

GOES AGAINST CLARK

Senate Committee Decides He Is Not Entitled to His Seat.

DECISION UNANIMOUS

While the Report Declares His Seat Vacant It Does Not Expel Him. Time Fixed for Taking Vote on the Quay Case.

Washington, April 11.—The senate committee on privileges and elections has decided unanimously in favor of unseating Senator Clark of Montana. The report declared the seat of Senator Clark vacant, not expelling him. The decision was reached after two days' sitting at which all members of the committee were present except one. The absentee was Senator Gallery of Louisiana and he voted his vote in opposition to Mr. Clark. The ballot was not taken until all the members present had expressed themselves upon the question, some of them speaking at some length and all expounding different shades of opinion.

TRIBUTE TO BLAND.

Senate Honors Missouri's Old Member in Lower House.

Washington, April 11.—During the session Tuesday the senate paid its tribute to the late Richard Parks Bland, long a representative from Missouri. The eulogies pronounced on the dead statesman were notable for their earnestness and eloquence.

Soon after the senate convened Mr. Jones of Arkansas introduced and had adopted a resolution calling upon the president, if not incompatible with the public interest to transmit to the senate a detailed statement of the expenses of the commissioner general of the Paris exposition; and also to state the salaries of all employes of the commission. Mr. Jones stated that in the report already filed with the senate the detailed items of expenses and salaries were not included in accordance with law. This he believed ought to be remedied, hence the resolution.

Without objection from any source the senate then on motion of Mr. Chandler, agreed to take a final vote on the right of Hon. M. S. Quay to a seat as senator from Pennsylvania, on Tuesday, April 24, at 4 p. m.

The House.

Washington, April 11.—The house devoted the day to the agricultural appropriation bill, passing it substantially as reported. An animated discussion arose over the series of amendments offered by Carlisle of Michigan, restricting the distribution of free seeds and free vaccine. Mr. Carlisle maintained that the government distributions invalid the field of private enterprise. His various amendments failed, however, after an extended debate. An amendment by Mr. Latimer of South Carolina, was adopted increasing the supply of "farmers bulletins" issued by the agricultural department and distributed by members of congress.

Messrs. Sherman, Curtis and Little were appointed conferees on the Indian appropriation bill.

A bill was passed to create a commission to make a settlement with the Sioux City and Pacific railway of its indebtedness to the United States.

Vote on the Quay Case Fixed.

Washington, April 11.—The senate has agreed to vote on the Quay case on April 24, at 4 p. m.

Senate Bill Accepted.

Washington, April 11.—At a special meeting of the ways and means committee it was decided by a vote of 8 to 5 to report the Puerto Rico bill as it passed the senate without amendment and to move a concurrence in the senate amendments.

This means the acceptance of a territorial form of government for Puerto Rico as added to the bill by the senate and other lesser changes on tariff and other features.

The vote on concurrence in the senate bill was on party lines with the exception of McCall of Massachusetts, the Republican member of the committee, who first dissented from the bill.

Rural Free Delivery Growing.

Washington, April 10.—The rural free delivery system of the postoffice department has grown to such proportions that it has been found necessary to create two new divisions to properly handle it. An order signed by the postmaster general establishes four divisions.

Gage Reports a Surprise.

Washington, April 11.—In reply to the resolution of the house Secretary Gage informs that body that there will be a surplus of about \$10,000,000 the fiscal year ending June 30, 1900, and \$82,000,000 the fiscal year ending June 30, 1901.

Killed by a Live Wire.

Dallas, April 7.—A live wire was the cause of a horrible death here yesterday.

...of the V. K. ... was the victim. He caught the wire and was literally burned to death. Fire came from his eyes, nose, mouth and ears.

Fifteen Years for Murder.

Nacogdoches, April 11.—The jury in the case against Sherman Grayson on the charge of murder, after being out two days and nights, brought in a verdict of guilty, fixing the punishment at 15 years in the penitentiary.

Battle Near Sundays River.

Lady Smith, April 9.—Heavy firing was heard early this morning in the direction of Sundays river. It continued for a few hours. No details of the engagement has been received.

Leyds to Consult Commission.

