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Little News Coming Through, Which Is Taken to Indicate That Operations Are Progressing, Which It Is Desirable to Keep Secret—The Usual Talk About Roberts' Advance to the Northward Being Imminent, but No Apparent News Upon Which to Base Talk—London Paper Advises Weyler's Policy.

LONDON, April 28, 3:30 a. m.—The total absence of news from the seat of war in South Africa during the last twenty-four hours, it is presumed, indicates that operations are progressing which it is deemed prudent to keep secret.

Where the Boers Are Gone. So far as the situation in the southeastern part of the Free State can be worked out from the latest dispatches, the main body of the Boers, composed of the forces recently holding Thaba N'Chu, Leeuwkop and Dewetsdorp, is retiring, probably with a view to joining in the neighborhood of Ladysmith the commandos from the vicinity of Wepener who, according to a dispatch from Allwal North, dated April 28, made good their retreat to Ladysmith. The main body of the Boers is being followed by Gens. Hamilton, French, Brabant and Hart, while Gen. Rundle also is on the spot.

British in Overwhelming Force. The British thus have an overwhelmingly superior force and ought to wipe out the Boers if they succeed in overtaking them and bringing them to bay.

It may be assumed that the Boers are to the eastward of a line drawn from Thaba N'Chu to Wepener. The retreat, it seems, is being carried out without fighting, which indicates that the Boers have a good start, and the dispatches say that they are not hampered much by transport, and leave no visible wheel tracks behind them on the veldt. This militates against the probability of their being overtaken and forced to a conclusive action. While it is possible that news of such a battle may come at any moment, the chances seem even that the retreating commandos may get away without being forced to turn and fight.

Roberts' Advance Northward. It is within the range of possibilities that Lord Roberts, without waiting for the outcome of these maneuvers, may begin his advance northward. This may be the secret that the censor has been so jealously guarding. The outcome of this interesting situation cannot now be long delayed.

Sniping and Shelling. The news from other points is unimportant and uninteresting. Sniping and shelling continue about Warrenton, apparently ineffectually, as no casualties have been reported on either side.

A special dispatch from Beira, dated April 27, states that the dispatch of Gen. Carrington's division to Rhodesia is proceeding as rapidly as circumstances will permit. Seven transports have already landed troops and stores.

Boers in Natal. A dispatch from Ladysmith, under today's date, says there are only small parties of Boers in Tzanza pass, but that some hundreds are guarding Van Renens pass and Olivershoek pass. Commandants Deber and Vannieskirk are in charge and their forces have been so disposed.

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FREIGHT HOUSE AND DEPOT ARE WRECKED.

Five Thousand Pounds of Dynamite Make Ruins of Northern Pacific Buildings at Lind.

SPOKANE, April 28.—Japs accidentally set fire to the powder house at Lind, a small station on the Northern Pacific, sixty miles west of here, tonight, causing 5,000 pounds of dynamite to explode. The freight house and depot were blown into the air and the drug store was badly shattered. Telegraph poles and lines were leveled for some distance. Fortunately the few inhabitants of the place had time to flee to a safe distance before the explosion took place. No one was injured.

GRIDIRON CLUB BANQUET.

Washington Correspondents Bar-leque the Coming National Conventions.

WASHINGTON, April 28.—The Gridiron club had a national convention tonight, and the Washington correspondents, composing that organization, scored a "heat" on the parties which will nominate candidates for the presidency. "What kind of a convention is this?" asked a member of the club. "A convention on the Philadelphia plan," was the reply. The delegates have nothing to do but to furnish the enthusiasm.

This seemed, however, to be perfectly satisfactory, for then there appeared the Gridiron Marching club, carrying red, white and blue campaign umbrellas and wearing linen dusters. After repeating, like a college yell, the fact that they were friends of McKinley, the club marched out and immediately appeared, shouting with equal enthusiasm for Bryan. The "marching club" was preceded by two musicians playing a fife and a drum in true campaign style.

The latest member of the club, Henry G. Kemp, of the Baltimore Sun, was introduced as the club's hero and entered wearing an admiral's uniform. After he had been presented a wreath, a sword and other trappings, he mounted a platform, returned his thanks, accepted the nomination and declared himself the people's candidate. At that moment his platform collapsed and the choir sang with lugubrious voices "There's a Hole in the Bottom of the Sea."

