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TURKISH INDEMNITY MUST BE PAID

BOERS REPORT HEAVY BRITISH LOSS

Trenches at Wepener Filled with Water and Garrison Suffers from Unceasing Rifle Fire--Boer Debate Punctuated by Shells.

BOER CAMP, TRANSVAAL, Orange Free State, Sunday, April 22--Fighting continues day and night at Johannesburg drift, near Wepener.

The English trenches have been so full of rain that the men have been obliged every now and then to clamber to the banks only to be shot down. Robertson's Lower Mill is reported to have been captured April 21, and it is said that the Cape Mounted Rifles have lost during the siege 120 out of 300 men. The British prisoners defy the burghers to capture Col. Dalrymple's camp, even if the British are not reinforced. A surprising number of relatives are fighting on opposite sides at Wepener. The Boers were so drenched on Saturday that they were unable to sleep, so they started a debate on the subject of the good to be derived from virtue and courage. The discussion lasted most of the night, shells at intervals interrupting the speakers.

SURROUNDING BOERS.

Gen. Rundle Reported to Be Expecting His Lines About Them.

LONDON, April 22.--Gen. Rundle is advancing slowly toward Wepener, every step being closely contested by the Boers. He has 15,000 men with him and has had hard fighting for four days.

A Boer Transvaal despatch, dated last Friday, reports the arrival there of Commandants De Wet and Villiers and an attack upon 2,000 British under Gen. Gonaar. The latter, of course, is a misstatement, and probably Gen. Rundle is referred to. The British, it is added, occupied some heights, but their left wing was driven back. The Boer loss was one killed and five wounded.

From Brandfort comes the news that Saturday, April 21, a British patrol of ten men ventured near that place and suffered the loss of one man killed and two men captured, including a Free Stater, who was leading the party.

The Transvaal Government has asked Lord Roberts to be allowed to send a clergyman to St. Helena and also a neutral consul to watch the interests of the prisoners in the same manner as Adelbert S. Hay guards the interests of the British at Pretoria.

WAKERSTROOM, Sunday, April 22.--Evening--After yesterday's shelling it was expected that the Boers would open again, but Col. Brabant, with the Yeomanry, made a thorough scout to the left.

The Boers endeavored to turn the British right, but the movement was detected by the Yeomanry and mounted infantry, and the guns opened fire and drove them off, greatly extending the position.

6,000,000 STARVING; MEN USED AS OXEN.

Indian Famine Worst in History--Natives Rising in Despair.

LONDON, April 22.--Terrible accounts are coming in of the famine in India, which is now the worst in history. Nearly 6,000,000 people are receiving Government aid.

Human beings are now being used as oxen, as the beasts of burden have perished in the famine districts. The religious bodies are crying out for aid for the starving.

CALCUTTA, British India, April 22.--The latest official reports from the famine districts say that the misery existing there is insupportable and unparelleled and that the present relief is quite inadequate.

The mortality among the cattle is so severe that the authorities are trying to adapt farm implements so that human labor can replace that of bullocks. Such a drastic measure has never before been necessary, even in the greatest scarcity of animals.

D. B. HILL FOR COLER.

He is Planning Comptroller's Nomination for Governor.

Sen. Senator David Bennett Hill is planning for the nomination of Comptroller Coler for Governor. To this end he is engaged--if he has not already completed it--in renewing his alliance with Hugh McLaughlin.

Hill considers that Coler would make an excellent choice, and the Democrats would have a good chance of capturing the Senate. It seems certain now that Hill will direct the State campaign this year, and his following, combined with McLaughlin's, will be sufficient to control the convention that will name the State ticket. Hill and ex-Senator Murphy compelled the nomination for Comptroller to go to Coler in 1897.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Forecast for the thirty-six hours ending 5 P. M. Tuesday for New York City and vicinity: Partly cloudy to cloudy weather to-night and Tuesday, with breezy to light wind, Tuesday, with weather from northwest.

It is also announced that the natives are developing ugly feelings and are attacking Europeans. A great crowd on Friday murderously attacked a party of soldiers at Shapur, the military centre of the Northwest Province. The soldiers were rescued with difficulty and in an uneventful manner.

One district lost one million cattle out of 1,500,000 head, and almost numberless human beings were found dead from starvation. In addition, children were found wandering in all directions, homeless, naked and emaciated, and cases were reported of children being sold.

The official reports fully confirm the worst stories of the terrible nature of the distress. BERLIN, April 22.--At a meeting of leading financiers and manufacturers to-day under the Presidency of Dr. Koch, President of the Imperial Bank, it was decided to raise a fund for the relief of the famine sufferers in India, and those present subscribed 200,000 (100,000) on the spot.

NEW PAPER FOR BRYAN.

Belmont Said to Have Bought Philadelphia Times.