Brussels, April 11.—Dr. Leyds has left Brussels to confer with the Boer peace commissioners.

Adages.

Once upon a time a certain man set himself the task of discrediting the adages.

Beginning with the adage that honesty is the best policy he soon had them all discredited except the adage that no man is ever a hero to his valet.

Here he experienced much difficulty. During many years he labored, becoming successively champion pugilist, a magazine poet and mayor of Greater New York, and all in vain.

But it chanced in the end that his strenuous life reduced him to penury, and he was compelled to be his own valet.

"At last!" cried the man the next day after this and died happy in the thought of having achieved his purpose.—Detroit Journal.

These Silly Questions.



"Does he want a hair cut?" His Brother—Now! He wants a shave, of course, and his mustache trimmed.—New York Journal.

Ill-Timed Accuracy.

Amiable Hostess—Well, now you are here, I hope you will stay to lunch with me.

Gushing Visitor—Oh, thank you so much, dear Mrs. Browne, if we may. (To daughter.) There, Vera, won't that be delightful? Such a pleasant surprise for you!

Severely Truthful Child—Not a surprise, mother. You know you said Mrs. Browne must ask us to lunch if we only stopped long enough!

At the Club.

"That's something my wife will be glad to know," remarked Mr. Howkewp, glancing up from his paper. "It says here 'the odor of cloves is objectionable to ants.' We've been over-run with them lately."

"Why are ants only mentioned?" queried DeKanter. "I've noticed that all my female relations object to it."—Philadelphia Press.

Still Would Save It.

Blobbs—Poor B Jones has dyspepsia so badly that he says his life isn't worth living.

Slobbs—But Mrs. B Jones says he insists upon calling in the doctor whenever he has an ache or a pain all the same.—Philadelphia Record.

A Woman's Reason.

"Katharine is so high tempered that she never reads a novel through."

"Fray, tell me, what has her temper to do with her novel reading?"

"Why, she gets mad at some character in the book and throws it in the fire."—Detroit Free Press.

His Only Chance.

"I never saw such a man as old Small for running away all the young men that call on his daughters."

"Don't you understand? It is the only chance he has to bully men bigger than he is."—Indianapolis Press.

Purely For Glory.

"Do you expect your son to take honors at college?"

"I want him to, yet, no matter how many honors he gets, I shall object to him playing professionally."—Philadelphia North American.

The Pride of the Neighborhood.

"Any interesting people in this neighborhood?"

"Yes, indeed; we've got a man who wears a straw hat all winter and a seal skin cap all summer."—Indianapolis Journal.

Phradostical.

"How weather," suggested the first. "True," replied the other. "And yet I just saw a man who stepped on a coal hole cover 'done to a turn.'"—Chicago Post.

Calling Down a Poet.

The Indiana poet who blithely sings, "Ho, for the maple and for the sap!" is respectfully informed that the "sap" isn't running to any extent this spring.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

GREAT BOER VICTORY

General Dowe Deal a Decisive Blow to the British.

SIX HUNDRED SLAIN.

Captured Nine Hundred British With Twelve Wagons and That too With Slight Loss—Plumer also Badly Whipped.

London, April 11.—A dispatch to The Daily Mail from DeWetfort, dated Sunday, says:

"Yesterday General Dowe inflicted the third defeat of the British within a week at Mookkatfontein, killing and wounding 600. He captured 900 with 12 wagons, losing five Boers killed and nine wounded."

The Daily News has the following from Pretoria, dated Monday, by way of Delagoa Bay:

"It is officially announced that a battle has been fought south of Brandfort, in which 600 British troops were killed and wounded and 900 taken prisoners."

The Daily Mail publishes the following dated April 10 from Lourenço Marques:

"The Netherland Railway company professes to have received a telegram reporting a Boer victory near Kroonstad, the Boers capturing 900 British."

Commenting on this the Daily Mail remarks:

"There is a Mookkatfontein about five and a half miles southeast of Kroonstad, but if the report be true, this can hardly be the place."

PLUMER HARD PUSHED.

Boers Run With for Ten Miles from Relief of Mafeking.

