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BOERS TRY TO ESCAPE

Cronje's Men at Simontown Make a Desperate Effort to Escape British Captors.

Fourteen Succeeded in the Attempt—The Casualties at the Reddersburg Trap.

Nearly 600 British Captured in the Latest Disaster—The War News.

Cape Town, April 7.—A determined attempt to escape was made today by the Boer prisoners at Simontown. Fourteen succeeded in getting away.

London, April 7.—Roberts reports to the war office today as follows: Bloemfontein, Friday, April 6.—Casualties at Reddersburg: Officers killed, Capt. F. G. Casson and Lieut. C. R. Barclay, both of the Northumberland; wounded, two; captured, eight. Non-commissioned officers and men killed, eight; wounded, thirty-three; rest captured. Our strength was 167 mounted infantry and 424 infantry. The enemy was said to be 2,300 strong, with five guns.

Boers Near Orange River. Allval North, Cape Colony, Friday, April 6.—The colonial division at Wepener captured five prisoners and 400 rifles. The Royal Irish Rifles are falling back on Beetsakral from Rouxville. The Boers are reported as moving east and west of Rouxville and a number of them are reported sixteen miles from the town of Orange River. A town guard is being formed here.

Two Hundred Insurgents Captured. Carnarvon, Cape Colony, April 6.—It is reported that 200 insurgents, who were not aware that Sir Charles Farnham occupied Kennard and who were on their way to that place, were captured by the British. The Canadian artillery has returned here from Van Wyks View.

REVIEW OF THE SITUATION. Roberts' Attempt to Recapture His Men Seen in Cape Colony.

London, April 7.—Adding interest to the situation in South Africa comes the report that a detachment of hussars being hurried forward from Norway's point to the assistance of captured British soldiers had proceeded only so far as Edenburg, when the train was stopped by a small force of Boers.

These incidents are particularly significant, because they show that the Boers again have assembled in the positions whence they had been driven by Lord Roberts' army a short time ago. If the latest dispatches are authentic, the Boer commands are operating all the way from Wepener to Boshof, and from Paardeberg to Ladybrand. This means that the Orange Free State again is practically overrun by Boers, and the fact is especially serious for the reason that Lord Roberts' communications from the Boer force at every small British detachment within the sphere of immediate hostilities is rendered insecure.

The force captured by Lord Methuen evidently was marching across country for the purpose of destroying the railroad near the Boer troops at Wepener, and would seem to indicate that the British general became aware of this and executed a quick and effective counter-march. What it was that saved Lord Roberts' communications from the Boer force that gathered in five companies of British troops cannot be made out at this distance.

Last evening there was another small Boer party at the vicar's residence after which the duke and duchess of Connaught, Princess Christian, Earl and Countess Cadogan, Lord and Lady Dunraven and Lord and Lady Londonderry, with others, attended a concert at the Theater Royal, where there was a great patriotic demonstration.

There is no confirmation of the rumors that the prince of Wales will come to Ireland. Earl Cadogan knows nothing of any such intention. The loyalists, however, unite in saying that there will be an excellent idea and with the leading castle authorities favoring it is more than probable that the prince would be persuaded to visit Erin before the queen's departure.

ASHANTI IN ARMS. Accra, British Gold Coast Colony, April 6.—A Coomassie runner reports that all the Ashanti tribes are in arms the king of Bakwal alone remaining loyal. It is believed the Ashanti golden stool has been found and the governor of the colony, Sir Frederic Mitchell Hodgson, to take possession of it.

Frenchmen in a Duel. Paris, April 7.—A duel between Comte de Dion and M. de Saint Alery, the respective seconds in the Comte de Lubersac and Baron Edouard de Rothschild quarrel, was fought this morning in the hippodrome at Neuilly la Defense. Alery was slightly wounded in the right arm in the sixteenth onslaught and the duel was then stopped.

Queen Reviews Children. Dublin, April 7.—From 35,000 to 40,000 children assembled at Phoenix Park this afternoon and were reviewed by the queen. There was a remarkable demonstration. The queen, accompanied by the princesses, drove thru the extended lines of children, bowing repeated acknowledgments to their joyous hurrahs.

Crane May Recover. London, April 7.—After a medical consultation held yesterday evening the physicians are hopeful for the recovery of Stephen Crane, the novelist, who is seriously ill.

