

OPTIMISTS OVER WAR.

RENEWED ACTIVITY IN AFRICAN MINING SHARES.

LORD DUFFERIN'S ATTACK ON WHITAKER WRIGHT-TELEPHONE AGREEMENT SUSTAINED.

London, Jan. 28, 1 a. m.—There was a renewal of activity in the South African market yesterday in consequence of the favorable news from Lord Kitchener.

The text of the important proclamation recently issued by Lord Milner shows that a large number of statutes enacted by the Boers' legislature have been repealed by the authority of the crown.

Lord Dufferin's letter, which was read by the official receiver of the London and Globe Company, contained a more severe indictment of Whitaker Wright than any English commentator would venture to make while the legal inquiry was in progress.

The proceedings at Berlin continue to impress the English journals with the ability of the German Emperor to keep control of foreign relations in his own hands.

The latest information from Brussels is less hopeful respecting the ultimate agreement of the sugar conference.

Lord Rosebery did not, after all, speak in the House of Lords yesterday, and the war debate on Lord Wemyss's motion fizzled out after an uninteresting discussion.

The Marquis of Lansdowne is the Postmaster General, and as he has no seat in the lower house, Austen Chamberlain and Lord Hanbury defended the agreement on behalf of the government.

Mrs. Madeline Lucette Ryley's "Mice and Men" successfully produced last night at the Lyric Theatre.

Mr. Kruger, having received invitations from Chicago, New-York and Philadelphia to visit those cities, would probably start upon an American tour next April.

Paul Kruger, consul of the Orange Free State, died yesterday in regard to the report that Paul Kruger might come to this country in April.

Plumer captures thirty-six Boers. London, Jan. 27.—Lord Kitchener, in a dispatch from Johannesburg, dated Sunday, January 26, announces that Colonel Plumer captured thirty-six Boers January 25, in the neighborhood of Spitzkop, Transvaal Colony.

Irish Nationalists coming over. London, Jan. 27.—The White Star Line steamer Cyrric, which is to sail from Liverpool on January 29, via Queenstown January 30, for New-York, will have among her passengers William H. K. Redmond, Member of Parliament for East Clare, and Joseph Devlin, of Belfast, who are to make a tour of the United States for the purpose of completing the work of organizing the United Irish League in America.

No plebiscite contemplated. Copenhagen, Jan. 27.—The officials here deny that it has been decided to take a plebiscite of the Danish West Indies after the ratification by the United States Senate of the treaty providing for the sale of those islands to the United States.

A Hamburg steamer wrecked. Antwerp, Jan. 27.—The steamer Ausreka, Captain Kayser, belonging to the Hamburg-American Packet Company, of Hamburg, from the West Indies for Hamburg, went ashore this morning off the coast of the Scheidel, and subsequently broke in two.

The steamer Australia was built in 1881. She is an iron vessel of 1,261 tons register.

MR. PHILBIN SEES THE POPE.

BISHOP FARLEY'S SCHEME TO DIVIDE THE DIOCESE OF NEW-YORK.

Rome, Jan. 27.—The scheme to divide the diocese of New-York is advancing. The seat of the new diocese is to be Poughkeepsie. It is said that this explains Bishop Farley's long stay in Rome, as he is a candidate for the new bishopric.

A section of the Vatican advocates joining the dioceses of Brooklyn and New-York.

Bishop Farley to-day presented Mr. Philbin, ex-District Attorney of New-York, to the Pope. Mr. Philbin tells me that he found the Pontiff in perfect health and vigorous intelligence.

Only change he noted in the eighteen years since he saw him was that he was more bowed. The Pope congratulated him, saying that he was delighted at New-York's approval of Mr. Philbin's administration.

TEN SOLDIERS STILL MISSING.

UNITED STATES MARINES LOST IN THE ISLAND OF SAMAR.

Manila, Jan. 27.—The ten men of the command of Captain David D. Porter, of the United States Marine Corps, who failed to return from the expedition into the interior of Samar, when Captain Porter and twenty-five members of his party reached the coast of that island January 21, are still missing, and little hope of their safety is entertained.

The expedition referred to in the dispatch from Manila, led by Captain Porter and numbering thirty-six men, had been in the interior of Samar for two weeks. The men had been provided with rations for only five days. Their progress was delayed, and they suffered great hardships.

THE TRANSPORT SHERIDAN AT MANILA.

Manila, Jan. 27.—The United States transport Sheridan has arrived here from San Francisco with much sickness on board, including thirty cases of measles.

TITLED DIRECTORS TESTIFY.

LEFT EVERYTHING TO WRIGHT—LORD DUFFERIN'S STATEMENT.

London, Jan. 27.—On the resumption to-day in the bankruptcy court of the inquiry into the affairs of the London and Globe Finance Corporation, Limited, the receiver read a letter from the Marquis of Dufferin, the former Governor General of Canada and British Ambassador at Paris, denying that he had been a party to Whitaker Wright's co-ventures, which had resulted in losses amounting to £1,700,000.

