

ORANGE FLAG AGITATED.

HOLLAND SOCIETY WANTS THE PRESIDENT TO INTERCEDE.

In the Transvaal—Both Van Dyks Were Aggressively For It—A Good Deal of Dissent Which Was Overborne—Chairman of the Society Said: "We are not asking for a declaration of war."

The Dutch flag was not at the special meeting of the Holland Society held at Delmonico's last night, and called for the purpose of "expressing to the society's sympathy for the South African Republic in its struggle with Great Britain." Everybody agreed that the flag was a good thing, but when a resolution was presented to the President of the United States to intercede was presented, there was the liveliest kind of a debate.

In an argument that seemed to be a foregone conclusion, the speaker in support of the flag was Mr. Van Dyke, and the speaker in opposition was Mr. Van Dyke. Both stood for the anti-Boer resolutions.

About 150 members were present when the meeting was called to order. George M. Van Dyke presided, and the following resolutions were adopted: Resolved, That the Holland Society of New York, composed exclusively of descendants of Dutch burghers resident in the Colony of New Netherlands before 1793, sympathizing deeply with the Republic of the South African Republic in its independence and autonomy, earnestly appeal to the government of the United States to use its good offices with the Government of Great Britain for the preservation of peace between England and the Transvaal.

Resolved, That the committee consisting of the President of the society and two members be authorized to present to the President of the United States a copy of the foregoing resolutions, and to urge upon him speedy action that may be averted between Great Britain and the South African Republic, or if war should occur, that peace may be concluded upon the best possible terms, the conscience of mankind will not condemn.

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FRANCHISE TAX IN EFFECT.

BLANKS SENT OUT FROM ALBANY TO THE CORPORATIONS.

Mr. Fiero's Plan of Collecting the Special Franchise Tax Will be Put into Operation by the State Tax Commission—A Statement of Its Purpose—Information Called For.

ALBANY, Oct. 2.—The plan under which the special franchise tax will be put into operation was made public to-night by the State Tax Commission. The law took effect to-day. The administration of this law is placed in the charge of the State Tax Commission, though the taxes upon such franchises as real estate are to be collected locally upon the assessable value of the franchise as fixed by the commission. The general plan of the corporation of so much of the special franchises will follow the general plan of the corporation of so much of the special franchises as real estate.

According to Mr. Fiero, a large discretion is left with the State Tax Commission in determining the value of a special franchise whereby they must deduct the value of the good will of the business and the franchise to the corporation and whatever other intangible value of the intangible franchise not taxable.

The State Tax Commission in making public the law is putting the new law into effect, made a statement to-day that until the law has had a thorough trial, no cast-iron rule for assessing corporations affected by the law can be formulated which would be applicable in all cases.

Mr. Fiero's plan will not be formally adopted until after Nov. 1, when the reports requested from the corporations affected by the law regarding their financial condition will have been filed with the commission.

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ENGLISH VIEWS OF THE TRANSVAAL NEWS CUT OFF.

NO WORD RECEIVED YESTERDAY FROM THE BOER CAMP.

Despatch Describing the Unpreparedness of the British Force Against Which the Attack is Likely to Be Directed—Jameson Trying to Raise an Army Corps.

LONDON, Oct. 2.—No messages from the Transvaal have been received to-day. The wires to the Cape and Natal are both working, but there is no news from the border districts where the Boers have massed their forces. In Government circles it is thought possible that a fight has broken out, but it is believed however that the Boer Commandant General Joubert is in camp eight miles from the Natal frontier, with 7,000 armed men.

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SIX SECONDS TO SHAMROCK.

COLUMBIA MUST GIVE TIME ALLOWANCE TO THE CHALLENGER.

Both Measured at the Brooklyn Navy Yard—Shamrock Has a Longer Sail Spread, but is Nearly Two Feet Shorter Than the Herreshoff Boat—Nearly 2,000 Pounds of Lead Put in Columbia—Her Splinker Pole Sawed Off—American Yacht Favorite Ready for the Start.

The Columbia has to allow 6.3 seconds to the Shamrock in the race for the America's Cup. The Columbia's racing measurement is 102,135 feet and the Shamrock's 101,102. The posting of these figures at the New York Yacht Club last night caused great surprise because it had been thought that the Shamrock would be the larger boat. Herreshoff's Hypoc of the New York Yacht Club put his tape over a large sail spread by 305 square feet, but she is nearly two feet shorter on the water line and so saves what she would have to pay for her extra sail area. The measurements are as follows:

Table with columns for Columbia and Shamrock, listing measurements like length on the load water line, length on the water line, length on the deck, etc.

When it was seen that defender Elio had put a larger sail spread on a smaller boat, some of the members of the New York Yacht Club began to figure and try to find out the result if possible of Elio's plans. It was agreed that the Shamrock had the greater driving power and the smaller body to drive and theoretically it was smaller she ought to win, especially if she has a larger sail area, since the tonnage loss on her keel than the Columbia. Then the great beam of the Shamrock was considered and the full, powerful quarters thought of. It was the final conclusion that the Shamrock was that which might be termed a short, blunt boat; that with all her extra driving power, she would not work through the water as easily or as fast as the Columbia, and when they had figured this to their satisfaction they decided that it might be all wrong, but that all would know by this evening.

The Shamrock has evidently been lightened and she will stand a larger sail area than the Columbia. As has been stated in THE SUN the Shamrock is much longer from the bowsprit to the end of the boom. The forward point of measurement on a yacht is not the bowsprit, but the point where the mast stays on the bowsprit. From that point to the end of the boom, the Shamrock is 7.51 feet longer than the Columbia. Most of this gain, however, is in the forward triangle or the head sails. This is shown from the forward side of the most to the forward point of measurement, the Shamrock being 11.15 feet longer than the Columbia. It is believed by many that a big head rig is not an advantage, especially when going to windward, but it makes a big difference when reaching and running.

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