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FIRST DAY OF REGATTA

Large Crowds in Attendance Despite the Heavy Rain.

THE CORONATION AT NIGHT

Distinguished Company and Most Brilliant Scene in Astoria at the Opening of the Grand Ball.

Yesterday marked the opening day of the annual regatta meet, which has brought Astoria into prominence as the leading aquatic sporting center of the Pacific coast.

The crowds which usually attend Astoria's land and water carnival began making their appearance as early as Saturday morning, when it was estimated that from a thousand to fifteen hundred visitors had arrived.

Indian canoe race--Contestants, Dr. Pete and Johnny John. Dr. Pete was declared the winner. Time, 17 min. 37 sec.

Swimming race--Exhibition contest. Three entries. Won by Howard Brewer, long distance champion.

Outrigger skiff race--1/4 mile with a turn, first heat between S. J. Pembroke and C. C. Dennis of San Francisco, and Joseph Patton of Portland. Pembroke and Dennis finished a dead heat. Time 14 min. 9 sec.

Second heat outrigger skiff race, F. Ayres of Alameda, and J. Foley of the South Enda, San Francisco. Won by Ayres. Time 13 min. 37 1/2 sec.

Double pleasure boat race confined to members of the Astoria Boat Club--Distance 1/4 miles, entries, Parke Upshur and Paul Trullinger against Joe Young and Chas. Abercrombie. Won by Upshur and Trullinger. Time 14 min. 49 sec.

Junior four oared barge race--Distance 1/4 miles. The contesting crews were picked men from Portland and California, and the University of California. The picked crew won by a close margin. Time 10 min. 45 sec.

Whitehall sailing race--Distance 3/4 miles. Entries, W. E. Tallant and Ted Cherry. Tallant was declared the winner. Time 1 hour 27 min. First prize, \$25; second prize, \$10.00.

Fish boats working sails--Six entries, twelve around the course. No. 6, 1, 14, 12, 16 and 1 came in in the order named: Time of No. 6, 2 hours 25 min. 50 sec. Time of No. 1, 2 hours 27 min. 7 sec. Time of No. 14, 2 hours 31 min. 6 sec. Time of No. 12, 2 hours 34 min. 15 sec. Time of number 7, 2 hours 37 min. 37 sec. First prize, 175 lbs. Barbour's netting, value, \$175; second prize, \$50; other prizes of fishermen's supplies, etc.

Sloops, free for all--Twice around the course. Entries, Dauntless, White Wings and Blue Jacket. Won by the Dauntless. Time 2 hours 10 min. 12 sec. White Wings second. Time 2 hours 25 min. 15 sec. First prize, \$125; second prize, \$50.

Sloops, 30-footer--Once around the course. Entries, Nos. 2, 7, 5, and 4, crossed the line in the order mentioned. Time of No. 2, 1 hour 34 min. 57 sec. Time of No. 7, 1 hour 31 min. 42 sec. Time of No. 5, 2 hours 1 min. 53 sec. No. 4, failed to finish. First prize, \$50; second prize, \$25.

Cannery tenders--Entries, Alice, Frank Sanborn, Alice won. Time 1 hour 3 min. 45 sec. Time of Frank Sanborn, 1 hour 10 min. 19 sec. First prize, \$25; second prize, \$15.



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this city as their destination. Large delegations are expected from California, Washington and the leading cities of this state today.

Long before the hour appointed for the coronation ceremonies, the grand stand, adjoining seats and all available surrounding space were packed with an expectant crowd who had gathered to witness this unique and beautiful feature which was officially listed as the introductory number of the program.

The broad bosom of the Columbia was a delight to the onlookers, whose competitions had been fixed for the earlier part of the day. The water presented an unruffled surface and afforded every opportunity for the establishment of new records.

Notwithstanding the incessant showers, the grand stand was well filled during the continuation of the events. There were times when the rain came down with unusual velocity and such periods would see a general thinning of the gathering.

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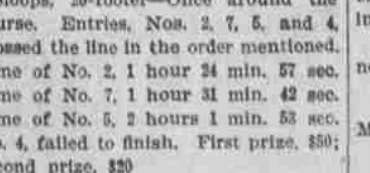
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WAR MUST SOON COME

England Sees No Other Way to Settle Transvaal Difficulty.

