

CHAMBERLAIN TALKS OF PLANS

Former Secretary of Colonies Discusses Tariff Measures Before the Citizens of Leeds

PEOPLE ARE ENTHUSIASTIC

Speaker Announces That He Has Appointed Committees to Report on Industries

LEEDS, Dec. 16.—Joseph Chamberlain addressed two immense audiences here to-night, making the last speeches of his fiscal campaign for the present year.

From the moment of Chamberlain's arrival in Leeds the enthusiasm was tremendous and many demonstrations were made in the streets. The appearance of Chamberlain on the platform, accompanied by Mrs. Chamberlain and a number of the North Country gentry and members of the House of Commons, was the signal for an ovation which continued for many minutes.

The first speech was made in the Coliseum, and was listened to by 3000 persons, and a similar number attended the overflow meeting held afterward in the Town Hall, which was altogether inadequate to accommodate the great crowd seeking admission.

WILL MAKE INQUIRIES.

The feature of Chamberlain's speech in the Coliseum was the announcement of the fact that he has been engaged in getting together a committee to make inquiries among the various branches of trade at home and abroad, the work of which committee he expected, he said, will result in clearing away many difficulties. The committee will consist of about thirty business men of the highest standing, who will begin their work in the near future. It will be composed of men from all centers of industry both in the United Kingdom and in the colonies. Sub-committees will be formed to deal with each branch of trade and to take exhaustive evidence, meeting twice weekly until their work is finished. When the reports are completed, Chamberlain said, he expected to be in a position to formulate a tariff bill acceptable to the country, which will not only foster imperial trade, but which will enable Great Britain to give trade advantages to those who are prepared to render her similar favors. Continuing, Chamberlain said:

"We have gone a long way in the direction of forming a commission, not an official commission, but a non-political commission of experts, to consider the present condition of imperial trade and to find remedies for its defects. This commission will comprise the leading representatives of every industry and every group of industries. It will consist of representatives from India, the crown colonies and the great self-governing colonies. It will invite before it witnesses from every trade and industry, and after hearing all of them the commission will frame a model tariff measure. When the Government is ripe for action a tariff bill will be presented on which the public will have every opportunity of expressing its opinion."

WILL SATISFY COLONIES.

Referring to elections in Lewisham and Dulwich, Chamberlain said that even the Duke of Devonshire's encyclical did not possess pontifical authority. He said that even former Chancellor of the Exchequer Ritchie was not entitled to more authority than was to be derived from the fact that he had for a few months been under the influence of the permanent officials of the treasury.

Referring to the alleged difficulty of convincing the colonies, Chamberlain said:

"Send me as Ambassador to the colonies with full powers. I am perfectly willing to risk my reputation on being able not merely to satisfy the colonies but also to secure from them equal measures in return."

This challenge was greeted with ringing cheers and cries of "We will!"

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 16.—About 4000 Jews at Kishinev are asking for aid to emigrate to Argentina or to Canada.

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Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets cleanse and regulate the bowels.

CHIEF OF THE MARINES TO BE SENT TO PANAMA

Brigadier General Elliot Is Ordered by Secretary of the Navy Moody to Recruit a New Battalion to Be Sent for Immediate Service to the Isthmus



BRIGADIER-GENERAL GEO. F. ELLIOTT, U. S. MARINE CORPS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Brigadier General George F. Elliott, commandant of the marine corps, may be ordered to the isthmus to make a reconnaissance of the country, and should the situation demand it to assume command of the marine forces there. The matter has not yet been decided, but it was said by a high official of the Navy Department to-day that the subject was receiving serious consideration. If General Elliott is ordered to the isthmus he probably will go south on the Dixie, which will sail from Colon to-morrow for Philadelphia to bring back the new battalion of marines, which is to be known as the Caribbean Sea division. The decision to send General Elliott will depend largely upon whether he can be spared here at this time.

At the instance of Secretary Moody, General Elliott has issued orders for the formation of the Caribbean Sea Squadron, though its immediate destination is Colon. It will be assembled at Philadelphia as rapidly as possible. That the proper courtesy may not be lacking, either to Minister Beaupre or to the Colombian Government, it is expected at the Navy Department that Rear Admiral Coghlan will proceed to Cartagena in command of a small squadron to convey the Minister to Colon, whence he will sail for the United States.

It was said at the Navy Department that the question of placing a warship at the disposal of General Rafael Reyes, the Colombian Special Envoy, to convey him home when he shall have completed his mission had not yet been taken up by the State or Navy departments. The Navy Department is prepared to respond promptly in case the State Department decides to offer General Reyes this courtesy.

GETTING DESTROYERS READY.

Work is being rushed on the Preble and Paul Jones. In the drydock at the Union Iron Works the torpedo-boat destroyers Preble and Paul Jones are lying side by side, while scores of workmen are chipping and painting their steel hulls. It is expected the renovation will be finished by to-morrow, when the twin war-craft will be restored to the bay and steam for Mare Island to lay in ammunition and provisions and take their officers aboard preparatory to joining the United States fleet at Panama.

