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GEN. BULLER STILL ADVANCES.

Two Hundred Boers Surrender And Take Oath Of Allegiance.

BOER FORCES DIS-UNITED.

Rumored That A Proclamation Will Be Issued This Week Annexing The Orange Free State—Boer Women Ask For Guns And Wish To Fight—Burgers Attack Mafeking—All Available Boers Now In The Field.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

London, May 15.—3:45 a. m.—General Buller's turning Biggarsburg position was effected by a bold movement. The Boers had evacuated Helpmakaar, but were making a stand Monday evening at Bloekoplaagte, seven miles from Dundee. The correspondents on the spot regarded this as a rear guard action intended to cover the retreat of the army. At the same time General Hildyard took Indoba, and it is reported that the Boers withdrew in disorder.

General Buller, who seems to be employing his full strength, is expected to push on. His last marches were 45 miles in three days. He is thus breaking into British territory, which had been administered for six months by the Transvaalers as though it were part of the Republic; they holding courts and levying taxes. His success, therefore, has political as well as military consequences.

While Lord Roberts' infantry are concentrating at Kroonstad, where they will rest for a day or two, his horsemen have penetrated eighteen miles northward. In the squadron which cut the railway fifteen miles beyond Kroonstad was the American scout, Frederick Burham. Two hundred Boers who had hidden in the river jungles near Kroonstad to escape service have surrendered to the British and have taken the oath of allegiance.

According to a dispatch from Bennet Burchell to the Daily Telegraph, dated Thursday, May 10, Paul Botha and MacDonald, members of the Free State Volksraad, demanded that the chairman should call a meeting to sue for peace, as further resistance was suicidal, and proposed to make President Steyn a prisoner.

Accra, May 14.—Runners who arrived here to-day report that Kumassi is still closely invested by the Ashantis, but that the garrison is holding out.

The Adas, neighboring tribes, threaten the Belkways who are loyal to the government.

BRABANT CAPTURES STORES.

Thabanchu, Sunday, May 13.—The eighth division with its front extending thirty miles was yesterday moving forward. General Greenfell and General Brabant followed the Boers, reaching Newberry Mills and capturing great quantities of flour and grain. General Brabant's main force with Campbell's brigade of guards and General Boyes' brigade have cleared the country.

The Boers are splitting up and retiring in the direction of Clocoland.

London, May 14, 6:15 p. m.—The War Office has published a dispatch from Lord Roberts dated Kroonstad, Sunday, May 13, giving the correspondence between Lord Roberts and President Kruger, relative to the alleged ill-treatment of Colonial prisoners. The Transvaal replied that there was no difference in the treatment of the Colonial and other prisoners and that only a few who had contravened martial law or who had tried to escape or who it had been suspected, might try to escape, had been placed in jail for security. Otherwise they had been treated like the other prisoners of war.

The entire fever was prevalent among the civil population, as well as among the prisoners, and every remedial measure had been taken.

Lord Roberts replied April 22 that he was glad to receive President Kruger's assurances and pointed out that no difference was made by the British authorities in regard to the Boer prisoners against whom there might be reasonable ground for suspicion that they would try to escape, adding that such exceptions gave room for abuse by officials without the knowledge of the authorities.

LORD ROBERTS' PLANS.

London, May 14.—The parliamentary Secretary of the War Office, George Wyndham, replying to a question in the House of Commons to-day, declined to divulge Lord Roberts' plans for the relief of Mafeking, but he added that he hoped they would shortly be accomplished.

Nothing definite has been heard about the expected relief of Mafeking. The Cape Town correspondents continue to wire that relief is imminent, fixing Tuesday or Wednesday as probable dates. Inquirers at the War Office are told that the news of the relief will be made public immediately upon its receipt. No word had come to hand at midnight.

The latest supposition concerning General Hunter is that possibly he is marching up the north bank of the Vaal with a force sufficient, in co-operation with Lord Roberts, to render Boer defense of the Vaal frontier impracticable.

East of Bloemfontein General Ruddle is advancing toward Ladybrand. His troops and those of General Brabant are stretched over a distance of thirty miles. The Boers are described as quite disorganized, and as retreating northward. President Steyn's lieutenants are trying to rally them. The same stories of disintegration come from nearly every point where the England correspondent are.

