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VICTORY FOR BOERS.

Five Companies of British Troops Captured Near Bethany.

LONDON, April 7.—Robert reports five companies of British troops captured by the Boers near Bethany. Following is the text of Robert's dispatch to the war office announcing the capture of five companies of his troops.

Blomfontein, April 5.—Another unfortunate occurrence occurred, resulting, I fear, in the capture of a party of infantry consisting of three companies of Royal Irish fusiliers and two companies of the Ninth regiment mounted infantry, near Reddersburg, a little eastward of Bethany railway station, within a few miles of this place.

They were surrounded by a stronger force of the enemy, with four or five guns. The detachment held out from noon, April 3, until April 4, at 9 in the morning, and then apparently surrendered, for the reported firing ceased at that time.

Immediately after the reported firing ceased at that time, immediately after I heard the news during the afternoon, April 7, I ordered Gateneau to proceed for Springfontein, his present headquarters, to Reddersburg with all possible speed and I dispatched the Cameron Highlanders hence to Bethany. He arrived at Reddersburg at 3:30 yesterday morning without opposition, but could get no news of the missing detachment. No doubt the whole party were made prisoners.

BOER SIDE OF STORY. Nearly Four Hundred Men Captured in the Ambuscade.

BRANDFORT, April 6.—In the ambuscade near Sannas Tost the Burgheers lost three men killed and ten wounded. Altogether the Burgheers captured 359 prisoners throughout the day. The Free Staters are now desirous of marching on Bloemfontein, and the Transvaal officers are anxious to emulate the late success of their allies. All the southern Boer forces have now formed junction with the main Boer army, forming a long force of veterans. Gen. Dewet sent the British guns, wagons and prisoners to Winburg. Perhaps of greater importance than the victory was the capture of British secret papers, including maps and plans of 1897, 1898 and 1899, outlining elaborate schemes for the invasion of the Orange Free State and the Transvaal and giving a plan for reaching Johannesburg from Mafeking along Dr. Jameson's route, but amended so as to avoid his mistakes. Another gives a plan for a march from Bloemfontein to Kroonstad via Brandfort.

WILL NOT YIELD. President Steyn's Address to the Free State Republic.

LONDON, April 6.—In his speech before opening the Free State road, President Steyn declared in spite of the surrender of Bloemfontein he had not lost hope in the triumph of the republican cause. War, he said, was forced upon the Transvaal and nothing remained for the Free State but to throw in its lot with the sister republics in accordance with the terms of the independence bought with the blood of the forefathers of the nation and had been so successful that it caused the greatest wonder throughout the world and even to the Boers themselves.

After paying a tribute to the memory of Joubert, Steyn said the British, notwithstanding their overwhelming numbers, were violating the flag of truce and the red cross, and that he was compelled to report the matter to neutral powers. The attempt to create dissension among Burgheers by issuing a proclamation had failed, he said.

KENTUCKY DEMOCRATS WIN. Court of Appeals Hands Down Decision in Governor's Favor.

FRANKFORT, Ky., April 7.—The court of appeals has handed down a decision in the governorship case in favor of the democrats. The opinion is by six judges, four democrats and two republicans. One republican, Durrell, dissented. The opinion holds the action of the legislature in seating Beckham was final and the courts have no power to review it, that Governor Taylor has exceeded his authority in adjourning the legislature to London and that journal of the two houses of the legislature being regular cannot be impeached. The republicans will try to get a hearing before the United States supreme court. Thirty days must elapse before the mandate of the court of appeals in accordance with the decision is issued.

Dewey Confirms It. WASHINGTON, April 5.—Admiral Dewey has confirmed the interview published in the New York World to the effect that he will accept the presidency of the United States should the American people ask him to fill the office. He refused to make any further statement.

Olga Nethersole Acquitted. NEW YORK, April 6.—The jury in the case of Olga Nethersole and others, accused of maintaining a nuisance, in performing the play "Sapho," returned a verdict of not guilty.

Japan Calls Out Naval Reserve. SHANGHAI, April 6.—Ominous preparations for the Russian-Japanese war continue. The Russians are making strenuous efforts to fill Port Arthur with grain, even at panic prices, importing quantities of wheat from northern China. Japan has called out the naval reserves for service.