Captain Fenton, with headquarters aboard the Preble, has general charge of the getting ready for sea and will command the Preble and Paul Jones when they go southward. Captain MacArthur has temporary command of the Paul Jones, and is likely to be relieved and returned to his regular duty as soon as the preliminaries of the voyage are completed. Each vessel has a full crew of sixty-nine men, and a finer looking lot of jacks were never congregated.

"They are fairly itching to get deep water beneath them," said Captain Fenton yesterday, as he proudly surveyed the sturdy figures in blue dungaree and white caps that paced the Preble's deck or stood in groups talking and smoking. "The outlook for what might be termed 'active service' is not very bright," continued the captain, "but even remote possibility of engaging in a genuine 'scrap' and earning glory and prize money suffices to



COMMANDER OF MARINES, WHO IS RECRUITING A NEW BATTALION.

fill the souls of these men with anticipation. And I'll confess that I feel a little that way myself."

It may be fitly termed their maiden voyage that the Preble and the Paul Jones are being prepared for, as their farthest trip from this port has extended only to Monterey. The other member of the model trio, the Perry, has been as far as Santa Barbara, however, and may also be sent to Panama, as she is in commission and ready to put to sea at a day's notice. Captain Fenton has commanded the Perry since her trial trip was made, and had the honor of driving her at a 2 1/2-knot clip when she conveyed President Roosevelt from this city to Mare Island and return last May.

"We can keep the Preble and the Paul Jones at equal speed from here to Panama if necessary," said Captain Fenton, "for they and the Perry are unquestionably the finest boats of their class in the world. They will probably be used as scouts for the fleet at the isthmus. And in this connection," the captain said, with a gratified eye twinkle, "I am pleased to announce that they are not likely to be utilized for police service, because their length, 250 feet, would make them rather difficult to turn in the river. If they engage in any warlike work at all it will be the real give-and-take thing that the sailor-man loves as much as he dislikes patrol duty."

Captain Fenton's pride in his craft and its two sisters is certainly explicable to any one who inspects the boats. They are all of the same dimensions, horsepower and armament. Each is 250 feet in length, 23 1/2 feet beam, 10 feet draught, 700 tons displacement and has 9000 horsepower, or two-thirds as much as the big battleship Wisconsin. To accommodate the coal bunkers, boilers and engines necessary to generate this tremendous propulsive force the Preble, for example, has very little room for anything else

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SPEAKS PLAINLY ABOUT SERVA

Emperor Francis Joseph Says Change of Dynasty Was Brought About by a Crime

PROMISES FIRM POLICY

Speech at Reception of Austro-Hungarian Delegation Is Felicitous and Encouraging

VIENNA, Dec. 16.—Emperor Francis Joseph to-day received the Austro-Hungarian delegation. The speech from the throne was chiefly notable for its stronger affirmation of the Emperor's determination to maintain the drelbund.

"By a renewal of the triple alliance," he said, "this well-proved basis of our policy, which we have determined to maintain henceforth, has been consolidated for the future." The speech referred to the death of Pope Leo, to the gratifying foreign relations of the dual monarchy and to the close harmony between Austria and Russia in regard to the Balkans with the object of "maintaining peace and the status quo in those regions, in which we are receiving the energetic support of the other great powers."

The Emperor said Austria and Russia had no selfish motives in the Balkans, and only have in view the establishment of peace in the interest of the whole of Europe, to which end Austria-Hungary was endeavoring to induce Turkey to improve the position of the Christians and to restrain Bulgaria from encouraging revolt.

After mentioning the visit of "my dear ally," the German Emperor, the Czar of Russia and the King of England, which gave the desired opportunity for a personal exchange of views in regard to the Balkans and all other questions at present engaging the chancelleries, the speech continued: "In Servia a change of dynasty has been brought about by a crime which must fill every civilized being with horror. It is to be hoped that this country under its new rule may be directed toward its moral regeneration and a prosperous future."

The speech concluded with saying that the War Office appropriation would be the same as last year, and that it only asks for money to secure new quick-firing guns, the work to be commenced in 1904.

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BOURKE COCKRAN MAY SUCCEED McCLELLAN

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—W. Bourke Cockran will be nominated by Tammany Hall to succeed Mayor-elect George E. McClellan as the representative from the Twelfth Congressional District as soon as McClellan resigns his seat to undertake his duties as the municipal executive. That was determined to-day at Mr. Cochrans's office, where he met Charles F. Murphy and gave the Tammany Hall leader his consent to run.

Toilet cases in buckhorn, celluloid and leather, handsomest line ever. Sanborn, Vail & Co., 741 Market st.

Amount of Shortage Grows.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 16.—An additional shortage of \$2000, making the total thus far known \$17,000, has been discovered in the accounts of Asa C. Bushnell, cashier of the Yale National Bank, who committed suicide yesterday. President Greele said it would be impossible to tell definitely until to-morrow whether there is a still greater shortage.

