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Fair to-day and to-morrow; east winds.

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ROBERTS NEAR THE VAAL.

BELIEF THAT THE WAR IS NOW APPROACHING ITS END.

President Kruger Said to Be Ready to Make Peace—The War in the Free State Practically Over and Many Free Staters Surrendering—Gen. Roberts Silent About His Present Movements—Advance of the British.

Special Cable Despatches to THE SUN.

LONDON, May 26.—Gen. Roberts still remains silent. There is little South African news from other sources. Gen. Roberts has now reached Vredefort, thirty-five miles from the Vaal River, which he several days ago informed the War Office he hoped to cross on May 27. Several despatches confirm the reports that the Boers have retired to the north side of the Vaal, leaving the country open to Wilson's Drift on the Transvaal border.

Gen. Rundle's column was at Trommel on Tuesday. Two commandos were twelve miles north of him. It is hoped that he is now at Bethlehem, though the native reports of heavy firing there are not much trusted.

There is no word of Gen. Buller advancing against the Laing's Nek position. Neither has anything been heard regarding Gen. Lyttelton, who remained at Sundays River when Gen. Buller advanced. It is conjectured that he is going to Harrismith by way of Van Reenen's Pass.

It is expected that the railway between Vryburg and Mafeking will soon be reopened. Then Gen. Hunter, who is now at Vryburg, will form a strong column at Mafeking.

In despatch after despatch may be seen a strong conviction on the part of the writers that the war is approaching its end. Indeed, one of the most important South African financiers to-day received a telegram from a private source stating that President Kruger himself is ready to make peace.

Various messages say that more than a thousand rifles have been surrendered at Kroonstad. The burghers appeared to be glad to give up their guns. The farmers in arms in the Thaba N'Chu district are surrendering. Twelve hundred Free Staters deserted at the Rhenoster River.

All the correspondents agree that the war in the Free State is practically over. If, however, the Transvaal Boers maintain their resistance Gen. Roberts, whatever may be the details of his plan, can only pursue them in the hope of overtaking and enveloping them and forcing a decisive engagement, which hitherto the Boers have most successfully avoided.

A despatch to the *Telegraph* from Vredefort confirms the reports that the Boers have retired across the Vaal River. It says that hundreds of Free Staters are daily surrendering. It is believed that more would lay down their arms, were it not that they feared being sent to St. Helena. Gen. Roberts will doubtless cross the Vaal on Saturday or Sunday. The burghers at Vredefort declare that the war is over.

A despatch to the *Daily Mail* from Lorenzo Marques says it is reported that the Boers being alarmed lest the British reach Koomati Poort and blow up the bridge there, thus cutting off railway communication between the Transvaal and Delagoa Bay, have sent a commando of 500 men to that point.

LONDON, May 25.—A despatch from Vredefort of yesterday's date says the British columns reached that place at noon on Thursday and are now but two marches from the Vaal River.

The War Office issues a list of fifty-nine deaths of soldiers from disease and forty-seven other casualties.

WARRENTON, May 24.—Gen. Hunter occupied Vryburg last night. Field Cornet Viljoen and two other prisoners were brought in this morning.

DURBAN, May 25.—Gen. Bethune in a despatch to Gen. Buller attributes the disaster to a squadron of his command near Vryheid to Capt. Goff's impetuosity in attacking an intrenched commando without waiting for reenforcements.

CAPE TOWN, May 25.—Lieut. Roberts, a nephew of Gen. Roberts, was accidentally shot in the right knee by his servant at the Modder River camp on Wednesday.

CECIL RHODES OFF FOR RHODESIA.

Portugal Refuses to Allow Cattle to Be Landed at Beira.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

BEIRA, Portuguese East Africa, May 25.—Mr. Cecil Rhodes arrived here yesterday from Cape Town and started to-day for Salisbury, Rhodesia.

The Portuguese authorities refused to allow the steamer Jenara to land cattle here and the vessel has therefore gone south.

The railway is open to Buluwayo, Mafeking and Marandellas. Gen. Carrington, commanding the British forces landed here, is displaying much energy in forwarding troops and supplies by train.

Advices from Tuli, in southern Rhodesia, are to the effect that the Boers have abandoned the neighborhood of Rhode's Drift, a ford across the Limpopo River south of Tuli.

WINSTON CHURCHILL'S DANGER.

The Trooper Who Saved Him Recommended for the Victoria Cross.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, May 26.—A letter to the *Telegraph* from Thaba N'Chu, dated April 30, describes an engagement near Wakkerstroom, during which Winston Churchill with some scouts got within forty yards of the Boers. The latter fired at the scouts, who jumped on their horses and galloped off.

Churchill's saddle turned and his horse bolted. He shouted for help and Trooper Roberts returned and took him up behind on his horse. Both men miraculously escaped the hail of bullets. Neither of them was touched, but the horse was wounded in the neck.

