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HOSTILITIES IMMINENT

South Africa Is in a State of Ferment Against England.

A GENERAL WAR IS THREATENED

Transvaal Republic May Combine With the Orange Free State and Precipitate a War for Independence.

BERLIN, June 24.—In diplomatic quarters it is stated that the situation in South Africa has grown worse. War between England and the Dutch is scarcely avoidable.

CAPE TOWN, June 24.—Alarm over the Transvaal situation is growing, and business is paralyzed. The original cause of the crisis between England and President Kruger—the grievances of the Outlanders in the Transvaal, is sliding into the background, and the British mind is now agitated by rumors of a general war for independence in South Africa. The rumor is strengthened by the news that the Orange Free State is arming, and has appropriated £150,000 for military supplies and ammunition. In the event of concerted action for independence, the position of England would be precarious. The Dutch at the Cape, who outnumber the British and control the Cape Parliament, are growing restless. The claim is made by them that Cecil Rhodes is scheming to introduce measures to annoy the Dutch as England oppressed America previous to her revolution. These suspicions of the Dutch only increase the bitter feeling existing. Peace advocates on both sides are striving to effect a settlement, but their efforts apparently are overshadowed by a desire for war upon the part of the Dutch.

CONDITION OF THE HOP CROP

The hop season is now fairly on and the crop is attracting considerable attention. It is too early to predict what the growth will be but the owners of the yards feel encouraged at the present outlook. In this week's issue of the Puyallup Chronicle the following hop notes appear: The market at Auburn is decidedly quiet, no buyers has as yet appeared and we have heard of no contracts being made. Under the influence of the warm weather of the past week the vines are growing rapidly. Lice have appeared in almost all of the yards and some of the growers are spraying now, and next week the fight against the vermin will be general.

Hops have been making nice progress during the past week of fine weather at Chehalis. Growers are making preparations to spray and many will do so before the fourth of July, although lice are as yet very scarce. There seems to be a scarcity of quassa chips and the probability is that they will be sold at a higher rate soon.

Those who control the quassa chips may find the market for them spoiled if they allow the growers to get along without chips for a season. We are not yet prepared to advocate the spraying of the hops with soap alone but we have seen a yard sprayed early in the season and only about one-fourth of the usual amount of chips used with apparently as good results as if the full amount had been put into the mixture. It is the soap that kills the lice and not the chips. Whether or not the chips are a tonic and counteract the effects of the strong soap is a question the growers generally have not determined to their satisfaction. Some of the local growers are getting sheep to put into the yards to eat off the lower arms.

RAILROAD PERSONALS.

G. M. Baird, general freight agent for the Everett & Monte Cristo road, is in the city today.

E. J. Coyle, district passenger agent at Vancouver for the Canadian Pacific, is in the city.

A. B. Calder, traveling passenger agent at Tacoma for the Canadian Pacific, is in town.

Geo. F. Heisner, passenger agent at Portland for the Vanderbilt lines, is in the city.

J. C. Eckenberger, contracting freight agent at Portland for the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern lines, is in the city.

A. E. Willard, agent for the Oregon Railway & Navigation company at Whatcom, is in the city today.

A. E. Cooper, traveling passenger agent at Portland for the Rock Island railway, and C. E. Clines, city passenger agent for the Oregon Railway & Navigation company, will return from their trip to Whatcom this evening.

"Shasta House Resorts" is a new booklet just received at the city office of the Southern Pacific. It gives a comprehensive write-up of the different resorts along the line. Typographically the book is a gem, and artistically a thing of beauty.

LAUREL DEL, June 24.—The city is practically wiped out by fire this morning; four business houses and dwellings destroyed. Loss \$300,000.

THE VISITING MINISTERS

The following visiting ministers will occupy city pulpits tomorrow:

Second Presbyterian, Trent St. and Harrison, at 7:30 p. m., W. A. Mackay, D. D., New Whatcom.

Westminster Presbyterian, Broadway near Madison, at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m., J. R. Montfort, of Tacoma.

Cumberland Presbyterian church, Twenty-second avenue and East Cherry, 11 a. m., Ira D. Landrith, Nashville, Tenn.; 7:30 p. m., Duncan Wallace, Walla Walla.

United Presbyterian, Sixth avenue and Seneca, 11:15, W. A. Mackay, D. D., New Whatcom; 7:30 p. m., H. D. Crawford, Aberdeen.

Calvary Presbyterian, Twenty-fourth avenue south and King street, 11 a. m., H. D. Crawford, Aberdeen; 7:30 p. m., B. H. Tyler, New York.