BRITISH PUBLIC INTEREST

The Country Deeply Interested in the Dreyfus Case--Ministers Advocate Peaceful Solution.

LONDON, Aug. 21--There is no longer any doubt that President Kruger has refused to submit to the demand of Mr. Chamberlain for the appointment of a court of inquiry.

But, that his answer is regarded by the British government as tantamount to a positive refusal, is now an established fact. The colonial office is non-committal, but there are other evidences which amply justify the statement. The report that President Kruger has proposed new terms is somewhat verified by the guarded comment of colonial office officials and irritably displayed there.

They would far rather have had a court and defiant answer than the temporizing answer which the Boer president has sent. With the former, Great Britain would have plain grounds for a quick commencement of hostilities. Under the circumstances, which it is believed now exist, an aggressive action needs considerable explanation to justify it in the eyes of the world and the English minority who still declare war to be an outrage.

A high official expressed to a representative of the Associated Press his disgust at what he termed "Kruger's cupidity and hypocrisy." He said:

"The kind of game which Kruger is playing must be clear to Americans. The protestations of the Boers that they wish to live a quiet, agricultural life may be the tune of some veldet, but the gang in Pretoria is simply after money. Though President Kruger says many harsh things of the Uitlanders, he never hesitated to make money out them, either by fair or foul means."

Though the official did not actually say so, it was clear that he believed war was the only method of settlement. The government is somewhat annoyed at the public slight interest in the Transvaal. The official above quoted, said:

"Dreyfus seems the only thing that our people think about, though England is in a most serious crisis."

A special dispatch from Cape Town says there is great danger of an outbreak of violence on the frontier, and the scum of South Africa are enlisting throughout the colony and are being sent to Pissania and Jameson, on the border.

PRAYER FOR PEACE

Dutch Reform Minister Advocates a Peaceful Solution of the Crisis.

CAPE TOWN, Aug. 21--Sunday was observed throughout the Orange Free State and Cape Colony with humiliation, prayer and sermons advocating a peaceful solution of the crisis.

Mr. Snyttler, the leading Dutch reform preacher here, referred to the close ties uniting the Cape Dutch to those of the Transvaal which, he added, were members of the great Afrikaner family.

If war was declared, he said, Great Britain would commit "a heinous crime before God and man, resulting in civil war in Cape Colony."

There is evidence of growing uneasiness at Johannesburg.

MALITOA CHIEFS MEET ON CRUISER BADGER

Agreement Signed to Obey Decision of the Commission With Respect to Government of the Islands.

NEW YORK, Aug. 21--A special to the Herald from Washington, says:

Just before the departure of the auxiliary cruiser Badger from Samoa, thirteen high chiefs, representing the Malitua faction, met on board the vessel and in the presence of the joint high commission signed an agreement to obey the decision of the commission with respect to the government of the islands.

This statement is made by Commander Jas. M. Miller, commanding the Badger, in an official report just received at the navy department. Commander Miller declares that the situation was entirely peaceful and as the Badger sailed out of the harbor of Apia, she was saluted by the natives with cheers and by the German and British men of war in regulation style.

Commander Miller's report has gone far to dispel rumors which have been current since the departure of the Badger of a renewal of strife in the islands. In any event the temporary government which is now in force and will continue to administer Samoan affairs until the three powers act upon the recommendations of the commission for the final government of the islands is believed by the authorities to be sufficiently strong and harmonious to hold the natives in check.

In connection with the acceptance of the commission's recommendations by the natives, Commander Miller describes a "fono" held at Mulluuu, in the presence of the commissioners, Commander Emsman, of the German cruiser Komoran; Captain Stewart, commanding the British ship Tauranga, and himself, which was attended by 500 high and other chiefs of the two factions.

At this meeting Judge Tripp explained the recommendations which the commission would make and the representative men also expressed their satisfaction with his suggestions.

Commander Miller speaks of the gratification expressed by the commissioners in having had the Badger at their disposal, and there is reason to believe that the commission refers to the splendid service rendered it by Commander Miller and the vessel, without whose aid the commissioners say they could not have accomplished all the results desired.

It is extremely doubtful if action will be taken upon the commission's recommendation before the latter part of next month. Ambassador Von Mumm expects to leave Washington in the middle of the week for the New England coast and will not return until next month. President McKinley and Secretary May also expect to remain away for several weeks.