Great arrangements are being made for the entertainment of visitors to the St. Louis Exposition; one of the features will be a lot of electric launches, such as were so popular at the Chicago fair. Buy your gas range of San Francisco Gas and Electric Co., 415 Post, and save money for a trip to the fair.

below deck. The arrangement of her living quarters and storerooms is an interesting study in the economy of space. When the weather permits the men can sit at a table on deck and eat their meals, but when wind and sea keep the deck awash Jack must stand up to dine. The officers' rooms are the coziest cubby holes imaginable.

In addition to her two torpedo tubes, fully loaded and with a couple of extra projectiles at hand, the Preble carries two 3-inch 50-caliber guns of the very newest type and five semi-automatic 6-pounders. The big guns hurl thirteen pounds of steel five miles and can be fired at the rate of ten shots a minute, while twenty shots a minute can be projected from the smaller weapons. Apropos the Preble's crew, recently transhipped from the Perry, has the world's record for target practice by torpedo-boat destroyers. Captain Fenton is proud of his crew.

DIXIE'S MARINES LAND. Sixteen Machine and Six Automatic Guns Accompany Blue Jackets.

COLON, Dec. 16.—The United States auxiliary cruiser Dixie to-day landed stores, Christmas cheer, camp material, etc. She disembarked her marines, numbering 330, this morning. They left by train for Empire Station, near Panama, where they will be quartered in the canal company's houses. Sixteen machine guns and six automatic guns accompanied the marines. It is probable that the remainder of the marines on the Prairie will be landed in a day or two.

The Panama Government received yesterday by the steamer Allianca 500 cases of Mauser and Remington cartridges, twenty-five cases of rifles and other war material.

The auxiliary cruiser Mayflower is alongside the dock coaling. The gunboat Bancroft has returned from Nombre de Dios. The United States cruiser Atlanta is still cruising along the coast.

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Big and comfortable. Just the thing for grandpa. Has rattan seat and back.

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The top is ornamented with pyrographic designs and legs are gracefully curved. The biggest line of tabourets in Frisco to choose from.

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In weathered oak, with leather seat. For the hall or reception room.

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Beautiful birdseye maple wood with pier glass in door. Elegantly finished inside. No furniture piece in the world better made than this.

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BERTILLION NOW HAS A NEW SYSTEM
Famous Criminologist Has Adopted a Method of Studying the Physiognomy in Four Features.
PARIS, Dec. 16.—M. Bertillon, the expert criminologist, has organized a new system for the detection of criminals. Heretofore photographs have been employed solely in the search for malefactors. Detectives will now be taught to search the physiognomy for three or four striking features, each of which has a mathematical value. Photographs, accompanied by measurements taken under this new system, will, it is claimed, make it practically impossible for well-instructed detectives to make any mistake in the classification or detection of criminals. Heretofore the errors made were as high as 70 per cent, while a trial of M. Bertillon's system has reduced the errors to 1 per cent.

Christmas cards and calendars. Good things for everybody. Sanborn, Vail & Co.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—George W. Shill, the largest apple handler in the State, charged by A. N. Judd, an inspector, with having shipped apples from Watsonville improperly labeled, was tried and acquitted to-day by a jury. The case was the first one brought in this State under the law passed by the last Legislature.

MISS CORELLI WINS AND GETS ONE CENT
English Court Awards the Fair Novelist Damages in Suit Against a Newspaper.
BIRMINGHAM, England, Dec. 16.—Marie Corelli, the novelist, was to-day awarded a halfpenny damages, each side to pay its own costs, in a libel suit brought by her against the proprietor of the Stratford-on-Avon Herald in connection with the recent controversy in which Miss Corelli opposed the erection of a Carnegie library on the ground that it involved a desecration of Shakespeare's birthplace. The alleged libel consisted in a statement that Miss Corelli desired to erect a library at the same place.

The case attracted much attention, and the court was crowded, many fashionable people being present. Miss Corelli testified in her own behalf for two hours, and emphatically denied that she wanted to erect a library.

It is time to express Townsend's Glace Fruits East for Christmas now.

SAYS ENGLAND WILL LOSE SOUTH AFRICA
Andrew Carnegie Makes a Startling Prediction in Address Before Armstrong Association.
NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—At a meeting here to-day of the Armstrong Association Andrew Carnegie surprised his hearers by asserting that he believed Great Britain would surely some day lose South Africa. He said: "It is about as certain as we are living that Great Britain will lose South Africa, because the Dutch population there is increasing, while the British are not. The Kaffirs won't work. What would Great Britain give for 9,000,000 negroes as peaceable and as loving as those in this country? These men give us about 11,000,000 bales of cotton every year, and this I contend helps make the United States the most powerful nation in the world. Suppose a fleet of British warships should attack us. The President, as commander in chief of the army and navy, need only raise his hand and say, 'stop exporting cotton, and the war would be won.' 'My knowledge of the question leads me to the opinion that no political measure can ever save or benefit the negro. The Hampton Institute shows the only useful solution.'"

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