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STORM SEASON OPENS

Cloudburst in Vicinity of Austin, Tex., Does Great Amount of Damage.

Colorado River Rises Eleven Feet in Three Hours—One Train Wrecked.

A Number of Passengers Reported Burned—Property Losses Will Be Great.

Austin, Texas, April 7.—This section of Texas was visited by a cloudburst this morning and the entire country inundated. The Colorado river rose eleven feet in three hours and is still rising three feet an hour. As a result of the storm a bridge on the International & Great Northern railroad, seventeen miles west, was washed out, wrecking the St. Louis cannon ball train. A number of passengers are reported burned. The damage to this section will be hundreds of thousands of dollars. Trains on the Austin & Northwestern road are abandoned as the result of bridges and track being washed away. Reports from all sections tributary to the Colorado river report great damage. It is rumored that a family of six negroes were drowned west of here. People in the lowlands are fleeing from their homes. It is feared the loss of life and property will be great. It is still raining.

Dallas, Tex., April 7.—At 12:45 all telegraph and telephone communication with Austin and San Antonio was lost. A telephone message from La Grange at noon states that the big dam in the Colorado river at Austin broke, washing away the power house which supplies the city with water and light.

IRISH PAPER SEIZED. Offices of the United Irishmen Halted by Dublin Police.

Dublin, April 7.—The police last night raided the offices of the United Irishmen, a newspaper representing the extreme wing of the nationalist party, and seized all the copies that were to be found of the current issue, containing articles hostile to the queen's visit. Especially offensive was one signed by Miss Maud Queen and headed "Famine and the Queen."

Gaiety Turned to Gloom. Dublin, April 7.—Lord Roberts' dispatch describing the disaster at Reddersburg was printed in the Dublin evening papers and created general consternation. It brought the populace with a quick turn from the rejoicing over the queen's visit to the great gloom of the war, and on a sudden gloom over the gaiety of the party at the castle.

A prominent member of the cabinet now in Dublin did not attempt to conceal his mortification nor to minimize the evil effect of such reverses upon the prestige of the empire abroad. He attributed it and others like it of recent occurrence to a lack of horses and to the inability of the remounts sent forward to endure the climate. He appeared to have no hope of an immediate advance in force.

In the cabinet minister's statement there was no criticism of Lord Roberts, who appears to be trusted implicitly, but intense irritation and chagrin are felt that so many "unfortunate circumstances" should retard the march to Pretoria.

In spite of the fact that it is raining again, Victoria went out in the vicar's garden in a garden chair. Owing to the continued wet weather she did not visit the city in the afternoon, merely indulging in a short carriage ride. The queen drove out in an open carriage accompanied by the Princesses Henry of Battenberg and a lady-in-waiting, and escorted by four mounted constables and a sergeant of the Dublin police. She returned at 5:30 p. m. Crowds of people filled O'Connell street in fruitless anticipation of seeing the queen pass.

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MADE A GOOD RECORD

Twenty-eighth General Assembly Complimented for Its Good Work and Good Nature.

Final Adjournment Found Few Members With Grievances and Practically No Soreheads.

Salaries of State House Employees Raised—Senator Bolter's Farewell.

Special to Times-Republican. Des Moines, April 7.—The twenty-eighth general assembly adjourned in the best of nature and with good feeling toward every one. The compliments exchanged at the close were hearty and sincere and thoroughly deserved by the recipients. There has been less disapproval and dissatisfaction in the closing days than has usually been the case when the general assembly has adjourned in the past. A greater proportion of members were successful in getting their bills thru. The sifting committee were less disposed to bury bills for selfish reasons. Nearly all the bills that deserved to come out were allowed to do so and have their chance on the floor. The senate committee smothered some good bills for personal reasons; but there was no big fight or disposition to complain against the committee.

Senator Trewin served notice on the committee on retrenchment and reform that in the future it must give the senate a chance to consider the schedule of clerical help in state offices with the salaries below a decent wage scale, and bring it in at the last hour of the session. He made this notice very emphatic and kicked up quite a muss over it, also, when the action of the committee was explained, there was no objection to anything which had done any good in the state, instead of decreasing salaries, let them all who they were put by the committee, except that it increased the salary of one colored janitor, giving her the same pay the men janitors receive.

