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FOREIGN NEWS

WASHINGTON, April 17.—After extended meetings a unanimous agreement was reported today by the House and Senate conferees on the Hawaiian Government bill. The Senate conferees yielded to the House measure, which passed a substitute for the Senate bill as a whole, although a number of amendments were made. In the main the form of government as finally determined upon is that provided by the House. The chief amendments are those providing a district court instead of the Federal court organized under general laws, and the striking out of the House provision postponing for one year the time for applying the coasting laws to Hawaii. The prohibition of saloons in Hawaii as provided by the House bill is retained in a modified form, in effect leaving the matter to local option. The House provisions as to the land laws are retained, including the amendment of Representative Newlands of Nevada restricting the amount of land to be held by a corporation to 1,000 acres. The other Newlands amendment, providing for a committee to investigate the labor question in Hawaii, is changed so that Commissioner of Labor Wright will conduct the inquiry. The appointment of Circuit Judges, which was the subject of rather earnest differences, was finally decided by leaving the appointments with the President.

The bill establishes a complete form of government for the Islands, with a Governor and other executive officers; a Legislature of two branches and a judicial branch, consisting of a Supreme Court, Circuit Court and inferior courts. The bill provides that Hawaii shall be represented in Congress by a delegate, have a seat in the House of Representatives, with the right to debate, but not to vote. The delegate to Congress is to be chosen at an election of the people. There is no tariff provision in the bill, as the tariff laws of the United States are extended over the Islands and the Territory of Hawaii is specifically made a "customs district of the United States" with the ports of entry at Honolulu, Hilo, Mahukona and Kahului.

LONDON, April 18.—(1:55 p. m.)—Lord Roberts' criticisms of General Buller, General Warren and Colonel Thornycroft continue topics of acute interest. All the afternoon papers comment at length on the strictures of the British commander-in-chief in South Africa, taking the same lines as the morning papers, praising Lord Roberts for his frankness and speculating upon what the publication of the dispatches at the present moment portends. Some of them maintain there is nothing left for General Buller but to resign. The St. James Gazette is particularly scathing. Referring General Buller's report it says: "Never in the history of armies did it happen that Generals scribbled their confessions of failure and defeat, of useless deaths of men and of discredit to the flag in a manner which suggests a careful selection from the forced jocular manner, the slangy language of the horseman, and the gabble of the smoking room in the evening."

The Globe declares that "a more pitiable record of indecision in plan and confusion in execution we have seldom read," and adds that "what little reputation General Buller had left has been scattered to the winds."

CAPE TOWN, April 18.—The Boer Governments are circulating the following manifesto to the Afrikaner throughout Cape Colony. "We feel that our fate and the fate of whole of Africandom is at stake, and we appeal to you to stand and fight shoulder to shoulder with us. You cannot, you may not, allow the tyrant to extinguish forever your finest traits of character as a nation. "With you on our side the issue cannot be doubtful. You must conquer. God grant that love for your country and your liberty and the noble virtues of men truly free may induce you to join us in the hour of our supreme struggle."

LONDON, April 18.—It is persistently insisted in military circles that Lieutenant General Sir Charles Warren, the commander of the fifth division in the South African field forces, has been ordered to return home. It is said that a peremptory order for General Warren's return was cabled to South Africa this morning.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 18.—There was a big rumpus just before the Doric got away. Twenty-six contract laborers were supposed to sail on the vessel, but only fifteen of them materialized. The men are Austrians and came to the United States under contract to work in the Hawaiian cane fields. When they reached here they learned what they would have to do in the Islands, and all made a break for liberty. Eleven of them are still at large, but when the Doric sailed the other fifteen were securely locked up in the forepeak of the ship with a strong guard over them. The Southern Pacific detectives are now on the trail of the escapees, and if they are caught they will be sent on to Honolulu on the next steamer.

LONDON, April 18.—The vacuum created by the shrinkage of war news is filled with dispatches far afield and with political rumors and gossip. The Times publishes the text of a letter from the Ameer of Afghanistan commenting upon British indifference to Russian aggression, and conveying the significant hint to the India government that this session of Congress shall adjourn June 12. The thoroughly entertained opinion in diplomatic circles is that Russia will not take advantage of the British situation in South Africa, but will wait until the time comes for the Division of the Portuguese territory in South Africa between Germany and Great Britain.

WASHINGTON, April 18.—It has finally been decided by the Republican, Democratic and Populist leaders in both Houses of Congress that this session of Congress shall adjourn June 12. The reasons for taking this action are plain. The Congressmen are interested in their own campaigns, and are anxious to get home to participate. The President is satisfied. Important bills, of necessity, will go over until next winter.

TELEGRAPHIC ITEMS

Bryan has gone East.

Senator Clark will resign from the Senate.

Colombian rebels have been badly beaten.

Consul Hay has received six and one-half tons of gifts for British prisoners.

Populists of Missouri propose to adopt as a new name: "Popular Government Party."

The total customs receipts of Manila for the three months ending with March were \$115,936.

Benjamin Harrison will preside over the Presbyterian Ecumenical Council at Indianapolis.

The deaths from plague throughout India in the week ending April 18 were upwards of 4,000.

A Cairo dispatch says the bubonic plague has made its appearance at several Red Sea ports.

Frank W. Hackett of New Hampshire has been nominated for Assistant Secretary of the Navy.

Bubonic plague has broken out in Persia near the Turkish frontier. There have been 139 deaths.

Available cash balance in the United States Treasury April 18, \$151,272,574; gold, \$89,164,271.

The property qualification in Louisiana gave the Democrats an enormous majority in the late elections.

The Philippine Commission may choose a secretary from among American residents of the Philippines.

The time in which Spanish subjects in the Philippines may elect their future allegiance has been extended six months.

General Gomez says that Cuba fought against the dominion of Spain only to find herself under the heel of the United States.

Senator Chandler has introduced a bill for the prevention of the denial or the abridgement of the right of citizens of the United States to vote on account of color.

Bellamy Storer, United States Minister at Madrid, has apologized to the Spanish Government on behalf of the United States, for the insult given the Duke d'Arco by the authorities of Chicago.

The mountain which overlooks the town of Klappi, where the landslide recently occurred, has undergone seismic disturbance which is spreading throughout the entire province of Bohemia, between the rivers Elbe and Eger.

American capitalists are en route to Russia to secure the contract for building the railway from St. Petersburg to Odessa, traversing more than half the Empire from north to south. The road will not cost less than \$90,000,000.

The heights of the Bohemian middle range are moving, and houses and churches have collapsed in some thick villages. Railway embankments have been moved, streams diverted and roads sunk. Thus far there has been no loss of life, but a constant watch is imperative.

Hon. Smith Curtis, Minister of Mines in the British Columbia cabinet, announces that the alien labor law which was passed by the British Columbia legislature at its last session to exclude American miners from the Atlin district, will be repealed at the July session of the legislature.

The latest official reports from the Free State are to the effect that General Brabant (Dalgro's), forces though the British forces are strongly entrenched in Boer fashion, indicating that they are colonial.

Representative Wheeler, of Kentucky, presented to Admiral and Mrs. Dewey a unique invitation to visit the city of Paducah, Ky., while on their proposed western trip next month. The invitation was enclosed in an oak casket trimmed with gold and silver. It is on a thin sheet of birch which bears the seal of the city of Paducah.

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