Roberts has been recommended for the Victoria Cross.

TROOPS FOR SOUTH AFRICA.

England Has Sent Out 105,000 Men so Far This Year and Will Send More.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, May 25.—Speaking on the army question in the House of Lords to-day, the Marquis of Lansdowne, Secretary of State of War, said that the War Office had sent to South Africa from the United Kingdom 25,000 men in January, 30,000 in February, 33,000 in March, 16,000 in April and 7,000 in May. Probably 11,000 would be sent out in June. As regarded recruits, 22,000 were raised during the first four months of 1900, compared with 14,000 in 1899.

FIGHT IN THE FREE STATE.

Cannonading Heard Near Bethlehem—Patrols Capture Much Stock.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

MASERU, Basutoland, May 25.—According to a native report heavy cannonading was heard on Tuesday near Bethlehem, in the southeastern part of the Orange Free State. Patrols in the Thaba N'Chu and Ladybrand districts are daily capturing horses, cattle and sheep in great numbers.

New York and Princeton Special, via Pennsylvania Railroad.

New through service between Princeton and New York on and after May 28th. The train, with parlor car and coaches, will leave Princeton 8.00 A. M., arrive New York 9.33; leave New York, West 23rd St., 3.50 P. M., Cortlandt & Desbrosses Sts., 4.00 P. M., and arrive Princeton 5.25 P. M., every weekday.—Ads.

AS TO TERMS FOR THE BOERS.

Herbert Asquith Deprecates Premature Talk of Annexation.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, May 25.—In a speech at the City Liberal Club to-night the Right Hon. Herbert Asquith, formerly Home Secretary, after paying equal tributes to British and to Boer valor, referred to the settlement of the war. He deprecated the premature talk about the annexation of the Transvaal and the Orange Free State, and said:

"We have learned so much during the war which was unknown and even unsuspected at its outbreak of the character and extent of the dangers by which our possessions in South Africa are encircled that we would be blind indeed if we did not provide in the future adequate safeguards for permanent peace."

He insisted, however, that it was necessary to remember that equal rights to all whites must be provided. The only way to do this was to establish self-government in matters of internal concern, followed by free and willing cooperation in matters of imperial concern.

HOT MILK AND TAFFY.

Man Who Was Supposed to Be Near Death Lives on It Five Months and Is Strong.

CHICAGO, May 25.—Six months ago Harry Corson Clarke, an actor, was carried out of the Auditorium Annex on a stretcher and friends gathered about him to take what they believed was a final farewell. Mr. Clarke weighed then eighty-five pounds and seemingly was starving to death because he could eat nothing on account of a nervous disorder of the stomach. He wanted to go to California to die. To-day he appeared in the hotel chipper and weighing 137 pounds. He seemed to be happy and declared that he would last a long time.

"I am going to eat my first meal in five months on next Monday," announced Mr. Clarke to his friends. "I hope it wont make me poor again. I have gained fifty-two pounds by not eating meals. For four months no meat of any kind, no bread, not so much as a spoonful of soup, have passed my lips. Why, I haven't even had a drink of water."

Pressed for particulars Mr. Clarke declared that for five months he has been existing on hot milk and molasses candy. It is his own discovery. The combination satisfied his craving. For food and he has been, as he says, "building up a stomach."

OPPOSED TO WAR.

A Steel Firm Refuses to Furnish Material That Might Be Used for War Purposes.

WASHINGTON, May 25.—Recently the Navy Department asked an important steel firm of Philadelphia to furnish some steel tubes for use in the State, War and Navy Department building. A reply was received to-day in which the firm refused to furnish the material. The company expressed its appreciation of the Department's request, but said that it is opposed to war and will not aid in furthering it or in furnishing material that may be used for war purposes. The firm said it realized that the material was not intended for use on shipboard or in the field. This is the first instance where a firm declined to supply the Government with material because it might be used for war purposes.

FORTUNE HUNTERS FOR CAPE NOME.

One of Them Is Lucky Baldwin, Who Will Open a Hotel and Dance Hall.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 25.—More than one thousand fortune hunters will start for Cape Nome from here to-morrow, 600 on the steamer Valencia and 450 on the St. Paul of the Alaska Commercial Company's line. On the Valencia will be old Lucky Baldwin, the former millionaire, who takes up with him a portable house which he will call the Hotel Gambrinus. With him are ten girls who will dance and sing and serve beer in the entertainment hall, which will be the part of his hotel from which he expects to draw the largest revenue.

NEW HOTEL KEEPER FOR CAPE NOME.

Carie Johnstone Says He Is a First Cousin of the Marquess of Anglesey.

ST. LOUIS, May 25.—Carie Johnstone, who says he is a first cousin of the Marquess of Anglesey, passed through this city last night on his way to Cape Nome, where he proposes to open a hotel. He travelled in a private car from New Orleans with a corps of attendants and servants. His car was switched on to a Wabash train, westbound, and he will sail from Tacoma on a specially chartered vessel on June 2.