The fact is, the committee two years ago cut the clerk hire and salaries in the state house below a decent wage scale, and this year's committee simply restored the salaries to a reasonable figure in many cases, others were left at the old scale, also, the committee was subjected to an enormous pressure to increase salaries and give offices additional clerks. The committee resisted this pressure and allowed only what was absolutely necessary. It required some courage on the part of the committee, which was composed of Senators Junkin, Cheshire and Garst and Representative Eaton, Temple and Dowd to resist the efforts of the members at large, but they did it regardless of cheap efforts to make political capital out of cutting down small salaries or keeping them down. The committee took the position that the people want their servants to do decent work, and in this they were undoubtedly right. No complaints have ever come to the legislature against the payment of fair and reasonable wages to the employees in the state house. The increase in business in nearly all of the state offices has been enormous during the past two years, and many of the clerks have had to work many hours over time. With all this, the cost of living increasing, and other things to correspond, the members of the committee were fully justified in raising salaries to the modest extent which they did.

There was nothing more touching in the closing hours of the legislature than the farewell of Senator Bolter, of Harrison county, who, after paying glowing tributes to the secretary of the senate, declared that he was retiring to his home in Harrison county, but that he would remain in the senate chamber for the formal adjournment, but left the senate chamber shortly after he had, with tears in his eyes and a big lump in his throat, thanked Senator Healy for the tribute that had been paid to him by his colleagues. He said he had read of the senator from Harrison and esteemed it a high privilege to have served with him.

Many compliments have been paid to secretaries and chief clerks in times gone by, but nothing equal to the unstinted praise that was yesterday heaped upon George A. Newman, secretary of the senate, has ever been recorded. It came from all sides and it was most genuine and enthusiastic, because he has been not only capable but absolutely fair, and no one has accused him of attempting to manipulate legislation in any way. In the house there is likely to be a new chief clerk next session, even if the same man come back with their terms extended to hold another session two years hence. The chief clerk of the house has not made a brilliant record. Nothing dishonest is charged against him, but he has not been capable of filling the position and has been a great trial to the house.

Magill Sent to the Pen. Chicago, April 7.—George Magill, formerly a well-known Chicago banker and who for years fought the charge of receiving deposits after he knew his bank, the Avenue Savings, to be insolvent, today withdrew his plea of not guilty and was sentenced to the penitentiary and to pay a fine of \$3,000.

Scotland Beats England. Glasgow, April 7.—The twenty-ninth international football match resulted today in a victory for Scotland. Score: Scotland, 4; England, 1. Eighty thousand people were present. Lord Rosebery was a spectator.

CHAMPION JEFFRIES QUICKLY KNOCKS OUT FINNEGAN OF PITTSBURGH

Chicago, April 7.—Champion James J. Jeffries knocked out John Finnegan, of Pittsburgh, last night before the Cadillac Athletic Club in fifty-five seconds. Finnegan landed the first blow as they came together in the center of the ring and Jeffries then put his left on the Pittsburgh man's jaw and he went to the floor. Finnegan came up in a few seconds, only to be sent to the place again with a blow in the same place. He stayed down longer this time, and when he again arose he was in visible distress. He had hardly assumed a fighting position before the champion put his left in the pit of the stomach and Finnegan went down, completely out. Referee Sizer counted off the seconds and when he stepped back it was seen that Finnegan was crying. He staggered to his feet, reeled against the ropes and his seconds carried him to his corner. It was several minutes before he recovered sufficiently to leave the ring. Jeffries said he weighed 220 pounds and Finnegan weighed 180 and looked like a boy beside the champion. In the preliminaries George Gibbs, of Cleveland, knocked out Shorty Cross in the eighth round of what was scheduled for a ten-round bout and Tom Pruders, of Saginaw, got the best of Frank Stroh, of Detroit, at the end of their ten-round go.

THE PAJAMA PARADE. Frank of Michigan "Laws" Brings the "Lits" into Battle.

Ann Arbor, Mich., April 7.—The biggest rush that Ann Arbor has seen for years took place on the campus and streets leading down town last night. Through the streets students from all departments participated.

The occasion was the "night-gown" swing-out, with which the "laws" burlusqued the senior swing-out in caps and gowns, which took place Thursday. Seventy-five laws donned night gowns, or pajamas, and formed a line marching through the campus down Liberty street and thru Main street, attended by a bodyguard of several hundred other laws. The big fight took place on the campus, where a thousand students pushed and stamped out good stiff punches.