Baron von Sternberg has written that he proposes to remain with Judge Tripp, traveling through the northwest. The friendly relations between the German and American commissioners are a matter of considerable gratification to the German and American governments.

THE PARIS SUNDAY RIOTS

Believed that Faure Was Not Responsible for the Disorder.

NEW YORK, Aug. 21--The Herald says of Sunday's riots in Paris:

Sebastian Faure, is a type of the mild-mannered, theoretical anarchist. While he has countenanced such acts as that of Valliant, who threw a bomb in the chamber of deputies, he has kept himself very carefully hitherto from active participation in the "propaganda by deed" and by such brief terms of imprisonment as he has suffered have been merely for anarchistic speeches and writings.

Sebastian Faure was one of the first to rally to the side of revision. The reports so far received are silent as to the exact causes of the disturbance in Paris, but it is probable that they arose in this way:

Faure and other anarchists and socialist leaders called a meeting of their followers as an offset to the Rue de Chabrol siege; the public generally must not be allowed to suppose that the anti-semites were moving, and the advanced revisionists must give signs of life.

It is more than likely that Sebastian Faure had no idea of the meeting he had called doing any more than pass a number of platonic resolutions and then disperse quietly or be dispersed to the accompaniment of cuffs and kicks by the police. However, some of the bolder spirits among the demonstrators would appear to have gotten the upper hand.

The men whose names are given with that of Sebastian Faure as heading the demonstration are nobodies.

GOES UP IN FLAMES

Business Portion of Town of Victor a Mass of Ruins.

THE LOSS TWO MILLION

Dynamite Used to Check the Flames but Efforts Were Useless--Business Men's Heavy Losses.

CRIPPLE CREEK, Colo., Aug. 21--Fire has destroyed the business portion of the city of Victor, causing a loss estimated at \$2,000,000. Beginning shortly after noon, the fire raged until evening, consuming everything in its way.

It had its origin, it is thought, in the Merchants cafe, adjoining the Bank of Victor, on the corner of Third street and Victor avenue. A strong wind from the south fanned the flames, and in a few minutes all the surrounding houses were afire.

Help was summoned from Cripple Creek, but the town had been built in the early days of camp and was of pine timber for the most part and burned like paper. Efforts were made to stop the flames by blowing up the buildings in its path by means of dynamite, and all the afternoon the streets were roared with explosions, but the effort was in vain.

The fire claimed the Bank of Victor, the post office on the corner opposite, crossed Third street and followed the row of blocks between Third and Fourth streets to North, taking the Victor Banking Company, the W. U. Telegraph company's office and the office of the Colorado Telephone Company, the Hotel Victor, on the opposite side of Fourth street and three great shaft houses of the Gold Coin Mining Company and its ore bins, amounting the largest in the Cripple Creek district. From there the flames were swept northward by a half hurricane which was blowing, and never stopped until they had taken the Florence and Cripple Creek depot the fine new depot of the Midland terminal road at the head of Fourth street. All the buildings between these are a total loss, with practically all their contents, for the flames were so rapid in their success that no clothing could be saved.

A special train placed at the command of the city by the Florence and Cripple Creek railroad, and three companies of firemen with apparatus were rushed to the scene.

The residence portion of the city suffered comparatively little, but the business portion is paralyzed and suffering is bound to follow. The first house was built in Victor in October 1891. In July of the following year the city was incorporated and six years later it contained 10,000 people. That is about the population now.

Y. M. I. CONVENTION

The Fourth Annual Convention in Session at Seattle.

SEATTLE, Aug. 21--The fourth annual convention of the Northwest Grand Council of the Young Men's Institute met here today. Grand President Keany recommended in his address that insurance be made a feature of the order. The report of Grand Secretary Coffy shows the membership of the northwestern jurisdiction is 1020, a net gain during the year of 317. Sick benefits amounting to over \$1200 were paid to 33 members. The treasurer's report shows a balance of \$2,000 on hand.

GUERIN'S HOUSE ATTACKED

LONDON, Aug. 21--The Daily Chronicle publishes the following from its Paris correspondent: A detachment of infantry has just commenced an attack upon M. Guerin's house, which is likely to lead to bloodshed before morning. Nobody is allowed to approach the scene and the cavalry charges are needlessly brutal.

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