It is his intention to build a hotel and saloon at Nome which will have all city conveniences. He has associated with him in the enterprise four Parisians, but he is the principal proprietor and holds the largest share of stock. He takes with him a staff of cooks, waiters and chambermaids and a chef to whom he will pay $16,000 a year.

The new hotel will be opened, Mr. Johnstone says, just as soon as the contractor can get it ready. He thinks it will be finished by fall, and that it will be opened for business in time to give winter accommodations to the Nome gold hunters.

LAWYERS IN SECRET SESSION.

Report That the Bar Association Is Considering the Hazel Nomination.

It was said yesterday that a committee of the Bar Association would hold a secret meeting in the evening to consider the qualifications of John R. Hazel of Buffalo, whom President McKinley has appointed United States District Judge of the Western District of New York, and also to adopt resolutions protesting against the confirmation of the appointment by the Senate. There was a special meeting of the Bar Association's committee on judicial nominations last night at 10 o'clock and seven of the ten members of that committee were present. They had a long secret session. After the meeting one of the committeemen made this statement:

"No action in the Hazel matter was taken by the committee to-night."

When asked if Mr. Hazel's appointment had been discussed the member replied that there was nothing to be said on the subject. When asked if the Committee on Judicial Nominations would protest later on against the Buffalo man's confirmation, he replied that that was a subject for speculation.

The ten members of the committee are Robert W. De Forest, John L. Cadwalader, Everett P. Wheeler, John De Witt Warner, Horace Russell, William E. Curtis, Robert G. Monroe, William N. Cohen, Theodore Connolly, and Paul D. Cravath.

WASHINGTON, May 25.—The Senate subcommittee hearing to-day on the question of the confirmation of John R. Hazel, nominated for Judge of the new Western Judicial district of New York, developed a protest from a delegation of ten Buffalonians, headed by George Matthews, on the ground of incompetency. Senators Davis, Pettus and Thurston, the subcommittee, listened to arguments for and against Mr. Hazel, and the claims made by the opposition to him were the same as were laid before the President before his nomination. Mr. Hazel is the representative of the State Republican machine for Erie county, and a hard fight is being made to have his name withdrawn. His supporters are the solid State delegation, headed by Senators Platt and Depew.

Mrs. Dorothy Scribner 100 Years O'd.

HARRISON, Me., May 25.—Mrs. Dorothy Scribner of Scribner's Mills passed her 100th birthday to-day. The celebration was informal, participated in by neighbors and friends. Mrs. Scribner's maiden name was Dorothy Piper, and she was born in the town of Otisfield. She is in good health, possesses a clear mind, is able to go about the house with ease and does a great deal of needlework.

Senator Platt in Town.

Senator Platt, with Mrs. Platt, arrived at the Fifth Avenue Hotel yesterday afternoon. Mrs. Platt was in good spirits. She seems to be on the road to renewed health. The Hon. Archie E. Baxter of Elmira and other Republicans, including President Quigg of the New York Republican County Committee, discussed affairs with Mr. Platt. Mr. Platt said he was here on personal business and that there was nothing new "out of THE SUN."

VIRGINIA GREETS M'KINLEY

THE PRESIDENT AT THE ARMY OF THE POTOMAC REUNION.

Fredericksburg Adorned With the National Colors—A Virginia Welcome to the President—Secretary Root Accepts the Monument to Be Erected in Memory of the Soldiers of the Fifth Army Corps.

WASHINGTON, May 25.—President McKinley and party returned at 7 o'clock this evening from Fredericksburg, where they attended the thirty-first annual reunion of the Society of the Army of the Potomac to-day. The striking feature of the occasion was the unanimity of expression on the disappearance of sectional animosities by speakers from the South and North. It was a gala day for Fredericksburg. The reception accorded the veterans of the Army of the Potomac, the President and his official family and the officers of the Army by the citizens of the South was typically Virginian. The national emblem was displayed from nearly every structure in Fredericksburg, and the entire population of the town turned out to greet the Presidential party.

The special train carrying the President and all the members of the Cabinet, with the exception of Secretary Wilson, reached Fredericksburg at 11:10. Among those in the party were Secretary Cortelyou, Major-Gen. Miles and his aide, Col. Michler, Major-Gen. Brooke, Gen. Daniel Butterfield, Gen. Daniel E. Sickles, Gen. Joseph Wheeler, Senator Hawley, Senator Sewell and former Adjutant-General Ruggles, who was Colonel of the President's regiment during the war. The Marine Band accompanied the party from Washington and on alighting from the train took its place at the head of the procession as it moved to the Court House, where the public exercises were held. Mr. St. George R. Fitzhugh, a citizen of Fredericksburg, delivered the address of welcome. The people applauded every reference to the President, and the mention of the unity of the country evoked much enthusiasm. Mr. Fitzhugh said in part:

"It is with feelings of profound pride and of unfeigned pleasure that our entire community welcomes with cordiality and with full-heartedness the illustrious Chief Magistrate of our country. We recognize in our President, sir, a pure patriot and a stainless statesman, whose wise and courageous Administration of this Government, both in peace and in war, has endeared him to the hearts of his countrymen and shed additional lustre upon the office he fills. We not only welcome you with open arms and glowing words, but we feel that your action in this matter arises to the dignity of an impressive epoch in our national life, and we are not surprised that our illustrious President and those distinguished men desire to grace this occasion with their presence to-day. [Applause.] This is the first time that your society has held one of its reunions upon Southern soil, and it was preeminently fit, in making this new departure, that you should have honored Fredericksburg with your choice. As American citizens you are undoubtedly proud of the grand traditions and historic memories that crown your country's history, for nowhere on this continent would your feet tread upon more hallowed ground than right here. [Loud applause.] Right here the boyhood and youth of George Washington was spent, and here he was trained for his transcendent career, and it was to this town, the humble home of his mother, that he came when the war was over, to lay his laurels at her feet. [Loud applause.]

"But there are other memories of a historic type suggested by this locality, which come closer home to our hearts, however sad, that time cannot pale. Here, in this city, within fifteen miles of Fredericksburg, in Spottsylvania county, more great armies manœuvred, more great battles were fought, more men were killed and wounded, than upon any other similar territory in the world. More men fell in the little county of Spottsylvania during the four years of the Civil War, than Great Britain has lost in all her wars for a century, and more men were killed and wounded in the four hours at the battle of Fredericksburg than Great Britain has lost in her war in South Africa. [Applause.]

"General of the Army of the Potomac, Gen. Burnside did not underrate the magnificent courage, the great self-sacrifice of his army on that occasion [applause], or the reckless contempt for death on that day, which, when we think of it, is enough to send an electric thrill of admiration in our hearts, and which did send an electric thrill of admiration down the four miles of Gen. Lee's command, but Gen. Burnside did underrate the strength of the position, which, without any inspection, be rashly assailed, and he did underrate the valor of the men who occupied that position. [Applause.] But the appalling magnitude of his mistake soon became apparent to his officers and men, when column after column of that devoted army marched onward, without a halt, right to the carnival of death.

"History records that the Union soldiers who fought at Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, the Wilderness, the Spottsylvania Court House, were not only brave soldiers, but with their splendid valor on those memorable fields have decorated the Stars and Stripes with imperishable glory. [Loud applause.] And I tell you, sir, that no American army in the future, composed of those who wore the blue and gray, or the descendants of those, will ever permit that glory to be tarnished. [Cheers and applause.] It was the brilliant prowess of the Confederate armies upon the battlefield of Spottsylvania that shed such dazzling lustre upon the Union armies of Gettysburg, and if we should blot out that Spottsylvania battlefield we should rob Gettysburg of all its glory. [Loud applause.]

"Is it not worthy, my friends, above almost any other event in history, that of the two most momentous and memorable struggles of our Anglo-Saxon race, both closed on the soil of Virginia, by the surrender of an Anglo-Saxon army to an army of the same race, without any loss of prestige upon either side. [Loud applause.] One of those great struggles closed at Yorktown and the other was when national independence was established and this great Republic was born at Appomattox, when the doctrine of secession and the institution of slavery perished, and a more perfect union than our forefathers formed was here established. [Loud applause.] Yes, my friends, secession and slavery both perished on the soil of Virginia, and we now shed not tears at the grave of those dead issues. They honor the memory, however, of those Southern heroes whose sacred ashes repose in sacred soil, representing a heroism sublime with self-sacrifice, and a deep courage born of their then conscientious convictions. [Loud applause.]

"As wise Providence seemed to forbid that in this grand struggle the South should have the honor of final triumph, but the South to-day shares equally with its victors of that day in the glorious fruits of that victory, which resulted in a more perfect Union, an indestructible Union, under that grand symbol, the glorious Stars and Stripes. [Great applause.]

The first response, Mr. Fitzhugh was followed by Gen. Martin T. McMahon, who was followed by Gen. Sickles. Then the Presidential party and the officers of the Society of the Army of the Potomac were entertained at luncheon by Mr. Fitzhugh. After luncheon the President and members of the Cabinet wandered freely about the parlors of the house, the President meeting many old friends. Meanwhile the citizens of Fredericksburg gathered in front of the house and assembled on the broad lawn. At 3 o'clock the reception by the President began. The citizens surged through the large doorway into the parlor where the President was standing. They bowed each other good naturedly and white-haired negroes, in their eagerness to reach the President, pressed against southern ladies and gentlemen, but there was not the faintest expression of resentment.

