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GENERAL NEWS.

ENGLISH NEWS.

HEALTH OF THE PREMIER.

Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman has made satisfactory progress during the last few days and passed a quiet night on Monday. He still suffers, however, from extreme weakness.

THE NEW TRANSATLANTIC RECORD.

Authentic details of the Cunard liner "Mauretania's" record trip are now to hand. She arrived at Queenstown at 4.14 on Thursday afternoon, having steamed across the Atlantic at an average speed of 24.42 knots, which is the highest ever accomplished by any steamer on the Atlantic passage. The "Mauretania" steamed over a long route, and covered a distance of 2,932 miles, the actual time occupied being five days five minutes. She had on board 1,572 passengers and 1,109 sacks of mail.

THE FUTURE OF THE TIMES.

Reuter reports from London that details will be published in today's issue of *The Times* of an arrangement, legally sanctioned, whereby a company is to be formed immediately for the purpose of taking over the famous newspaper. Mr. Walter will be chairman of the administration board, and Mr. Moberly Bell will continue as managing director. The administration board will consist of only three members of the staff. No shares are to be placed on the public market. The political standpoint of the journal is to undergo no change; it will continue to be conducted by the same staff and on the same principles as heretofore.

This definite and, as we understand, authoritative announcement will be hailed with relief by all who feared to witness the spectacle of a great daily newspaper—which, despite several recent blunders and a taint of sensationalism, for over 100 years stood for all that is best in British journalism—descending to the humiliating level of a mere subsidised party organ. It was an unlucky day for *The Times* when Mr. Hooper of Chicago, boisterous, progressive, with a fine contempt for tradition, wielded his broom among the century-old cobwebs of Printing-House Square. His besom swept away not only much that was antiquated, but half the paper's reputation as well; and from his misguided genius sprang the Encyclopaedia and Book Club schemes, which did more than anything to bring *The Times* into disrepute. It is to be hoped that this latest arrangement will result in a period of recuperation, and eventually re-establish the paper as the standard British daily,—a title which, at present, it cannot legitimately claim.

A SOCIALIST MANIFESTO.

The National Executive Committee of the Socialist Labour Party has issued a manifesto, declaring that the existing Trade Unions form an integral part of the capitalist system of production and that it is impossible to erect a Socialist Republic on such a basis. Further, the manifesto advocates an economical combine of the workmen on an industrial basis as an introductory step to the final goal, namely that of getting the whole means of production into their hands in order to employ them for the common good.

THE SLUMP IN DIAMONDS.

A telegram from Kimberley reports that the Dutoitspan Mine, in consequence of the diamond trade depression, will suspend operations from April 24.

NEWS FROM AMERICA.

THE TROUBLE IN HAYTI.

Further advices respecting the present tumult in Hayti state that among the alleged conspirators shot by the Government on Sunday morning at Port au Prince were the three brothers Coicou, Felix Salnave, General Alluption, Casimir Merove, Dr. Lamothe and Paul St. Fort. One of the brothers Coicou, before his execution, informed



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against Majors Carraque and Mifford, Captain
Dambreville, and Lieutenants Jolibos and Laroche,
as fellow-conspirators.

These officers were forthwith condemned by the
court martial, and probably shot early on Monday
morning.

In the course of Monday's sitting in the House
of Commons, Sir Gilbert Parker asked whether
warships had been despatched to Hayti for the
protection of British interests, and received the
reply from Mr. Asquith that the cruisers "Cressy"
and "Indefatigable" had received orders that morn-
ing to sail immediately for the scene.

The London papers report from Washington that
the U. S. gunboat "Eagle" has left for Hayti to
protect American interests there during the present
disturbances.

The Paris edition of the *New York Herald* re-
ceived a telegram yesterday from Port au Prince
to the following effect: President Alexis had in-
formed his friends that he did not fear the naval
demonstrations; on the contrary, he preferred that
they should take place without delay, as the pre-

sent situation would otherwise become endlessly
entangled. The Haytian Government was resolved
to use force to take the refugees, unless they are
given up voluntarily. Nevertheless, President Alexis
had, in order to avoid further complications, em-
powered the refugees now at the French Consulate
to leave Hayti without hindrance. The most extra-
vagant rumours were current in the town. It is
said that the Haytian soldiers will attack the
foreigners when the foreign ships. The executions
continue.

Yesterday's edition of the *New York Herald*
reports from Port au Prince that President Alexis
of Hayti declares in a proclamation that the con-
spirators aimed at the assassination of himself and
the ministers. Those who were executed, he says,
only earned well-merited punishment for their
Anarchistic intrigues.

Later, *Reuter* reports from Washington as
follows: The despatch of American warships from
Guantanamo to Port au Prince is in the nature of
a precautionary measure; the State Department
does not believe that foreign interests are seriously
menaced. It must, moreover, be admitted that very
determined suppression is often necessary when
dealing with revolutionary movements. The United
States Government is of opinion that Hayti will
take care of herself, and does not consider it its
duty to interfere unless American interests are
endangered or the dictates of humanity call for
such interference.

BOILER-SMITHS STRIKE IN COLORADO.

Fifteen hundred boiler-smiths and other loco-
motive workers, says a Denver (Col.) telegram, have
gone on strike. The leaders announce that the
strike will embrace all the railroads of the Gould
system.

EXTRAORDINARY STREET ACCIDENT.

Shortly before 10 o'clock on Monday night an
automobile droschke in Adolph Street, Hanover,
ran into a party of four soldiers on duty, all of
whom were run over. One, according to the Han-
over *Courier*, was seriously and the other three
slightly injured.

NEWS FROM FRANCE.

IMPORTANT SCIENTIFIC DISCOVERY.

The Parisian Academy of Science has received a
communication from Professor Percival Lowell, the
well-known American astronomer and Martian
authority, to the effect that his spectral researches
have proved what was formerly only hypothetical,
viz. the existence of aqueous vapours encircling the
planet Mars.—Professor Lowell is a member of all
the important European astronomical societies, in-
cluding the Royal Asiatic Society of Great Britain,
Société Astronomique de France, and the German
Astronomische Gesellschaft.

NEWS FROM RUSSIA.

ANOTHER RAILWAY OUTRAGE.

According to a Baku telegram a bomb was hurled
at the mailvan of a train on the Trans-Caucasian
line on Monday. The missile exploded with tre-
mendous force, killing and wounding several
passengers and train officials, but the money re-
mained safe and undamaged.

MILITARY CONSPIRACY IN PORTUGAL.

The Lisbon police have discovered a plot to
create a military dictatorship. Several regiments
were to proclaim themselves adherents of the
Pretender, Dom Miguel Braganza, on Wednesday
(today), but the Prince denies all knowledge of
this. A number of the conspirators have been
arrested.

MOROCCAN AFFAIRS.

General d'Amade telegraphs to Paris that the
French troops were attacked near Uled Fatima by
a force of 2,000 Moroccans, cavalry and infantry.
The enemy were hurled back after a sharp struggle
and pursued past their camp and the neighbouring
village, sustaining heavy losses. The French cap-
tured a quantity of camp stores and cattle, but
refrained from indiscriminate plundering or molest-
ing the aged, the women and children. Their losses
were very slight.