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There were probably more individual fights in a short time than have been seen here for several years, as department feeling is running high. It culminated in the shooting down by the laws of a senior lit flag, which was flying from the top of the university flag pole as yesterday afternoon in defiance of the orders of the university authorities.

"Marjory Lee" Seeks \$20,000. Boston, Mass., April 7.—Miss Margaret Riley, who was a member of the chorus in "The Man in the Moon" Company when she played here last November, and known as Marjory Lee, has sued Arnold Lawson, son of Thomas W. Lawson, the copper magnate, for breach of promise to marry. Miss Riley, who is a petite blonde, places the damages at \$20,000. Mr. Lawson makes a complete denial of her allegations.

Miners' Troubles Settled. Columbus, O., April 7.—It is announced at the state headquarters of United Mine Workers that an agreement has been reached between the miners and operators of Bellairs district at the New Philadelphia conference. All differences were settled, the Indianapolis scale skinned and a new scale made granting an increase of 20 per cent to outside day laborers. Five thousand men are affected.

Postoffice Robbery. Sioux City, April 7.—Chief of Police Nelson yesterday received a telegram from G. L. Van Eaton, mayor of Little Rock, Ia., which stated that the post-office at that place had been burglarized during the night, the thieves succeeding in securing some money and a large amount of stamps. The chief has his men on the watch for the burglars.

Married a Chinaman. Rapid City, S. D., April 7.—Charles P. Wing and Miss Bessie Trudell were married in this city yesterday. Mr. Wing is a prosperous Chinaman, and the bride is a young woman well known in this city and in the Black Hills. The groom took out his last naturalization papers on Monday and became an American citizen. The couple were married by a justice of the peace in the American fashion, and Mr. and Mrs. Wing are now at home to their many friends. This is said to be the first marriage of its kind ever performed in the Black Hills, if not in the state.

T-R BULLETIN

NOTICEABLE AS OF TODAY

The Weather. For Iowa—Showers Sunday and in the west tonight.

For Illinois—Showers Sunday and in the extreme south tonight.

For South Dakota—Threatening tonight and Sunday, with showers in the extreme east tonight.

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invited not only Dewey and Bryan, but Senator Albert J. Beveridge, and awaiting the result.

Quickly on the heels of the Dewey announcement came a letter from Bryan asking whether the date was still open, saying that the Nebraska would be delighted to speak to the Seven O'clock Club on the evening of May 1 and that if the date was agreed to, Mr. Bryan would be pleased to have the club give at his expense. The club, thru its corresponding secretary, Max J. Reese, did wire at Mr. Bryan's expense, and the result was that the Nebraska pledged its appearance.

The evening of Wednesday, May 1, is the time set for the entertainment of Admiral Dewey and Senator Beveridge, both of whom, in the natural course of events, are expected to make speeches. The combination of these two speakers and Mr. Bryan, it is believed, will make the Seven O'clock Club dinner the foremost feature of the Dewey celebration.

Nobody doubts Bryan's ability to take care of the admiral in a rhetorical joust, and unless Mrs. Dewey takes a hand it is forecast that the new candidate for the presidency will "lose a fair" to the man from the state of Ohio. Just what Senator Beveridge will do to Bryan if he gets a chance is a problem. In what capacity he will appear—whether as a champion of the administration or as a presidential possibility that can not be forecast. In any case Bryan has uttered his "def." He will be here to do battle.

Whether he objects to the idea of Dewey around Chicago in the dual role of a hero and a candidate is not known. Bryan, having accepted the gauge first becomes the challenger. His sword, spear, dagger and glue are hanging at the disposal of the Lakeside Club. It remains to be seen whether Dewey and Beveridge, the challenged, will hearken to the bugle.

WATTERSON ABANDONS DEWEY. Kentucky Editor Had Last Saturday Said It Was Too Late.

Louisville, Ky., April 7.—The Courier-Journal was once the original Dewey advocate, and Mr. Watterson sang the praises of Dewey long and loud; but on last Saturday he gave up hope and committed himself in the following editorial:

"The ticket which will be nominated by the democrats at Kansas City will be headed by Mr. Bryan. There was but one man, under favoring conditions, who might have tried conclusions with Mr. Bryan's grip on the nomination, and that man was Admiral Dewey. If, in the autumn of 1899, Admiral Dewey had given his consent, a movement would have been started to name Dewey and Wheeler, which would have proved strong enough to carry all before it, and which might have defied any divisions that any faction could bring against it. The people were ripe for a new shuffle are cut. They were full of the American spirit. They wanted the perfect restoration of the union implied by the idea of Dewey and Wheeler.