Mr. Hollowell, formerly a correspondent of Mafeking, who was put over the

Transvaal border, telegraphing from

Lourenzo Marques Sunday, says: "Judging from talks I have had with the Boers, the end of the war will come in a month or six weeks. Mr. Steinkamp, chairman of the second Raad, who traveled with me, said that if the burghers were pressed from Pretoria they would retire to the district of Lydenburg mountains, which had already been provisioned. He remarked that he hoped the burghers would stand firm, but he feared they were too 'broke in spirits."

"I gathered from him that the whole available force of the Transvaal was now in the field, the final commandering having taken place last Thursday, and that it is only the powerful magnetism of President Kruger that keeps the burghers together."

At the British hospitals in Bloemfontein the deaths from enteric fever average from eight to ten daily.

BRITISH SUCCESS IN NATAL.

London, May 14.—1:52 p. m.—A dispatch received by the Associated Press from Pietermaritzburg, Natal, time 12:05 p. m. to-day, brings the first intimation of a success attained by General Buller in Northern Natal. The sender evidently assumed previous news had been sent direct from the scene, for he merely says:

"General Buller's official telegram, notifying his success at the Biggarsburg, received here an hour ago, has given keen satisfaction. It is confidently anticipated that Dundee will be occupied by the British to-day. The residents of the north country are delighted, as forcing the Biggarsburg means that they will speedily be enabled to return to their homes."

Another dispatch to the Associated Press, dated Stone Hill Farm, 8:20 this morning, says:

"After four days march eastward at the foot of the Biggarsburg ridges, in the direction of Helpmakaar, which was occupied by the Federals, the Second Brigade, Sunday, led the attack. Dundonald's cavalry broke the Boers center and Bethune's Horse advanced on their extreme right. In the direction of Pomeroy a small party of burghers occupied a ridge overlooking

THE CUBAN POSTAL FRAUDS.

Extent Is Far Greater Than Was Heretofore Expected.

EXTEND THROUGHOUT CUBA.

Old Issues Of Stamps Were Not Destroyed As Ordered—Postmaster Of Havana Suspended—Havana Stamp Clerks Arrested—Gen. Bristow Ordered To Havana To Take Charge Of Postoffice In Cuba—Neely Will Resist Extradition.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

Washington, May 14.—Fourth Assistant Postmaster-General Bristow goes to Havana on Wednesday to take charge of the postal affairs in Cuba. The Postoffice Department will not at this time say whether or not Mr. Rathbone has been suspended, though to-day's action is tantamount to this.

This announcement was made by the Postmaster-General after a protracted interview with the President.

The Postmaster-General declined to say whether or not Director-General of Posts Rathbone would be suspended. It is said, however, that the fact that General Bristow will assume the duties does not necessarily indicate that Mr. Rathbone will be relieved of all connection with the service. General Bristow outranks the director of posts and

NAVAL BILL PASSES SENATE.

Committee's Amendment Regarding Armor Plate Adopted.

PROVISIONS OF THE BILL

The Secretary Of The Navy Directed To Purchase Five Holland Submarine Boats—Senator Daniel Makes A Speech In Which He Touches Upon Senator Lodge's Remarks Regarding Germany And The Monroe Doctrine—House Passes General Deficiency Bill.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

Washington, D. C., May 14.—After a discussion lasting five full days, the Senate to-day passed the naval appropriation bill. Practically four days were devoted to the consideration of the armor plate proposition, which was agreed to finally as reported by the committee, with the exception that the Secretary of the Navy is authorized to make contracts only for such armor as may be needed from time to time.

By the committee amendment to the House bill the Secretary of the Navy is authorized to procure armor of the best quality at \$455 per ton; but if he be unable to obtain it at that price, he is then authorized to pay \$545 per ton for the armor for the battleships Maine, Ohio and Missouri, and proceed to erect

Platt, of New York; Proctor, Ross, Sewell, Shoup, Simon, Thurston, Wolcott—52.

Nays—Berry, Butler, Chandler, Cockrell, Daniel, Harris, Helffield, Jones, of Arkansas; Mallory, Morgan, Pettigrew, Pettus, Spooner, Stewart, Sullivan, Teller, Tillman, Turner, Wellington—19.

SENATOR DANIEL SPEAKS.

Mr. Daniel made a speech in which he said he thought the Holland boat presented the solution of harbor defense. "If it be true," said Mr. Daniel, "and I may say I do not share in the belief that some foreign nation has its eye on us and proposes, as has been feared by some Senators, to test the Monroe doctrine; then this boat is the thing we desire for the defense of our harbors and our coasts. He would, he added, vote for twenty of the Holland boats to be built to allay the sensitiveness and apprehension of our sea coast cities, and he would therefore support the amendment of Mr. Stewart.

