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## NO DEVELOPMENTS IN SOUTH AFRICA

**Expected Battle Between French  
and Boers Hasn't Occurred.**

**FREE STATERS DEMORALIZED**

**Protection Promised Them by Lord Roberts  
Has Not Been Fulfilled and They  
Are Now at the Mercy of the  
Victorious Boers.**

LONDON, April 4, 6:40 a. m.—No news has yet been received of the expected battle between General French and the Boers. There is now but a remote prospect of the capture of the guns. This, however, is regarded as quite trifling compared with the present effects of the disaster.

As the Bloemfontein correspondent of the Times remarks, Commandant Oliver's strategy, in recouping Ladybrand and Thaba Chu was bold and even brilliant. Most of his force is composed of Free Staters and the advantage gained by them will have a most disturbing effect on the mind of the Free State population.

The impossibility of effecting the complete protection for the moment of all farmers in the south and southeast sections of the Free State is recognized at Bloemfontein. The men who surrendered under the proclamation of Lord Roberts are now being punished for the reliance they placed in the ability of the British to protect them.

It is announced from Springsfontein that the censorship has again curtailed dispatches. Therefore important developments must be impending. There is little news from other points. Mafeking was still besieged on March 20, and there are rumors that General Buller is preparing to advance.

**CRONJE TAKEN TO ST. HELENA.**

CAPE TOWN, April 3.—General Cronje and 1,000 Boer prisoners sailed for St. Helena today.

**THE QUEEN AT KINGSTON.**

Much Enthusiasm Manifested and No Hostile Demonstration Occurred.

DUBLIN, April 4, 12:30 a. m.—In spite of the rain that was falling, the arrival of Queen Victoria in the royal yacht Victoria and Albert off Kingston, was the occasion for much enthusiasm.

Although all political conditions are represented in Kingston, there was no attempt at a counter demonstration. In fact the evening's fire works, singing and cheering was not marred by any hostile note.

**WHO REICHMAN IS.**

The Boer Commander, Who Entrapped Broadwood, Is a Deserter From the American Army.

NEW YORK, April 3.—The Journal and Advertiser assumes that the American named Reichman, said to have been in command of the Boers at the Bushman's Kop ambush, was Captain Carl Reichman, United States army.

The Journal and Advertiser says: Captain Reichman was detached from command of a company of the Seventeenth infantry when ordered to South Africa on January 5. He was sent to the Cape to report on all military operations and is virtually a United States representative. He reached the front about four weeks ago and, like the French and German attaches, is believed to be helping the Boer forces in whatever way he can.

Captain Reichman was born in Germany. He came to America in 1881 and the same year joined the United States army as a private. Within three years Reichman passed through the successive grades of private, corporal, sergeant and second lieutenant and after obtaining a commission his promotion was rapid.

At the beginning of the Spanish war he was made an assistant adjutant-general with the rank of captain of volunteers and was at the Santiago campaign. On his promotion to a captaincy in the regular army he was assigned to active duty in the Philippines. He served at the front there for several months.

Captain Reichman is a graduate of Heidelberg university. A Washington dispatch said last night that the war department received no report recently from Captain Reichman. The report that he was fighting with the Boers was a startling announcement to the department. Captain Reichman is still officially connected with the United States government and such an

act of his might bring on grave diplomatic difficulties.

The cables giving this report were handed at once to Adjutant-General Corbin.

"Such a thing as this is inconceivable," said the adjutant-general. "I cannot believe that Captain Reichman has done this without first forwarding a resignation to the war department. I have been asked several times today whether he had resigned. I cannot believe that he would take part in the Transvaal battles without first leaving the United States army.

"As I have said, such a thing is inconceivable under military law.

"Captain Reichman is one of the most conservative officers in the army. That was one of the reasons why he was sent to the Transvaal."

If Captain Reichman has joined in the fighting without first resigning from the United States army he will be liable to court martial on his return. If he does not return he will be dismissed from the service in disgrace if it be found true that he joined the Boers while still holding a commission under the United States.

**REPORTS DON'T AGREE.**

London Newspapers Publish Different Accounts of Broadwood's Disaster.

NEW YORK, April 3.—A dispatch to the Tribune from London says:

There are some curious discrepancies in unofficial reports of Colonel Broadwood's mishap. According to two correspondents the Boers were under command of General Grobbler, while another names Reichman as the commander. Then, again the Chronicle's account says that two guns are reported to have been re-captured while the Times indicates that the Boers got away.