Gaberones, April 11.—Yesterday Col. Plumer with 270 mounted men and a few infantry with Maxim gun arrived at Ramathlabama where he left his dismounted men and proceeded along the railroad to within sight of Mafeking. The advance guard, under Col. White, encountered a large body of Boers and almost simultaneously the left and right flanks were attacked and sharp fighting followed. The Boers were in a crescent form and outnumbered the British two to one. They advanced with skill and stubbornness and persistently endeavored to encircle the British.

After holding them round for an hour Colonel Plumer, with the Boers following him up. Fighting continued throughout the 10 miles retreat to Ramathlabama, where the British Maxim gun was brought into play. After a stiff fight Colonel Plumer reached his camp.

The British casualties were: Killed—three officers and seven men; wounded—three officers and 21 men; missing, 11. The Boer loss is unknown.

Saturday's fight near Mafeking was conducted on Colonel Plumer's side under great difficulties, being in the proximity of the Boer laagers, whence reinforcements could be promptly sent to the burghers and there was little cover available for the British when the fight began, the plain being but sparsely wooded, and the railway embankment, the chief protection, being only two feet high. The men behaved gallantly however, and the officers were unexceptionally conspicuous in the affair.

With the exception of a few rounds fired by a British Maxim gun at Ramathlabama, the fire on both sides was entirely by rifles. Half of the British officers were more or less seriously wounded.

Colonel Plumer's wound was in his right arm. His horse was shot, Colonel Belle and Captain Rolt were wounded. Colonel Plumer's orderly is missing. Sergeant Major Manning of the Fifth dragoon guards, who took up the duties of orderly, did excellent work.

Captain Fred Crewe was shot dead while covering the retreat of others.

Captain McLaren was severely wounded and Lieutenant Milligan was slightly wounded.

Fighting Around Elandslaagte.

Pietermaritzburg, April 11.—Heavy cannonading commenced this morning in the vicinity of Elandslaagte.

Grange Reaches St. Helena.

Island of St. Helena, April 11.—The steamers Nobe and Milwaukee have arrived here with the Boer prisoners. Their health is good, with the exception of four cases of measles, necessitating the Milwaukee being quarantined. The prisoners are quiet and well behaved. The governor has been notified of the desire of the authorities that the prisoners be treated with every courtesy and consideration.

Queen Thanks Dublin Citizens.

Dublin, April 11.—Queen Victoria, through the authorities has informed the citizens of Dublin of her delight at the reception accorded her Monday.

Believed to Be Reichmann.

London, April 11.—The Berlin correspondent of the Daily News asserts that the Reichmann, who is credited with having let the Boers at Kornput, is certainly the American military attaché Captain Carl R. Reichmann.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

Yellow fever is epidemic in San Salvador.

Rev. A. C. McGiffert has withdrawn from the Presbyterian church on account of criticisms.

The anti-cigarette ordinance of Chicago has been sustained by the United States supreme court.

Judge Caldwell of Arkansas refuses to let his name be connected with the vice presidency.

There is a court martial ahead for Gen. Funston of Kansas for the execution of two Filipinos he captured.

Ex-Congressman Charles A. Towne of Duluth, Minn., is being talked of as a suitable candidate for vice president on the Democratic ticket.

Ninety-three cases of plague with 25 deaths have occurred at Sydney, N. S. W.

The department store of Joseph Horn & Co. at Pittsburg, Pa., was consumed by fire. Loss about \$1,000,000.

Near Auburn, Ind., William Davis shot and killed Ves Steel.

Paupers continue to overrun Ponce, P. R. People died upon the streets of starvation.

A report is in circulation at Washington that Mrs. Dowe has joined the Episcopal church.

Fire in the piano factory of Shultz & Co. at Chicago caused a loss of \$70,000.

Pennsylvania Democrats in state convention instructed for Bryan.

Ponce, P. R., is overrun with starving Puerto Ricans.

D. O. Dickensheets of the Kansas City Journal at Atlanta, Ga., by taking morphine.

H. D. Bates of St. Thomas, Ont., won the grand handicap for wing shots at New York.

A strike of all operators on the Southern railway is imminent.

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