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## BOERS ARE MASSING.

### Concentrating Their Forces Around Bloemfontein.

### CRONJE IS STILL HOLDING OUT.

#### Resisting Force to Prevent Roberts' Further Advance Into Free State Will Number Thirty Thousand Men—Heavy Losses of Buller in Two Days.

LONDON, Feb. 27.—The Boers are assembling an army near Bloemfontein with which to dispute the invasion of Lord Roberts. This intelligence comes from Pretoria by way of Lourenzo Marquez. The commandos are described as "hastening from all quarters of the two republics."

No estimate is made of their number, but the withdrawal of the Boers from most of the places where they have been in contact with the British except the district near Ladysmith, may raise the resisting force to 30,000 men. This figure assumes that the Boers have between 60,000 and 70,000 men in the field.

The gathering of this army across the path of Roberts gives significance to General Cronje's steadfast defense. He has engaged the corps of Lord Roberts for 10 days now and whether he is relieved or not he has given time for the dispersed Boer fractions to get together and to prepare positions to receive the British advance when Cronje is overcome and Lord Roberts moves forward.

A dispatch from Paardeberg, dated Friday, to the Times says that several thousand Boers are now hovering in that neighborhood.

It is difficult to conceive that the Boers are strong enough to take the offensive and to rescue General Cronje from his precarious situation.

The war office had nothing after midnight to indicate his collapse, and he may hold out for a few days. The correspondents seem to have no exact information respecting his resources. Some say he has plenty of food, but is short of ammunition. Others assert that he abandoned his food supplies, but kept abundant supplies of cartridges.

### Buller Is Fighting Hard.

General Buller on Saturday faced the last and strongest positions of the Boers who bar his way to Ladysmith. The strenuous fighting indicated a battle between armies, rather than rear guard actions protecting a retreat. On Thursday and Friday he lost 43 officers killed and wounded, probably representing a total loss of 400.

General White's guns worked on Saturday on the Boers' positions and a helicopter from Ladysmith reported that the Boers were retreating and that larger rations were being issued in view of the fact that relief seemed at hand.

Nothing has been heard from Mafeking since Feb. 12. The movement on the veldt away from the railway is becoming increasingly difficult for large bodies of troops, as the grass is burned up. General French has to wagon forage for his horses and even the infantry finds the long marches harder than before, as forage for the transport animals must be carried. This requires the formation of garrisoned depots.

Ordinary campaigning season is over and the sickly season for both men and animals has set in.

The Daily Chronicle says it learns from private letters that British rifles and ammunition have been landed on the southern coast of Cape Colony, presumably for the Dutch colonists.

Lord Roberts has recently received 73 additional pieces of artillery. Whether all have been sent to Paardeberg is not known.

Probably the Eighth division will leave England next Monday.

The Daily Mail has the following dispatch from Paardeberg, dated Sunday: "There are about 4,000 men besieged in General Cronje's camp, exclusive of the losses he has hitherto sustained. His wife is not with him, although

there are women and children in the camp. The Boer position is now almost exclusively confined to the river bed. The enemy are entirely at our mercy, but Lord Roberts is treating them with great consideration from motives of humanity.

"General Cronje's attempt to mount guns was frustrated by our artillery."

### Natives Take a Hand.

Lourenzo Marquez, Feb. 27.—A dispatch from Gaborone, dated Feb. 23, says: "Chief Linchwi has reported that he has made reprisals upon the Boers near Squani, killing a few men and capturing several wagons and oxen. There were some casualties on both sides. The Boers at Crocodile Pools notified Colonel Plumer that fearing the natives would attack the wounded they had paid the hospital within the laager. Colonel Plumer replied that the Boers would, of course, be respected, but the Boers, he said, could not expect good behavior from the natives while they were invading the territory of the natives."

### Boers Making Near Bloemfontein.

LONDON, Feb. 27.—A dispatch to the Daily News, from Lourenzo Marquez, dated Feb. 24, says that reported here that 5,000 Boers have left Ladysmith for the Free State. The Boers are concentrating their forces 30 miles outside of Bloemfontein and the Free State government is moving to Windburg. Reinforcements from all parts are passing through Bloemfontein hourly."

### Danger From the Afrikaner Band.

LONDON, Feb. 27.—The Brussels correspondent of the Daily Mail says: "As a result of special inquiries in Boer circles here I am able to corroborate fully the reported danger from the intrigues of the Afrikaner band and the coming congress. Unless the ends of the band are otherwise attained it will fan the flame of rebellion throughout the colony."

