringing a domineering pressure to bear upon a tiny republic to influence a change of domestic policies. But Mr. Chamberlain had managed by the beginning of September to get the dispute shifted around to the acknowledgment on the part of the Transvaal of British "suzerainty." If the Transvaal should now decide to concede the British demands respecting the franchise and other points of internal policy, such concessions would be taken as conclusive precedents. In such case the claim of British suzerainty would rapidly advance to the point where for all practical purposes, the Transvaal would be regarded as annexed to the British empire. The independence of the Transvaal republic was recognized first by Great Britain in 1852. The Boers who went to the wilderness beyond the river Vaal to form that self-governing community had left Natal a few years previous when the British had taken and annexed Natal. These same Boers had left Cape Colony for Natal to get away from British rule between the years 1833 and 1837. In 1876 the British assisted the Boers of the Transvaal in a contest with the natives, and this was followed in the spring of 1877 by the annexation of the transvaal to the British empire. But arrangement was not satisfactory to the Boers, who took up arms against it in December, 1880, and fought so vigorously that after the defeat of the British at Majuba Hill a peace treaty was signed in March, 1881, which made the Transvaal an independent country again as concerned its internal affairs, but made Great Britain its representative in external matters. In 1884 another treaty was signed with England, under which the dependence of the South African republic upon Great Britain was much diminished, and became limited to a certain right on the part of the British Government to be consulted in the foreign dealings and relations of the Transvaal. The questions now in dispute have nothing to do with such foreign relations, and Mr. Chamberlain has no more right, under the treaty and international law, to concern himself with the elective franchise in the Transvaal than President Kruger has to discuss the question of woman suffrage in England. From "The Progress of the World," in the American Monthly Review of Reviews for October.

The statement sent out from Washington, that it had been decided at a Cabinet meeting, as a result of a protest made by the Chinese minister to revoke the order issued by General Otis, putting the United States exclusion laws in force in the Philippines, was untrue. No such decision was either reached or considered. The Chinese minister was informed when he filed his protest at the department of state that the issuing of the order by Otis, as to its continuance would depend upon the view of General Otis was entirely in his discretion, and that its continuance would depend upon the view of General Otis, as to its being still a military necessity, and when the matter was discussed by the cabinet, precisely the same view of it was unanimously taken. In this, as in all other things connected with the military government of the Philippines, General Otis will be left unhampered.

A Great English Statesman's Secret. The secret of a celebrated English statesman's long life was his systematic way of eating. Every bite of food was chewed thirty times before swallowing. The result was he naturally enjoyed good health. Most men and women bolt their food, and eat things which were never intended to be eaten. They become constipated, have a bad complexion, lose flesh, are irritable and nervous, and the first thing they know they are "played out." It is gratifying to know that Hostetter's Stomach Bitters cure stomach troubles. It is a purely vegetable medicine that has stood the test of many years. It cures cases which seem to be hopeless. Sufferers from any disorder of stomach, liver or bowels should try it.

TIM TOWNSEND IS IN CUSTODY.

He Claims That He Shot Hale to Defend Himself from the Knife of Hale. East Oregonian.

Saturday evening, the Rev. Paul Kruger and Charles Gish, of Ukiah, returned to Ukiah from Dale, with Tim Townsend and Tom Tuttle in custody. Townsend is the man who killed William Hale Friday night at Dale, and Tuttle is the man whom Hale cut with a knife before Townsend shot his victim. While at Dale, Mr. Kruger, who serves as the correspondent for the East Oregonian at Ukiah, secured knowledge of the facts as nearly as possible, and reports over the telephone. The story of the shooting, as told by Townsend, is as follows:

He, Hale and Tuttle were at the tent saloon kept near Dale; and reports over matters pertaining to the ownership of a horse. Hale was the aggressor, and apparently wanted to pick a quarrel, which he did with Tom Tuttle. During this quarrel, Hale drew forth a knife, and used it on Tuttle inflicting a wound on Tuttle's arm. Having done so, Tuttle, Hale made for Townsend with the knife, and Townsend drew his pistol and fired, as he claims, to save his life from the knife attack of Hale. Townsend's bullet entered just beneath the right eye of Hale, pierced the brain, and passed entirely through the head. Hale, quite naturally, dropped dead on the instant.

That the men were gathered in a saloon is conceded, and that they were drinking is also conceded. Furthermore, that there is a saloon at that point selling liquor contrary to law is not to be denied. Some time ago, parties made application to the county court here in Pendleton for a license to sell whisky. This was prevented by the filing of a remonstrance from the people living thereabouts, and which contained enough names to prevent the issuance of the desired license. Procuring a receipt from the federal official, the collector of internal revenue, the parties proceeded to open a saloon in a tent near Dale, and have been selling liquor in small quantities. This is contrary to law, and Mr. Kruger stated in his report over the wire to the East Oregonian that while he was on the ground he saw drinks sold at retail.

