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NEAR JOHANNESBURG.

British Horsemen Are Now Only Forty Miles Away.

BURGHERS ARE INTRENCHING.

Six Guns Placed in Strong Positions and Other Preparations Made—No Offer of Peace From Kruger—Relief of Mafeking Officially Confirmed.

LONDON, May 22.—British horsemen, according to a dispatch from Lourenzo Marquez, are now close to the Vaal river, within 40 miles of Johannesburg. The migration from Pretoria has begun. Women and children are being sent in trains to Mafeking, on the way to Lydenburg. Trains are arriving at Lourenzo Marquez filled with passengers, among whom are many Germans who are bound for Europe.

The war office has received the following message from Lord Roberts:

"KROONSTADT, May 21.—Buller reports that his advance will be delayed for a few days on account of the way in which the railroad has been destroyed. Ruddle reports that Ladybrand has been occupied. Hunter is pushing up the railway with supplies for the Mafeking garrison and is arranging a hospital train for the conveyance of the sick and wounded to Kimberley. Methuen has left Hoopstad to co-operate with this force."

A correspondent with General Hunter telegraphs as follows from Fourteen Streams: "Colonel Mahon's relieving column left Darkey West under secret orders the 4th inst and reached Vryberg the 11th. The Boers marched on the right flank of the British and a strange race followed, Mahon pressing toward Mafeking with the utmost speed consistent with keeping the force in condition and the Boers hurrying parallel in an effort to pass him and to throw themselves across his path. The Boers succeeded. He then turned west during the night. The Boers followed, overtook and attacked him in the bush, but were beaten off."

The railway head is expected to be at Kroonstadt today. The congestion of traffic at Smaldeal delays Lord Roberts' advance, but his cavalry continues active throughout a wide radius east and southeast of Kroonstadt.

The infantry advance steadily. Generals Colville and Ruddle shift their headquarters each second day. The Boers are retreating northward from Harrismith. Raiding and sniping are decreasing.

Lord Roberts is advised that little resistance need be expected south of Klip river, near Johannesburg, where the natives are digging trenches, but the position, according to a correspondent, can be turned. The same authority thinks it improbable that there will be any desperate defense south of Pretoria and that even the capital of the Transvaal is likely to be evacuated.

The orders from the war office directing six more siege trains to go out, however, indicate preparations in expectancy of a siege.

The war office announces that 11 vessels will leave home ports during the next 30 days with 3,859 officers and men and 2,385 horses.

The promotion of Colonel Baden-Powell is generally expected to be followed by further honors, probably an important command with a temporary rank of lieutenant general. He only got his colonelcy in 1897 and he now goes ahead of a long list of seniors.

NO MESSAGE FROM KRUGER.

English Expect None Until Military Situation Renders It Imperative.

LONDON, May 22.—The Associated Press is able to say that no message from President Kruger, direct or indirect, has recently been received by Lord Salisbury or by any department of the British government, nor, it may be added, is any communication from him.

dealing with the question of the cessation of hostilities expected by them in the immediate future. The proximity of peace, according to the government point of view, will remain a matter of military progress. How soon the latter may bring about the former is still too suppositious for a serious forecast on the part of the government officials.

Reply Satisfies British People.

LONDON, May 22.—The reply of the Washington government to the Boer peace envoys satisfies the British people. The Standard says: "It is the only correct, indeed, the only possible line for the Washington authorities to take, for they know perfectly well that America has not a shred of concern in this African quarrel which we intend to dispose of ourselves, without any assistance from outside powers whatever. The last hope of the Boers has been defeated by the reply."

Building Defensive Works.

LOURENZO MARQUEZ, May 22.—The defense works of Johannesburg are progressing rapidly. Six guns brought from the front have been emplaced in a fort, while trenches intersect Katzerand, near Klipriviersberg, behind the railroad course.

Relief of Mafeking is Confirmed.

LONDON, May 22.—The following dispatch has been received from Lord Roberts at the war office:

"KROONSTADT, May 22.—The following is from Hunter: 'Mafeking is relieved, Mahon entered it the 18th inst.'"

RIOT RESULTS IN DEATH.

One Man Killed in an Attempt to Resist Arrest at Givin, Ia.

GRINNELL, Ia., May 22.—As the result of a riot incited by an attempt to resist arrest at Givin, a small town near Oskaloosa, Wadle Edgar, a colored miner from Hocking, was instantly killed and eight men are now under arrest for the crime and a vigorous search is being made for other participants.