Lord Edward Pelham-Clinton, another of the directors, who had just come off duty as groom-in-waiting to the King, also said he purchased his shares in the London and Globe with his own money. He knew practically nothing of Whitaker Wright's speculations, and only heard of the loss of £700,000 in Lake View shares after the liquidation.

CAPITAL AND LABOR IN BRITAIN.

MORE HARMONIOUS RELATIONS BETWEEN EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYED.

London, Jan. 27.—The crusade begun by "The Times" and seconded by other English papers against restriction of output by trades unionists is apparently bearing fruit.

Mr. Cox, responding for the men, said he could promise that there would be no restriction of output. The men would welcome any improvement arising in the coming contest for the world's supremacy.

GREAT SUM FOR FRENCH CANALS.

DISCUSSION OF BILL FOR IMPROVEMENT OF WATERWAYS.

Paris, Jan. 27.—The Chamber of Deputies to-day began the discussion of a bill authorizing the completion of a number of projected waterways in France, involving the expenditure of over 600,000,000 francs.

MISS SANDERSON'S PLANS.

REASON FOR BREAKING ENGAGEMENT WITH COUNT HENRI DE FITZ-JAMES.

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OFFICIAL PAPER ADVISES AGAINST IT—MUCH SATISFACTION OVER PROSPECTIVE CHANGE.

St. Thomas, Danish West Indies, Jan. 27.—The official paper here condemns the proposed plebiscite, and advises satisfaction with annexation. The population is much gratified over the prospect of the change.

DANISH TREATY IN THE WEST INDIAN ISLANDS, \$5,000,000.

Washington, Jan. 27.—The Senate to-day, in executive session, received the treaty with Denmark transferring the West Indian possessions of that country to the United States.

The Senate ratified the extradition treaty with Serbia and the trademark treaty with Guatemala, Senator Cullom, as chairman of the Committee on Foreign Relations, first explaining that both treaties were after the usual pattern in such cases and had been favorably reported by the committee.

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HAD AGREED TO DIE TOGETHER—EACH LACKED COURAGE TO SHOOT.

Chicago, Jan. 27.—Dr. Harry J. Ziegler, of No. 316 West King-st., Lancaster, Penn., fatally wounded his wife, Anna, and then killed himself this afternoon at the Wellington Hotel. Before being removed to the Samaritan Hospital in a dying condition, "Mrs. Ziegler" said that the shooting was done by the doctor.

"Mrs. Ziegler" was conscious for some time. She confirmed the contents of the note, which showed that the husband had agreed that the doctor should carry out their plans. But she, too, failed, and eventually she said her husband shot her, and then, thinking she was dead, turned the weapon on himself.

Lancaster, Penn., Jan. 27.—Harry J. Ziegler, who fatally shot a woman purporting to be his wife, and then committed suicide at Chicago to-day, was a native of this city, and lived here until three years ago.

He was twenty-six years old and a son of William J. Ziegler, station master of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company. The latter is a respected and esteemed resident.

When Ziegler he frequently got into serious trouble. He served a term on the schoolship Saratoga, and three years ago enlisted in the regular army, and was sent to the Philippines. The last heard from him was a year ago, when his father received a letter dated "Luzon," in which he said he had entered the hospital service, a circumstance that accounts for his title of "Doctor."

He was married about two years ago to Miss Harriet Baker, of this city, who is now at her home here, and from whom he had not been divorced.

SUBMITS NEW POSTOFFICE SITE.

W. M. RYAN SENDS DIAGRAM OF BROADWAY PROPERTY TO CONGRESSIONAL COMMISSION.

According to a dispatch received in this city yesterday, the attention of the commission appointed to consider a site for the new postoffice in this city has been called to the block front on the west side of Broadway, between Thirty-fifth and Thirty-sixth sts., by William M. Ryan, the real estate dealer and broker.

The commission has received a diagram showing the size of the site and a letter setting forth its advantages. The property is owned jointly by Charles E. Johnson and his mother and sister. On part of it stands the Herald Square Theatre.

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MAGISTRATES' CASE TO GO ON.

JUSTICE MADDOX REFUSES TO HAVE HEARING REOPENED—LAWYER BEHEARD.

After administering a rebuke to John L. Hill, a prominent member of the Brooklyn bar, Justice Maddox, in the Supreme Court, Brooklyn, yesterday dismissed the order directed against the lawyers for the old police magistrates, directing them to show cause why the hearing before Justice Keogh should not be reopened.

HAS TAUGHT NEARLY FIFTY YEARS.

MISS BRUCE, OF OSWEGO, HAS BEEN LONGEST SERVICE OF ANY TEACHER IN THE STATE.