LODGE'S WAR SPEECH.

Adverting to Mr. Lodge's speech delivered last Friday with respect to a possible challenge of the Monroe doctrine by Germany, Mr. Daniel said: "That speech has had its echo throughout the world, and is even now reverberating on the Continent of Europe. It has been circulated around the throne of Germany; and Germany's war Lord, who always has his ear set for rumors of war, is even now reflecting upon and commenting upon the idea that some time Germany is to have a war with the United States. I do not believe it."

"The War Lord of Germany is right in stimulating the military animus of his people. He is but maintaining the traditions of his father. But that the War Lord of any other nation is projecting or preparing or building up a navy with the idea of some day testing the Monroe doctrine is not susceptible to the view of the common sense. The object which leads me to vote for liberal appropriations for the navy is simply that we may have necessary weapons of defense and not that we may have a vast navy, which shall go about the world seeking whom we may devour."

Mr. Hale, for the committee, offered an amendment providing, in effect, for the removal of the naval station at Port Royal, S. C.

Mr. Butler, of North Carolina, proposed an amendment extending the right of choice of the Secretary of the Navy to some point in North Carolina. He urged that Wilmington was the best place in the South for the station. Mr. Butler's amendment was rejected, and the committee amendment was adopted.

Mr. Tillman offered an amendment providing that no armor should be contracted for in advance of its actual requirement by vessels in construction. It was agreed to.

The bill was passed without division. A bill was passed appropriating \$150,000 to erect a public building at Portsmouth, Va.

GENERAL DEFICIENCY BILL PASSED.

The House to-day passed the general deficiency appropriation bill, the last but one of the general appropriation bills. The Military Academy bill will follow it to-morrow. The deficiency bill carried \$3,839,021 and precipitated no contest. The general debate, limited to one hour on a side, was devoted principally to political topics, the feature being a severe arraignment of the administration by Mr. DeArmond, of Missouri.

He described the ecstasy with which the Porto Rican native population must have received the news that they were to be governed by "carpet-baggers, who," he said, "would take everything portable and nail down everything they could not carry away."

It would be the "sad and shameful story of carpet-baggism in the South over again." What was to take place in Porto Rico was on a smaller scale to what would take place in the Philippines later on. America was to succeed Spain in the role of tyrant in two hemispheres.

Mr. DeArmond excoriated the administration for not sticking to the old traditions, and charged it with cowardice for allowing no official utterance of sympathy to go out to the Boers struggling in South Africa to repeat the splendid story of the American revolution.

A bill was passed constituting Durham, N. C., a port of delivery. At 5:08 p. m. the House adjourned.

NICARAGUA CANAL BILL.

The Senate Committee on Inter-oceanic Canals to-day ordered a favorable report on the Nicaragua Canal bill as it passed the House. Only five members of the committee were present. Senators Morgan, McBride, Harris and Turner voted in the affirmative and Senator Hanna in the negative.

BRYAN AND THE SOUTH.

HON. CLARK HOWELL PREDICTS VICTORY—ALSO SPEAKS OF TOWNE.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

Chicago, May 14.—Hon. Clark Howell, editor of the Atlanta Constitution, and a member of the National Democratic Committee from Georgia, who arrived in Chicago to-day, believes Bryan will carry the South in the coming election, and says the Nebraskan will receive the vote of every Southern State in the Kansas City convention.

"I believe," he continued, "that the Democratic Convention at Kansas City will nominate a straight ticket, without regard to what has been done by the Populists, or what may be done by any other convention. While Mr. Towne may be a strong man, it will not do for the Democratic party to take instructions from any other party in the selection of a man for the Vice-Presidency. For the good of the party I believe that the action taken by the Democrats at Kansas City will be concurred in by the gentlemen who have been making the campaign for Mr. Towne."

Senator Daniel's Bill.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.) Washington, D. C., May 14.—Senator Daniel to-day reported from the Committee on Foreign Relations a bill amending the Hawaiian law so as to facilitate the refunding of the public debt of that territory.

OPENING OF THE STREET FAIR.

Richmond A Scene Of Gaiety Yesterday And Last Night.

MAIL ROBBERY CHARGED.

Charles Goodloe Arrested By Postoffice Inspectors—Mr. Jacob Lex, Of Norfolk, Takes A Bride In Richmond—Troops Protecting The Negro Charged With Assault At Martinsville—Launching To-day—Decendant Of Daniel Webster Dead—Injunction Issued In The Jackson Ward Election Cases.