### VICTIMIZED BY INDIANS.

Alleged Wall Street Brokers Taken In by Two Osages in an Oil Land Deal.

WICHITA, Kan., Feb. 27.—C. R. Davis and A. E. Fulton, who claim to be Wall street brokers of New York city, report that they have been swindled in regular gold brick style by two full-blood Indians at Pawliska.

Several weeks ago the New Yorkers went to the Osage nation with the purpose of leasing some oil lands and put up at Pawliska. As they were traveling over the nation they met two full-blood Indians, who claimed to own a valuable tract of oil land on Bird creek. The Indians took the New Yorkers to the tract and showed them several oil ponds.

The Indians claimed this oil bubbled up from the ground and succeeded in getting \$4,000 in cash and several valuable diamonds for a 10-year lease of the land.

As soon as the money was paid over the Indians disappeared and the New Yorkers went to work to develop their land. They found that the oil had been poured on the ground and the land was worth nothing at all.

### COLLAPSE OF FLOUR TRUST.

Receivers Appointed by Judge Jenkins for the United States Milling Company.

MILWAUKEE, Feb. 27.—The United States Milling company, generally known as the flour trust, collapsed Saturday, but the fact did not become known until yesterday, when Justice Jenkins, in proceedings ancillary to the United States court of New Jersey, appointed three receivers for the company, two of whom are now in charge of the property. The receivers are Daniel Thomas of New York, Charles E. Kimball of Summit, N. J., and Albert C. Loring of Minneapolis.

The collapse of the company was due, it is said, to inability to float its securities on the open market.

### May Change Convention Date.

SIOUX CITY, Feb. 27.—An effort is being made to change the date of the national Populist convention, set for May 9, at Sioux Falls, S. D. M. L. Fox of Sioux Falls, a leading South Dakota Populist, in an interview here, said that Sioux Falls is a little afraid the weather just at that season will be unpleasant, and it is thought if it can be put off until a later date, conditions probably would be more favorable. Mr. Fox said one reason for fixing the date so early was so as to have the fusion convention at least a month in advance of the national Democratic convention, it being supposed this would be held early in June. But now, as this has been fixed for July 4, it would leave ample time for the Populists to hold their convention as late as the 1st of June. He says Sioux Falls expects to cure for 12,000.

### Evidence in Idaho Troubles.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—Levi B. Miller continued his evidence before the house military committee in reference to the Idaho labor troubles. One of the questions brought out the statement that several men were arrested for talking with those unfriendly to the mining companies.

### SIOUX FALLS, First Snow.

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., Feb. 27.—For the first time this year the ground is covered with snow, which, during the past 24 hours, has fallen to the depth of two or three inches.

## FIX UP A COMPROMISE

### Republican Conference Agrees on 15 Per Cent Tax.

### MODIFY PORTO RICO MEASURE.

#### Bill to Be Only a Provisional One—But Four Republican Members Are Opposed to the Modified Measure—Its Passage Said to Be Assured.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—The general debate on the Porto Rican tariff bill was extended until tonight. Interest centered in the conference which was going on among the Republican leaders and the dissenting Republicans in their efforts to compromise their differences on the bill. The speakers yesterday were Bontell (Ill.), Jett (Ill.), Noonan (Ky.), and Wilson (Ariz.) against it.

At the conference of house Republicans last night on the Porto Rican tariff bill, assurances were given that the president believed the measure constitutional and would approve it if it came to him and an agreement was reached to limit the operation of the bill to two years and to reduce the duty imposed by it from 25 to 15 per cent of the American tariff. As a result, the Republican leaders claim that the bill will have the support of all the Republicans except four—McCall of Massachusetts, Littlefield of Maine, Lorimer of Illinois and Crumpacker of Indiana, and that this loss will be offset by affirmative votes of the opposition. They claim the passage of the modified bill is certain.

McCall said after the conference that he still believed the bill would be defeated. "It will be a tight squeeze, anyway," said he.

Chairman Cannon gave out the following statement of the amendments agreed upon by the conference:

"The conference requested the ways and means committee to offer an amendment to the bill as follows:

"Amend the title to make it, 'An act temporarily to provide revenue for the island of Porto Rico and for other purposes,' and to add the following: 'This act shall be taken and held to be provisional in its purpose, intended to meet a pressing, present need for revenue for the island of Porto Rico and is not to continue after March 1, 1902.'"

These amendments were adopted with unanimity. Another to reduce the duty imposed by the act from 25 to 15 per cent was adopted by a vote of 105 to 11.

