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FRESH TROUBLE.

An Invasion in South Africa.

Revolution Caused by Taxation.

British Government Must Face It.

The Germans Call It English Greed.

Will Take Steps to Protect Herself.

LONDON, Jan. 1.—News from Pretoria, the Transvaal republic, today tends to confirm the gravity of the situation, there growing out of invasion of Boer Territory by an armed force of the British South Africa company, numbering about 700 men with 6 Maxim guns led by Dr. Jamison, British Commissioner of the Transvaal. President Kruger has called upon the burghers to defend their country and a serious conflict is anticipated in spite of the fact that the colonial secretary, Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, has telegraphed Dr. Jamison to withdraw into British territory and urged President Kruger to do his utmost to prevent blood shed.

CALL IT ENGLISH GREED. BERLIN, Jan. 1.—News of the invasion in the Transvaal republic by armed British forces has created a decided sensation here. The Kreuz Zeitung says: Everywhere there is the same greed and bad faith. Today it is in Africa, yesterday it was in South America. The invasion of the Transvaal by Dr. Jamison and the forces of the British South Africa company, all the newspapers declare, constitutes a serious and unjustifiable break of the peace, against which Germany must protect herself.

NEW YEAR'S DAY. WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—New Year's day was celebrated here in a good old fashioned way. All officials received. It was an ideal day. The interest was centered in the president's reception.

AT SALEM. At the Capital of Oregon all county, city and state offices and banks were closed and business houses closed in the afternoon. There was no New Year's day calling of a formal character.

SHIPWRECK IN ALASKA. SEATTLE, Jan. 1.—The steamer Elwood, Capt. E. E. Wyman, is at a total wreck in Alaska. One sailor was drowned and the remainder of the crew only reached the shore after one of the bravest fights against the elements that has been recorded in the annals of the northwest coast.

NEW YORK LEGISLATURE. ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 1.—Hon. Hamilton Fish, Republican, was elected speaker of the house today, receiving 98 votes to 46 for Stansfield, democrat.

NEWSPAPER TRAIN WRECK. DENVER, Jan. 1.—The Rocky Mountain News special, carrying the New Year's edition of that paper, and intended to break all records for mountain travel, was wrecked this morning at Melita, five miles this side of Leadville. Engineer S. G. Baker and fireman H. Hartman were killed.

FORTY-CENT WHEAT.

SALES MADE IN PENDLETON AT THAT PRICE.

PENDLETON, Or., Jan. 1.—Up to 5 o'clock Monday afternoon, the best price offered for wheat in Pendleton was 38 cents. Between that hour and 6 p. m. nearly 300,000 bushels were sold at 40 cents net, and sales have continued today. At the close of business this afternoon, at least 400,000 bushels in all had been sold at 40 cents. The First National bank sold 150,000; the Savings bank, 50,000; G. A. Hartman, 15,000; the Oregon Mortgage company, 15,000; the elevator company bought from 60,000 to 75,000, held as collateral for advances, and many smaller lots went at the same figure.

On most of the total, advances had been made of from 20 to 25 cents, letting a large amount of money go into active circulation here. Inquiry is still active, and large sales are anticipated tomorrow. Reports have been current of more than 40 cents offered tonight. Some holders assert they can unload at from 42 to 43 cents, but buyers deny this.

Louis Estes was held before the United States grand jury, by Commissioner Bean, on a charge of counterfeiting. The evidence is quite damaging. Estes and E. A. Crawford will be taken to Portland to await the grand jury. Last year a large amount of spurious coin, gold and silver, was circulated in Eastern Oregon, and the authorities are inclined to believe it was made somewhere near here. This is the fourth arrest within a few months on this charge.

THE WAY OUT.

LONDON, Jan. 1.—The Westminster Gazette in a leading article, headed "The Way Out," says:

"While the question intrinsically is not important, incidentally it is of great importance. Great Britain cannot retreat from the position she has taken, and the United States will not retreat from theirs. The only method of escape from this dead end which shall impose neither humiliation nor retreat on either side to find something which is not arbitration, but which is as like as possible."

The Gazette suggests that both countries agree upon a board of conciliation, not binding themselves, as in the case of arbitration, to accept its decisions, but on the chance of conciliators being able to suggest a compromise acceptable to both countries. In conclusion, the Westminster Gazette remarks: "We firmly believe a couple of sensible, impartial men, say the chief justices of the two countries, could easily settle the matter by this method."

The afternoon newspapers all regard the utterances of Senator Sherman on President Cleveland's message to congress on the Venezuela question as a plain warning that danger has not yet passed.

The stock exchange opened dull and inactive, but later the tone of the market improved.

Two firms involved in American securities were declared defaulters today on the Liverpool stock exchange.

DEATH OF MRS. D. A. O'BRIEN.

ONE OF THE OLDEST RESIDENTS OF WOODBURN.

WOODBURN, Or., Jan. 1.—Mrs. D. A. O'Brien died of heart disease, after a very short illness. She was one of the oldest residents in this city, having located here with her husband in 1869.