The trouble which resulted in Edgar's death commenced at Givin at 9 o'clock last night. A large party of colored miners had come up from Albia and Hocking to see the Hocking team play with the Muchaknock team. The Hocking team was defeated and the visitors were in an ugly mood. There had been some drinking and while waiting for the trains a general fight, in which razors and knives were freely used, was started. Constable Pryor of Givin was called in to quell the disturbance. He noticed that Edgar was the moving spirit and attempted to arrest him. The miners at once turned on the officer, who pluckily held on to his prisoner and was backing him up to the station under a fusillade of bullets, none of which did any harm. Just then the officer was struck in the face. He fell against his prisoner, who was turned about, a revolver cracked and Edgar fell, instantly killed by a bullet intended for the officer.

Mothers' Congress Opens.

DES MOINES, May 22.—The fourth annual convention of the National Mothers' congress was opened in the Auditorium last evening in the presence of a representative audience of 3,000 people. About 250 delegates from all parts of the country have arrived and more are coming by every train. The president, Mrs. Theodore W. Bierney of Washington, D. C., presided. The business sessions will begin today.

Iowa Army Recommendations.

DES MOINES, May 22.—Colonel Lincoln of the Fifty-first Iowa yesterday recommended for quartermaster of the regiment, Robert C. Lane of Red Oak; for commissary subsistence, Charles W. Brown of Des Moines; for adjutant First battalion, J. J. Anderson of Council Bluffs; for adjutant Second battalion, G. I. Garton of Des Moines, and of Third, Joe Beesen of Oskaloosa.

Iowa's Annual Field Day.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., May 22.—The first field meet of the Iowa inter-collegiate track union was held here yesterday. Cedar Rapids won the first place, with a score of 85. Other colleges competing scored as follows: Upper Iowa university, 84½; Des Moines, 82; Lenox, 20½; Western, 15.

ORDERS RATES DOWN.

State Board Takes Advantage of the Court's Recent Decision.

LINCOLN, May 22.—Taking advantage of the federal court of appeals' decision at St. Paul, which denied the injunction asked by the Burlington company, the State Board of Transportation today took steps to put into effect its order for a reduction of freight rates 10 per cent on cattle, 5 per cent on hogs and 30 per cent on foodstuffs. When the order was made last winter the Burlington, claiming nonjurisdiction, appealed to the United States district court. The decision was adverse to the company and it took the case to the court of appeals.

Holy War in Morocco.

LONDON, May 22.—The Algerians correspondent of the Daily Mail says: "There is little doubt that a holy war has been proclaimed in the south of Algeria and Morocco. Probably this is due to the movements of French troops."

Burglars at Clinton.

CLINTON, Ia., May 22.—Reid & Conger's store was entered by burglars last night and \$400 worth of silks stolen.

RATHBONE IS REMOVED.

Director General of the Cuban Posts Suspended.

J. L. BRISTOW TAKES CONTROL.

Evidence of Criminal Negligence on the Part of Rathbone—Neely's Expense Accounts Said to Have Been Indorsed to a Surprising Degree.

HAVANA, May 22.—Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Bristow yesterday took over the direction of the postal affairs of the island, relieving Estes G. Rathbone, director of posts, who was suspended Saturday, although formal announcement of the suspension was not made until Monday. It had been generally conceded that suspicion must come, as the charges against Rathbone of criminal negligence have been multiplying, daily. It is asserted that he has not shown any indications of a desire to



E. G. RATHBONE.

have official records kept, and that he has improperly endorsed expense accounts, his own and Neely's, to a surprising degree.

During the investigations now in progress Rathbone will not be allowed to leave the island. It is reported that W. H. Reeves, in his confession, made charges that reflect seriously on Rathbone's honesty. Bristow and the inspectors have found nothing but chaos throughout the entire department. Often no records were kept for days. A considerable time must elapse before the facts of the case will be known. Indeed it is doubtful if the muddle will ever be entirely cleared up.

Bristow has asked General Wood to appoint a disbursing officer for the present, as he prefers an army man, not knowing the men in the local office and not being able to spare a single inspector in view of the onerous investigation ahead of him.

Deputy Auditor Laeshe had Reeves brought to the office yesterday to assist. Reeves was in charge of Special Agent White and had an interview with General Wood, which lasted more than an hour. It is understood he furnished valuable information which is helping to clear away certain matters in doubt, although in a few instances the statements of his confession have not yet been verified or corroborated.

Rathbone Is Suspended.