After the reception the party drove to the National cemetery where the cornerstone of the monument to be erected to the memory of the soldiers of the Fifth Army Corps was laid with Masonic ceremony. The monument was formally presented to the Government and accepted by Secretary Root in a brief address. Secretary Root said:

"On behalf of the Government of the United States I accept this memorial which your loving memory of the companions and followers of your gallant youth has provided. I receive it into the tender and reverent care which the people of the United States have decreed by their laws to be forever maintained over the sacred remains and memorials of the men who died that our nation might forever live undivided. [Applause.]

"The memorial which is to be reared upon this foundation will look out upon this now peaceful valley for many years after you and I and all of us have passed away, when coming generations shall gaze upon it in wonder at the terrible struggle which followed causes so long forgotten that they no longer stir the hearts or excite the feelings of a united and happy people. But while the sun shines and the rain falls upon the polished granite, while generation succeeds generation in paying homage to the memory of the heroes, even beyond the bounds of the valley, beyond the bounds of the State and the theatre of war, will continue the greater, the ever-living memorial of their sacrifices and their triumph. The power, the capacity for sacrifice and for loyalty to high ideals which arose in the American people out of the furnace of that struggle will live through the ages of national life and national effort. [Great applause.]

"The heroes of Fredericksburg sleep not beneath the sod. The nobility of their lives and the strenuous capacity born of their effort have entered into the life of the nation, for all time to come. Under the flag that floats before us now, wherever the great, united, invincible hosts of the American people, carrying through the world the light of liberty, of just and equal law, shall go, there will still march the heroes of the Fifth Corps, there will still live and fight in God's battle the men who charged up the hill and the men who with food them, the men who fought with Burnside and the men who fought with Lee.

"May God grant in the ever-widening and beneficent mission of our country, each coming year, through the efforts of your successors, may lay a fresh crown of laurels upon the graves of the men of the great struggle in which was builded the firm and everlasting fabric of American character and American patriotism." [Long continued applause.]

This concluded the day's exercises, and after a drive about the cemetery the President returned to the train, which left Fredericksburg at 5 o'clock. At night the celebration continued and addresses were made by Gen. Wheeler, Senator Hawley and Senator Sewall.

AGAIN SHOOTING AT ST. LOUIS.

A Policeman and a Motorman Wounded and a Striker Mortally Hurt.

ST. LOUIS, May 25. The St. Louis Transit Company continues to run cars on a majority of its lines, though the Union, the Northern Central and all the southwest lines are practically closed. The Police Department notified the company to-day that policemen would be withdrawn from all cars to-morrow because the Democratic primaries are to be held in the afternoon. Consequently all traffic will be suspended after 1 P. M.

Policeman Wells of the Second district was shot in the left arm this afternoon while guarding a car on the Jefferson avenue line. It is not known who fired the shot or where it came from. Wells was on the front platform.

A small riot followed the shooting. Harry Potts, a striking motorman, was shot through the abdomen and an unknown motorman was shot in the arm. Potts will die.

Ex-Gov. Stone appeared as counsel for the strike leaders in the injunction proceedings in the Federal Court to-day and secured a continuance till June 6.

There is more talk of a sympathy strike among the trades. President Mahon says that twenty-four different organizations have agreed to suspend all work whenever it is deemed necessary for them to do so, with a view to forcing a settlement of the railway strike.

Late this evening the strikers and Manager Jenkins reached an agreement over the Suburban line troubles, thus averting the threatened strike.

YALE JUNIOR INITIATIONS.

Candidates Put Through Horseplay on the Campus—R. C. Vanderbilt Among Them.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., May 25.—The initiations of members of the junior societies, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Psi Upsilon, Alpha Delta Phi and Zeta Psi were held on the campus to-night. Promptly at 8 o'clock the members of the societies appeared at different ends of the campus and the summoning of candidates from their rooms began immediately. One of the first men to be called out by Psi Upsilon was Reginald C. Vanderbilt, of New York City.

He was dressed in a dark suit and wore the black slouch hat by which he has come to be distinguished by his classmates. He was taken to the northeast end of the campus where he was quickly surrounded by a knot of Psi Upsilon men and made to go through the customary "stunts." These consist of climbing trees, running races with fellow candidates, crawling in the gutter and in shouting such phrases as these, "I am Bathhouse John," "I am Hinky Dink," "I am a drooling simpering idiot," &c. The noise attracted quite a crowd to the campus, and the antics of the candidates proved highly amusing to the spectators. After an hour of this "horseplay" the candidates were taken to the various fraternity "tombs," where the formal initiations took place.

AUGUST BELMONT'S GIFT.

Will Erect a $200,000 Chapel in Cathedral of St. John the Divine.