She was born in Ireland in 1838, and, while a child, moved with her parents to Australia, where she married D. A. O'Brien who survives her. In 1867 they moved to California. From where they came to Oregon and settled at Woodburn, which was at that time a wilderness.

She left six children, all girls, of whom five are sisters of charity. The oldest daughter—Sister Alfred, is the druggist at St. Vincent's hospital; Sister Mary Rose is directress of Mount Angel academy; Sister Margaret is teaching at the Grand Ronde reservation; Sister Gertrude has charge of the Catholic school at North Yakima, Wash., and Sister Genevieve is teaching in Portland. Lillie had remained at home with her parents. It was the wish of Mrs. O'Brien that all of her daughters should become sisters. She was herself a good Samaritan to all who were sick or in distress. She will be buried at Gervais tomorrow.

NEW YORK MERCHANTS.

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—At the meeting of the chamber of commerce Thursday next, the committee on foreign commerce will submit a report on the Venezuela question, and addresses on the subject will be made by eminent speakers.

THE WOMAN'S SIDE.

MATTIE OVERMAN'S STORY ABOUT DR. BROWN.

HE FORGOT THE INJUNCTION.

"BE YE THEREFORE SPIRITUALLY MINDED ALWAYS."

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 1.—At the residence of Rev. Dr. C. O. Brown, and in the presence of Mrs. Brown, Miss Mattie Overman told her story of the charges made by Mrs. Mary Abbot Davidson, alleging a criminal intimacy with Dr. Brown.

MISS OVERMAN'S STORY.

"I have been a tool in the hands of a disingenuous woman," she said. "My relations with Mrs. Davidson were of such a friendly nature that I regarded her as a mother. Indeed, she treated me as a daughter, greeting me with kisses every time we met, and seemingly taking a mother's interest in my welfare. What an insult to my intelligence and perception to be forced to the avowal that she deceived me and used me as a tool for the furtherance of her nefarious plans. Mrs. Davidson is an artful, plausible woman. I have discovered that now. She says she was unaware of my arrival in this city from Tacoma last August and that she was amazed to see me. The fact is, she wrote to me to come, saying that she would find me employment as a stenographer. We were to live together like mother and daughter, she agreeing to pay my expenses, I consenting to aid her by doing sewing on Saturdays."

Mr. Overman referred to the statement that Dr. Brown was contributing \$35 a month to her support.

"I never knew this money was paid to Mrs. Davidson," remarked she. "Is it reasonable to believe that I would have sewed for Mrs. Davidson had I been guilty of relations with Dr. Brown—relations which forced him to contribute to my support? Had I been guilty, as Mrs. Davidson says, I would have received this money personally from Dr. Brown, and spent it without Mrs. Davidson's aid. The fact is, I knew nothing about this alleged money transaction, but believed, as Mrs. Davidson told me, that this money had been sent to her by friends in the East. In fact, Dr. Brown was not even mentioned to me after my arrival from Tacoma."

"How is it that you called upon Mr. Simpson, of the Chronicle, and offered to sell him a sensational story for \$1,000?"

"That is the only ugly fact to this ugly business that I will be compelled to face," answered Miss Overman. "I will tell the truth, however, no matter what interpretation is placed upon my statement by the public."

"She convinced me that it was all right, and she asked me to go to the Chronicle office and ascertain if such a story would be acceptable. 'Ask \$1000 for it,' she remarked, 'because it is worth it.'"

"Well, after repeated requests on the part of Mrs. Davidson to go to the Chronicle office, I went there and saw Mr. Simpson, the city editor. He did not appear to relish my proposal, and began to question me so that I became nervous, and to escape more easily, I agreed to call again. I did not admit to Mr. Simpson, as is reported, that I was the woman wronged. If he made that statement he is mistaken."

"Dr. Brown made the horrid revelation," said she, "in the presence of Mrs. Davidson. We both confronted her with her perjury, but she would affirm or deny nothing. I became very angry and demanded that she should return the \$500 of which she had robbed Dr. Brown. She answered that she had given it to Mrs. Baddin. I grasped her by the arm and shook her, and as I did so I heard money rattle in her dress."

"Mrs. Davidson says you made a confession to her," suggested the reporter.

"It's a lie," exclaimed Miss Overman, excitedly. "I made no confession to her, for I had none to make. I never told her that I accompanied Dr. Brown to any room, or that our relations were anything else than honorable. I never said he had given me ergot, or that I was ill because of the use of that drug. My changed appearance was caused by the grip, which attacked me at Tacoma. I will tell all the world that Dr. Brown is an injured man, and I—"

"Yes," interrupted Mrs. Brown, "he and Miss Overman have been maligned most bitterly. But I will never believe the charges, for I know them to be false."

Miss Overman explained that she had gone to live at Dr. Brown's house at the request of Mrs. Brown herself, believing that would be the best course to pursue.

"We are very friendly," she added, "for we have known each other for four years. At no time did Dr. Brown make an avowal of love to me or I to him. I was surprised to hear that people spoke harshly of me at Tacoma."