WASHINGTON, May 22.—The postmaster general issued the following: "Ordered, that Estes G. Rathbone be, and he is hereby suspended from the office of director general of posts of Cuba; that Joseph L. Bristow, fourth assistant postmaster general, be, and he is hereby appointed acting director general of posts of Cuba, without other salary than that of fourth assistant postmaster general; that all records, books, papers, supplies and other properties of the department of posts of Cuba shall be immediately delivered to the custody of the acting director general of posts hereby appointed."

Prefer Plague to Vaccination.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 22.—Chinese highlanders and the board of health have had a clash over the bubonic plague question and up to the present time the highlanders seem to be ahead. So far by threats to assassinate any Chinese who submits to inoculation against the plague they have prevented the Chinese from taking treatment. So far as plague cases are concerned there have been no developments and no new cases have been discovered.

Farefully in the Lead.

PARSONS, Kan., May 22.—For the first time in the history of Kansas, Democrats and Populists met together here yesterday and balloted in joint session in an endeavor to nominate a fusion candidate for congress. This morning the convention is still in session. State Senator Hugh Farrelly, Democrat, of Neosho, was leading in the balloting, with Congressman Ridgely second.

The czar has ratified all the articles agreed upon at the Hague peace conference.

The banking house of Nielsen & Co., at Pentwater, Mich., failed to open its doors Monday.

FATAL RIOTS AT ST. LOUIS.

Boy Killed and Four Men and One Woman Wounded.

MARTIN ZIKA, 18 years old, struck in the left breast by bullet fired from street car.

St. LOUIS, May 22.—One boy was killed and three men and a girl were wounded today as the result of the strike. The dead:

Martin Zika, 18 years old, struck in the left breast by bullet fired from street car.

The wounded:

Clarence E. Mullen, motorman, shot in upper portion of left arm. Home in Jacksonville, Ills. Wound not serious.

Minnie Krueger, 18 years of age, struck in left thigh by a glancing bullet. Not serious.

Two rioters were seen to fall during a fight at Thirteenth and Herbert streets between a mob of 250 men and the police and were carried away by friends. Zika was shot while standing in the door of his home at 1200 Guyer avenue. A mob of several hundred men had surrounded a car of the Tower Grove line and were threatening the conductor and motorman. A few stones had been thrown, when a shot was fired from the car, the bullet striking Zika full in the breast. He died within a few minutes. Conductor Farley and Motorman Drake were arrested. Farley admitted firing the shot. The four people wounded were all injured in a fight which occurred at the intersection of Thirteenth and Herbert streets. The riot was lively while it lasted, fully 100 shots being fired, and as the streets were crowded with people it is remarkable that the number of injured was so small.

The passengers on the car made wild scrambles for the open air when the trouble began. Among them were three women and the female sympathizers with the strikers, who were present in large numbers, at once attacked them. They showered them with abuse, pelted them with stones, clubs and sticks and made them run for their lives.

Insurgents Active in Southern Luzon.

MANILA, May 22.—General Bell, commanding the hemp provinces of southern Luzon, has issued an order to his officers not to attempt to organize the municipal governments as prescribed by Major General Otis in his recent order, on account of the disturbed conditions. The Americans occupy a few coast towns, which the insurgents surround, constantly assailing the garrisons, which are too small to attempt operations in the surrounding country. Major Wise, with two companies, is in Donsol, an important town of Sorsogon, surrounded by a thousand insurgents. The Americans occupy trenches and are continually exchanging shots with the enemy. Several regiments are needed to control each southern province but they cannot be spared from their present stations.

Adopts Report on Education.

ST. LOUIS, May 22.—After a long discussion on the report of the board of education which occupied all Monday afternoon, during which several sharp parliamentary skirmishes were indulged in, the Presbyterian general assembly adopted the report and its recommendations unanimously.

Games Played Yesterday.

Omaha, 7; St. Joseph, 6.
Denver, 3; Sioux City, 2.
Cincinnati, 3; New York, 4.
Chicago, 1; Philadelphia, 2.
St. Louis, 11; Boston, 2.
Pittsburg, 4; Brooklyn, 7.
Detroit, 3; Minneapolis, 8.
Cleveland, 8; Kansas City, 5.
Indianapolis, 9; Milwaukee, 4.
Buffalo, 6; Chicago, 7.

Games Today.

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

Oldham to Make Nominating Speech.

LINCOLN, May 22.—A meeting of the 16 Nebraska delegates to the democratic national convention was held here today behind closed doors. Mr. Bryan was present and a plan of action was decided upon for Kansas City. W. D. Oldham, deputy attorney general, one of the delegates-at-large, was selected to make the speech nominating Mr. Bryan for president. W. H. Thompson of Grand Island was made chairman of the delegation; J. C. Dahlman, national committee member and A. L. Metcalfe member of the committee on resolutions. Nebraska will also ask to be represented on the committee on notification.