It is interesting, too, to note that while Lord Roberts speaks of the loss of seven guns, the Boers themselves say that they have captured only six. Of the five guns that are known to have been saved four did not fall into the hands of the Boers simply owing to the fact that when the drivers were shot the horses stampeded out of the action, but instead of galloping toward the Boer lines they made off in the direction of Bloemfontein and the arrival of the Ninth division compelled a detachment of Boers who had been sent in pursuit to beat a hasty retreat.

Indeed, it seems that except for General Colville, the whole of Colonel Broadwood's column would have gone under. He forced the Boers back and evidently without much opposition as by the time he had got his artillery in position, the only resistance that was offered to the advance of his infantry came from guns firing shrapnel at too long a range.

According to the Chronicle the Boers cut off the water supply of Bloemfontein and destroyed the pumping gear, as well as the field telegraph before they retired. The water-works were however new and the old supply of spring water is still available. The British losses in artillery in the present war have been exceptionally heavy. Altogether 23 guns have been captured by the Boers, who on their part have lost only seven.

**TO FIGHT THE PLAGUE.**

Marine Hospital Service Asks An Appropriation for That Purpose.

NEW YORK, April 3.—A special to the Tribune from Washington says:

The secretary of the treasury has sent an urgent request to congress to make \$300,000 immediately available to enable the marine hospital service to fight the plague and other diseases that may appear at any moment.

In the annual estimates, submitted last December, \$300,000 was asked for this purpose, but it is already seen that this amount will be insufficient. Surgeon-General Wyman, in his requisition to the secretary for the money, reports that on account of the continued and increasing danger from the plague it has become necessary to detail medical officers of that service for duty in the offices of the United States consuls at the various posts of Europe from which emigrants depart and to prevent the introduction of yellow fever from the fruit ports of Central and South America.

Medical officers have been detailed to serve in the consular offices to enforce the quarantine regulations to be observed at foreign ports. Medical officers are also attached to the American consulates in Yokohama, Kobe and Hong Kong. Dr. Wyman further says that the plague has recently been reported in San Francisco. This state of affairs has rendered necessary the expenditure of greater sums from the appropriation to fight epidemics than were contemplated when the estimates were submitted and it is believed that \$300,000 may prove insufficient to meet all the emergencies likely to arise in the coming fiscal year.

**GOING TO ALASKA.**

WASHINGTON, April 3.—Commander Couden has been ordered to Unalakleet, Alaska, to take command of the Wheeling. The Wheeling is now at Manila, but will sail shortly for the United States by the northern route. She is now under command of Commander Burwell.

## BRYAN NEEDED IN NEBRASKA

**Lincoln and Omaha Go Republican by Large Majorities.**

**OTHER REPUBLICAN GAINS**

**Municipal Elections Generally Throughout  
Kansas, Illinois, Wisconsin and Else-  
where Yesterday Result Disastrous-  
ly to Democratic Candidates.**

OMAHA, April 3.—City and village elections were held throughout Nebraska today, with the exception of Omaha. The main issue in most of the smaller places was the liquor license and the results are mixed, the greater number of towns apparently being favorable to licensing the traffic for another year.

While party politics cut little figure in the smaller towns, yet republican gains are noticeable all over the state. South Omaha for the first time in its history elects a republican mayor by 500 plurality. Lincoln gives the largest republican majority for years and makes a clean sweep on the local ticket.

**CHICAGO REPUBLICAN.**

CHICAGO, April 3.—In the city election today the republicans elect nineteen and the democrats sixteen aldermen. The new council will contain 40 republicans and 29 democrats.

**ILLINOIS TOWNS REPUBLICAN.**

CHICAGO, April 3.—Returns from the township elections throughout Illinois today show that the republicans have elected more of their men than the democrats.

**WISCONSIN TOWNS REPUBLICAN.**

MILWAUKEE, April 3.—Mayor Davell is S. Rose, democrat, triumphed at the municipal election today and carried the rest of the city ticket with him. He will have a plurality of at least 5,000. The result of the elections throughout Wisconsin outside of Milwaukee, show that the republicans gained the greater number of victories.

**COLORADO SPRINGS REPUBLICAN**

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., April 3.—The entire republican ticket was elected here today, except the candidate for marshal, by majorities ranging from 400 to 1600.

