

PEACE NEGOTIATIONS

Government Has no Information to Give at Present.

MILNER AND KITCHENER REPRESENTING GREAT BRITAIN AT THE CONFERENCE.

Rumored Demands of the Boers.

(Special to Daily Herald.)

London, April 15.—Balfour, in the House of Commons today, said he had no information to impart regarding peace negotiations, and that no information could be imparted any way at the present stage of negotiations.

London, April 15.—In a despatch from Johannesburg dated April 14, the correspondent of the Daily Mail says the leading Boer delegates conferred today with Lord Milner, at Pretoria, and that Lord Kitchener was present at this conference.

"I understood," says the correspondent, "that Lord Milner and Kitchener will jointly conduct the negotiations, and that Lord Milner will forward the Boer proposals to Mr. Chamberlain."

The Daily Mail asserts that Mr. Chamberlain received an important despatch from Lord Milner Monday night. It is understood this despatch outlines the basis of negotiations favored by the Boers. The Daily Mail says it will be submitted at the cabinet meeting today.

The Hague, April, 15.—From those close in touch with the Boer leaders here it appears that the latest secret despatches from South Africa outline the peace proposals now under discussion at Pretoria. They closely follow the summary given on Saturday last with the following additional details:

The Boers accept a British Lord Commissioner, with a Boer executive, both to be resident at Pretoria.

The country to be divided into districts, with British district officers and a Boer committee, chosen by polling, by the burghers. The veto right to be reserved to the British government.

The majority of the British officers must be conversant with the Dutch language.

Johannesburg to be retroceded to the British, with complete British civil organization.

A war indemnity of at least 10,000,000 pounds to be distributed by mixed committees.

Disarmament to occur when the first batch of Boer prisoners is sent back to South Africa.

No war tax to be levied.

Both languages to be recognized in the schools and courts and in official documents.

The expenses of the garrison in South Africa to be borne by Great Britain.

The present Boer leaders to be retained in office so far as possible.

THE MILITIA FORCE.

Col. Sam Hughes, M. P., Indulged in Some Caustic Criticisms—The Minister's Defence.

Ottawa, April 15.—In the House of Commons yesterday Col. Sam Hughes' resolution "that the system of the training of citizens for the position of officers in the active militia should be such as would furnish the greatest number of qualified persons at the least possible cost, and that all hindrances, customs and expense in the way of securing such military education should be removed," was taken up and briefly discussed.

Col. Hughes criticized the methods and influences which shut out ordinary farmers' sons from the opportunity of advances from the ranks, and expressed the opinion that British training and selection of officers was a failure. He declared that the orthodox British officer who served in South Africa was often the greatest friend the Boers had.

Resuming after recess Col. Hughes pointed out that colonial officers were not given much chance in South Africa. Many colonial corps served in that country, but in no single action was one of them commanded by a colonial officer. It would have been much better if they had. For example, there was a colonial officer with Gatacre before the Stormberg disaster. This officer knew the country well and warned the general of the danger, advising him not to take that route. By so doing the colonial saved his own life, for Gatacre dismissed him on the spot and went on to his own destruction. Col. Hughes argued that irregular troops

were better than regulars. He recommended great freedom to cadets in schools of instruction and much better facilities for taking the course. He would remove many restrictions and abolish nearly all the discipline, leaving the men as free as college students.

Hon. Dr. Borden commended Colonel Hughes' exposition, but rather deprecated his reflections on imperial officers. The minister did not think any other army in the world would have done as well in Africa as the British army had done. Dr. Borden did not agree that men in the instruction schools were unduly repressed, nor would he agree that the permanent force officers were supercilious and overbearing, as Col. Hughes represented. He admitted there might be room for reform, but hoped Colonel Hughes would withdraw his motion and wait till he saw him next year.

Col. Hughes then withdrew his motion.

Good News.