A fabric much lighter than silk, and nearly as strong, is made in Australia from the web of the tarantula. Each of these poisonous spiders yields about forty yards of filament, and eight of these twisted together forms a single thread. The fabric is used for balloons.

A Newark bride, after her return from the honeymoon, persuaded her husband to accompany her to church. He had not been in church for ten years, and he reluctantly consented. Imagine the bride's humor when she saw him enter a pew with a cigar in his mouth.

THE NEWS IN IOWA

MAY RESULT IN MURDER. Old Man Gaudard Attacked and Probably Fatally Wounded.

LENOX, April 6.—Louis Gaudard, 63 years of age, was probably fatally wounded by robbers. Gaudard lived alone in a small shanty about seven miles southeast of Lenox. His shanty is situated near the timber in a lonely place a quarter of a mile back from the road. He has been carrying \$1,600 on his person for some time, not wishing to invest it until after his property had been assessed. It is supposed that the robbers came to his house and meeting with resistance shot the old man and then fled. He remained in the house unconscious for twenty-four hours. On receiving a call from a neighbor a mile away and told his story. The doctors say he will die. The burglars failed to get his money.

AWFUL ACCIDENT NEAR COLFAX. Young Woman Burned to Death by a Rubbish Fire.

COLFAX, April 9.—The 14-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Wright, living at Old Mines, three miles from Colfax, met with a horrible death. She was burning off the grass and rubbish about her grounds when her clothing took fire and her body burned almost to a crisp before the flames were put out, the flesh dropping from her neck and shoulders. Her face and head, however, escaped the flames. She lived about three hours after the terrible accident occurred.

INDIAN GIRL GOES FREE. Masqued Children Cannot Be Compelled to Go to a Boarding School.

CEDAR RAPIDS, April 8.—In the federal court Judge Shiras determined the case of Lelah-Puch-Kah-Chee, the Indian girl released from the custody of Agent Malin and Superintendent Nellis of the Tama reservation. The girl was arrested and imprisoned in the Tama boarding school because she ran away and married Tah-Lah-Pi-Cha. Under the judge's order she is given her entire freedom and the costs of the case are fixed on the defendants.

MET A HORRIBLE DEATH. Workman Falls Against a Revolving Shaft at Clinton.

CLINTON, April 6.—Henry Hurlbut, a workman in the Lyons Paper Company's mill, met a horrible death. He fell against a swiftly revolving shaft, which caught his clothing and hurled him with great force against the side of the building. The body was crushed into a shapeless mass.

Cashier Stone Escapes Prosecution. ST. LOUIS, April 9.—The three indictments which have been hanging over the head of E. P. Stone, the missing cashier of the Sioux City Savings bank, have been dismissed on motion of the county attorney. In 1896 Stone skipped out following the failure of the bank, and an examination showed that he had forged paper to the amount of \$20,000. All efforts to find him were of no avail, and finally attempts were made to locate him since that time.

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WEBSTER COUNTY CONTEST.

Decided by Judge Caswell in Favor of the Republican.

FOUR DODGE, April 7.—One of the most stubbornly contested election cases ever known in north central Iowa was settled when Judge Caswell rendered a decision declaring J. A. Lindquist treasurer of Webster county. Mr. Lindquist is the present incumbent and a republican. The contestant was Henry Cox, democratic candidate. The original count resulted in a tie, but the recount gave Mr. Lindquist thirteen majority. Mr. Cox then gave notice of appeal, and for three days the district court canvassed the returns. The result was startling to the politicians, the court throwing out as illegal 1,100 ballots in a total vote of 5,000. Mr. Cox announces that he will accept the finding and not appeal to the supreme court.

RESULTS OF A FAMILY ROW. One Man Badly Hurt and Three Other Persons Suffering.

FOUR DODGE, April 10.—O. B. Rehn was seriously stabbed by his brother-in-law, J. B. Hill, during an altercation. Rehn started out to celebrate recent Boer victories, but becoming noisily intoxicated, was about to be arrested when Hill interposed and said he would take him home. Arriving there, Mrs. Rehn charged Hill with being responsible for her husband's condition. This precipitated a fight in which Rehn was badly stabbed about the head and body. The wives of both men also became involved, and a riot call was turned in for the police. When they arrived Rehn was unconscious from loss of blood and physicians were called to dress the wounds. Both women were cut and bleeding and Hill is also suffering from cuts about the head and face. Rehn may not live. Hill is in jail without bonds.