Several important matters were decided yesterday afternoon at the meeting of the trustees of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine. It has been understood for some time that August Belmont desired to erect one of the seven chapels of the cathedral. Mr. Belmont appeared at the meeting yesterday and submitted plans for a chapel which he said he would like to erect as a memorial to his wife and to relatives. The plans were considered by the trustees and they accepted the gift. The chapel will cost $200,000. It will be placed on the east side of the choir at the east end of the cathedral.

The Rev. J. Nevett Steele, pastor of Trinity Church, presented to the trustees on behalf of one of his parishioners a model of a cross to be placed on the main altar. Mr. Steele said that the cross would be about ten feet high and would cost in the neighborhood of $4,000, exclusive of jewel decorations. The trustees deferred final action as to its acceptance until the next meeting. The trustees announced that several additional gifts of money had been received. The only one made public was a gift of $5,000 from Miss Zela Gibbs.

It was decided to push the work of constructing the choir, and contracts to the amount of $100,000 were awarded for work to be done this summer.

HER NERVE SAVED HER LIFE.

A 19-Year-Old Girl Narrowly Escapes Death in Trying to Board a Moving Train.

ROCHESTER, May 25.—Presence of mind and nerve saved Miss Clara Williams, the nineteen-year-old daughter of William Williams of Pittsford, N. Y., from being ground to death under the cars this morning at Pittsford station, eight miles east of here. Miss Williams had an appointment with another young woman to take the New York Central train, which arrives at 9 o'clock, and come to Rochester. The train was moving out of the station when she reached the platform. Miss Williams was urged to jump aboard by her friend, and in doing so, instead of catching the railing of the passenger car, she slipped between the passenger car and the sleeper. She could just grasp the upper railing, and her feet dragged along the ties for thirty or forty rods. She knew where the switches were and pulled herself up a little so that her feet did not catch in the frogs. As the train came to a stop forty rods from the station she let go exhausted and fell in a heap in the middle of the track.

Gov. Mount Wont Give Up Taylor or Finley.

INDIANAPOLIS, May 25.—Gov. Mount returned from St. Louis to-day and was informed that Col. Tom Campbell would appear before him to argue the question of honoring the requisition for the arrest of former Secretary of State Finley of Kentucky, but he declared positively that he would not honor a requisition for the return of Gov. Taylor or Finley. An attempt was made to-day to secure a requisition from the Governor for the arrest of a man in Kentucky who was guilty of a petty theft in Lawrence county. The Governor believed that it was a trick to ask favors of Gov. Beckham, and he declined to issue it.

Great Sale of Boys' Waists at O'Neill's.

It begins this morning. They offer five thousand of them at 50c. each. Plain and "Fauntleroy" effects. 6th av., 20th to 21st st.—Ads.

Change of Time on the Sandy Hook Route.

Beginning May 27th, steamers "Monmouth" and "Sandy Hook" will leave New York, Pier 8, N. R., foot Rector st., week days, at 10:00 A. M., 1:00, 3:45, 4:30 P. M. Sundays, 10:00 A. M., 1:00, 8:00 P. M. Arrive New York, week days, 8:35, 9:35 A. M., 2:15, 3:50, 7:15 P. M. Sundays, 12:30, 7:15 P. M. Additional express trains will leave Liberty street for the seashore at 2:15 and 4:45 P. M.—Ads.

MAYOR IN A POLICE COURT.

CALLED AS A WITNESS IN THE ICE CASE, BUT DIDN'T TESTIFY.

Officers and Directors of the American Company Waived Further Examination and Were Held for the Grand Jury—Bail Fixed at $2,000 Each—Court Proceedings To-day.

Delancey Nicoll, counsel for Charles W. Morse, President, and the other officers and directors of the American Ice Company, put a sudden end to the third hearing before Magistrate Zeller in the Jefferson Market police court yesterday on the complaint charging the Ice company with conspiracy to restrain trade in an article of general necessity, by waiving further examination and permitting his clients to be held in $2,000 bail each for the Grand Jury. Israel O. Blake of 635 Park avenue qualified as bondsman for all save four, who were said to be out of the city. These are Messrs. Devoe, Kavanaugh, Bauer and Church, who, with the exception of Mr. Church, who is ill at his home in Washington, D. C., were directed to appear to give bond on Monday next, under penalty of having warrants issued against them.

The star witness looked for yesterday's proceedings was Mayor Van Wyck, who was subpœnaed on Thursday, and the Magistrate's private examination room was more crowded than at any previous hearing. The Mayor made his appearance in the court room a full twenty minutes before the hour set for the hearing, 2:30 in the afternoon. It was ten minutes after 2 when he walked, unrecognized, down to an end seat on the left of the wide audience room aisle and there sat down among the flagrant throng which usually makes up a police court audience. The gateman at the rail finally saw him and flung open the gate with a hospitable gesture for him to come in, but this invitation and a more formal one sent by Magistrate Mayo, who then occupied the bench, the Mayor declined. After the proceedings in the examination room were all over John D. Lindsay, of counsel for the defence, went out and told his Honor of the fact and that he might go away. But he sat resolutely in his place for ten minutes longer and finally sent a policeman to inform Magistrate Zeller that he was there in response to a subpœna and was waiting to be called. Then he was formally excused and went away.

