

GERMANY BRITAIN'S FRIEND.

SURPRISING DECLARATION IN THE PRUSSIAN DIET.

Foreign Secretary Defends British Concentration Camps - Expresses Sympathy for Methuen - Says Everything England Does in South Africa is Not Bad.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. BERLIN, March 11.—In the House of Deputies of the Prussian Diet today Baron von Richthofen, Prussian Foreign Secretary, read an answer from the British Government allowing the distribution of German gifts to the inmates of the concentration camps in South Africa under the surveillance of the English camp authorities.

Baron von Richthofen then made an important declaration in regard to the relations between Great Britain and Germany. He said that German critics very often viewed England's action in South Africa unjustly. The Baron continued: "Our criticism should be more just. England has sacrificed in South Africa many men and large sums of money. The English and German nations are connected by ties of blood, race and friendship. They are cousins who may again find themselves side by side."

Baron von Richthofen stated that Gen. von Trotha had visited Ceylon and had found the arrangement of the camps for the Boer prisoners perfectly satisfactory. Referring to the capture of Gen. Lord Methuen the Foreign Secretary said: "Lord Methuen deserves our complete sympathy. As military attaché of the British Embassy at Berlin he enjoyed the esteem of the Emperor William and Frederick."

Baron von Richthofen continued: "If we feel ourselves cousins and kin to England we will be able the more effectively to help our common cousin in South Africa. Let us not always assume from the very first that everything that happens on the English side is wrong and bad. I may quote an example. I read descriptions of the prisoners' camps which would make your hair stand on end."

"A few days ago one of our Generals, who is in a position from his own experience to report on the matter, was at my house and said to me: 'I consider it my duty and I authorize you to make use of my name to declare that I found the prisoners' camps in Ceylon perfect models.' This was Gen. von Trotha, and he added that the kitchens and hygienic arrangements in the camps were absolutely first class."

"Former German officers who were there said they had only one complaint and that was of insufficient variety in the food. I answer was: 'Well, my dear General, if you expect that the English are going to serve up to you caviare and oysters from time to time you are asking too much.'"

"TIMES" THANKS US FOR IT.

Says What Prince Henry Learned Here Brought Out Germany's Friendly Words.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. LONDON, March 12.—There is a certain, but not over-eager receipt Baron von Richthofen's declarations in the Prussian Diet in a generous spirit. It will require, says the Times, a good many such expressions to remove the resentment Germany awakened among a people very slow to harbor it.

The paper speculates upon what it calls this remarkable change of tone. It says the clue may perhaps be found in the observation that if Germany shares the susceptibilities of her cousins on this side of the water she may be able to approach her cousins on the other side of the water, and so perhaps become of some service to her other cousins, the Dutch, and their friends the Boers.

The Times adds that Prince Henry had various opportunities for learning that America, though pleased to have Germany's friendship, does not wish to enrich herself in that way at the expense of her friendship with Great Britain. Since the English and American cousins stand together, Germany probably considers it time to be cousin of both, but the English people will not forget that it is to America they owe this rather touching rapprochement.

The circumstance will form a new link between the British and their cousins across the Atlantic, while both they and the British will accept with due cordiality the sage conclusion of the German Government that it is well to be on good terms with the two great English-speaking world Powers.

BRITISH TRADE IN CUBA.

Request for Most Favored Nation Treatment Presented to Lord Lansdowne.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. LONDON, March 11.—The deputation of representatives of the Chambers of Commerce of the United Kingdom, which is seeking to obtain a promise from the Government to take immediate action to maintain the most favored nation treatment for Great Britain in regard to Cuba, waited on Lord Lansdowne, Minister of Foreign Affairs, to-day. The interview was private, but it is understood that Lord Lansdowne promised to give careful consideration to the matter.

ABDUCTED FROM NEW YORK.

Woman and Her Two Children Found in Brussels—Mysterious Case.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. BRUSSELS, March 11.—A mysterious case involving an American woman has been discovered here. The woman's name is Bigoldin. She was abducted from New York by her two small children and brought to Antwerp on the Red Star Line steamship Valerian. It is supposed that the woman is the victim of a conspiracy. She is dependent on the charity of the Jewish community.

CHINA PROTESTS.

Excision Particularly Obnoxious as Applied to Hawaii and Philippines.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. PEKIN, March 11.—The Chinese Government has sent a strong memorial to the United States through Minister Coger against the reenactment of the Chinese Exclusion act, particularly objecting to the exclusion of the Chinese from the Philippines and Hawaii, where, it is contended, they have extensive interests, besides family ties.

