

## LATEST NEWS OF THE WORLD BY TELEGRAPH AND CABLE. { CONTINUED ON PAGES 5, 6 }

### OUR NATIONAL LEGISLATURE.

#### Congress Considers Various Matters of Interest to the Country.

#### SYMPATHY FOR THE BOERS.

Senate Refuses To Take Up Resolution Of Senator Pettigrew Expressing Sympathy For The Struggling Transvaalers The Alaskan Code Bill-Porto Rican Civil Affairs-The House Deals With Game, Song and Insective Or Wild Birds-Industries In China And Japan.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

Washington, D. C., April 30.—Again to-day the question of expressing sympathy for the Boers was thrust upon the attention of the Senate. This time it came up on a motion to proceed to the consideration of the resolution introduced by Mr. Pettigrew, of South Dakota, which was before the Senate last Saturday. The motion was defeated—29 to 20.

Late in the session the Senate, after brief discussion, agreed to the conference report on the joint resolution relating to the administration of civil affairs in Porto Rico and providing for the appointment of temporary officers on the island.

No progress was made with the Alaskan civil code bill.

#### IRREGULAR PRACTICES.

Mr. Jones, of Arkansas, introduced two resolutions, which were agreed to, calling upon the Secretary of the Treasury for copies of documents, etc., relating to the alleged irregular practices of a special agent of the Treasury, William H. Theobald, at New York; and calling upon the Attorney-General for the report of Special Agent Sutherland relative to the connection of William H. Theobald with the Chinese investigation and criminal trial of Deputy Collector Proctor, of Malone, and Chinese Inspector Brown and Chinese Interpreter Moy Loy.

#### RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY.

Mr. Pettigrew, after ascertaining that his resolution expressing sympathy for the Boers, which was before the Senate when the body adjourned on Saturday had gone to the calendar, moved to take up the resolution. On this motion the yeas and noes were demanded. It was defeated—29 to 20—as follows:

Yeas—Allen, Bate, Berry, Chandler, Clay, Hale, Harris, Heitfeld, Hoar, Jones (Arkansas), Kenny, McCumber, McEnery, Martin, Mason, Pettigrew, Ross, Teller, Turner, Vest—29.

Noes—Aldrich, Allison, Bard, Carter, Clark (Wisconsin), Davis, Fairbanks, Foster, Frye, Gallinger, Gear, Hawley, Jones (Nebraska), Keam, Lodge, McComas, Morgan, Nelson, Penrose, Perkins, Pettus, Platt (Connecticut), Platt (New York), Sewell, Shoup, Stewart, Sullivan, Warren, Wolcott—20.

#### ALASKAN CODE BILL.

When consideration of the Alaskan civil code bill was resumed Mr. Jones, of Arkansas, offered an amendment to Mr. Carter's amendment striking out of the latter all but a proviso that nothing herein contained shall be construed as changing the existing mining laws.

Mr. Turner, of Washington, defending Mr. Carter's amendment maintained that the whole Cape Nome country had been gobbled up in the interest of the big transportation companies now holding the claims to the detriment of American miners.

#### PORTO RICAN ACT.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

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"Section 2. That all railroads, street railway, telegraph and telephone franchises, privileges or concessions granted under Section 22 of said act shall be approved by the President of the United States and no such franchise, privilege, or concession shall be operative until it shall have been so approved.

"Section 3. That all franchises, privileges, or concessions granted under Section 22 of said act shall provide that the same shall be subject to amendment, alteration or repeal; shall forbid the issue of stock or bonds, except in exchange for actual cash or property at a fair valuation, equal in amount to the par value of the stock or bonds issued; shall forbid the declaring of stock or bonds dividends; and, in the case of public service, corporations shall provide for the effective regulation of the charges thereof and for the purchase or taking by the public authorities of their property at a fair and reasonable valuation. No corporation shall be authorized to conduct the business of buying and selling real estate, or be permitted to hold or own real estate, except such as may be reasonably necessary to enable it to carry out the purposes for which it was created, and every corporation hereafter authorized to engage in agriculture shall, by its character, be restricted to the owner-

#### CONFIRMATIONS.

Washington, April 30.—The Senate today confirmed the nominations of J. H. Hollander, of Maryland, to be treasurer of Porto Rico, and P. M. Hoefco, of Missouri, to be third assistant secretary of the United States embassy at the City of Mexico.