Utica, N. Y., Jan. 27 (Special).—Miss Ellen M. Bruce, principal of Primary School No. 10, in Oswego, is retiring after a half century as a school teacher. Miss Bruce has nearly reached threescore years and ten, but she will not retire until she observes her golden anniversary as a teacher on October 1 of this year.

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SAYS NO RELIEF BEFORE AUTUMN.

RAPID TRANSIT ENGINEER THINKS THERE WILL BE NO CHANGE IN PARK ROW TRENCH TILL SEPTEMBER.

Although the editorial published in Sunday's Tribune has already stirred up a good deal of protest against the situation caused by the Rapid Transit excavations along Park Row, there seems little chance of any immediate relief.

From the southern end of the postoffice to the City Hall there is at present only one passage open from Broadway to Park Row, and that is through Market-st. But so heavy is the traffic of mail wagons and so narrow the entrance at Park Row that the way is very dangerous for pedestrians, and many go round through the postoffice building to avoid danger.

Mr. Rice, the deputy chief engineer of the Rapid Transit Commission, told a Tribune reporter yesterday afternoon that he did not believe there would be any change in the situation as far as the Park Row trench was concerned before next September.

"The difficulty, or, rather, the impossibility, of building a bridge across the excavation opposite the Times Building," said Mr. Rice, "is caused by the presence of a cable along which are drawn buckets containing the material taken out of the tunnel. The presence of this cable would constitute too great a menace to the safety of persons to permit a bridge at this point."

In reply to a question about the legal restriction preventing the carrying on of work on both sides of the street, Mr. Rice said: "This restriction was intended to give the Rapid Transit Commission a hold on the safety of the work, notably along Fourth-ave., we found the people were better satisfied to have the work done speedily, and the added inconvenience did not make any difference."

With reference to the part of the loop directly from the City Hall, Mr. Rice said: "The part east of the front entrance to the City Hall is completed, and we are engaged now in filling up the trench in the rear of Broadway. This presents a different and more difficult problem. Here we have a station to deal with, and special construction is necessary. Various kinds of work will have to be put in here, and there can be no comparison made between this section and that of any other part of the tunnel. Here, however, we are working as rapidly as possible."

ADVANCE IN LAKE COPPER.

Strength in Amalgamated Copper was due to the advance in the price of copper, and to the belief that the stock of copper had been taken over by a strong speculative syndicate with exceptional opportunities for gauging the course of the market.

Representatives of the United Metals Selling Company yesterday confirmed the reported advance of one cent a pound in Lake copper, which is now upon a basis of 11 1/2 cents. They would neither affirm nor deny the rumor that a station to deal with, and special construction is necessary.

Copper closed in the stock market yesterday at 7 1/2, the high price of the day, representing a net gain of 1/2 cent. The sales were more than 75,000 shares.

"CRUM" DEMPESE ARRESTED.

Rochester, N. Y., Jan. 27.—Chief Cleary at 3 o'clock this afternoon received a telegram from Detective O'Brien, of this city, saying that "Crum" Dempsey, the negro, who is wanted for alleged complicity in the murder of the jeweler, Bela E. Brown, has been arrested at Auburn, and is a parolee prisoner from Auburn, will be brought back here at once.

STATE BOARD ACTS ON RAILROAD TUNNEL.

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City, extending from Ninety-sixth-st., south and the open cut and yard extending to and into the Grand Central Station, now operated by the New-York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company and the New-York, New-Haven and Hartford Railroad Company, no steam locomotive shall be operated after a date to be fixed by said board.

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CARROLL'S "SNAP" AT END.

THE MANY FRIENDS HE PLACED IN ACCOUNTS DEPARTMENT NAMED THEIR OWN SALARIES.

John F. Carroll, of Tammany Hall, lost a well worked "snap" when the new administration took hold of the Commissioners of Accounts Department. Fifty Tammany men were appointed to this department between January 1, 1898, and July 11, 1899. Mr. Carroll's industry was rewarded by the appointment of forty of these, his friends, all of whom are in the department now.

One of Carroll's friends received \$800 a year more than his superior, a competent examiner without any "political drag."

Commissioner Russell will to-day send to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment the new classification of the seventy-one employees in the department, and it is likely that the force will be cut down. Commissioner Russell, in commenting on the reorganization of the department, said:

This bureau seems to have been mortgaged to John F. Carroll. I have learned that Carroll would bring a man to the office, and instead of fixing his salary on account of his worth, the question would be: "Well, what do you think you ought to have?"

The result is that many of the men here are working for smaller salaries than they are earning, while others are earning \$200 or \$300 a year more than their competent superiors.

There have been few appointments in this department since July 1899, when the bureau was put in the Civil Service. It should have been left to the exempt class. Carroll succeeded in having appointed about forty of the fifty men appointed in the eighteen months prior to the date when the employees generally went into the classified service.

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