"It simply means," said Mr. Shearn of counsel for the complainant, "that they admit the case against them so far as this proceeding is concerned. They did not like to face the examination that was ahead of them. Now they will go to the Grand Jury. We will make application to the Governor publicly within forty-eight hours for a Special Grand Jury."

Another witness who was subpœnaed to appear yesterday was President Gelshennen of the Garfield National Bank, and his subpœna directed him to produce any and all notes executed by Robert A. Van Wyck held by the Garfield National Bank or any officer thereof, together with any collateral attached thereto. In the alleged list of stockholders of the American Ice Company that have been published, both the Garfield National Bank and Mayor Van Wyck are put down as each holding 4,000 shares of the Ice Company stock.

Gov. Roosevelt said on his way to the Merchants' Association dinner in the Waldorf-Astoria last evening that he could not discuss what action he would take in any of the Ice Company proceedings until he had consulted Attorney-General Davies. Mr. Davies, he said, was going down to Oyster Bay to-day and that there they would discuss the Ice Company matter as well as other subjects.

Mr. Davies, at the Manhattan Hotel last evening, said there was nothing to add to what had already been printed concerning action against the Ice Company. He said that John Proctor Clarke, who was appointed a special District Attorney in the Brooklyn Rapid Transit case, was still under his commission, which has not been revoked.

At 10:30 this morning the Mayor and the members of the Dock Board are to appear before Judge Gaynor in Brooklyn to explain their connection with the American Ice Company and to meet a charge that they have afforded that company special privileges. Up to last evening it had not been possible to obtain service upon either William H. Burke, the Secretary of the board, or upon J. Sergeant Cram, President, and Charles F. Murphy, Treasurer. The Mayor, Charles W. Morse, President of the American Ice Company, Robert A. Scott, Secretary, John F. Carroll and Dock Commissioner Peter F. Meyer have been served with subpœnas and President Morse and Secretary Scott are directed to bring with them all the books of the company. Mr. Scott was directed in the subpœna which brought him before Magistrate Zeller to bring the books with him and he was threatened by Mr. Einstein with proceedings in contempt if he did not so. In none of the three hearings, however, was the question whether he had or had not produced them brought to a distinct issue.

The proceedings before Judge Gaynor to-day are brought under section 1,534 of the Consolidation act and can have no other result than the mere spreading before the public of the affairs of the company and the relation of city officials thereto. As there is no penalty in connection with these proceedings, save by provision of section 6 of chapter 1 of the laws of 1899 testimony elicited cannot be used against the witnesses, one of the questions Judge Gaynor may possibly be asked to rule upon is whether a witness will be excused from answering questions on the ground that to do so would tend to incriminate him.

J. Noble Hayes and Wheeler H. Peckham will appear for the five Aldermen and Councilmen, on whose application the order was issued by Judge Gaynor. In addition to those already issued a number of other subpœnas will be served, probably among them one for President Gelshennen of the Garfield National Bank. Mr. Hayes said last evening that the proceedings might be continued through a number of hearings next week.

As compared with the closing quotations of Thursday afternoon there was a drop of 6½ points in the shares of the American Ice Company yesterday. The opening quotations yesterday were 37½, which were the highest of the day. From this there was a drop to 32½. On April 4 the stock sold at 49½.

MORE TROUBLE ON ANTICOSTI.

M. Menier Asks the Quebec Authorities to Remove Settlers From His Island.

MONTREAL, May 25.—The trouble between M. Menier, the owner of Anticosti Island, and the Fox Bay settlers has again reached a dangerous point. M. Menier has demanded that the Quebec Government shall evict the settlers, and the Government has intrusted the mission to Detective McCaskill, chief of the provincial police, who will shortly leave on an expedition to the island. M. Menier has also applied for a warrant for the arrest of Dr. Griffiths, one of the leading Methodist ministers of the Dominion, on a charge of encouraging the settlers to resist him.

M. Menier's action has aroused a great outcry, as it is charged that he has ulterior motives in gaining complete control of Anticosti. The Canadian and imperial Governments will be appealed to on behalf of the settlers to prevent them from being removed by force.

MORBED AN OLD MAN AND BRIDE.

Serenaders Invade Their House Near Midnight and Wreck It.

INDIANAPOLIS, May 25.—Dr. Nelson D. Clouser of Hartford City, 85 years old, married his third wife last night, and toward midnight a crowd of forty or fifty men and boys congregated around his house and demanded that he come out to receive congratulations. The doctor declined the invitation, and the crowd battered down the doors and forced its way into the house. The doctor and his bride took refuge in an upper room. This so infuriated the mob that it entered upon the destruction of the property. Doors were torn from their hinges, windows broken out, the chinaware was dashed on the floor, and bedlam reigned. All the lights had been turned out, and before assistance could be secured the rioters escaped.