It has been notorious for many weeks that it was being sold at that place, and that it was being sold contrary to law. Several men here in Pendleton say that while traveling through the John Day country they were made acquainted with these facts, and knew at the tent drinks were being sold in a manner not warranted by the possession of a receipt for internal revenue tax from the federal government.

The receipt for the tax is not really a license, license to sell in any state coming solely from the state authorities. Townsend and Tuttle were kept at Ukiah, and on Sunday the official party that went from Dale to inspect the ground where the tragedy occurred. They returned to Ukiah Sunday night, and prepared for the preliminary hearing there this, Monday, morning.

Dr. F. W. Vincent left today for Dale, where he will hold an inquest over the body of Hale. He was summoned by District Attorney Bean Sunday evening, over the telephone.

The coroner's jury in the Tim Townsend case, the defendant being accused of the murder of William Hale at Dale on the night of Friday, September 29, has returned a verdict of murder in the first degree. Tom Tuttle, the man arrested with Townsend, and who was cut on the arm by Hale prior to the shooting by Townsend, was turned loose, the evidence being insufficient to warrant holding him as implicated in the murder of Hale.

THE SUICIDAL MANIA.

Disaffection with Ordinary Life is Too Often the Cause. One evening recently a youth 17 years of age ate supper with a party of gay young people in a community not many miles away. Then he went upstairs to his room, loaded a Winchester rifle and came downstairs, passing by the parlor where a young lady was playing the piano. He remarked: "I shd like that tune," as he stepped out on the gallery. He walked down the steps whistling "Jesus, Lover of My Soul."

The next morning his aunt entered his room and, finding his bed unrumpled, his hat and coat in the room and the Winchester missing, she sent to the neighbors' houses to inquire for him; soon a search party started out. They found him lying under a tree with the Winchester upon his body, the muzzle in one hand and in the other a stick which he had pushed the trigger. The top of his head was blown to pieces.

This is the third suicide in this family. All were young men. Two were men of wealth and all seemed to be in good health. All three were cigarette smokers; two gambled, and the other had just been on a spree. The boys of this community are still smoking cigarettes. It would seem that the reaction against "Puritan discipline" has gone far enough. Children are indulged until healthy, rational pleasures fail to satisfy. People forget that a child has youth and health, the grand panorama of the earth and skies and a true and tender love for its heritage. They cultivate extravagant wishes and expensive tastes until ordinary life is entirely too sober and tame.

PORTLAND EXPOSITION OPENS.

Mayor Storey Formally Sets the Wheels in Motion in the Presence of an Immense Crowd. Evening Telegram.

With a burst of music to the accompaniment of tumultuous applause Oregon's annual industrial exposition opened Thursday evening. The music hall, which seats 3000, was filled with people. A conservative estimate, therefore of the number in attendance, allowing for some who spent their time strolling about among the exhibits, is from 3700 to 3800.

The features of the evening were the rendition of musical numbers by Bennett's band, speeches by President Breeden, Governor Geer and Mayor Storey, and a turn by the Florenz troupe of acrobats. Before and after the exercises the crowds circulated through the vast corridors of the building, viewing the exhibits and special attractions.

The war museum, the ladies' art department, the photographic display, Multnomah falls, and the grains and grasses; the departments of fruit, forestry, fisheries and minerals, all received due attention.

While all of the exhibits were not in complete shape, no one minded the rough edges, as there was plenty to see of an interesting nature. Praises of the work of Superintendent Baker and the committee men, who have worked so hard for the past few months preparing the treat, were everywhere heard.

The program opened with the rendition of the overture from "Tanhauser" by Bennett's band. The easy, natural swing with which Mr. Bennett controls his men is very familiar to Oregonians, and it seems like greeting old friends to welcome back his band. In fact, Mr. Bennett was given a rousing ovation upon his appearance.

Enthusiastic expressions of admiration were called forth by the artistic and graceful decorations in the music hall. Flags and bunting and pretty battery designs in colored paper cover the former bear spaces, and as seen last evening under the glow of the electric lights, make the place appear like a fairy bower.

WHAT WILL WHEAT BRING?

A Question That is Difficult to Answer at This State of Affairs. Pendleton Tribune.

Naturally many people in Umatilla county are asking about the price of wheat. What will it bring? When will it begin to move? What are the general wheat conditions? The Spokesman Review has the following to say on the subject:

It is difficult to get a correct idea of the world's wheat crop this year, and therefore almost impossible to make predictions as to prospective prices. The New York Tribune recently had an interview with a flouring mill man who had just returned from Europe, and he reported that in all European countries except Russia the crop is better than it had been for years. This would lessen the demand for American cereals and breadstuffs to some extent, but with the short crop in this country it was thought there would be a great market for all we produced.