First Baptist, Fourth avenue near James, 7:30, Ira D. Landrith, Nashville, Tenn.

First Christian, Third avenue near Pine, 11 a. m., B. H. Tyler, New York.

First M. P., Third avenue and Pine street, 7:30, W. C. Merritt, Tacoma.

Tabernacle, Baptist, Boren and Jefferson, 11 a. m., Duncan Wallace, Walla Walla.

Taylor Congregational, Taylor and Thomas, 11 a. m., James A. Laurie, Jr., Anacortes; 7:30 p. m., C. W. Bushnell, Kalama.

Edgewater Congregational, 11 a. m., S. B. L. Penrose, Walla Walla.

STIRRING MEETINGS

Held by Christian Endeavorers.

ARMORY WAS PACKED LAST NIGHT

Today's Programme Includes an Outing.—Interesting Notes of the Convention.

The Christian Endeavorers began their exercises early this morning by holding a prayer meeting in the Plymouth church parlors at 6:30. Rev. B. H. Tyler, of New York, the popular Bible reader, continued his Bible study at 8:30 o'clock, and this was immediately followed by devotional services led by Miss McFarland, of Moscow, Idaho.

Rev. S. B. M. Penrose, of Whitman college, Walla Walla, followed in an exceedingly interesting and brilliant address on "Whatever." Mr. Penrose is a polished scholar as well as a fluent talker, and his address laid great emphasis on the value of thinking. He said that the Endeavorers were apt to do too much work that was not directed toward a

given definite aim, and he warned the audience that thought was necessary. "There are thoughts enough in the truths of nature," he said, "to occupy one for a lifetime, and there are still millions of truths unknown." A short session was then given to suggestions on church duty, which was followed by a solo by Mr. Pritchard.

The nomination of officers was then suspended to allow Jno. P. Hartman, Jr., to speak on "Our Duty to the Nation." Mr. Hartman was thoroughly wrapped up in his subject, and handled it in a masterly way. He appealed for more aid to the polly Jack Tars who are relegated to unfrequented portions of the city when on shore.

Officers Elected.

Spokane was then unanimously selected as the place for the annual convention in 1900. The election of officers was then taken up with the following results: President, H. J. Fries, Tacoma; secretary, Jessie Calvert, Whatcom; treasurer, Thos. H. Brewer, Spokane; junior secretary, Geo. F. Uye, Aberdeen; first vice-president, H. E. Ute, Spokane; second vice-president, Fred Wright, Seattle; third vice-president, Miss McFarland, Moscow; Idaho; fourth vice-president, M. E. Brewer, Walla Walla; superintendents, Miss Kate B. Reed, Spokane, missionary; C. I. Hall, Walla Walla, good citizenship; Rev. I. L. Lanning, Seattle, Lord's day; C. P. Bailey, Seattle, floating; Miss Ora Forbes, Yakima, correspondence.

There are 1012 delegates here, and for this afternoon arrangements were made for part of them to visit the battleship Iowa at Port Orchard, and the athletic sports at the Y. M. C. A. park.

This evening services will begin by an address on "Wood Citizenship," by Rev. J. D. Landrith, and will be followed by the oratorio "The Holy City" by the convention chorus of 500 voices.

A Temperance Talk.

Yesterday afternoon's session was begun by hearing reports from the school of methods. The most important feature of the afternoon was a talk given by Miss Eva Schoritz, of Chicago, who came here to introduce a petition, the object of which is to abolish the saloon. Miss Schoritz spoke feelingly and eloquently of the patriotism of American fathers and mothers in sending their sons to battle for the nation's cause, and told how little the nation seemed to care for the moral welfare of her sons. She said that when the American army entered Manila there were but three saloons in that city, and they were doing but little business. Today the number is 18, and the average sales amount to over \$500 per day.

Miss Schoritz spoke of a little Pennsylvania town that sent 15 boys to army. One came back in a coffin, and the other 15 came back drunk.

Miss Schoritz presented a startling array of facts and figures bearing on the canteen system, and hoped to secure a million signatures to her petition asking President McKinley to abolish the canteen system in the army.

The Evening Session.

Last evening the Armory was crowded to the doors. Standing room was had in the rear and far down the aisles.

The programme began a trifle late and in consequence the song service and devotional exercises were combined under the leadership of C. F. Hartman, of Seattle.