A further amendment is to be offered by the ways and means committee to make it clear that no double duty is imposed; that the payment of an internal revenue tax is the total tax on importations.

### Quay Case Discussed in Senate.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—Formal discussion of the right of former Senator Quay to a seat in the senate as a member from Pennsylvania was begun yesterday by Turley (Tenn.). He presented a constitutional argument against the seating of Quay, which was given close attention by his colleagues. He will conclude his speech today. Consideration of the Hawaiian government bill brought out a lively discussion between Tillman (S. O.) and Spooner (Wis.), in which the former admitted that ballot boxes had been stuffed and negroes had been shot down in the south to maintain white domination.

Leaning over toward Spooner and shaking his finger at him, Tillman added: "What would you have done? You would have done the same thing, I see it in your eyes."

An amendment was made to the bill, striking out the property qualification of voters for members of the legislature, but little other progress was made.

### MARCUS DALY ON STAND.

Admits That He Spent \$20,000 to \$35,000 in Clark Prosecution.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—Marcus Daly, the millionaire miner, was the principal witness before the senate committee on privileges and elections yesterday. He was on the stand about two hours and was excused on the plea that he was not well and the questioning process fatigued him. Mr. Daly confessed that he had contributed \$20,000 or \$25,000 to the prosecution of this case, but asserted that he had not entered into any conspiracy before Mr. Clark's election to injure him. He had not contributed any of the \$30,000 used in the Whiteside exposure. In conclusion, he tendered his checks and checkbooks for the past five years for the inspection of the committee. Mr. Clark listened attentively to Mr. Daly's testimony.

### Award Dewey Prize Money.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—The United States court of claims rendered an opinion on the claim of Admiral Dewey, his officers and men for naval bounty for the destruction of the Spanish fleet in Manila bay, the court holding that the claimant had a right to recover for each person on board the vessel the sum of \$100. This decision is based on the basis that the admiral's flag was superior to the Spanish flag, and that the shore batteries, under the command of Dewey, were actually entitled to share

## BORDERS ON SENSATIONAL.

### Resolution of Inquiry as to Iowa Officers' Connection With Insurance Concerns.

DES MOINES, Feb. 27.—A sensation was caused in the lower house of the legislature when Mr. Head of Greene county introduced a long preamble and resolution, calling on the governor, secretary, auditor and treasurer of state to inform the house as to their connections with insurance or building and loan associations. The resolution sets forth that the attorney general has recently held that many of these concerns are managed on a plan contrary to law and public policy; that it is currently reported that the state officers named, composing the executive council, are stockholders, directors or officers in companies which are criticized by the attorney general; that the executive council is vested with authority to supervise the business of such companies, and determine whether their plans of business are fair and equitable, and that the governor, secretary, auditor and treasurer of state be called upon to inform the house their relations with these companies and as to what, if any, salaries they are receiving as such officers or directors.

Mr. Head followed this with a resolution calling on John Cownie, of the board of control, to resign one of the two offices he holds. The law provides that a member of the board can hold no other lucrative office. Mr. Cownie is crop reporter for Iowa, a federal position, and Mr. Head's resolution demands he resign one position or the other. The resolutions went over under the rules.

### IOWA MINING DIFFERENCES.

#### Miners and Operators Discuss Outcome of Fight.

DES MOINES, Feb. 27.—The miners yesterday adopted the scale presented by their scale committee and today, when the conference is held with the operators, they will demand its adoption by all mines in the state. Despite the recent action in Illinois, the operators are still as hostile as ever to the proposed mine-run basis, and say that it simply means the retention of the screen or their retirement from business, as the mine-run basis would put an inferior grade of coal upon the market, and they could not compete with the coal shipped into the state. Confidence is still expressed that the miners will win out, though many anticipate a struggle between the operators and delegates and several attempted compromises before an agreement is reached. The men are determined and they will not hesitate to strike if they are unable to effect a settlement, but it is thought that after a bitter fight in conference is over, all will be peaceful.

### Change In Fort Dodge Road.

FORT DODGE, Ia., Feb. 27.—A new and important departure in the operation of the Illinois Central has just been made public here. On March 1 a new superintendent of the Fort Dodge and Omaha division will assume control with office at Fort Dodge. C. K. Dixon of Cherokee will remain in charge of the old division and Mr. Clark of Clinton will have charge of the division between Fort Dodge and Omaha.

### Jail Birds Escape.

DAVENPORT, Ia., Feb. 27.—Harry Elwell and Gav Roberts broke out of jail yesterday by poking a hole through the cell ceiling with a mop handle. They lowered themselves to the ground by a rope made from a hammock, and are still at large.