Mrs. Davidson says Mattie and Brown consulted together, and determined to arrest her; then she told all she knew. Mrs. Davidson further added it was notorious in the First Congregational church that Dr. Brown had contracted an unholy connection with the mistress of one of the rich members of his church, and, to avoid entanglement, was forced to pay \$500. Mrs. Davidson promises to reveal many more names of guilty members at her trial. She says she is confident of her own vindication.

DR. BROWN TALKS. Dr. Brown tonight gave his version of the story that has been current for several days with regard to his actions with another woman. The doctor said that, one night about a year and a half ago, he was summoned to the bedside of Mrs. Stockton. The woman was said to be dying, and wished spiritual consolation. Dr. Brown visited the woman's home and was ushered into a dark bedroom. To the minister's surprise, as he says, the woman, who was lying on the bed with all her clothes on, arose and, throwing her arms about his neck, kissed him. Brown rebuked the woman and went home. A few days afterward, he says, Mrs. Stockton said she had been insulted, and demanded \$500. Brown refused to pay the money, and consulted a prominent resident of this city, who knew the woman. Brown says this man went to Mrs. Stockton, and induced her to withdraw her demand for money.

SOLDIERS AND POLICE.

FIGHT A BLOODY BATTLE OVER SEIZURE OF BEER.

DISFIGURED, BUT FIGHTING.

THEY FINALLY SUCCEEDED IN GETTING THE LAGER.

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Jan. 1.—A battle between soldiers and police occurred in Saddle hall last night. About thirty men were seriously injured. The soldiers were defeated and twenty were locked up. A raiding party went to Saddle hall where the Kosciusko guard military organization were holding a dance, to execute a warrant for a seizure of beer. The soldiers drew their sabres and drove the officers from the hall.

A reinforcement of 15 policemen was called. They attempted to enter the hall but the guards beat them back with their sabres. The police were badly cut and slashed and several were seriously injured. The captain of the guards is hardly recognizable from the bumps and cuts on his face. All the prisoners bear marks of the fight. They were spattered with blood and their uniforms are shreds. The soldiers jumped onto the tables, scratched their faces and tore their hair out by handfuls. After a fight five other halls were visited and about 100 kegs of beer seized.

A FRENCH VIEW.

LONDON, Jan. 1.—The Pall Mall Gazette published an article from the pen of M. Florens, formerly French minister of foreign affairs, upon the Venezuelan controversy. Commenting upon it, the Pall Mall Gazette says:

"We want to hear what Frenchmen thought of Secretary Olney's extension of the Monroe doctrine; but he scarcely touches upon that and improves the occasion by giving us some home truths. He accuses us of bullying and breaking faith."

M. Florens says: "The French do not believe in the probability of war, as both Great Britain and the United States are prone to weigh profit and loss. Moreover, we are accustomed to cool prudence of England, which will increase in proportion as the youthful impetuosity of the United States gives itself free course. France is far more disposed to accept the Monroe doctrine than you in England are, but we reserve anterior rights and do not agree with President Cleveland's conception of arbitration. We are great advocates of arbitration, and would gladly see it applied to all international disputes. Notably, we believe that difficulties such as may arise between American republics and European states are all of a nature to be settled by arbitration, to the great advantage of the parties interested. To this effect, we should like to see a permanent tribunal of arbitration erected: "British diplomacy still retains a violent procedure, which is out of place in our epoch. Unless she believes she is face to face with a stronger power than herself, her weapons of discussion are ultimatums. This unbridled manner does enormous harm to her reputation, whether it imposes her will on the people whose weakness obliges them to submit in humiliation, or whether she gives way, as she will have to do in the quarrel with Venezuela, before unforeseen resistance. Her moral authority was seriously impaired, for instance by Lord Salisbury's menacing language to the sultan. A European concert in regard to the East, Far East or America does not exist, because no one wishes to be addressed with England's diplomatic arrogance or exposed to the dangers of her breaches of faith."

OREGON NEWS.

The thermometer registered 13 degrees below zero one night recently in Lakeview.

The Burns Times says the Jordan boys, who escaped from the Harney county jail, have gone to the Owyhee country.

One hundred and fifty-five conversions are reported as the result of Rev. Emma Barrett's revival work in Grant county since November 30.

The Salvation Army has fitted up headquarters in Eugene, and the branch of the service there will be under the command of Captain H. P. Nelson.

Elk appear to be quite plentiful in the Looking Glass country this season, several having been killed there recently, Frank Easley and W. H. Gibson being among those who have been successful.

A. C. McEachern, of Mitchell, recently traded to Rufus McGrew 37 head of range horses for eighty acres of land in Columbia county, near St. Helens. Both parties to the transaction seem well pleased.

Junction City people think that a creamery for that town is now assured. The plant will cost about \$2000, and will be able to work up the milk from 1000 cows. The product of 215 cows has already been promised. There is no trace of murderer Sam Brown, who escaped from the Roseburg jail Monday morning.

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