**ST. JOSEPH REPUBLICAN.**

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., April 3.—Indications give a sweeping victory for the republican ticket headed by John Combe for mayor.

**TACOMA REPUBLICAN.**

TACOMA, April 3.—Complete returns from the election today show the election of Louis D. Campbell (rep.) for mayor by 117 majority; Alfred Lister (rep.) for controller by 180 majority; Frank B. Cole (citizens) for treasurer by 372 majority. Republicans elect five councilmen and citizens three, with a tie in the sixth ward. The vote shows that politics cut very little figure in the contest.

**KANSAS TOWNS REPUBLICAN.**

TOPEKA, Kan., April 3.—Municipal elections were held throughout the state today in cities of the first and second class. Party lines were maintained in most cases and the returns received here up to midnight indicate that the republicans have generally been successful.

**KANSAS CITY DEMOCRATIC.**

KANSAS CITY, April 3.—The democrats scored victory in today's city election, electing James A. Reed mayor by a majority of 1,009.

**ST. LOUIS DEMOCRATIC.**

ST. LOUIS, April 3.—The municipal elections today were on the whole favorable to the democrats.

**FIGHTING IN PHILIPPINES.**

Story of an Expedition in the Mountains of Luzon.

WASHINGTON, April 3.—The war department has made public a number

of reports of the movements of small expeditions which started from Baguio January 21 last, on a scout through the mountains of Luzon in search of Aguinaldo.

Colonel Hare of the Twenty-third Infantry had heard that an insurgent general was in the neighborhood and believed that it might be Aguinaldo. So he started on the trail with Captain Ashburn, of the first battalion of his regiment and forty men, and was out five days going as far as Bacoco. This little expedition was characterized by many acts of daring and gallantry which form the subject of the reports.

At one point near Doninay, the insurgents had prepared an ambush. The soldiers knew of it and deployed, attacking the insurgents from the front and both flanks, killing one lieutenant and nine men and capturing five prisoners and a lot of ammunition. One man wounded was the American casualty list.

The wounded man, Sergeant-Major Wilson, is recommended for a medal of honor, as were also First Lieutenant Jeffers and these enlisted men: Joan G. Sammons and Frank Miller, company B; F. A. Murphy, company D; J. A. Szymore, company C; Ray Brunsline, William Smith, Paul Jenkins and J. R. Hawkins, company A, and Corporal G. C. Burke. A certificate of merit is also recommended for Hospital Steward A. M. Coffey.

Colonel Hare pays special tribute to the bravery of Sergeant-Major Wilson, characterizing his act as one that "simply exhausts imagination." With six or seven men he charged straight through the rocky gorge under heavy fire from the insurgents, at a distance of 40 yards. Colonel Hare says:

"Wilson exhausted the magazine of his Krag and then saw a man not 20 yards from him. He was too far off to be sure of his aim with his pistol and he had no time to reload so he made a dash for the man with his revolver." That is when he was shot in the hip.

Then Lieutenant Jeffers charged up the trail with seven men. At its summit he had a personal encounter with three of the bandits. He shot one dead, knocked the other down with the butt of his revolver while the man behind threw his gun over Jeffers shoulder and killed the other man.

**BRYAN AT TACOMA.**

Makes Three Speeches and Leaves for Portland, Where He Will Be Heard Today.

TACOMA, April 3.—Bryan made three speeches today, one at Olympia in the morning and two here. In the afternoon he addressed 8,000 people in the new wigwam and in the evening the building, with a capacity of 10,000, was taxed.

Colonel Bryan is almost worn out by his recent canvass of the state. When seen at the conclusion of his speech tonight he could hardly articulate.

He left tonight for Oregon, speaking tomorrow at McMinnville, Hillsboro and Portland. Three days in California after the Oregon visit will end his coast tour.

**RAINS IN AUSTRALIA.**

Copious Showers Have Fallen and the Outlook for the Wheat Crop Now Most Favorable.

MELBOURNE, April 3.—Good rains have fallen in most districts of Victoria and New South Wales and the outlook for the wheat is now generally more favorable than it has been for years past.

**CANAL COMMISSIONERS RETURN.**

Admiral Walker Says They Have Made Exhaustive Examinations of Both Routes.