Assaulted by a Negro.

KANSAS CITY, May 22.—Lizzie Betz, daughter of a dairyman three miles southeast of the city limits, on the Salem road, was brutally assaulted by a negro in broad daylight in a lonely spot and left for dead with fearful gashes on her neck. There is but little hope of her recovery. She was able to give but a slight description of her assailant. Farmers be, an a search and the city police also joined in the pursuit.

Quarrel Ends in Murder.

OTTUMWA, Ia., May 22.—James Davidson of Mystic, a mining camp south of here, lies dead as the result of a pistol shot fired by William Quinley. The shooting was the result of a quarrel between the two men, which was of long standing.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

M. S. Quay has announced his candidacy for re-election to the senate.

IN FAVOR OF BECKHAM

United States Supreme Court Decides Kentucky Case.

NOT OPEN TO JUDICIAL REVIEW.

Power of General Assembly to Determine Election Results Is Exclusive and the Court Lacks Jurisdiction in the Matter. Opinion by Chief Justice Fuller.

WASHINGTON, May 22.—The Kentucky governorship case was Monday decided by the United States supreme court in the interest of Beckham, affirming the decision of the Kentucky court of appeals.

The opinion was handed down by Chief Justice Fuller and the case was dismissed for want of jurisdiction and that the determination of the cases of this character, contests for state offices must necessarily be settled by the political branch of the government. That branch had acted in the Kentucky case when the general assembly took jurisdiction. There was no appeal from the assembly's decision, which was favorable to Goebel and Beckham, except to the tribunal of the people, which tribunal the chief justice said was always in session. He also said the case was purely a state case, that Kentucky was in the full possession of its faculties as a member of the union and that there was no emergency at this time calling for interference.

The opinion in the Kentucky case was not unanimous, some of the justices dissenting. Justices Brewer, Harlan, Brown and McKenna were the dissenting justices.

Kentucky Democrats Jubilant.

FRANKFORT, May 22.—The announcement of the supreme court's decision at Washington in the governorship contest was received here with the wildest demonstration on the part of the Democrats. The fire bells were rung, cannons boomed and the city was put in holiday attire in honor of Governor Beckham. A touching incident of the day occurred yesterday afternoon when 2,000 people marched to the cemetery, each wearing a flower, which was cast upon the grave of the late William Goebel, making the little mound which marks his resting place a vast bank of flowers.

The Taylor soldiers who have been in charge of the state capitol building and grounds since Jan. 30, the day Governor Goebel was assassinated, evacuated and turned their equipments over to Assistant Adjutant General Murray.

Mount Refuses to Honor Requisition.

INDIANAPOLIS, May 22.—Charles Finley, ex-secretary of state of Kentucky, was arrested here yesterday for complicity in the Goebel plot, but Governor Mount absolutely refused to honor Governor Beckham's requisition for Finley's return to Kentucky and he was released.

DEADLOCK ON BISHOP.

Sixteenth Ballot in Methodist Conference Results in No Election.

CHICAGO, May 22.—The west and the east were close together and close to a victory on the 16th ballot for bishop, taken just before the adjournment of the session of the general Methodist conference yesterday. According to the statements made by delegates who claim to know the findings of the tellers, the west as represented by Dr. David H. Moore of Cincinnati, editor of the Western Christian Advocate, led the east as represented by Dr. J. W. Hamilton of New York, senior secretary of the Freedmen's Aid society, by about a dozen votes.

The result of the 16th ballot, as it was unofficially given out, follows:

Whole number of votes cast, 637; necessary for choice, 438. David H. Moore, 425; J. W. Hamilton, 413; J. R. Day, 108.

Dr. Henry Spellmeyer and Dr. Neely, it is said, gained a few votes and the list of scattering votes was increased.

Quarantines Against San Francisco.

EL PASO, Tex., May 22.—State Quarantine Officer Nolan fully established the quarantine against San Francisco on account of the bubonic plague today. A camp has been established a mile west of the city, and guards are stationed there to stop all trains and to prevent all people, freight and express packages from entering the city. United States mail matter will go through, as will Mexican matter. But little fear of the plague extending to this state is expressed.

Missourian Found Murdered.

HOKIE, Ark., May 22.—The body of John Stockhouse, brother of Robert L. Stockhouse, a contractor with the West-Tie and Timber company of St. Louis, was found in the woods near Maynard. He had been first shot, then his eyes gouged out, nose and ears cut off and other parts of his body terribly mutilated. The murdered man came from Missouri about two weeks ago.