Three Men Killed by a Runaway Trolley Car.

AKRON, Ohio, May 25.—Two men were killed outright, one so badly injured that he died in two hours, and several men badly injured, as the result of an accident on the electric line of the Akron and Cuyahoga Falls Rapid Transit Company this morning. They belonged to a construction gang. A flat car loaded with sand and rails was being hauled by a passenger car in which were fifteen laborers. The car ran away down a hill. Two men who stayed on the car were killed outright. Another was killed in his jump from the car.

Niagara Falls and Return, $8.

Buy Lackawanna Railroad tickets May 29. Good to return on any regular train on or before May 31.—Ads.

FEAT OF A WOMAN OF 103.

Found Exhausted on the Highway While Walking to the Paris Exposition.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

PARIS, May 25.—An old woman was found to-day exhausted from hunger on the highway near the town of Sezanne, Department of Marne. She was cared for and when she had recovered a little of her strength she informed the authorities that she was born in Alsace on Jan. 2, 1797, and was therefore more than 103 years old.

Despite her great age she had determined to see the Paris Exposition and had set out on foot for the capital. She had been walking for fifteen days, carrying a pack weighing fifty-nine pounds.

All the money she had was two francs. During her journey she had slept in barns and under hedgerows. A collection was made among the residents of Sezanne and sufficient money was raised to send the old woman to Paris in comfort.

GEN. CHAFFEE COMING HOME.

He Was the Watch Dog of Cuba's Treasury and Had Handled $21,000,000.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

HAVANA, May 25.—Gen. Chaffee and his wife sailed for the United States this afternoon on the transport Burnside. Prior to his departure Gen. Chaffee gave a reception at the palace, which was largely attended by Cubans and Americans. Three bands, including the Spanish and Cuban police bands, accompanied him to the wharf.

The Cubans really regret to lose Gen. Chaffee who has been known as the watch dog of their treasury. He has handled $21,000,000 of their money with infinite care and painstaking. This fact is appreciated by them and is commented upon by the press.

W. W. ASTOR'S SON COMES OF AGE.

The Event Signalized by a Gift of £10,000 to an English Hospital.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, May 25.—William Waldorf Astor signalized the coming of age of his son by making a gift of £10,000 to Maidenhead Cottage Hospital.

IS THIS TO IMPRESS THE SULTAN?

The Albany to Cruise in the Mediterranean and May Meet Others of Our Warships.

WASHINGTON, May 25.—The Navy Department announced to-day that the cruiser Albany, which is undergoing finishing touches at the Armstrong Works at New Castle-on-Tyne, England, will be placed in commission about May 30 and will cruise in the Mediterranean. While the Government has not decided to adopt any drastic measures to compel the Sultan to pay the Armenian indemnity, it is regarded as significant that several American naval vessels will visit the Mediterranean this summer. The Albany will probably meet Admiral Watson's flagship, the cruiser Baltimore, somewhere in European waters, and the training ships Dixie, Lancaster and Essex, the Buffalo and the supply ship Scindia, all of which are armed, will also make cruises in Europe.

JAPAN PREPARING FOR WAR.

Live Torpedoes Are Being Placed in All the Harbors of the Empire.

WASHINGTON, May 25.—In view of the reports that Japan is preparing for a possible conflict with Russia a bit of news that has been received here is regarded as important. It is to the effect that live torpedoes are being placed in all Japanese harbors. This is a measure adopted by a nation only when war is imminent or hostilities are in progress. The only explanation offered for Japan's action here is that the Japanese expect that they will soon have a conflict on their hands.

$47,000 DAMAGE VERDICT.

Heavy Award Given to a Boy for the Loss of His Eyesight.

PHILADELPHIA, May 25.—A Common Pleas jury awarded to William F. Waters, a lad who had his eyes blown out by an explosion of acid at the works of the Atlantic Refining Company, $47,000 damages. The boy was employed at the oil works. The verdict is the largest for damages for personal injuries ever awarded here.

RUNAWAY ARTISTS' MODELS.

They Don't Like New York and Will Be Glad to Get Back to Philadelphia.

Alice Schwartz of 210 Green street, Philadelphia, and Irene Leo of 224 North Eighth street, Philadelphia, both 15 years old, were turned over to their parents yesterday by the Jefferson Market police court. They had run away from home on account of trivial difficulties with their mothers. Both girls described themselves as artists' models. They were arrested Thursday evening and yesterday were anxious to get back to Philadelphia.

"We have been subject to so much indignity here that I think we shall keep away from New York for the rest of our lives," said one of the girls, with great dignity, when Magistrate Mayo asked if she intended to run away again.

5,561 IMMIGRANTS LANDED.

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