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ROBERTS' FAST WORK

Advance on Pretoria is Proceeding With a Rush.

ACTIVITY ON THE WHOLE LINE.

Hamilton's Column Seizes Winburg. Forty Boers Killed in the Battle—Leave One Gun Behind—Fever Is Spreading Among the Mafeking Garrison.

LONDON, May 8.—The Boers are everywhere retiring before the British, except on the Natal frontier and at Mafeking, to the inner circle of their defense. They appear determined not to fight until the Kroonstadt hills are reached.

Lord Roberts is expected to do another 40 or 50 miles and then to wait for a time in order to bring up supplies and to repair the railway. There are one or two hints in the dispatches from the front that he may rest for a few days in Smaldeal.

General French's 10,000 cavalry have not been mentioned in the official or unofficial dispatches for four days. It is by no means likely that he is idle and the conjecture is that he is either detouring toward Kroonstadt or raiding the Ladybrand district.

Fifteen thousand British are now operating on the frontier of the Free State. As the deadlock at Warrenton has been broken and the Boers are retreating there is nothing formidable except the distance between Warrenton and Mafeking. The most hopeful advice from Mafeking, April 22, were that the garrison would hardly be able to hold out for a month. At that time the fever was spreading. According to advices from Maseru, Basutoland, several thousand Free Staters are north of Ladybrand, where they have collected great herds. The district is rich in food for men and horses and the Boers seem resolved not to move northward, but to be preparing to resist where they are. If they are let alone they will menace the lines of communication after the British army has passed into the Transvaal.

Lord Roberts and Lord Kitchener personally directed the artillery in the Vet river engagement.

Six thousand, four hundred and fifty-eight troops are now at sea on the way to South Africa. No others are under orders to go, except as recruits to fill up the losses of regiments at the front.

COLONIALS DOING THE WORK

Execute Turning Movement for British in Dashing Style.

LONDON, May 8.—Lord Roberts reports to the war office in a dispatch dated Smaldeal, May 6, as follows:

"We crossed the Vet river this morning and are now encamped at Smaldeal junction. The enemy is in full retreat towards Zand river and Kroonstadt. The turning movement was made by the mounted infantry just before dark yesterday. It was a very dashing affair. The Canadians, New South Wales, New Zealand Rifles and Queensland mounted infantry vied with each other in the determination to close with the enemy. The naval guns and the artillery made excellent practice, particularly two 5-inch guns, used for first time with this force. We captured a Maxim and 25 prisoners. Our casualties are very few—only 15 wounded, one killed and three missing. Forty Boers were killed."

Threaten to Extend Strike.

BUFFALO, May 8.—At the conclusion of a meeting of striking car repairers of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western, which was held at East Buffalo last night, it was announced that if the company did not come to terms with its men at once the strike would be extended on the line. As given out, the program is to call out the men in the big locomotive shops of the company at East Buffalo and also the switchmen.

MILITIA BILL IS PASSED.

One Million Appropriated to Equip the Guard as Amended by the House.

WASHINGTON, May 8.—Yesterday was suspension day in the house and quite a number of bills were passed. The most important was the senate bill to amend the general pension laws so as to provide for disabilities under the act of 1890 without regard to service origin and to increase the net income a widow may have without destroying her right to a pension from \$96 to \$250.

The purpose of the bill is to modify rulings of the pension office in accordance with the recommendations of the G. A. R. It was passed without a dissenting voice. The bill to increase the appropriation for the national guard from \$400,000 to \$1,000,000 was also among those passed. Sulzer (N. Y.) attempted to secure action upon his resolution expressing sympathy with the Boers, but was cut off by the speaker.

No Action on Pro-Boer Resolution.

WASHINGTON, May 8.—At yesterday's session of the senate Teller (Colo.) delivered a speech in which he strongly urged the senate to extend its sympathy to the Boers in their contest with Great Britain. The adoption of his resolution of sympathy, he maintained, could not be considered as an unfriendly act by the British government. During the remainder of the session the senate had under consideration the naval appropriation bill. Chandler's amendment to curtail the increase of the marine corps created some debate and was finally laid on the table—30 to 14. The bill was not completed. Notice was given that the armor plate provision would be considered in secret session on account of certain facts that were to be called to the senate's attention.