Sheriff Serves Injunction on Strikers.

CUMBERLAND, Md., May 22.—Sheriff Martin went into the Georges Creek coal mining district yesterday and served 100 injunctions on strikers and labor leaders restraining them from interfering with miners who desired to resume work. There were no demonstrations.

IOWA HAPPENINGS.

Cousins Again in Race for Congress.

CEGAR RAPIDS, Ia., May 18.—Robert G. Cousins of Tipton was renominated for congress by Fifth district Republicans today.

Death of A. L. Ormsby.

EMMETSBURG, Ia., May 19.—A. L. Ormsby, a veteran of the civil war, a pioneer banker, ex-mayor and leading business man of Emmetsburg, died at Lake Okoboji yesterday.

Des Moines Strike Ending.

DES MOINES, May 18.—From present indications the plumbers' strike will end tomorrow. A meeting of committees from each side was held and an agreement was all but reached. Each side showed a willingness to make concessions.

Newspaper Man Dies.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., May 18.—Yesterday occurred the death of L. S. Sauer, secretary of the board of education and former editor of the Standard, a local Democratic paper. He was formerly telegraph editor on the Cleveland Herald and Chicago Times.

Ballots Tampered With.

SIoux CITY, May 19.—It was discovered yesterday that ballot seals had been broken open and city assessor election ballots tampered with. A recount of these ballots gives O. F. Hutchinson, who is making a contest a majority over C. C. Wales, who holds the office. A bitter legal fight is in prospect.

Shooting at Gayville.

SIoux CITY, May 18.—A. O. Burtness was shot in the head by Ed Snyder at Gayville last night. The man had been quarreling all day. At night Snyder drove home, but soon returned and drove in front of a saloon and shot through the window at Burtness. The bullet struck Burtness over the temple. Burtness is still alive and Snyder is under arrest.

Many Aspirants for Dobson's Place.

DES MOINES, May 19.—Despite published reports to the effect that Secretary of State Dobson has withdrawn as a candidate for a third term, he has not yet done so. He has the matter under consideration, however, and the politicians believe that he will announce his withdrawal in a day or two. There will be no end of candidates for the place.

Good Liquor Lost.

IOWA CITY, Ia., May 19.—Fire at 2 a. m. totally destroyed R. Vogel's wholesale and retail liquor house and cigar factory. Loss, \$20,000, with \$15,000 insurance. The cause of the fire is unknown and very mysterious. Vogel's loss is total, including his large two-story brick business block. Willard Welch, retail china and glassware, lost \$3,500; fully insured.

Iowa Family Poisoned.

AMES, Ia., May 18.—The family of P. B. Brown are lying very ill at their home in this place as the result of eating poisonous food. Just what is the cause of the poisoning is a matter of conjecture and as yet they have been unable to definitely ascertain what it resulted from. The entire family have been very ill for several days and in final recovery of some of them is in doubt. John Peterson, who lives with the family, is in the most serious condition.

Wreck at Victor, Ia.

VICTOR, Ia., May 17.—A disastrous wreck occurred here last night, resulting in the destruction of several thousand dollars' worth of property and stock. A westbound Rock Island freight train was sidetracking when it was struck by an eastbound freight which was running on passenger time. Fortunately none of the train crews were hurt, although all had to jump for their lives. The eastbound train contained four carloads of cattle. One hundred and fifty of these were instantly killed and the rest had to be shot.

Doctors Name Officers.

DES MOINES, Ia., May 18.—At the annual meeting of the Iowa State Medical society here yesterday the election of officers, over which there has been quite a contest, resulted as follows: President, E. R. Coniff, Sioux City; first vice-president, J. M. Ristine, Cedar Rapids; second vice-president, Frank Porterfield, Atlantic; secretary, J. W. Cokenower, Des Moines; treasurer, George R. Skinner, Cedar Rapids. There was a contest between Davenport, Council Bluffs and Sioux City for the next meeting and Davenport won.

Six Siege Trains Have Been Ordered to be Prepared at Aldershot for Transportation to South Africa.

The admiral of the Siamese navy was a passenger on the steamer City of Peking, which arrived at San Francisco Monday.

About 125 linemen employed by the Bell Telephone company in Cleveland struck Monday for an 8-hour day without reduction in wages.

Four children of Thomas Brady were burned to death in their home near Nashville, the house having caught fire during the absence of their parents.

All grades of refined sugars have been advanced five points except coarse granulated and extra fine granulated. Arbuckle Bros. and the Doshier Refining company have followed the advance in refined made by the American Sugar company.

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