The idea of a convention was carried out in the elaborate decorations. Amid much lighted placards bearing more or less bunting and floral decorations a few plain flippant, but appropriate legends, were conspicuous. "Admiral Dewey's headquarters parlor 131." "Hanna, Quay and reform," etc.

The men's souvenirs were facsimiles of convention tickets. Gov. Roosevelt was impersonated as a Rough Rider with great success. The guests included Secretary of State Hay, Secretary Long, of the navy; Secretary of the Interior Hitchcock, Postmaster General Smith, Mr. Hugh C. Wallace, of Tacoma, Wash., and many senators and representatives and others prominent in official life.

A SUIT BETWEEN STATES.

Kansas Wants to Enjoin Colorado From Diverting the Waters of the Arkansas.

TOPEKA, Kan., April 28.—Attorney General Goddard left today for Washington and will on Monday file in the supreme court an injunction suit in the name of the state of Kansas against the state of Colorado to prevent the diversion of the water of the Arkansas river from its natural channel.

The estimate in the value of the property involved in the suit is \$75,000,000, and about 2,500,000 acres of land are affected.

LIEUT. JARVIS' APPOINTMENT.

Will Go to Cape Nome as Customs Disbursing Agent.

NEW BEDFORD, Mass., April 28.—Lieut. David H. Jarvis, U. S. R. M., of this city, has been appointed customs disbursing agent for Alaska, and will soon proceed to Cape Nome as the representative of the treasury.

Lieut. Jarvis commanded the Bear last summer, and is well known in Alaskan ports.

Negro-Indian Lynched.

MARSHALL, Mo., April 28.—Mindee Chowage, the negro-Indian who escaped from jail here on Thursday night, after assaulting Sheriff Joseph Wilson and his little son and shooting the sheriff's wife in the arm, when she came to their assistance, was lynched at 11:30 tonight by a mob of angry citizens. Chowage was under arrest on a charge of burglary.

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TEXAS FLOODS ARE BECOMING SERIOUS.

Situation Could Hardly Be Much Worse.

RIVERS ARE STILL RISING.

The Rainfall the Heaviest Known for Fifty Years.

Damages Are Estimated to Amount to Over Two Millions and It Is Believed That the Loss of Life Will Prove Heavy—Telegraphic Communication Cut Off With Nearly Half of the State and Railroad Lines Are Very Badly Demoralized—Runners Sent Out to Warn Lowland Planters of Rise.

WACO, Tex., April 28.—The flood situation remains practically unchanged from last night. Conditions could hardly be worse. Every available wagon, dray and float was brought into use and the entire night was spent in moving hundreds of families out of the submerged district.

Nine Deaths Reported.

There are no new names added to the list of fatalities today, but reports of persons missing and who were last seen in the overflowed section are numerous. A call for aid, signed by the mayor and many prominent citizens, has been sent out, and a mass meeting of citizens of Waco will be held Monday night to devise means to aid the suffering and those in need. The local weather bureau gives the rainfall for the past twenty-four hours as 4.65 inches the heaviest on record.

Still More Coming.

It was believed that the worst of the overflow was at an end until the government bureau posted the following bulletin today:

"Excessive rains throughout the Brazos drainage basin will probably cause a decided rise in Brazos river, overflowing much low land from McLennan county to the Gulf during the next ten days. Please warn residents along the river."

Runners Warn the Farmers.

Much anxiety is felt now over the Brazos overflow, and runners have been sent to notify the farmers in the lowlands. The flood yesterday was not alone confined to this county. Temple and Belton, thirty miles south, reported vast damage by overflows, the rainfall at Temple being 5.95 inches, by far the heaviest ever known.

Heaviest Rains for Years.

Specials from Belton say: "Not since 1853 has this city and vicinity been visited by such a downpour of rain as fell here during the past 150 days. The Salado river broke all previous high water marks and destroyed the fine iron wagon bridge at this place. At Summersville the schoolhouse was carried away and the dam washed out. The large steel bridge at Little river, on the main line of the Missouri, Kansas & Texas, is wrecked. The Leon river is out of its banks, and the electric plant is flooded, the city being in total darkness."

Rivers Still Rising.