### William Daggett Dead.

OTTUMWA, Ia., Feb. 27.—William Daggett, vice president of the Iowa National bank and one of the wealthiest citizens of the state, dropped dead yesterday from rupture of a blood vessel in his brain.

### Prominent Iowa Doctor Dead.

CORNING, Ia., Feb. 27.—Dr. Allen A. Rawson died here yesterday after a brief illness of five hours. Dr. Rawson was the first physician in Adams county and has resided here many years.

### TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

Senator Clark of Wyoming Wednesday introduced a bill for the admission of Arizona as a state.

General Patrick Walsh, a veteran of the civil war, died in San Francisco Monday after an illness of a month's duration.

The United States supreme court Monday denied the application of Captain Oberlin M. Carter to bring his case into that court.

The senate committee on Pacific railroads ordered a favorable report on the bill for a commission to settle the Sioux City and Pacific railroad indebtedness.

Secretary Root is so well satisfied with the record made by the troops recruited from the natives of Porto Rico that he has determined to increase the number now in service.

At the National Sporting club, London, Monday, Tommy Hogan of Chicago beat Bill Chester of London in a 15-round boxing contest for the 125-pound championship of England.

Recent storms have caused great damage among the outlying islands of the Shetlands at the north of Scotland, where it is reported 14 wrecks and several life buoys have been picked up.

Consul Fowler at Chee Foo reports that 4,000 cool Chinese have gathered on the line of the survey for the new German railway to await the arrival of German troops. The natives are determined to resist the construction of the road.

## KILLS WIFE AND SELF.

### Wilson Wakelin Cuts His Wife's Throat and His Own.

### DOUBLE TRAGEDY AT BROOK, NEB.

#### Family is a Prominent One in That Section, Mrs. Wakelin Being Former President of Nebraska Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

BROCK, Neb., Feb. 27.—Wilson Wakelin, a prominent farmer living three miles north of this place, murdered his wife shortly after midnight by cutting her throat. He then went to the graveyard nearby, where his first wife was buried, and standing on her grave cut two ugly gashes in his throat, falling forward on his face. Death in both cases was instantaneous. Mrs. Wakelin was very popular, being at one time president of the Woman's Christian Temperance union of Nebraska.

Family trouble was the cause. It is reported that Mr. Wakelin has been keeping another woman at his home, which has been very unsatisfactory to Mrs. Wakelin. The woman left Saturday for Omaha, where she resides. Wakelin left a note dated at 12:05 a. m., stating he was going to kill Mary, his wife. At 12:15 he wrote again, saying he had killed her, adding, "You will find her entirely dead." He then placed a handkerchief over her neck, placed a penny on each eye, then started for the cemetery. He stopped at the home of S. P. Robertson and told him that his wife was very sick and to send for a doctor and notify some other of the neighbors. He then went to the graveyard and completed the terrible double tragedy. Besides cutting his throat, he shot himself at the grave of his first wife. The revolver and razor, the weapons used, were found nearby. Mrs. Wakelin had decided to leave him and had begun arrangements with that end in view. In another note Mr. Wakelin said he was going to kill Mrs. Coryell, a friend of Mrs. Wakelin, who has signified her willingness to help Mrs. Wakelin get released from her husband.

### RATE HEARING AT NORFOLK.

#### Interstate Commerce Commissioner J. A. Prouty Listens to Evidence.

NORFOLK, Neb., Feb. 27.—The complaint of the Business Men's association of this city, alleging discrimination in railroad rates of the state, is being heard by Commissioner Prouty of the interstate commerce commission. The Union Pacific, Fremont, Elkhorn and Missouri Valley and the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis and Omaha roads were represented.

Evidence was introduced by the complainants showing that the mercantile and manufacturing interests of Norfolk had been practically paralyzed by the rates charged by the roads. This was shown to be especially true in the case of creamery and foundry business.

Charles Johnson, in whose name the complaint was filed, submitted a detailed statement, showing that the freight tariff to Norfolk from Duluth, Chicago and other points outside the state was considerably higher than to other points in the state much farther away. The railroads alleged in reply that they had never intended to make Norfolk a manufacturing point. The hearing will continue today.

### Supreme Court Appointments.

LINCOLN, Feb. 27.—It is announced that the changes in the offices under the dispensation of the supreme court will be made at the close of the next sitting, which begins March 6. It is said the clerkship will go to Lee Herdman of Omaha and the two deputyships will fall to Wilbur F. Bryant of Hartington and Eland W. Nelson of this city. A number of minor appointments to fill smaller positions have also been made, but will not be announced for some time.