Secretary Porter Cited For Contempt.

LINCOLN, May 8.—A summons was issued today by District Judge Frost citing Secretary of State Porter to appear and defend himself against a charge of contempt of court. Secretary Porter could not be found and it was learned that he had gone to the Sioux Falls convention. The contention consists of his alleged refusal to indorse and approve certain vouchers of the state payable to Mrs. A. M. Davis, president of the Society of the Home of the Friendless as ordered by the court. The case grows out of the controversy for the control of this institution.

Urges Strikers to Disregard Injunction.

NEW YORK, May 8.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, addressed the striking cigarmakers in Bohemia hall yesterday and advised them to disregard the injunction issued by Judge Freedman, which prohibits them from picketing or attempting in any other way to deter others from taking their places and enjoins sympathizers from giving financial aid for the purpose of continuing the strike.

Taylor Steps With Finley.

INDIANAPOLIS, May 8.—William S. Taylor, Republican claimant to the governorship of Kentucky was yesterday the guest of Charles Finley, ex-secretary of state of Kentucky, who is in this city. Governor Taylor said he is on his way to Washington, where he will stay until the supreme court passes on the governorship controversy.

Games Played Yesterday.

Pittsburg, 6; Chicago, 4.
Brooklyn, 18; Philadelphia, 9.
Boston, 18; New York, 11.
Cleveland, 5; Buffalo, 7.
Detroit, 2; Indianapolis, 11.

Games Today.

Western League—Omaha at Denver; Sioux City at Des Moines; St. Joseph at Pueblo.
National League—New York at Boston; Philadelphia at Brooklyn; Chicago at Pittsburg; Cincinnati at St. Louis.
American League—Buffalo at Cleveland; Chicago at Kansas City.

Killed by Collapse of a Building.

ST. LOUIS, May 8.—By the collapse of a house at 1430 North Eighth street Cora Everson and Melvina Nelson, colored, were killed and seven others, who are now at the city hospital as a result of their injuries, narrowly escaped death. The two women named were suffocated, as no marks of injury are to be seen on their bodies. Firemen rescued the other inmates of the building, which was a two-story, dilapidated structure that had been condemned. All were asleep when the accident occurred.

Kansas City Building Collapses.

KANSAS CITY, May 8.—A three-story brick building at 1802 Grand avenue, in the business center, occupied on the ground floor by Jacob Goodman as a second hand store and above by Mrs. Mary Sohn as a rooming house, collapsed without warning yesterday afternoon, burying seven persons in the ruins. It is believed none of the injured will die. John W. Moore, aged 70 years, former mayor of Kansas City, was the most seriously hurt.

Three Farmers Drowned.

TOPEKA, May 8.—News reached here yesterday of the drowning in Wakarusa creek of Frank and Sherman Cox, brothers, and William Whitelaw, three prominent young farmers of this county. All were married and lived near Watson postoffice. The three men had been spending the day fishing and were out in a boat running a trout line, when one of them leaned over the side too far, causing the boat to capsize. None of them could swim.

HOSTS AT SIOUX FALLS

Advance Guard of Populist National Convention Arriving.

TOWNE AS BRYAN'S RUNNING-MATE

Main Contest Is Over Nomination for Vice President—St. Louis Platform to Be Reaffirmed With Special Planks on Trusts and Imperialism.

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., May 8.—The delegates to the People's Party convention who have already arrived spent yesterday in informal conference and in visiting the tent in which the convention is to be held. It was at first intended to utilize the city's auditorium building for convention purposes, but the prospective attendance grew so rapidly that it was found necessary to secure larger quarters. Accordingly an enormous tent under which 8,000 to 10,000 people can be seated was secured and it is rapidly being put in shape for the reception of the large throng that is expected to occupy it.