11,000 for Charles L's Blue Vest.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. LONDON, March 11.—The blue silk waistcoat worn by Charles L. on the scaffold was sold at Stevens's Rooms to-day for 200 guineas.

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PUT NO BAN ON IRISH LEAGUE BRITISH CABINET DECIDES TO DELAY STERN MEASURES.

Full Operation of the Crimes Act Opposed by the Chief Secretary for Ireland and Mr. Balfour—Violators of the Law to Be Prosecuted in the Usual Way.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. LONDON, March 12.—Although no official statement can be obtained regarding the Cabinet's decision concerning Ireland, which was discussed at yesterday's meeting, there is every reason to believe that it was resolved not to proclaim the United Irish League or to adopt other immediate coercive measures. The Standard, a Ministerial organ, whose information in this matter coincides with that obtained from other sources, says that the Ministers decided after full consideration of all the circumstances that the time has not yet come for bringing into play the more drastic features of the Crimes act.

It is not thought necessary at present to suppress the United Irish League as a national organization, or any of its local branches as such, but the policy hitherto pursued of rendering amenable to justice all who in promoting the object of these or kindred organizations commit offenses against the law will be vigorously followed. Should it be found that procedure under the ordinary law or under those provisions of the Crimes act which do not depend upon the issue of a proclamation is insufficient there will be no hesitation in resorting to the special powers at the disposal of the Executive.

It is gathered in the lobbies of the House of Commons that the decision was largely due to Mr. Arthur Balfour, First Lord of the Treasury, whose moderate attitude regarding Irish agitation is well known, but it was also due to the judgment of Mr. George Wyndham, Chief Secretary for Ireland, who directly opposed the suppression of the league.

It is the opinion of many that although a powerful section of the Ministry favors suppression of the league, such a step would be extremely difficult, as it would be likely to involve the resignations of Earl Cadogan, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland; Mr. Wyndham, and Mr. Atkinson, Attorney-General for Ireland. In recent speeches Messrs. Wyndham and Atkinson virtually advocated leaving the law as it stands. Mr. Wyndham a month ago admitted that, out of 200 cases of boycotting, only twenty-six were directly traceable to the influence of the league.

The Dublin correspondent of the Telegraph in a despatch mainly confirming the foregoing, says he learns, however, that the branches of the League in the disturbed districts of Sligo and Roscommon and parts of Mayo will be suppressed, but no definite announcement is to be expected before next Friday.

After the meeting of the Cabinet Earl Cadogan, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, had a prolonged interview with the King at Marlborough House. "Princess's Nose" Not a Great Play. Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. LONDON, March 11.—A poor play well acted is the frankest description of the first performance of "The Princess's Nose," by Henry Arthur Jones, at the Duke of York's Theatre to-night. The text is that morals are a question of geography. The piece is a mixture of comedy and farce with some bright dialogue, but as a whole it is flat and featureless. Irene Vanbrugh, Gertrude Kingston, H. B. Irving and Gilbert Hare did the best possible with their poor material.

Tugs Ready to Tow the Etruria. Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. LONDON, March 11.—The tug Blackcock and Pathfinder, which were despatched to that place to tow the disabled Cunarder Etruria to Liverpool, arrived there to-day.

Our Squadron Leaves Colon Today. Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. COLON, Colombia, March 11.—Rear Admiral Higginson, commander of the American squadron now here, visited the canal on Sunday. The squadron will probably leave for Trinidad to-morrow.

Advices from the Chiriqui say there is considerable uneasiness in that locality owing to the presence of insurgent troops.

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THE BRITISH ARE DEPRESSED

BUT DETERMINED TO GIVE RE-NEWED ENERGY TO THE WAR.

Lady Methuen, Returning to England from South Africa, Hears of the Capture of Her Husband and Turns Back—Criticism of Boers for Wearing Khaki.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. LONDON, March 12.—The latest South African calamity lies like a shadow on the country, and the nation yet looks vainly for comfort. This is not to say that there are any signs of despair; on the contrary, the press and public generally are stiffened in their determination that Gen. Kitchener shall be strengthened and to see the war through at all costs.

But the uncertainty and mystery surrounding certain features of the affair, which there is no fresh information to remove, cause a fear that the disaster will prove even worse than has hitherto been apparent. The laconic "dangerously wounded" appearing against Gen. Methuen's name in the casualty list increases the anxiety.