(Special to Virginian-Pilot.)

Richmond, Va., May 14.—Richmond's Free Street Fair opened here at noon to-day with impressive ceremonies. The morning trains brought in thousands of visitors from every section of the State, and also from North Carolina.

A crowd of probably 20,000 persons heard Mr. Joseph Bryan, the orator of the day, deliver the opening oration. When he concluded the little daughter of Superintendent Thompson, of the city's fire alarm department, plucked an artificial rose, and an electric connection was made which set every bell and whistle in the city to going. The Fair was then declared formally opened.

To-night there were imposing ceremonies at the Auditorium, when Mr. Henry Lee Valentine was crowned King of the Carnival. To-morrow afternoon there will be a floral parade, and the week will be filled with beautiful features. Broad street to-day resembles the famous "Midway Plaisance" of the Chicago World's Fair.

An immense crowd witnessed the coronation of the King of the Carnival, Henry the First, of the House of Valentine, at the Auditorium to-night, and his induction into office by two hundred Knights of the Golden Horseshoe, the surrender of the keys of the city to Rex by the Mayor and some spectacular athletic contests for the diversion of the King and his Court.

Broad street at night presented a scene of great brilliancy and was thronged with thousands of people until the midnight hour. The Fair is a magnificent success.

POSTOFFICE ROBBERY.

Postoffice inspectors yesterday placed under arrest Charles Goodloe, assistant superintendent of Station A, branch of the Richmond Postoffice, on the charge of robbing the mails.

Goodloe had been watched and was yesterday caught in the act of taking money from several letters. He was bailed in the sum of \$2,000 for his appearance before United States Commissioner McLair Pleasant on May 18th.

The young man has been in the service of the United States for fourteen years and bore the highest reputation for honesty and efficiency.

NORFOLK MAN MARRIED.

Miss Sophie Bentz, a pretty and winsome young lady of about 21 years of age, who formerly lived with her parents, Mr. George and Mrs. Mary A. Bentz, in Hoboken, N. J., was the central figure in a little romance which held its termination in this city this afternoon, when she was made the bride of Mr. Jacob Lex, of Norfolk.

Mr. Lex and Miss Bentz went to the Clerk's office of the Hustings Court at 2 o'clock this afternoon and secured a marriage license, immediately after which they went to St. Peter's Cathedral parsonage, where they were married by Rev. Father Waters.

The young couple are Germans and are highly respected in the cities where they have lived. Mr. Lex is a son of Anton and Lena Lex, of Germany, but is now in business in Norfolk.

Mr. and Mrs. Lex returned to their home in Norfolk this afternoon. They will make their home in that city.

THE MARTINSVILLE AFFAIR.

Great excitement prevails in Martinsville over the case of Charles Hairston, colored, who is charged with attempting an assault upon Miss Gauding, a respectable white girl. To be on the safe side and prevent a recurrence of the Emporia affair, Governor Tyler to-day ordered the companies from Roanoke and Lynchburg to proceed at once to that place to protect the negro.

Hairston was removed from the jail at Martinsville and concealed in the woods. When the soldiers reached Martinsville the Lynchburg company went into the woods and brought the prisoner into town.

The trial of the negro will begin to-morrow, and the large number of soldiers.