"But the admiral would not. He let the time go by. The occasion has passed, and with the end of it came the end of all expectation that could be made even respectable to the claim of Mr. Bryan."

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Murder at Mount Vernon, Ill. Mount Vernon, Ill., April 7.—George W. Roberts, a prominent farmer of this vicinity, was killed last night by his stepson, Hardy Hughey. The cause of the killing is unknown. Hughey is under arrest.

At Birmingham, Ala., Joe Scott, a negro, was murdered and his house fired by two unknown negro men. Before the fire department could reach the place the building was destroyed together with the adjacent houses. Robbery is supposed to be the motive for the crime.

A DEMAND ON CHINA

America, British, Germany and France Join in a Note to China.

Immediate Suppression of the Society of Boxers Demanded—Will Land Troops.

Foreigners in the Northern Provinces Will Be Protected at All Hazards.

London, April 7.—A special dispatch from Shanghai announces that the American, British, German and French ministers have sent a joint note to the Chinese foreign office demanding total suppression of the society of boxers within two months and announcing that otherwise the powers mentioned will land troops and march into the interior of the northern provinces, Shantung and Chili, in order to secure safety of foreigners.

According to the same dispatch the American, Italian and French legations are now provided with naval guards from a large gathering of warships at Taku. Lieut. Kun Yeh, viceroys of Liang Kiang, had three audiences with the dowager empress relative to the emperor, and it is believed he impressed her with the advisability of restoring his majesty to power.

CONSOLATION HANDICAP. Ten Men Had Clean Scores in the Grand American Shoot.

New York, April 7.—The consolation handicap of the Grand American Inter-club shoot yesterday live bird contest was shot off yesterday. Sixty-two of the men who took part in the shoot Thursday lined up at the traps. The conditions were fifteen birds, \$10 entrance, with the same handicaps as in the Grand American, one yard added to all winners of money yesterday. Bates, winner of the Grand American, missed his fourth bird.

W. A. Hillis, the first man up, was also the first to miss three birds, and under the rules he was out. Townsend, Painter, J. L. Smith, Lefevre, Dr. Vincent, Post, Wood, York, Jackson, Hows and Fox followed suit, so that at the end of the eighth round there were only nineteen straight left in the race. At the end of the twelfth round there were only twelve straight, and when the game was finished ten men had clean scores. They were Van Allen, Budd, Fanning, Price, Wayman, Travis, Nauman, Faulstich and Nelson, and they divided \$64.25.

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CHIO TOWN BURNED. Proctorville Nearly Wiped Out by the Flames Today.

Proctorville, O., April 7.—Fire broke out in Puh's flouring mills this morning, two squares of residences and business houses being destroyed. But two stores in the town remained. Loss, \$300,000, with 30 per cent insurance.

Republicans of Washington. Ellenburg, Wash., April 7.—The republican state convention met yesterday and elected eight delegates to the national republican convention. Instructions were given to vote for William McKinley for president, and adopted a platform and adjourned after a two hours session. The platform endorses in its entirety the administration of President McKinley; the course in congress; the republican government; A. G. Foster, and the two representatives, W. L. Jones and E. W. Cushman. Continuing the platform says:

"We endorse the action of congress in having enacted into law the existing gold standard and oppose the free coinage of silver. We congratulate the country upon the fact that the present republican congress has removed the monetary question from the realm of doubt and uncertainty into that of settled law. We adhere to the doctrine that the war with Spain is under complete control of the government of the United States, and object to such laws as congress may from time to time enact. We favor the prompt establishment of such permanent government in this newly acquired territory as will promote civilization, education and commerce. In the formation of such government we advocate the home rule principle. We oppose any backward step on the subject of expansion."

Spaniards Want to Return. Madrid, April 7.—It is announced that Minister of War Polavieja has received an official dispatch from Manila announcing that many Spaniards residing there desire to return to Spain on account of the spreading of the Filipino insurrection in Luzon.

Bank Statement. New York, April 7.—The bank statement: Surplus reserve decreased \$1,921,350, loans increased \$12,954,300 and deposits increased \$14,673,000. The banks now hold \$7,904,800 in excess of legal requirements.

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