

LONDON'S LATEST NEWS.

NO ACTION BY FOREIGN OFFICE ON THE TREATY YET KNOWN.

THE BIG STEEL TRUST REGARDED AS ANOTHER INSTANCE OF AMERICAN MEGALOMANIA.

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London, Feb. 27, 1 a. m.—Nothing could be learned at the American Embassy yesterday afternoon respecting the action of the Foreign Office on the canal treaty. Ambassador Choate will meet Lord Lansdowne at the Foreign Office to-day at the regular diplomatic reception, when intimations may be given of the disposition of the government to accept or reject the Senate amendments. It will be the last reception before the expiration of the term agreed upon between the two governments. There are no signs that any request will be made for a prolongation of the period during which negotiations may be conducted.

Again there is a dearth of news from South Africa, and the few unofficial dispatches that have been allowed to pass the censor contradict one another. It is now stated that General Botha is between Ermelo and Middleburg, though he had previously been reported to be wedged up against the Swaziland frontier or to be retreating toward Komatipoort. Botha has apparently acquired the ubiquitous characteristics of De Wet. With regard to the latter commandant there is no news at all. He may have contrived to escape from the very tight corner into which he had been forced, but military men are rather inclined to believe that Lord Kitchener is preparing a coup with the object of completely demolishing either De Wet or Botha, if not both, on the anniversary of Majuba, to-day, just as Lord Roberts crushed Cronje twelve months ago.

There are few comments in the English press on the formation in the United States of the steel corporation as a gigantic trust. J. Pierpont Morgan is so well known in London that the usual strictures upon the greed of American millionaires and the tendencies of protection are dispensed with. The magnitude of the financial operations involved in this tremendous deal creates the impression that it is another evidence of American megalomania. There are many trusts and combinations in the United Kingdom, and the general effect of them has been to bring about economies of various kinds and put an end to cutthroat competition, but these operations are insignificant in comparison with Mr. Morgan's steel trust. Consumers have not suffered here from these trusts, nor have the workmen and ordinary employes. Middlemen and purchasing and distributing agents have been the chief losers, and many branches of business have been rendered more profitable.

Some croakers are predicting, as a result of the sugar tariff war with Russia and the formation of the gigantic steel trust, that a European trade coalition will be formed against America. England certainly cannot take part in any coalition of the kind without abandoning her free trade policy. The Board of Trade knows the facts about the Russian methods of simulating the sugar industry, and is not impressed with the plea that no bounties are paid.

Richard Croker's friends find Walsingham House less attractive now that he has gone to Mont House for a flying visit, but they are expecting his return this week and a renewal of the congenial horse talk. He cannot remain there in comfort, as workmen are employed in repairing and renovating the mansion. I learn here that he is greatly annoyed over the publicity given to various matters relating to him and that he is amazed that an English country gentleman cannot escape observation when he is weary of the turmoil and drudgery of American politics. There is an impression among his turf cronies that he will make a flying visit to America when his plans are arranged for laying out a new drive and building a lodge at the entrance to the Letcombe estate.

Parliament remains the dulllest place in London, with little prospect of a revival of interest in legislation after the end of the debate on the address. Rumors are current that Lord Salisbury will retire at the close of the session, and that the Duke of Devonshire will not take his place. This leaves the field open for Mr. Balfour, with a possibility that he will be raised to the peerage and that Mr. Chamberlain will lead the Commons. This is current gossip, but it is obviously premature. The Liberals would probably welcome this result, as it would restore their fighting form and tend to divide the ministerial forces. There are amateur Cabinet makers, who persist in working out a fresh combination with Lord Rosebery, Mr. Chamberlain and Mr. Asquith as a tandem team, but there is little probability that any amicable arrangement of this sort will be made. Lord Rosebery's friends always insist that it is the last thing which he desires.

L. N. F. KING TO STAY UNTIL SATURDAY.

HIS SISTER TAKES AIRING IN WHEEL CHAIR—EMPEROR RETURNS TO BERLIN.

Cronberg, Feb. 26.—Emperor William returned to Berlin to-day in order to be with the Empress on the anniversary of their wedding, which occurs to-morrow. Her Majesty was detained in Berlin owing to the indisposition of her daughter, the Princess Victoria Louise.

King Edward, by special request of his sister, the Empress Dowager Frederick, will remain until Saturday. She took an airing in a wheel chair this morning, King Edward walking by her side.

Emperor William was driven in a sleigh from Homburg to Friedrichshof. His Majesty threw a package of 50 marks to the sold gardeners, and King Edward and they drove to Saarburg, through the woods. Several mounted policemen patrolled the road. Emperor William bade farewell to the King at Saarburg and went to Homburg, where he took a train for Berlin, and King Edward returned to Friedrichshof.

The Empress Dowager Frederick spent nearly an hour with the guests last night in the Salle d'Or.

Berlin, Feb. 26.—Emperor William returned this evening from Homburg. To-morrow he will celebrate quietly with the empress the twentieth anniversary of their marriage.

Professor Reverser, who has been attending the empress dowager at Cronberg, has also returned to Berlin.

WHY KING WENT TO CRONBERG.

London, Feb. 26 "Truth" will say on Thursday: King Edward has gone to Germany not because the Empress Dowager is considered to be in danger and immediate danger, but to discuss private affairs of importance with her. The Empress Dowager is about to make a new will, and she is anxious that both Emperor William and King Edward should approve the proposed arrangement of her affairs.

TO TRANSFER TREATY NEGOTIATIONS.