### Preparing For Convention.

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 27.—Systematic preparations for handling the Democratic national convention in July are already being mapped out. The plan of organization followed by St. Louis and Minneapolis in handling their conventions will, it is said, be adopted by Kansas City, with such improvements and changes as may seem desirable. The new executive committee and the various subcommittees will begin work immediately.

### Bank Officials in Court.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 27.—President J. H. Rottman and the other officers and directors of the Mulhally Savings bank, with the exception of Courad H. Grote, were arraigned before Judge Willis Clark in the court of criminal correction. Their cases were set for trial March 7. All gave bond in the sum of \$800 each for their appearance.

### Innocent Man Sent to Prison.

OTTUMWA, Feb. 22.—W. A. Daggott of Albia was arrested two years ago by United States Marshal Wray, charged with violating liquor laws. He avowed his innocence, but was sentenced to one year and has just been liberated. Meanwhile Wray had been superseded by W. T. Richards and his inquiries resulted yesterday in the arrest of William Levan of Albia on the charge of perjury. Richards says he has unquestioned proof of Daggott's innocence, as he was in another part of the country.

## Extra!

### CRONJE SURRENDERS

### Now a Prisoner With all His Forces in Camp of Gen. Roberts.

### SURRENDERED TO-DAY.

#### Fights Until Situation is Hopeless. Gen. Roberts Sends an Official Dispatch Containing the News.

(Omaha Bee Extra.)

LONDON, Feb. 27. It is officially announced that Gen. Cronje surrendered his whole force unconditionally at dawn this morning.

LONDON, Feb. 27. The war office has received the following dispatch from Lord Roberts:

"Paardeberg, Feb. 27, 7:45 a. m. Gen. Cronje and all of his force capitulated unconditionally at day light and is now a prisoner in my camp. The strength of his force will be communicated later. I hope that her majesty's government will consider this event satisfactory, occurring, as it does, on the anniversary of Majuba."

### IOWA HAPPENINGS.

#### Archbishop Hennessy Dying.

DUBUQUE, Ia., Feb. 23.—Archbishop Hennessy's condition is such that hopes of his recovery have been abandoned. The physician expects death within a day or two at longest.

#### Sister Mary Bernard Dead.

DUBUQUE, Ia., Feb. 24.—Sister Mary Bernard, one of the founders of the order of Sisters of Charity, died here at the mother house, Mount Carmel, yesterday. She had been in the order 50 years and was 90 years old.

#### Responsible for a Death.

FORT DODGE, Ia., Feb. 24.—The grand jury of Humboldt county returned an indictment against Frank Michaelak and wife, charging them with being responsible for the death of Michael Chess. Warrants were immediately issued and they were arrested. Bonds were fixed at \$1,500 each, which were furnished. They will be tried at the April term of court.

#### New Iowa Road Preparing to Build.

DES MOINES, Feb. 23.—The Des Moines, Iowa Falls and Northern railroad, incorporated three months ago, has raised a large sum of money and is actively preparing for building it in the spring from this city 85 miles north to Iowa Falls to connect with the Illinois Central. There is a general belief in business and railroad circles that the company is a branch of the Illinois Central.

#### New Trial For Essex.

OTTUMWA, Feb. 24.—Charles Essex, the young man who was convicted at the present term of the district court at Chariton on the charge of attempting to wreck the Burlington fast mail train on the night of Nov. 23, has been granted a new trial. Judge Eishelberger's decision to that effect is said to meet with general approval and it is doubtful if the case ever comes up in court again.

#### Fear for W. M. Isham's Safety.

CHICAGO, Feb. 23.—Friends and relatives of W. M. Isham of Anamosa, Ia., believe he has been dealt with foully in Chicago. He left Findlay, O., on Feb. 5 for his home in Iowa, via Chicago, and has not been heard of since his arrival here. Communications from Anamosa to the police state that he was expected home the next day and that he had a considerable amount of money on his person. He is more than 60 years old and is said to be a man of good habits.

#### Census Supervisors Receive Instructions.

DES MOINES, Feb. 24.—The census supervisors of Iowa, with those from South Dakota, eastern Nebraska and southern Minnesota, met here yesterday with Assistant Director Frederick H. Wines to receive instructions in their work. Mr. Wines explained the blank which will be used and instructed them in the detail of duties of enumerators. He says that in this group of states the enumerators will be given about 1,500 of population each.

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