Miss Eva Schoritz, of Chicago, spent a very few moments in a fervid plea for temperance work. Her address was short but was well received. She stirred the large audience with her moving words, pleading for a large attendance on the temperance meeting held this morning at 7:15 o'clock in the Plymouth church parlors.

After the adjournment the delegates from the various denominations were received in the churches of the same sects in this city.

There will be a regular monthly meeting of the Alaska Geographical society at the parlors of the Rainier-Grand hotel Monday evening next, at 8 o'clock. The public is cordially invited.

John Steinmetts, an aged German, came to police headquarters this afternoon and wanted an officer to accompany him to the bank, stating that the German government had placed \$14,000 there to his credit. He came to headquarters, nearly a year ago with the same story. It is believed Steinmetts' mind is deranged.

The steamer Del Norte is expected to arrive in port at any time from Unalaska, and perhaps St. Michael. She went north about a month ago from San Francisco, having in tow a river steamer which was bound for Dutch harbor. It is possible that after disposing of her tow the Del Norte went on to St. Michael. Shipping men state that the steamer will touch at Seattle on her return, and that she is now due.

ARE READY TO MARCH

Indian Troops for Transvaal.

10,000 ARE NOW UNDER ORDERS

A Possible Crisis in South African Affairs—Cup Defender Ashore —The Dreyfus Case.

LONDON, Eng., June 24.—A Bombay dispatch says: "Ten thousand soldiers of the Indian army are under hurry orders to depart for Natal, on the borders of the Transvaal. They will leave in 10 days."

BRISTOL, R. I., June 24.—The cup defender Columbia went ashore and stuck fast in the mud this morning while being taken from the wharf to anchorage in the bay.

RENNES, France, June 24.—Precautions to prevent a demonstration and insure the safety of Dreyfus on arrival here increasing. In addition to placing extra guards around his cell and barracks, every dish of food placed on his table must be tasted by two guards. A lattice screen has been placed in front of Dreyfus' cell to prevent the prisoner communicating with outside people. Socialists here have organized to assist troops in case attacks are made on the prison.

The rumor that Dreyfus is at Rennes, is discredited.

ALGER MAKES A BAD MOVE

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 24.—The opinion is expressed here that Secretary Alger's political alliance with Pinesse will make his retention in the cabinet more difficult than ever. Pinesse has been regarded as the head of the anti-administration faction in Michigan. Unless Alger can bring his new political partner around to an earnest support of the administration, it is difficult to see how McKinley can afford to retain him in the cabinet. The Michigan senatorial fight will be a hot one. Both McMillan and Alger are men of wealth. It is believed they will put considerable money into the campaign.

UP AGAINST A BIG MAN

"Denver Ed" Smith to Fight Sailor Costello.

What promises to be a most interesting event in local pugilistic circles, will take place between July 10 and 15, when "Denver Ed" Smith, of this city, will meet Tom Costello, a gigantic gunner on the Iowa, in probably a fifteen round bout.

The men have been matched to fight for \$500 a side, the winner to take the gate receipts. Costello is said to be very clever, and is a perfect Hercules. At present he weighs about 220 pounds, but will probably train down to 200.

Smith will go into training for the mill next Monday. He expects to have the battle of his life.

THE TOPEKA SAILS NORTH

The P. C. S. S. Co.'s steamer City of Topeka left Ocean dock this morning at 9 o'clock, bound for Dyce, Skagway and way ports, carrying a large cargo and 50 passengers. The greater part of the passengers were bound for points in southern Alaska, there being a comparative few who intended to go into the interior.

The Topeka had the following passengers: Miss Borens, Miss D. Conroy, H. B. Pitts, W. S. Bunshy, H. McLaren, James Bann, R. B. Early, J. W. Gannett, Mrs. Smith, Leola Richards, Irvin Richards, Mrs. J. W. Williams, Mrs. J. Stratta, A. S. Abernethy, E. J. Bann, Mrs. M. B. Harrison, George Oberon, L. M. Davis, C. P. Smith, J. W. Snook, S. B. Boren, Mrs. Boren, J. N. Doll, Mrs. Doll, Miss M. H. McCordon, George Bent, Mrs. Bent, and 20 second class.

ELECTED THEIR OFFICERS

The trustees of the Seattle Mining Exchange held their regular meeting this morning and elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, Fred Rice Rowell; vice-president, H. L. Sizer; secretary, O. H. Dahl; assistant secretary, William Y. L. Rutherford; treasurer, Andrew Knox; auditor, John Y. Terry; and general manager, Charles A. Dunsmore.