The streets are liberally decorated with bunting and on every hand there are evidences of a purpose on the part of the people of the city to make the convention a success. The convention will be called to order tomorrow at 2 o'clock by National Chairman Butler. He will make a brief speech, after which prayer will be offered by some local minister not yet selected. An address of welcome will be made by either Senator Pettigrew or Governor Lee. A temporary chairman will then be named and after the appointment of committees the convention will adjourn until Thursday.

For temporary chairman Governor Rodgers of Washington was chosen, but he announced that he was unable to attend. This makes another selection necessary.

The principal talk today has been about the policy to be pursued in the selection of a vice presidential candidate. By those already present there is manifested quite a noticeable friendship for Charles A. Towne, the Silver Republican leader of Minnesota, but there are some who contend that the honor should go to a Populist.

In the matter of the platform to be adopted by the convention, the opinion is very general that the St. Louis declaration of principles will be reiterated, with variations and additions. "We will express our opinions in no uncertain way on questions of trusts and imperialism," said a United States senator, who is a delegate.

The financial plank of the St. Louis platform will be unchanged, and the gold standard bill passed at the present session of congress will be denounced as in the interest of national banks.

The Porto Rico legislation will be denounced and it will be declared that the constitution follows the flag in the acquisition of territory. The Republican party will also be charged with a failure to keep faith in Cuba and with transcending all bounds of propriety in the management of the Philippine question.

Militarism will also play an important part in the platform. The matter of increasing the standing army of the United States will be frowned upon as giving the president the power to deprive voters of the right of franchise by covering them with an army.

Senator Butler refused to give any expression of opinion concerning the bolting Populists, who are to hold their convention in Cincinnati, further than to say, "They represent nobody but themselves, and need not be dignified by a reference to them."

Secretary Edgerton spoke more freely concerning the bolt, which he explained originated at the Lincoln meeting of the national committee last February. "In reality," he said, "only one member of that committee walked out of the meeting and he was accompanied by only four proxies. These, with a few other rejected proxies, called the Cincinnati convention."

DELEGATES TO CINCINNATI.

Everything in Readiness for the Middle-of-the-Road Convention.

CINCINNATI, May 8.—Everything is in readiness for the fall of Chairman Dewey's gavel which will call to order the convention of the "middle-of-the-road" Populists at Robinson's opera house tomorrow afternoon. Only a few dozen delegates have so far put in an appearance but their enthusiasm more than made up for their scantiness in numbers. The Texas delegation, which will be the largest in attendance, was delayed several hours by a railroad wreck south of St. Louis.

Prominent among the delegates who were grouped about the hotel corridors yesterday was Mrs. Luna E. Kelli of Hartwell, Neb., editress of a Populist prairie publication. Mrs. Kelli is an enthusiastic advocate of universal suffrage and proposes exercising her fullest endeavors to have incorporated in the platform to be adopted here a plank enfranchising the gentler sex.

Two presidential candidates are talked of by the delegates. They are Ignatius Donnelly of Minnesota and Wharton Barker of Pennsylvania.

Donnelly arrived last night and went quietly to the Dennison hotel, where he was soon surrounded by a group of admirers. Something of a sensation was

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JUDGE LOCHREN'S DECISION

Holds That the Constitution at Once Extended Over Porto Rico.

ST. PAUL, May 8.—Judge Lochren filed in the United States circuit court his decision denying the application of Rafael Ortiz, a Porto Rican, to be released from the Minnesota state prison. Ortiz was convicted by a military tribunal in Porto Rico for the murder of a United States soldier and condemned to die. The sentence was commuted to life imprisonment. The decision states: "Our general government was founded by the men of the revolution who had rebelled against the arbitrary power asserted by Great Britain to govern her outlying colonies at the will of parliament. They established this government on the asserted theory that all just powers of government come from the consent of the governed. They founded, as described by President Lincoln in language not yet forgotten, 'a government of the people, by the people, for the people.' It will be, indeed, marvelous, if it is made to appear that these men who then founded our national government so constructed it that it is capable of ruling with unlimited power a subject people who have neither guarantees to protect them nor any voice in the government. This is foreign absolutism—the worst form of tyranny. If the constitution does not extend to Porto Rico and our new acquisitions of territory, congress has the untrammelled absolute power to establish subject governments or make laws for such territories; it has the power to establish dependent monarchies or satrapies, state religions, and even slavery.