#### IN THE HOUSE.

Washington, April 30.—The House today passed the Lacey bill to enlarge the powers of the Department of Agriculture and to prohibit inter-State commerce in game killed in violation of local laws. It authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to provide for the introduction and restoration of game, song and insective or wild birds. It gives him the power to prevent the introduction of undesirable foreign birds and animals and prevents the killing of game in violation of State laws for concealed shipment to States where it can be sold in the open markets. The Senate bill to create a commission of five to investigate and report upon the commercial and industrial conditions in China and Japan was debated at

length, but was vigorously antagonized by the Democrats, and they finally succeeded in striking out the enacting clause in committee, and this motion was pending when the House adjourned. If the motion prevails in the House the bill is dead. The bill for a Constitutional amendment to disqualify polygamists for election as Senators and Representatives, and to prohibit polygamy, which was reported by the Committee on the Election of President, Vice-President and Representatives in Congress, was referred to the Committee on Judiciary after meeting with opposition from both sides of the House. Every speaker who antagonized the bill said he opposed polygamy, but did not see any reason for legislating in the Constitution and invading the rights of the States. The House agreed to the conference report on the joint resolution extending the tenure of military officers in Porto Rico.

#### DISTRICT DAY.

This was District of Columbia Day in the House. The bill to codify the District laws was taken up. As its simple reading would require three legislative days, night sessions were arranged for that purpose. The committees were then called.

#### POLYGAMY DISCUSSED.

Mr. Collins, of Michigan, chairman of the Committee on Election of President, Vice-President and Representatives in Congress, called up the joint resolution for a constitutional amendment to disqualify polygamists for election as Senators and Representatives, and prohibiting polygamy and polygamous relations between the sexes.

Mr. Lanham, of Texas, said he was as much opposed to polygamy as any man, but he thought the proposed legislation unwise, and moved that the resolution be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Lanham's motion prevailed without division.

A bill was passed to provide for the sitting of district and circuit courts at Florence, S. C.

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In response to a question, Mr. Lacey said the bill would not affect the milliner's art. The bill was then passed by a vote of 144 to 26.

#### CHINA AND JAPAN.

The House then went into committee of the whole to consider the Senate bill for the creation of a commission to investigate industries in China and Japan.

Mr. Clark, of Missouri, also opposed the bill. It was, he said, very easy to create new officers and raise old salaries, but very hard to get rid of them. He understood that this administration had already appointed about thirty commissions to roam around the earth and do various and sundry things.

The conference report on the bill, temporarily continuing the tenure of the present Porto Rican officials, was presented. The report was agreed to without debate or division.

The debate upon the commission bill was then resumed. The bill was supported by Mr. Fitzgerald, of Massachusetts, who said that while the United States furnished nine-tenths of the cotton of the world, we exported \$1,500,000 less than Switzerland, which raised not a pound nor possesses a seaport.

After some further debate Mr. Hepburn gave notice he would offer an amendment limiting the commission's work to two years.

Mr. Underwood (Dem.), of Alabama, moved to reduce the number of commissioners provided for in the bill from five to three. The amendment was carried—61 to 40. The other amendments were agreed to, one to provide that not more than two commissioners should be of one political party, and the other that none of the commissioners shall be members of either House of Congress.

Mr. Williams (Dem.), of Mississippi, then moved to strike out the executive clause, and the motion to strike out the enacting clause was pending in the House when the quorum failed, and at 5:55 the House adjourned.

#### THE CHANGE AGREED UPON BY CONFEREES.

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### GOVERNORSHIP OF KENTUCKY.