The Delineator for May has arrived at Edgecombe's, also the fashion sheets for free delivery. They are making another shipment of new blouse waists today, very pretty styles, also more new ribbons, applique trimmings and laces. Have you secured one of these bargain eaten waists yet.—d

Amateur Theatricals next Wednesday evening.

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"The Arabian Nights," a three act farce.

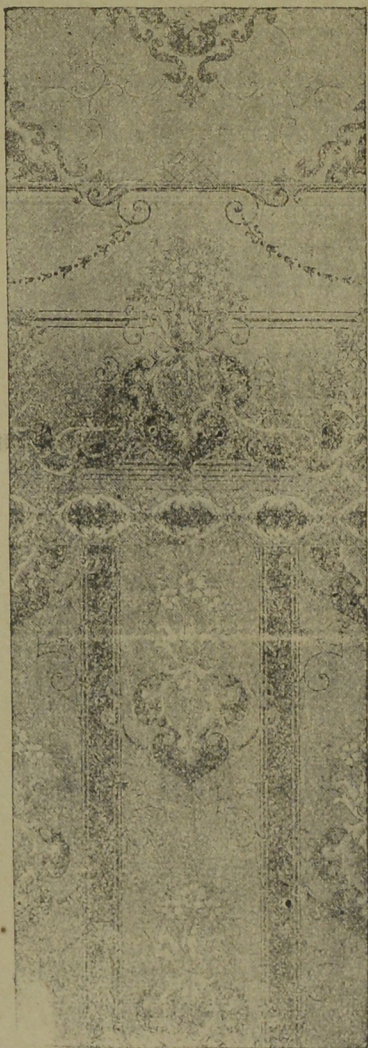
A story of the Bath.

A good story has recently been picked up in the west of Ireland by Mr. R. J. McCreedy, the well-known motorist. It concerns the rising little seaside town of Lahinch, a place which has recently developed tremendously through the tourist and golf booms. A few years ago the public baths, like most other institutions in the village, were very primitive. They were situated in a little cottage, which was just above the high water mark. Shower baths were a specialty, and they were to be had in a room which had a bath tub placed in the middle of the floor. On pulling a string a perfect deluge of bracing sea water came through the ceiling. A lady visitor once stood ready in the tub, and gave the dread signal. But instead of the usual avalanche of green water there came from aloft the gruff voice of the fisherman-proprietor of the baths. "If ye'll move a taste more to the wesht, ma'am," said the voice, "ye'll get the full benefit of the shower." Looking up, she, to her horror, descried the old fisherman standing by the aperture in the ceiling and holding a barrel of sea water ready for the douche! Whether the lady moved to the west and received the shower or not the chronicler does not relate. But Lahinch has made giant strides onward since.—From M.A.P.

Mystery.

"Robert, dear, how do you suppose those dozens and dozens of empty bottles ever got into the cellar?"

"Why, I don't know, my dear. I never bought an empty bottle in my life."



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1895	6,797,391.05	435,113.55
1896	7,039,323.43	507,348.19
1897	7,236,555.75	548,321.09
1898	7,544,227.02	574,224.75
1899	7,991,042.63	576,807.50
1900	8,482,038.00	586,040.24
1901	9,013,082.63	607,932.00
	Premium Income.	Total Income.
1893	\$ 964,201.08	\$1,261,930.51
1874	989,552.73	1,296,145.86
1895	1,040,240.77	1,353,713.38
1896	1,107,779.45	1,421,686.70
1897	1,182,965.15	1,525,630.16
1898	1,278,649.29	1,665,430.85
1899	1,444,862.27	1,833,919.16
1900	1,575,176.25	1,959,882.01
1901	1,735,036.06	2,115,141.94
	Notices of Death.	Amount of Insurance in Force.
1893	\$456,000	\$35,914,417
1894	452,628	36,312,041
1895	498,969	36,932,148
1896	418,436	38,086,849
1897	604,811	39,943,575
1898	571,316	42,222,364
1899	600,206	46,054,820
1900	594,110	50,191,853
1901	685,472	52,945,044

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