CLEVELAND, O., June 24.—The street railway company refuses to accept the strikers' version of their proposition for a settlement, and the men will have to reconsider the company's offer in the latter's original language.

DENVER, Colo., June 24.—Kid McCoy has signed a contract with the Colorado Athletic association of this city to fight any three men who may volunteer to meet him, one each on July 10, 17 and 24.

LONDON, Eng., June 24.—A Shanghai dispatch says that a Russian military party of 12 men was annihilated by brigands near Kirin, Manchuria.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., June 24.—The bitter fight that has been waged in the State Democratic Convention, came to an end this morning when Gen. Hardin withdrew from the race for the gubernatorial nomination. His action prevents a threatened bolt and split in the party. Goebel now leads for the nomination.

PARIS, June 24.—Esterhazy has declined to testify before the Dreyfus court martial at Rennes. The acquittal of Dreyfus is likely, because of the fact that no evidence can be obtained against him.

LONDON, Eng., June 24.—A Cairo dispatch says that news of Kan Khalifa's defeat is confirmed. He was surrounded in a valley and lost 500 men.

RENNES, France, June 24.—A special train arrived here at day-break, and four men got out and immediately entered a closed carriage, in which they were driven to the military prison. It is reported that one of the men was Dreyfus, but the report lacks confirmation.

REED HAS INVESTIGATED

A Chinaman Gets Money From Opium Smokers.

Several days ago reports were circulated to the effect that certain officials were accepting money from the proprietors of Chinese opium joints, giving the latter in return, police protection.

Chief Reed, who was seen by a Star reporter this morning, stated emphatically that he had carefully investigated the matter and was in a position to say that there was no truth in the reports.

An unscrupulous Celestial, he says had attempted to levy blackmail on some of his countrymen who are addicted to the opium vice, and of this, he thinks the reports were circulated by persons who have a personal spite against his department. The chief is continuing his investigation.

WILL PROBE THE CASE

Authorities Are Investigating Flora Jones' Death.

It is Believed a Criminal Operation Was Performed in Seattle and Not in Tacoma.

It is evident that a case of malpractice has occurred in Seattle. Who the guilty person or persons are an investigation alone will show. It was learned on good authority this morning that several prominent physicians had communicated with the prosecuting attorney's office, and that a complaint might be drawn up by Monday, charging prominent physicians in Seattle with abortion. The evidence brought out in the inquest held yesterday, shows conclusively that death was caused by complications brought on by such unlawful practice. The statements of Dr. Emil Borjes were to the effect that Flora Jones came to his office on Monday's night and died on Tuesday morning, in a delicate condition.

Dr. Marjion Marsh testified that Mrs. Jones came to her Saturday evening the perfect picture of health. Mrs. Marsh refused to have anything to do with her. Dr. Borjes stated that the girl told him that a criminal operation had been performed upon her in Tacoma. Yesterday afternoon Dr. Terry came to the morgue and testified that Flora Jones visited him Sunday night about 9 o'clock, apparently in good health. That explains her whereabouts in Seattle on Saturday night till Sunday morning. If Tacoma was committed in Tacoma, it was done between the hour Sunday night after her visit to Dr. Terry, and Monday evening at 5 o'clock. Nearly all the doctors are positive that the abortion was committed in Seattle, and the prosecuting attorney's office is also of the same opinion. The man Dr. Marsh testified seeing Miss Jones talking to near Lee's drug store Monday evening, most likely came to Seattle from Victoria with Miss Jones, and is probably responsible for her downfall.

MANILA, June 24.—Maj. Drennan, of the First Montana, died today of Bright's disease after an illness of three months.

NEW YORK, June 24.—The Herald's London special says: Jockey Sloane now admits striking that waiter at Ascot with a champagne bottle. He says the waiter insulted him.

Mayor Humes received notification today from the city council and Mayor of Vancouver that they would be present at Seattle's Fourth of July celebration.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 24.—Under instruction from the president, the army retiring board will meet at San Francisco next July. Shafter is president of the board.

The board of public works held their regular meeting in the City hall this afternoon. Numerous petitions were acted upon, and the improvements of Western avenue from Seneca street to Union street was approved.

A building permit was issued this afternoon to Dr. H. F. Keltner to build a two story from residence at 1717 Bellevue avenue, to cost \$975.

The total population of Finland by the last official census—that of 1895—was 2,520,000, of whom 2,170,000 were native Finns, 340,000 were Swedes resident in Finland, 700 were Russians (chiefly of the officer class or members of Russian garrisons) and 1300 were Laplanders.

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