It seems almost impossible to ascertain just what the condition of the Russian crop really is. There have been reports that the wheat in some parts of southern Russia have been a failure, and there have been appeals for aid for famine sufferers. In the face of this, Beerholm makes the statement under the date of September 1, that with fair prices Russia can export 112,000,000 bushels this year. What men are disposed to regard this as an exaggeration, designed to bear the American market, for if Russia has any such surplus as this she would hardly be calling attention to famine sufferers, and begging food supplies for those in distress.

The agricultural department, which gave the average crop conditions a few days ago, shows spring and winter wheat prospects to be about 16 points below the condition of last year, or the lowest known in this country for 20 years. The government makes no estimate of the yield but experts taking the government report of crop conditions, estimate that the aggregate yield for the United States will be less than 500,000,000 bushels.

The Minneapolis Tribune which is a close observer of crop conditions thinks that if the crop of 1899 shall prove to be less than 500,000,000 bushels, we shall probably witness considerable higher prices for wheat before the next crop is harvested, notwithstanding that there is a fair sized reserve on hand. The estimates are that foreign countries will want 200,000,000 bushels, but this does not take into account the increased demands of the Orient. This would leave less than 400,000,000 bushels for bread and seed. The people of the United States are capable of consuming at least 300,000,000 bushels; with prosperous times the consumption might be 500,000,000 bushels larger. Thus conditions are such as to justify good markets and reasonably high prices before the end of the crop year.

GRANT COUNTY NEWS.

Blue Mountain Eagle. George Sperry, of Heppner, is in Grant county buying sheep.

Charlie Woods arrived from Heppner last Friday with freight for the Rodio store.

William Paul, formerly of Monument, but of late years a resident of Idaho, was in town Sunday.

Charles Cannon got in from Pendleton Wednesday with a big load of freight for Hutchins & Hall, of this city.

E. F. Miller, the stage man, spent several days in town last week. He left Friday last for The Dalles and way points.

When in doubt

As to prevailing styles, etc., in Dress Goods, Suits, Skirts, etc., a glance through this department will set all doubts at rest. This fall's array of dress patterns in full suit and skirt patterns covers such fabrics as golf plaid suitings, venetian cloth, crepons and homespun. These are most popular nowadays. Of these goods we can enumerate just a few:

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The New York Demonstration in Honor of Admiral Dewey.

By the Associated Press. NEW YORK, Sept. 29.—Long before sunrise this morning the blue jackets on Admiral Dewey's flagship were hard at work preparing the flag ship for the most magnificent naval demonstration that has ever taken place in an American port. Like activity was in progress on the other sea fighters riding at anchor below the Olympia. The scene was a glorious one as the sun's rays glittered on the white sides of the larger vessels and the black hulls of the smaller ones. The weather could not have been more beautiful. Dewey made his appearance on the Olympia shortly after 8 o'clock in dress uniform. Quite a number of vessels of various kinds were already lying beside the flag ship and he conveyed a warm greeting. The steamer Sandy Hook, carrying the mayor and committee to formally welcome Dewey in the name of New York city, and with upwards of a thousand distinguished guests and officials on board, steamed away shortly after 10 o'clock to make a visit to the Olympia and start the naval parade.

At 1 o'clock sharp the squadron got under way. It was an inspiring moment as the column started up the harbor and the great naval parade began to be a reality. The steamer Sandy Hook, having on board the mayor and representatives of the city, steamed alongside the Olympia. After the Olympia came the cruiser New York.

The Chicago brought up the rear. Following the New York were the Idiana and Massachusetts. In the rear of these came the Lancaster, a type of the old navy vessels, then followed the gunboat Marietta, with the auxiliary cruiser Scorpion. Ahead steamed five torpedo boats and following them the revenue cutters. The six were the transports Sedgewick, McPherson and McClellan and the hospital ship Missouri. Then began the civic and maritime aspect of the parade. Having on board representatives of the naval militia, came the steamer Monmouth, followed by other boats with members of the naval militia. Then general Slocum and Giesland with members of the general committee of citizens on the Mount Hope, with the legislative branch of the city government. The Warwick with the heads of the city departments and the Matvean with members of the press. There were ninety-eight yachts, led by the Corsair and Sir Thomas Lipton's yacht Eria. After the yachts came a hundred steamships of the merchant marine.

The third and last division consisted of more than a hundred handsomely decorated tugs, yachts, pleasure crafts, etc. The parade was off the battery at 1:15 and the crowd assembled there and cheered time and again as the warships passed.

From this point until Grant's tomb was reached there was a succession of scenes of enthusiasm rarely if ever equaled. The roof of every building commanding a view of the river was crowded with people who literally went wild cheering the admiral. The crowd waiting at Grant's tomb was the largest ever gathered there. The parade was an hour and fifteen minutes passing Fulton street.

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