DALLAS, Tex., April 28.—The floods show no signs of receding. On the contrary, most of the Texas rivers are rising. A Fort Worth telegram at 10 o'clock says Trinity river has overflowed, doing much property damage. A bulletin from Waco at 10:30 says the list of dead there will reach from ten to fifteen persons. Property damage in the city will exceed \$100,000. Telegraph lines of both companies are gone south of Waco, isolating more than half of the state.

Railroad Travel Suspended.

Railroad movements are absolutely suspended south of Dallas on almost every line in the state.

Loss by flood and hurricanes since yesterday morning is estimated to reach \$3,000,000.

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TURKEY DISLIKES TO PART WITH THE CASH.

Still Trying to Find Some Method for Evading Payment of American Claims.

WASHINGTON, April 28.—Petroff Bey, the Turkish minister, called at the state department this afternoon and spent half an hour in conversation with Secretary Hay. Beyond the statement that the indemnity claims were the subject of discussion, nothing official could be learned of what took place between the two.

It is gathered that the Turkish effort is still in the direction of finding some other means of escape from the present situation than a cash settlement. Thus there is believed to be more talk of the old proposition to build a Turkish cruiser here and settle the claims under cover of such a transaction, but whatever the character of the details of the Turkish proposition, it appears that there is no attempt to deny the obligation assumed toward these claimants and embodied in the promise to Mr. Straus, and consequently there has been no refusal to pay the debt in some manner.

OFFICIALS FOR HAWAII.

President Dole Quite Likely to Be Selected for Governor, Although the Candidates Are Many.

WASHINGTON, April 28.—In anticipation of the final enactment of the Hawaiian government bill, the president is devoting some attention to the selection of the various officials of the new government who are subject to executive appointment. It is the intention to make these appointments very soon in order that there may be no delay in the inauguration of the new government and to secure speedy relief from the embarrassment of the present anomalous condition of affairs.

For the governorship there are no less than four candidates in the field. The name of President Dole leads the list; Harold Sewell, late minister at Honolulu and now United States agent in the islands, is making a formidable canvass, backed by the Maine delegation, and there are two persons of Hawaiian birth prominent in the affairs of the island, whose names also are under consideration.

There is ground for the belief that of all these candidates, President Dole is looked upon most favorably, the president inclining to the view that by making such an appointment not only recognizes the principle of home rule, but also would make suitable recognition of the long continued and effective efforts of Sanford B. Dole to secure the annexation of Hawaiian islands to the United States.

KILLED IN COLLAPSED BUILDING.

Two Men Dead and Eleven Wounded in the Wreckage.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., April 28.—By the collapse of the frame work of a building of the Dimmick Pipe and Foundry Company, in course of erection in North Birmingham today, two men are dead and eleven injured, two of whom will die. The building was 300 feet long and 100 feet wide. While an immense beam was being placed in position on the roof, thirty feet above the ground it fell, striking other beams and knocking down the whole structure. Thirteen men were on the superstructure and went down in the wreckage.

Dead: James McWharter, David White. Of the injured, William McWharter and D. O. Pattillo will probably die.

Philippine Official Captured.

MANILA, April 28, 5:30 p. m.—Mal. Gen. Lloyd Wheaton reports that Senator Paterno, the former president of the Philippine so-called cabinet, was captured in the mountains near Trinidad, province of Benguet, April 25. Paterno recently, through relatives in Manila, requested and received permission to enter the American lines, but failed to appear. His relations explained that he had been sick a long time and was an invalid. He was brought to San Fernando on a litter ambulance by soldiers of the Forty-eighth regiment.

Gates Goes to Stand Trial.

CHICAGO, April 28.—John W. Gates, chairman of the board of directors of the American Steel and Wire Company, and John Lambert, president of the company, left for New York tonight to accept service on a New York writ that may be issued for their arrest in connection with the recent scandal over the closing down of their mills and the consequent decline in their stocks.

Lincoln's Brother-in-Law Dead.

CHARLESTON, S. C., April 28.—George C. Tod, formerly of Kentucky, a brother-in-law of President Lincoln, died at Barnwell today.

PETTIGREW SPRINGS MORE RESOLUTIONS.

Wants the Senate to Express Sympathy With Boers.