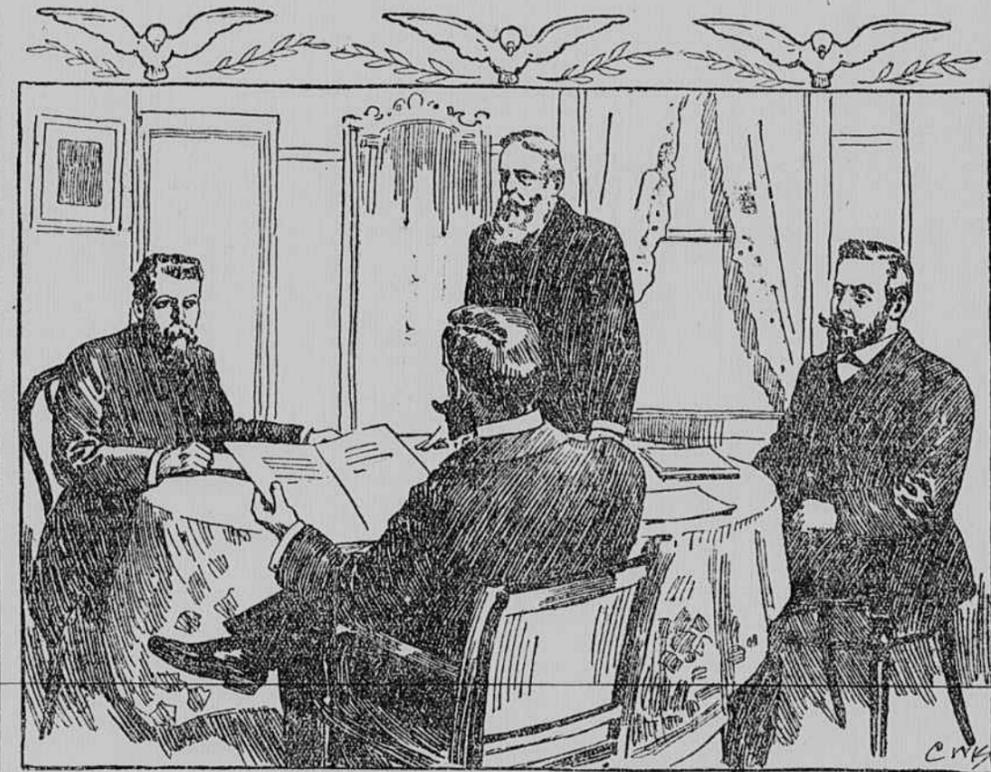
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BOER PEACE DELEGATES WHO ARE SEEKING UNCLE SAM'S AID.

At the left is Mr. C. H. Wessels, president of the Orange Free State parliament; in the center is Dr. Abraham Fischer, president of the commission; at the right is Mr. J. M. A. Wolverson, Transvaal deputy of the commission. The man whose back is turned is Mr. G. M. de Bruyn, secretary of the commission. "We come to America," says Mr. Fischer, "to appeal to the government and people of the United States for their assistance in restoring peace to South Africa, trusting that our appeal to the one party or to the other. We apply to the American people in its vast entirety, constituting today the greatest peace factor in the world, which only awaits

its lead to unanimously declare that this useless bloodshed shall and must cease."

the latter might operate as a subordinate, though on this point no statement is vouchsafed.

The situation in Porto Rico and Cuba up to the beginning of this month were precisely the same, but in the case of the former both the military and postal authorities had been honest.

SURPRISING DEVELOPMENTS

Havana, May 14.—The extent of the postal frauds is far greater than what was originally expected. Besides taking in the postal department, the frauds seem to include the local office at Havana and various other offices throughout the island, and also to have extended to outside points which have been used for the sale of some of the old issue of stamps that were ordered destroyed.

The result of the investigation at the local postoffice is the suspension of Postmaster Thompson, who was installed in April of last year. He will remain at his own house for the present. Moya and Mascara, stamp sellers in the main office, have also been arrested and further arrests are expected to-morrow. As many as six others have been placed under the closest supervision and they will be arrested as soon as their service can be spared. As a matter of fact, if they were all to be suddenly relieved of duty, it would not be possible to carry on the postal department of Havana.

THE ARRESTED PARTIES.

Messrs. Reeves and Reynolds, the auditors of the Postal Department, are still under arrest at their own rooms, in charge of detectives. Special quarters will, however, be prepared in some

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An act to provide for sittings of the Circuit and District Courts of the United States of the Southern District of Florida, at Ocala, Fla., was passed.

A bill providing for the appointment of a collector of customs at \$4,000 per year for the customs district of Hawaii and for such deputies as necessary was passed.

The naval bill was then called up. Mr. Chandler's amendment, the pending question, substituting in Mr. Tillman's amendment \$125 and \$300 as the price for armor was rejected—25 to 27.

Mr. Hoar offered an amendment providing that if under the committee's proposition no government armor plate manufactory is built the Secretary of the Navy shall submit to the next Congress a detailed report with estimates as to cost of equipment of such a government plant and time when the best plate could be delivered thereby. The Senate agreed to this amendment and the committee's proposition as amended was agreed to 32 to 19 as follows:

Yeas—Allison, Baker, Carter, Clark, of Wyoming; Davis, Depew, Elkins, Fairbanks, Foraker, Foster, Frye, Gear, Hale, Hanna, Hansbrough, Hawley, Hoar, Keam, Lodge, McComas, McCumber, Nelson, Penrose, Perkins,

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