#### Hearing Of Contest Begun In United States Supreme Court.

#### GOV. TAYLOR'S CONTENTION.

The Republican Claimant Denies The Legislative Adjudication Of The Contest, While The Democratic Governor Contends That The Federal Court Has No Jurisdiction, The Kentucky Court Of Appeals Having Decided That His Rival Had Never Acquired Title To Governorship.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

Washington, April 30.—The argument in the Kentucky governorship case was begun in the United States Supreme Court at 12:30 to-day. The court room was crowded. The first presentation was made in behalf of Governor Taylor by Attorney Helm Bruce.

He said that Mr. Taylor's contention was for constitutional liberty and that it was waged in a court of justice and not on a field of carnage because in entering the Union Kentucky had surrendered its rights of resistance. Mr. Bruce contended that after the is-

### BOER TACTICS PUZZLE BRITISH.

#### Burgbers Evacuate Weak to Occupy Stronger Positions.

#### A FLANK MOVEMENT FOILED.

French Saves British Eastern Flank Only By Vigorous Manoeuvring—Recovery Of Dr. Jameson—The Situation At Mafeking—A Conception of Continuous Ravages Of War Gathered At Cape Town—General Cronje And Wife Attend Religious Services At St. Helena—Banishment of British.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

London, May 1.—3:50 a. m.—The Boers are now showing uncommon activity west of Bloemfontein. They are in force between Fourteen Streams and Kimberley. On Sunday they occupied Windsorton, west of the railway, and now threaten to interrupt the communications of the British force at Warrenton to the north.

This, too, at a time when General Hunter is about to start on a 200 mile march to Mafeking, probably with 5,000 men.

To the east of Bloemfontein the Boers Sunday night were still holding the hills near Thabanchu, while behind

prominence to the statement of a new agency that Sir Redvers Buller sent his resignation to Lord Roberts after the Spion Kop, censures were published and that Lord Roberts declined to accept it.

The war specials to-day consist chiefly of detached scraps, the favorite introduction of the military commentators and editorial writings being that, as only scant news has been wired, something big is probably about to happen.

The Daily Chronicle's expert says: "If a solid victory is to be attained the British must have different leaders from what has been displayed in the De Wetsdorp operations."

#### BOER'S PUZZLING TACTICS.

London, April 30.—The latest news received here from the Orange Free State indicates that though the Boers have evacuated Thabanchu they have only done so in order to occupy stronger positions. On Sunday, April 29, General Dewet made an effort to turn French's eastern flank, which was only foiled by the cavalry after vigorous manoeuvring. The Boers held the ridges to the eastward, whence they will probably fall back when the pressure of superior numbers increases.

The British casualties sustained during the Thabanchu fighting were slight.

General French's object, now that all chance of catching the main bodies of the burghers has disappeared, is to harass the Boers and prevent any well-organized retreat.

#### WELCOMED IN PORTUGAL.

From Belra, Portuguese East Africa, under date of Monday, April 23, comes the news of the arrival there of a Canadian 12-pounder battery. It is added that General Sir Frederick Carrington, who is to command the British troops going to Rhodesia, has been cordially welcomed by the Portuguese officials, and that he has reviewed the Portuguese troops.

#### DR. JAMESON RECOVERS.

Cape Town reports say that Dr. Jameson has recovered from the severe attack of fever, from which he has been suffering. It is added that he is mentioned as a candidate for one of the seats in the Cape Parliament representing Kimberley, in succession to Sir Frederick Rutherford Harris.

#### SITUATION AT MAFEKING.

The agent of Julius Well, at Mafeking, wrote under date of April 12 most cheerfully, saying everything was satisfactory. He added that the Boer guns were firing heavily into the town and that a determined attack had been repulsed without casualties on the British side.

#### RAVAGES OF WAR.

A conception of the continuous ravages of the war can be gathered from Cape Town dispatch, dated to-day, briefly announcing the arrival from Natal of 25 officers and 252 men invalided home and the sailing of the Aurania for England with 400 sick and wounded soldiers.

#### THE RE-MOUNT QUESTION.

Endeavors are being made to remedy the re-mount question, a Simla dispatch announcing that 500 experienced native horsekeepers, 150 shoe smiths, and 50 veterinary officers have been drawn from India for service in South Africa.