NO QUORUM IS PRESENT.

Lodge Moves Its Reference to the Foreign Affairs Committee.

Pettigrew Objects and Demands a Roll Call, Which Discloses Thirty-One Votes in Favor of Reference and Eleven Against It—Action Goes Over Till Monday—Pettigrew Gets in Another Resolution for Information as to Whether Dewey Ever Saluted the Philippine Flag, Which Is Adopted.

WASHINGTON, April 28.—Quite unexpectedly the senate today was brought face to face with the proposition to extend its sympathy to the Boers in their war with Great Britain. In the midst of the consideration of bills of minor importance Pettigrew called up the following, and asked for its immediate consideration:

"Whereas, From the hour of achieving their own independence the people of the United States have regarded with sympathy the struggles of other people to free themselves from European domination; therefore, be it

"Resolved, That we watch with deep and abiding interest the heroic battle of the South African republics against cruelty and oppression, and our best hopes go out for the full success of their determined contest for liberty."

When Lodge (Mass.) had formally ascertained that no committee had reported the resolution to the senate he moved that it be referred to the committee on foreign relations. Without a word of debate the vote was taken, thirty-one senators voting in favor of reference and eleven against it. As the vote disclosed the absence of a quorum, an effort was made to secure one, but it was unsuccessful and the senate adjourned.

Party Lines Not Drawn.

Party lines were not drawn in the vote to refer. While all those who voted against reference are in favor of the adoption of the resolution, several senators on both sides of the chamber who are known to be favorable to the resolution voted to send it to the committee. As a quorum was not present and voting, the resolution retains its place subject to call at any time.

Beyond the passage of a few bills no business of importance was transacted.

Evidence in Clark Case.

When the senate convened today, the desk of each senator bore the evidence taken in the Clark case, consisting of three large volumes and the report of the committee in the case.

A resolution was adopted providing that exercises appropriate to the reception and acceptance by the Grand Army of the Republic of a statue of Gen. Ulysses S. Grant to be erected in the capitol be made the special order for Saturday, May 19, at 3 p. m.

Pettigrew's Philippine Resolution.

The resolution introduced yesterday by Pettigrew calling upon the president and secretary of war for information as to whether Gen. Torres, on behalf of Aguinaldo, asked Gen. Otis to cease hostilities and for information as to an alleged salute made to the Philippine flag by Admiral Dewey was passed without discussion.

Small Bills Passed.

The following bills were passed: For establishment, control, operation and maintenance of the northern branch of the national home for disabled volunteer soldiers at Hot Springs, S. D., and appropriation of \$150,000 for the purpose; requiring that the dam across Italy lake river, Wisconsin, be commenced within three years and completed within five years from May 1, 1898.

Sympathy for the Boers.

Pettigrew then called up his resolution expressing sympathy for the South African republics and expressed hopes for the full success of their determined contest for liberty.

Lodge moved that it be referred to the committee on foreign relations. Pettigrew demanded the yeas and nays. The roll call showed 31 yeas and 11 nays, no quorum.

The detailed vote follows: Yeas—Allison, Baker, Bard, Carter, Clark (Wyo.), Clark (Mont.), Culom, Davis, Frye, Geor., Hanftrough, Hawley, Jones (Nev.), Keam, Lindsay, Lodge, McComas, McCumber, McEnery, McLaughlin, McMillin, Morgan, Nelson, Penrose, Perkins, Pettigrew, Pritchard, Proctor, Ross, Scott, Shoup—11. Nays—Allen, Berry, Chandler, Coakrell, Culbertson, Helfeld, Pettigrew, Rawlins, Teller, Turner and Vest—11.

Another roll call developed the absence of a quorum and the senate at 1:40 p. m. adjourned.

IN THE HOUSE.

Considerable Opposition to Creation of a Commission to Adjudicate Claims Against Spain.

WASHINGTON, April 28.—The house passed a number of bills of importance today, and the major portion of the session was devoted to the senate bill to create a commission to adjudicate claims of citizens of the United States against Spain, assumed by this country by the treaty of Paris. The bill developed considerable opposition, and was finally recommitted to the committee on war claims, with instructions to report back a bill to refer the claims to the court of claims.



The Animals Having Been Properly Branded Are Ready for the Spring Training.