A despatch from Philadelphia this afternoon says: It was learned here to-day that the sale of the Philadelphia Times took place on Friday night and that the capitalist at the head of the syndicate of purchasers is O. H. P. Belmont, of New York. What price was paid could not be ascertained.

The editor of the paper, it is said, will be Alfred Henry Lewis, editor of the Verdict. O. H. P. Belmont's paper, and well known as a Washington correspondent. The policy of the paper will be Bryan and the Chicago platform. Bryan politicians are also negotiating for a paper in New Jersey to be the free silver organ in that State. This paper is said to be published at Burlington and will be turned over to two newspaper men named Doonan and Bonner, the latter a personal friend of Congressman William Sulzer, who expects to be Bryan's running mate. It is said that Bryan's people have carried to buy at least one paper in each Republican and doubtful State.

BASEBALL

BOSTON.

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PHILADELPHIA.

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NO LOCAL BALL GAME TO-DAY.

The game scheduled between the New Yorks and Brooklyn this afternoon was postponed on account of rain.

OTHER BASEBALL GAMES.

At St. Louis--Chicago-St. Louis game postponed--rain. At Cincinnati--End of seventh inning--Pittsburg, 4; Cincinnati, 0.

TURKEY GIVES IN TO UNCLE SAM.

CONSTANTINOPLE, April 22.--An Imperial trade has been promulgated authorizing the rebuilding of the property of the American missionaries at Kharput and the construction of an annex to the Roberts College at Constantinople.

A PRINCESS ON THE STOCK EXCHANGE.

The Princess Saim-Saim visited the Stock Exchange this morning for the purpose of selling tickets for the National Boer Relief Fund concert, to be held at the Metropolitan Opera-House on next Thursday night. She was accompanied by a member of the brokerage firm of Russak Brothers.

REQUISITION FOR ALLEGED PERJURER.

George W. Hill, reputed to be a millionaire, was remanded to the custody of Detective-Sergt. Andros, of the Central Office, by Magistrate Brann, in Jefferson Market Court, this afternoon. Hill is wanted by the Providence authorities for alleged perjury, in connection with a suit against his wife for a divorce.

SENTENCED FOR TWO YEARS FOR BURGLARY.

Frank Cross, a peddler, of 508 East Eleventh street, was sentenced to-day by Recorder Goff to two years and six months in the penitentiary for burglary in the third degree.

TRIUMPH OF ANNA GOULD.

The Castellane Bazaar in Paris Opened with Pomp.

PARIS, April 22.--The salesrooms for the charity bazaars erected by the Count and Countess de Castellane (Anna Gould) at the cost of a million francs, as a result of the Charity Bazaar held in 1897, when about 25 persons lost

their lives, were inaugurated to-day and blessed by Cardinal Richard, the Archbishop of Paris.

The building, which is a very fine structure, is situated in the Rue Pierre Charbon, an offshoot of the Champs Elysees. The proceedings to-day were very ceremonious.

The Castellane's footmen lined both sides of the entrance in full liveries of red swallow-tails, with silk breeches, powdered wigs and shoes with gold buckles.

Count Boni de Castellane received Cardinal Richard under the porch and conducted him to a throne erected at the end of the hall as one of Wagner's marches was played by a string orchestra.

The Cardinal then pronounced benediction in the presence of a large and aristocratic assemblage.

O'Neill's Groceries Are Always Wholesale.

That is the reason it goes to buy there. Special sale every Wednesday, 25% off. 25% to 50% off.

UNITED STATES WILL NOTIFY THE SULTAN.

SLAYER OF SERGT. DOUGLASS FOUND?

Strong Clue to Assassin--Warrants Asked For.

Chief of Police Brass, of Croton Landing, has a clue to the assassin of Sergt. Douglass, and it is believed that arrests are at hand. He telephoned to Sheriff Molloy at White Plains late this afternoon and asked for several blank warrants. Neither Molloy nor Breeze would talk. The Board of Supervisors of Westchester County, of which Charles M. Lane is chairman; Sheriff Molloy and District-Attorney George C. Andrews, this afternoon offered a reward of \$500 for the arrest and conviction of the person or persons who killed Sergt. Robert Douglass, of the Mount Vernon Company, at Croton Dam.

There was to have been a conference between Gen. Roe and Sheriff Molloy this afternoon, but the Sheriff was too busy with his Douglass case to attend. A new and peculiar strike threatens at Croton Dam.

The 50 men now at work in the places of the striking Italians, informed the contractor's this afternoon that they will strike the moment the troops are withdrawn.

Fear of death at the hands of riotous Italians and not an increase of wages prompted the workmen's threat.