#### CROJE ATTENDS CHURCH.

Jamestown, St. Helena, April 30.—General Cronje and his wife, accompanied by the General's private secretary, were permitted to attend religious services yesterday at Dendwood Camp, after which they had their first ride through the country, an experience which seemed to give General Cronje much pleasure.

#### GENERAL BOTHA'S MOVEMENTS.

Ladysmith, April 30.—The country north of Sunday's river seems comparatively clear of Boers.

General Louis Botha has returned to Pretoria to resume the supreme command of the Transvaal forces.

#### BRITISH ORDERED AWAY.

Pretoria, April 30.—As a sequel to the Johannesburg explosion the government has ordered British subjects, with a few exceptions, to leave the republic within forty-eight hours.

Nearly £4,000 has been subscribed for the relief of the victims. More than 100 bodies have been removed from the debris.

Commandant Schatt has been relieved of the military command at Johannesburg and has gone on command.

#### DEWEY AT CHICAGO.

A GREAT BALL GIVEN IN HIS HONOR.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

Chicago, Ill., April 30.—Never in the history of the great Auditorium has there been within its walls a sight more beautiful than that revealed to-night when the great ball given in honor of Admiral Dewey was at its height. It was Chicago's first opportunity to pay her tribute to the victor of Manila Bay.

There was nothing wanting. It was a decisive success throughout. The floor was crowded at first, but when the dance program proper was fairly under way, the older people sought the boxes and the spacious foyer, leaving the floor to the younger people who used it until daybreak. Fully two thousand people were present.

#### Fitzsimmons Whips Giant.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

New York, April 30.—At the Hercules Athletic Club to-night Bob Fitzsimmons proved that he is far from being a "dead one," which many supposed, in less than two rounds he knocked out Ed Dunkhorst, the Syracuse giant, a feat which other and bigger men had found impossible. Fitzsimmons showed that his wonderful hitting powers have not forsaken him, and was lively on his feet as ever, but had little time in which to display the fact. The bout was booked to go twenty-five rounds, Fitzsimmons was cheered lustily when he entered the ring. The attendance exceeded 4,000.



CONSPICUOUS FIGURES IN CHICAGO'S DEWEY DAY CELEBRATION.

suance of certificates of election Mr. Taylor was as much the governor of Kentucky as any man who had ever been inaugurated for that office. He denied that the legislative adjudication was any adjudication at all.

The proceedings was not by due process of law as required by the constitution.

He said that the report of the committee of investigation presented no evidence and stated no fact and that it was made to a secret meeting of the assembly of which no Republican member had been notified.

Mr. Bruce contended for the jurisdiction of the Federal Supreme Court under the constitution. Kentucky legislative power extended only to the trial of a contest.

Mr. Bruce contended that it had been confessed that there was no evidence in five of the ten counties in the contest while of the remaining five three were so flimsy that they could not be insisted upon. The only two grounds remaining were: The charges of thin ballots used in forty counties, or a third of the state, and of intimidation in the city of Louisville.

It could not be contended that the State itself could deprive a portion of its own population of the right of franchise without due process of law. So also in Louisville, where it was sought to disfranchise 36,000 voters, the wrong, if any had been done, had been due to the action of the State Executive.

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them long wagon trains loaded with wheat for the Boer army in the north, are moving through Ladybrand.

The British captured one Boer convoy on Saturday, but its size is not mentioned in the dispatch which barely announces the fact.

Wepener, lately the scene of incessant fighting, is deserted, General Brabant and Colonel Dalgety having moved northward.

A dispatch from Maseru, dated Monday, says:

"BASUTOS ASTOUNDED.

"The Basutos are a second time astounded to see the Boers peacefully retiring with herds, which the natives think should be the booty of the British, who are said to be the conquerors."

According to information from Maseru, the main body of the Boers reached Leenw river, due west of Ladybrand, Sunday, small parties trailing behind at intervals of ten miles to protect the rear and whip up the herds.

Slight outpost actions take place daily beyond Kares Siding, where the head of the British invasion is cantoned.