London, Feb. 26.—The Nicaragua negotiations have been, or are on the point of being, entirely transferred to Washington, as Ambassador Choate is not empowered to deal with the suggestions of the British Government.

The usual weekly Cabinet meeting was held this afternoon.

MANY DEATHS FROM PLACUE IN BOMBAY.

Bombay, Feb. 26.—There have been eight hundred deaths in Bombay City during the last two days. The cattle captured on the march were stamped and lost. The expedition had returned to Affmudu.



IT IS TO LAUGH! Croker—If I hadn't closed up the committee they might have ruined my business.

UPROAR IN FRENCH CHAMBER.

CONDEMNATION OF LOUIS XVI REFERRED TO AS "ASSASSINATION"—TAKEN AS INSULT BY SOME MEMBERS.

Paris, Feb. 26.—To-day's session of the Chamber of Deputies ended with an uproarious scene, such as had not been witnessed for many months. Heretofore the chamber has discussed the Law Associations bill with much moderation and with an avoidance of inflammatory language, but a word uttered this evening by Baron Xavier Rellie, deputy for Castres, provoked a storm which raged in the chamber for fully half an hour. Articles 9, 10 and 11 of the bill had been adopted, and the deputies were discussing Article 12, which provides that any association composed mainly of foreigners, or whose headquarters are abroad, may be dissolved by decree. Numerous amendments had been submitted to this clause, and Baron Rellie moved an amendment with a view of legalizing any association the management of which should be composed of Frenchmen.

In the course of his speech he quoted from Savary, the member of the national convention who stigmatized the condemnation of Louis XVI as "assassination." Immediately the Radicals and Socialists burst into loud protests. M. Julien Antoine Simyan, one of the deputies for Macon, shouting, "You have to thank that 'assassination' for the fact that your grandfather became a baron," alluding to Marshal Soult, Baron Rellie's grandfather. Others called upon him to withdraw the word "assassination."

A veritable pandemonium drowned the sound of the president's bell, although M. Deschanel kept it ringing vigorously. A number of Radicals and Socialists demanded that he should resign for not calling Baron Rellie to order. When the uproar had somewhat moderated, Baron Rellie, who is a young Conservative, again vented from Savary, "The interest you have in vengeance is nothing in comparison with the interests of liberty," applying the quotation to the anti-clerical policy of M. Waldeck-Rousseau.

This created renewed tumult, the members of the Right cheering Baron Rellie, while the members of the Left protested, banging the lids of their desks in unison and producing an ear-splitting din.

M. Louis Victor Renou, Revolutionary Socialist, one of the deputies for the Department of the Seine, shouted: "The national convention punished an act of treason." Another member of the Left cried "Vive la Revolution!" "Vive la convention nationale!" and "A bas les traitres."

Finally M. Deschanel succeeded in putting the amendment to a vote, the chamber rejecting it by 295 to 170.

M. Paul Gouzy, Radical Socialist, deputy for Gallie, one of the most venerable looking members of the chamber, then ascended the tribune and said: "I was absent from the chamber when the name 'assassin' was applied to those who saved the fatherland and condemned a traitor to death; but I take up the insult, because my grandfather voted for the death of Louis XVI." M. Augustin Fernand de Ramel, Conservative, deputy for Alais, interjected: "The regicides refused to appeal to the people. They committed assassination." The tumult was revived for a moment, but it subsided, and M. Gouzy was allowed to continue. "I regret," he said, "that the president of the chamber permitted such a word to be uttered without a reprimand."

To this M. Deschanel replied: "The lesson to be learned from the incident is the inconvenience of introducing historical digressions into the discussions of the chamber. Every one ought to refrain from evoking the passions and hatreds which are tearing France asunder."

The hubbub continued during the president's remarks, and at their conclusion the chamber adjourned until Thursday.

BATTLE WITH SOMALIS.

SEVENTEEN BRITISH AND ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY OF THEIR ENEMY KILLED.

Mombasa, East Coast of Africa, Feb. 26.—A British expedition of five hundred men, after making an eight-day march of 114 miles into the Somaliland country, to punish them for killing Sub-Commissioner Jenner, was attacked on February 19, at Sannassa, twenty-nine miles from Affmudu, and lost seventeen men killed, including Lieutenant-Colonel Maitland. The Somalis were beaten off with the loss of 150 men killed, and 43 captured. The average height of the Somalis was 5 feet 6 inches, and they were stampered and lost. The expedition had returned to Affmudu.

THE WEATHER REPORT.

YESTERDAY'S RECORD AND TO-DAY'S FORECAST.

Washington, Feb. 26.—Rain has fallen in Florida and along the Atlantic Coast northward to Hatteras. Snow flurries have continued in the lower lake region, and rain has fallen north of Eureka. Elsewhere the weather has been fair. The temperature has fallen in Upper Ohio Valley and the lower lake region. It has risen in the Gulf States and fallen slightly in Central Florida. Generally fair weather is indicated for all districts, except the Gulf States, where rain is probable Wednesday. Rain is also probable in Florida and the South Atlantic States on Thursday. The temperature will rise in the Northwest and in the South Atlantic States and will fall in New-England and the Middle Atlantic States. The weather is becoming variable on the Atlantic Coast, becoming variable on the South Atlantic on Thursday.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY AND THURSDAY.

For New-England, fair to-day and Thursday; lower temperature to-day; continued fresh to brisk westerly winds.

For Eastern New-York, fair to-day, except probably snow flurries in western portion; colder; fair Thursday; continued brisk northwesterly winds.

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