Two dozen Italians went to work merely to threaten and scare the new men. "As soon as the troops go we'll kill you all," the Italians have whispered to the Hungarians and Poles brought to Croton by the contractors. These whispered menaces have not gone un-

noticed, and the rumor that the soldiers were about to be withdrawn created a panic at the Dam this afternoon.

Gen. Roe wants to send the troops home, but Sheriff Molloy begs him not to. As a result it will be several days before any of the soldiers are released from strike duty, and a battalion of infantry and a troop of cavalry will be left on guard till the last sign of trouble disappears.

Villagers in Croton openly predict that one or more of the wire cables across the valley will be cut within twenty-four hours after the troops leave. Joe Pines, one of the strikers, was halted this morning by Lawyer Frank Larkin, of Sing Sing.

Major Gen. Roe refused to say anything to-day relative to the charges preferred against him by Major Clinton H. Smith, of the Seventy-first Regiment. "I have received no notification of any charges having been preferred," he said. "I do not propose to open a newspaper controversy."

Starving women and children swarmed into Croton Landing from "Little Italy" to-day begging from door to door for food. They are the wives and children of the strikers.

Charles Salisbury, who keeps a restaurant on Main street, fed ten women and children to-day.

It is pitiable, the broken way in which they could eat. They have gone away with me. They are timid and seem to expect a blow. I have given them all they could eat. They have gone away blessing me. One woman told me the company owed her husband more than \$20, but that he was afraid to go for his pay. She had a boy in her arms and looked ill. Her little boy ate ravenously.

600 TAMMANY TIGERS.

Big Delegation Will Attend the National Convention of Kansas City. Tammany Hall has decided to send 600 men to the Democratic National Convention at Kansas City. This is supposed to be the largest delegation the organization has ever sent to a national meeting of the party.

MONEY FOR MILLER DUPES.

Creditors Choose John B. Lord to Succeed Himself as Receiver--\$250,000 More Discovered. Creditors of "50 per cent." Miller met this morning at the Federal Building, Brooklyn.

John B. Lord was renounced to succeed himself as receiver in bankruptcy. Attorney McCloskey announced that \$250,000 additional assets had been unearthed during the past week.

The 200 creditors of Miller, representing claims of \$1,500,000, have \$250,000 so far in credit to divide among themselves and their lawyers.

Porte's Reply to Our Representations Is Considered by Cabinet as Unsatisfactory, and Strong Note Will Be Sent in Reply.

WASHINGTON, April 22.--The State Department has received through Lloyd Griscom, the United States Charge at Constantinople, the reply of the Turkish Government to the latest representations of the United States, touching the American missionary claims.

The communication was taken to the White House by Secretary Hay, and was considered by the Cabinet at the special meeting to-day.

Mr. Straus, the United States Minister to Turkey, who had come over from New York for the purpose of conferring with the department affecting these claims, called at the State Department to-day and talked over the last Turkish note with Secretary Hay before the Cabinet meeting.

The Department made no public statement touching the Turkish note beyond the mere announcement that it was inconclusive, and left the subject still open for discussion.

The State Department is determined not to abandon the preferential position respecting the claims that it has secured through the Sultan's own promise, so it is anticipated that an energetic response to this last note will be sent to the Porte through Mr. Griscom.

As for Mr. Straus, it is improbable that he will ever appear again officially in the negotiations, for after the tension that has been imposed upon the relations between the United States and Turkey as a result of the Minister's recital of what passed between himself and the Porte, it is not expected that he will return to Constantinople.

PARIS, April 22.--The Temps to-day publishes a long article on the Turkish-American situation, reviewing the circumstances in a manner quite friendly to the United States and expressing confidence that Turkey will pay the indemnity demanded by the United States.

Referring to the alleged intention of the United States to occupy Smyrna in default of payment, the Temps says: "The United States would not perhaps be sorry to display a little before the eyes not only of the Sultan, but of entire Europe, the newly-acquired glitter of their navy crowned with the laurels of Cavite and Santiago."

"The occupation of Smyrna would be no joke and there is ground to hope that Abdul Hamid will realize the mediocrity of resistance which for such a trivial object would bring about such serious results."

PRESIDENT AT WORK.

Arrives in Washington and Will Leave for Canton To-night--Sees Corbin.

WASHINGTON, April 22.--President and Mrs. McKinley returned to Washington to-day from New York. By 9 o'clock the President was in his office, signing over bills which had accumulated since he left here and looking over other business.

Gen. Corbin joined the President of New York last night and had a long conference with him.

The President will remain in Washington until 7:30 o'clock this evening, when he and Mrs. McKinley will leave for the regular Pennsylvania train for Canton, Pa., where they will spend the week-end at their home at Canton and will return to Washington probably on the 25th.

Your money will go further there than in any other city in Greater New York. Special sale this week. 25% off. 25% to 50% off.