NEW YORK, April 3.—The canal commissioners, Rear-Admiral Walker, Samuel Pasco, Colonel Ernest and Emory H. Johnson, arrived today from Central America. Rear-Admiral Walker said:

"We have completed our portion of the work of investigating the possibilities of both the Panama and Nicaraguan routes. We have spent three months in the bushes and have collected a great mass of data which we will put into shape for our report to be handed in to the president next December.

**DIED FOR HER HUSBAND.**

Wife of a Butte Saloon Keeper Gets Between Her Husband and an Assassin's Bullet.

BUTTE, Mont., April 3.—Mrs. Fay Creech, a native of Frankfort, Ky., and wife of Joseph Creech, a saloon keeper, lost her life this morning while trying to protect her husband from the bullet of a would-be assassin.

Mrs. Creech got between her husband and the assassin when the latter shot, the bullet striking the woman in the breast. She died in a few minutes.

Edward Allison was arrested for the crime but escaped from the jail.

## PUERTO RICAN TARIFF PASSED

**Majority of Nine Finally Obtained  
for the Bill as Amended.**

**SIMON'S STUBBORN COURSE**

**His Vote Cast With the Democrats Against  
the Bill, While McBride Stands  
With His Party and  
Constituents.**

WASHINGTON, April 3.—This was a notable day in the senate. It brought to a close the sharpest and most prolonged debate upon any measure since those discussed during the memorable "war congress" two years ago.

At 4 o'clock this afternoon votes were begun upon the Puerto Rican tariff and civil government bill and the pending amendment, and in less than an hour later the measure, about which there has been so much contention in and out of congress, was passed by a majority of nine, the final vote being 46 to 31. Only the committee amendments were adopted.

The particularly notable speeches of the day were delivered by Mason (dem.), of Illinois, in opposition to the measure and by Foraker (rep.), of Ohio, who replied to a brief speech by Wellington (rep.), of Maryland. It was the Ohio senator's desire to clear up any misunderstanding or misinformation concerning the bill.

Just before the senate adjourned a sensational episode occurred, in which Wolcott (rep.), of Colorado, accused Lodge (rep.), of Massachusetts, of uttering that which was "unqualifiedly false." The difficulty arose over an effort made by Lodge to have the Spooner bill made unfinished business. This involved the displacement of the Quay case and the friends of the former senator from Pennsylvania made things exceedingly lively for half an hour.

The detailed vote on the Puerto Rican bill was as follows:

Yens—Allison, Baker, Bard, Carter, Chandler, Clark (Wyo.), Cullom, Deboe, Depew, Fairbanks, Fairbanks, Foraker, Foster, Frye, Gallinger, Gear, Hanna, Hansbrough, Hawley, Jones (Nev.), Kean, Kyle, Lodge, McBride, McComas, McMillan, Penrose, Perkins, Platt (Conn.), Platt (N. Y.), Pritchard, Quarles, Ross, Scott, Sewell, Shoupe, Spooner, Stewart, Thurston, Wetmore, Wolcott—46.

Nays—Allen, Bacon, Bate, Berry, Clark (Mont.), Clay, Cockerell, Culbertson, Daniel, Davis (rep.), Harris, Helfield, Jones (Ark.), Kenny, Lindsay, McLaurin, Martin, Mason, Money, Morgan, Nelson (rep.), Pettus, Proctor (rep.), Simon (rep.), Sullivan, Tallaferrro, Teller, Tillman, Turley, Vest, Wellington (rep.)—31.

Pairs were announced as follows: Those first mentioned being opposed to the bill.

Caffery—Burrows; Chilton—Elkins; Rawlins—Hanna; Hoar—McEnery; Malloy—Hale; Turner—Warren; Pettigrew—Aldrich; Butler—McCumber. Beveridge was the only absentee who was not paired. He has a regular pair with Clark, of Montana, and that senator announced that if present, Beveridge would vote for the amendment.

**DEWEY GONE CRAZY.**

Seduced by a Woman, He Announces Himself a Candidate for President.

NEW YORK, April 3.—A special to the World from Washington says:

Admiral Dewey has authorized the World to announce to the American people that after mature reflection and in response to earnest entreaties from all parts of the country, his former decision not under any circumstances to run for the presidency is rescinded. Admiral Dewey said:

"If the American people want me for this high office I shall be only too willing to serve them."

**MAY ENLIST FILIPINOS.**

WASHINGTON, April 3.—The war department has authorized General Ota to enlist competent Filipino musicians in the regimental bands.