Lady Methuen arrived at Madeira Tuesday on her way home from South Africa. She received the news of the wounding and capture of her husband in a Government despatch. She disembarked and will return to South Africa by the first steamer. There is a great deal of irritation here over the outburst of triumphant ridicule in a section of the Continental press over Gen. Methuen's disaster. Such a tone however, is nowise universal and there are many who are sympathetic to the Boers and Paris which, considering the sympathies of their readers, comment upon the affair with remarkable restraint.

The soreness of Englishmen over the fact that Gen. Delarey's men wore khaki is not salved by those who find satisfaction in precedents. Among other dicta on the subject is "Stonewall" Jackson's threat to shoot any of his men found dressing themselves in the capture of a city, even to cover their partial nakedness.

An interviewer tried to draw a condemnation from Sir Charles Dilke, who replied tersely that khaki is a vague term. Continental critics who admit that the wearing of English uniforms by the Boers is contrary to the laws of war, excuse it on the ground that probably otherwise the Boers would be naked.

REJOICE WITH THE BOERS.

Enthusiasm at the Hague Over the Victory—Comments on the Boer Success.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. THE HAGUE, March 11.—There is great rejoicing here over the Boer victory. The streets are filled with people, who are enthusiastic over the news. Crowds surround the newspaper bulletin boards.

Commenting on the reverse to the British the Rotterdam Courant says: "We shout hurrah with the Irish for Delarey and his Boers."

VIENNA, March 11.—The Neue Presse expresses the opinion that English optimism as to the issue of the war in South Africa must be weakened. Lord Methuen's system of blockhouses, like all preceding attempts to wipe out the resistance of the Boers, has not succeeded, it declares. The Boers triumph over all obstacles. The English Government, however, were persistently and has conducted it without skill. Its difficulties are increased by the state of Ireland, where it may prove impossible to maintain the status quo. The English Ministry of great words and shameful acts will shake the prestige of the British Empire.

PARIS, March 11.—Commenting on the British reverse in South Africa the Figaro says: "Whatever may be the patriotic feelings of the English Government and people, it will be considered, even in London, that the Dutch Cabinet, in taking the initiative in peace proposals, was serving not only the Boers but also the English."

The Echo de Paris says the head of Gen. Lord Methuen will be security for the head of Commandant Kritzinger, who at last accounts was being tried by a British court-martial in Cape Colony.

The Matin says Gen. Methuen was a loyal and chivalrous adversary. The honor he paid to the memory of Gen. de Villebois Mareuil was a proof of this.

The Journal says the latest disaster proves that the optimistic feeling in England in regard to the close of the war is unwarranted.

AMSTERDAM, March 11.—It is believed that the British losses in the fight with Gen. Delarey's army are not heavy. In the official account, it is stated that the Boers made an enormous haul of provisions.

DON'T FLINCH, SAYS ROSEBERY.

Reverse Is Serious, but "We Have Got to See This Thing Through."

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. GLASGOW, March 11.—Lord Rosebery, in an address to the students of Glasgow University to-day, referred to the reverse to the British in South Africa and the capture of Gen. Lord Methuen. He said in part:

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NO MUSICAL work could be selected more appropriate for performance at this season of the year than this oratorio. For the present performance, those portions have been chosen which enlist the services of the soprano and the bass voices in solos and concerted numbers. Familiar among these are the magnificent aria for bass, "Rolling in Foaming Billows," and the genial "With Verdure Clad," sung by the soprano. The soloists, Miss Corea and Dr. Clark, are without doubt better able to give this oratorio than any soloists in the country, having taken the role so many times before.

The accompaniment, which is at all times the difficult and exacting part, is readily overcome by the use of the Aeolian Orchestrelle. It is significant of the inexhaustible possibilities of this wonderful instrument, and its rapid growth in popular favor, that it has been accepted generally as an accompanist for the most complicated of compositions. The operator of the Aeolian Orchestrelle has instant control of every note. The Aeolian Orchestrelle, which any one can play, whether or not he knows one note from another, is alone well worth hearing. Its beautiful tone qualities are voiced to represent the different instruments of the orchestra. It is to be found in many homes, and, as everybody can play it, it proves a source of endless enjoyment as well as a most delightful recreation. It may be played in ten minutes, controlled in an hour, perfected in a month.

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officers in the flight of Lord Methuen's force with the Boers under Gen. Delarey.

Lieuts. Vanning, Nesham and Hartley and Col. Wilson were killed; Gen. Methuen and Col. Townsend were dangerously wounded; Capt. Outran, Lieuts. Dennis and Logan of the Imperial Yeomanry and Lieuts. Milford and Fitzpatrick were severely wounded and Lieut. Squires of the Imperial Yeomanry slightly wounded. Thirty-eight men were killed and seventy-two wounded.