#### BULLER'S BAD LUCK.

African horse sickness has broken out in General Buller's army. It proves especially fatal among freshly arrived animals. The Bloemfontein correspondents point out that the deficiencies in the veterinary department causes thousands of losses.

General Lucas Meyer, replying to General Buller's complaint that some of the British prisoners in Pretoria are lodged in the town jail, says that only those are so treated who have tried, or who are suspected of trying, to escape. He retorts, moreover, that Boer prisoners are confined in the town jail at Pietermaritzburg with natives.

The morning papers give special

### RICHMOND AND STATE CONVENTION.

#### Efforts Made To Harmonize The Capitol City's Delegation.

#### CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION.

They Are Divided On This Important Question, But It Is Hoped To Win Over The Minority And Present A Delegation Solidly In Favor Of It—Speculation As To Delegates At Large To The National Convention—Famous Wine Cellar Burned—Other News.

(Special to Virginian-Pilot.)

Richmond, Va., April 30.—Efforts are being made to harmonize the delegation which will go from Richmond to the State Convention at Norfolk. As has been stated, the majority of the members of the delegation are strongly in favor of a Constitutional Convention, but some are as strongly opposed to it. It is hoped by the convention men that they can win over the minority and vote a solid delegation for the proposed revision.

#### DELEGATES AT LARGE.

The question as to who will be delegates at large to the convention at Kansas City July 4th is still agitating the political mind. Several slates have been made, but the latest decided upon, it is stated, is composed of Senators John W. Daniel and Thomas S. Martin, Representatives James Hay and Claude A. Swanson.

#### OTHER CHAT.

Major Peter J. Otey will be re-elected National Committeeman.

The electors at large will probably be John L. Jeffries, of Culpeper, and William P. Barksdale, of Halifax.

Either Senator Flood or Senator Barksdale will be the temporary chairman and Speaker B. W. Saunders, of the House, is spoken of for permanent chairman.

Notwithstanding a large majority of the delegates are in favor of making the constitutional amendment a party issue, there will be a pretty hot fight over the wording of the resolutions. Some will favor so wording the resolutions that a Democrat who fails to vote for the convention of the fourth Thursday in May will be considered a party "bolter." Some want simply to give a mild indorsement to the convention scheme.

It is a settled fact that the name of Hon. Joseph T. Lawless will be presented for State chairman. His friends are busily organizing for the fight. Mr. Elliston's supporters, too, are active.

#### EN ROUTE TO NORFOLK.

Some thirty or forty prominent Democrats from various parts of the State are here to-night, and will leave for Norfolk in the morning. The Richmond delegation met to-night and elected John R. Grimes chairman.

A special from Washington says the entire Virginia delegation left Washington to-night in a body for the Norfolk convention.

#### REVENUE RULING.

The following notice from Commissioner of Internal Revenue Wilson at Washington has been sent out over the country. It is of vital interest to many in Richmond, as well as throughout the State and the South:

Treasury Department, Office of Comms'r Inter. Revenue, Washington, D. C., April 28, 1900.

To Collectors of Internal Revenue: From and after May 1, 1900, under Treasury Decision No. 22,157, dated April 17, 1900, the following articles manufactured or produced in the United States cannot be exported to Porto Rico in bond without the payment of tax, nor with the benefit of drawback as heretofore, viz: Distilled spirits, stills and worms, tobacco, snuffs, cigars, cigarettes, fermented liquors, playing cards, oleomargarine, mixed flour, proprietary articles, medicines, bottled wine and all other products named in Schedule B of the War Revenue Act of June 13, 1898.

Respectfully,  
G. W. WILSON,  
Commissioner.

#### FAMOUS WINE-CELLAR BURNED.

Information received to-day from Charlottesville is to the effect that the famous Hopp wine-cellar has been destroyed by fire. The building is situated about three miles from Charlottesville. Fire broke out about 10 o'clock Sunday night. The building has a capacity of over two hundred thousand gallons, and is generally kept full. But recently, owing to large shipments, the stock had been reduced to forty or fifty thousand gallons of wine.

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