Bryan the Guest of Honor.

OMAHA, May 8.—About 1,000 persons participated in the second annual banquet of the Peter Cooper Populist club at the Coliseum last night. W. J. Bryan was the guest of honor. Delegates from 20 states on their way to Sioux Falls were present.

Congressman Bartholdt Renominated.

UNION, Mo., May 8.—Congressman Richard Bartholdt was renominated by acclamation by the Republicans of the Tenth congressional district.

Dewey in the Southland.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., May 8.—Memphis surrendered unconditionally to Admiral Dewey. The climax of the day's festivities was a gorgeous flower parade, which passed through the principal streets, and received the plaudits of citizens and visitors. Thousands of visitors arrived during the night and the streets were crowded with strangers.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

The Northern Pacific assumed control of the St. Paul and Duluth road Monday.

A terrific hailstorm at Toledo Monday night broke many thousands of dollars' worth of plate glass.

After evading the law for four years, William Tyon, charged with the murder of the Elias children at Provo City, Utah, was arrested Monday at Ashton, W. Va.

Charles Morton, night clerk of the Southern hotel at St. Louis, and well known hotel patrons throughout the country, has disappeared.

Congressman Carmack, candidate for United States senator from Tennessee, opened his campaign at Fayetteville Monday, addressing a large gathering.

At the request of Attorney General Sheets of Ohio the anti-trust proceedings against the Cleveland and Sandusky Brewing company was dismissed. The company owns ten breweries in Cleveland and Sandusky.

CHANGES IN IOWA BANKS.

Four Institutions in the State Take Advantage of New Act.

DES MOINES, May 8.—Two Iowa banks indicated to the state auditor that they intend to merge themselves into national institutions in the near future and have asked what steps to take to bring this about. One is the State bank of Crystal Lake, with a capital of \$25,000. The other is the Guthrie State bank with the same capital.

These two organizations make four in this state which have taken advantage of the new national bank act which passed congress this year. In each case the auditor informed the organizations that before they can dissolve as state institutions they must make affidavit that the interests of the stockholders will be preserved and that the latter approve the change.

Much Smallpox at Marshalltown.

MARSHALLTOWN, Ia., May 8.—The local board of health has posted notices closing all churches, lodges, theaters and other places of public assemblage on account of the increasing prevalence of smallpox. The city school board has taken similar action in regard to the schools. The state convention of Christian Sunday schools also has been postponed indefinitely. There are 100 or more cases of smallpox now in the city.

Iowa Ditch Will Be Dug.

SIOUX CITY, May 8.—Judge Gaynor, sitting on the bench of the district court in Monona county, yesterday afternoon reversed the decision of the board of supervisors of that county in refusing permission for the construction of the proposed Woodbury-Monona county drainage ditch. This practically assures the construction of the ditch.

Lightning Kills Iowa Man.

MANSION, Ia., May 8.—John Emmons, an aged citizen, during a storm laid down on his bed, which was about two feet from the chimney. The lightning struck the chimney a few moments later. The whole force of the bolt entered his body. He was instantly killed. The house was not much damaged.

Hanged for Killing a Conductor.

ST. LOUIS, May 8.—James Nettles, colored, who had twice been respited, was hanged yesterday in the jail yard at the Four Courts. He died bravely. Nettles was convicted of the murder of Samuel W. Mann, a conductor of the Suburban street car line, on July 4, 1898.

McPherson Confirmed as Judge.

WASHINGTON, May 8.—The senate yesterday confirmed the nomination of Smith McPherson of Iowa to be district judge for the southern district of Iowa.

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