The War Office issues a correction as to the point from which Lord Methuen was marching. In yesterday's despatches it was stated that he was marching from Wynburg. It should have been Vryburg.

It is pointed out in connection with the capture of Gen. Lord Methuen that he is the senior officer next to Lord Kitchener now in South Africa. Indeed, in army service he is his chief's senior.

In the House of Commons this afternoon Mr. Brodick, Secretary of State for War, said that reinforcements were being continually sent to South Africa. A large number would go next month. He added that Lord Kitchener would get all the assistance that he asked.

Nowhere was the shock of the news of Methuen's reverse felt more than on the Stock Exchange, although the persistent selling of South African mining shares yesterday before the War Office telegrams were made public points to the conclusion that the facts had leaked out in more than one quarter. This was especially true of the Paris Bourse, where the French were persistent sellers of South African shares late on Saturday and again yesterday morning.

The market here to-day felt very sore that the news was held back on Saturday, although it was done at Lord Kitchener's desire, and more is likely to be heard of the alleged leakage.

The stock markets were steadier to-day, although still showing weakness. South African shares recovered some of their opening decline. Consols had fallen 3-16.

HAND OF GOD IN BOER VICTORY.

Capt. de Villiers, Son of the Late Boer General, Says the English Will Lose.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., March 11.—Capt. Louis de Villiers, son of Gen. de Villiers, who was killed early in the Boer war, is in this city, and when told of the latest Boer victory, was very much elated.

"The hand of God can be seen in this," he said. Capt. de Villiers added: "The victory is a significant answer to Lord Kitchener's rosy reports. There will be more such answers if you believe in the English policy of extermination. It is like a two-edged sword. We'll kick 'em, I say, we'll kick 'em, for God is with us."

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CELTIC COULDN'T ENTER PORT.

American Tourists Land at Alexandria in Small Boats at Great Risk.

ALEXANDRIA, Egypt, March 11.—The White Star Line steamer Celtic, conveying a party of American tourists, arrived here to-day, but was unable to enter the port owing to the heavy swell and the vessel's immense draught. She anchored five miles out.

The passengers were greatly disappointed. Thirty of them embarked in small boats and a hundred on a barge. They effected a landing at great risk. Five stewards in a small boat were capsized, but were rescued.

Reichstag Tariff Commission's Report.

BERLIN, March 11.—The Tariff Commission of the Reichstag has decided by a considerable majority that the written report to the Reichstag will only deal with the legal aspects of the tariff and not with tariff items. Commenting on this the Vossische Zeitung says that such a report, which will omit consideration of the 946 items composing the tariff bill will be worthless.

American Honored by London Freemasons.

LONDON, March 11.—Mr. F. C. Vanduser of the American Society of London, will be installed as Master of the Jubilee Masters' Lodge of Masons at the Hotel Cecil on March 23.

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BRITISH WAR OFFICE AIRSHIP?

Dr. Burton Building One—Aeroplanes Used With Balloon Like Santos-Dumont's.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. LONDON, March 11.—At a meeting of the Aeronautical Society to-day Dr. Burton described a dirigible balloon that he is constructing for the War Office. Its general appearance is similar to that of Santos-Dumont's airship, but the motors are placed fore and aft, and it has six propellers. It is also proposed to preserve the centre of gravity by a system of water circulation.

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CABINET CRISIS IN SPAIN.

Cortes Session Suspended and the Minister of Finance Resigns.

MADRID, March 11.—In view of the difficulties created by the Currency bill introduced by Señor Urrutia, Minister of Finance, the Government has suspended the sessions of both houses of the Cortes. There is much political excitement. It is reported that all ministers have tendered their resignation, but Prime Minister Sagasta will not accept it.

Short Time for English Cotton Mills.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. LONDON, March 11.—The General Committee of the Federation of Master Cotton Spinners, embracing a majority of the cotton firms in Lancashire, has adopted a resolution to the effect that it is desirable that the interests in the American cotton trade adopt short time. It recommends that all mills spinning American cottons immediately close for two days weekly.

Mr. Mosely's Commissioners to Study our System.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. LONDON, March 11.—Mr. Alfred Mosely will sail for New York on the steamship Oceanic on March 19 with a view to arranging for his Education and Labor commissions to visit the United States to study conditions there. He expects to return in May. Mr. Mosely will defray all the expenses of the commissions.

Who's Who in Cotton

If you want to know Who's Who in the Cotton Exchange read the special story in the NEW YORK COMMERCIAL next SATURDAY, March 15. All Dealers—ONE CENT. Out of town by mail, 50c a copy. \$1 a year.



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