Riverton Has a Bad Fire. RIVERTON, April 9.—At 1:30 Saturday morning Riverton was visited by the worst fire in twenty years. Several business houses on Main street were totally destroyed. They were occupied as follows: M. O. Story, general store; John Smith & Co., clothing; J. F. Lewis, photograph gallery; Charley Boardman, barber; S. C. Hatton, physician; A. O. P. Gilson, restaurant. Most of the parties carried some insurance.

Secretary Ward, of the Des Moines Commercial Exchange, recently received a telegram from Congressman Hartz stating that President McKinley had signed the military post bill and that it is now a law.

Centerville dispatch: While Mrs. Martin Nelson, living one mile north of Numa, was tending a fire of trash and grass, her skirts caught fire and she was soon enveloped in flames, being so badly burned that she died within a few hours.

John McCann, an employe of the Cardiff gypsum mills, of Ft. Dodge, was probably fatally injured by a large quantity of rock falling upon him. He had just fired off a large quantity of powder and returned to the mill when a large quantity of rock was caught by him about a foot of rock which the explosion had loosened.

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NEWS IN GENERAL

A WINTER CAMPAIGN. Great Britain Now Realizes That One Is Ahead.

LONDON, April 10.—Britons are now beginning, though reluctantly, to realize that Lord Roberts is in for a winter campaign, lasting several months. This is the end, in a few words, of the high hopes based upon Lord Roberts's brilliant dash to Kimberley and Bloemfontein. Preparations are being made to hold Bloemfontein against possible surprises.

General Brabant and General Gatacre are both at a standstill. Lord Roberts will probably for some time confine his operations to clearing the Free State behind him of raiders and to relieving Mafeking, for which purpose, apparently, the Eighth division, now arriving at Cape Town, has been ordered to Kimberley. What the chances are for an advance to Pretoria may be judged from the fact that only from 6,000 to 10,000 horses are on their way to the Cape and from the further fact that the military tailoring department only within the last three weeks began making woolen khaki uniforms. It is said it will take at least two months to provide 200,000 uniforms.

CAPE TOWN, April 10.—Owing to a lack of horses and the suffering of the men from pneumonia, due to thin clothing, Roberts has decided not to make a big move until the troops are provided with thicker uniforms.

MARK HANNA RETIRES. Said He Will Not Be Chairman of the National Committee.

WASHINGTON, April 10.—Senator Hanna will not be chairman of the republican national committee in the next campaign. The Ohio senator is not in robust health and there are other reasons why he should not care to take charge of another campaign. President McKinley is also willing to have Chairman Hanna retire and another republican whom there is not so much prejudice selected to take his place. Henry C. Payne, of Milwaukee, will be the president's selection for chairman of the national committee if Mr. Payne's health will permit his acceptance of the place and the arduous work which will fall upon the chairman. Mr. Payne has not been in the best of health, but if he will accept the chairmanship and give direction to the work other and younger men will be closely associated with him to take the greater part of this work off his hands.

AGAINST THE BILL. Democrats Opposed to the Porto Rican Relief Measure.

WASHINGTON, April 10.—About sixty democratic members of the house of representatives attended the caucus called for the purpose of emphasizing the necessity for all democratic members to be present when the Porto Rican bill shall be voted upon. No other business was considered. The caucus was in session less than an hour. The following resolution offered by Representative Richardson, of Tennessee, the leader of the minority, was adopted:

"Resolved, That as a party we do not see our unalterable opposition to the measure now pending before congress, entitled 'A bill temporarily to provide revenues for the relief of the island of Porto Rico, and for other purposes,' and hereby enjoin upon every democrat to be present in the house of representatives when the vote is taken thereon and record his vote against it."

MORE BRITONS CAPTURED. General DeWet Said to Have Taken 450 Cavalrymen.

PRETORIA, Friday, April 6, via Lorenzo Marquez.—It is reported that General DeWet attacked and defeated a large force of British cavalry at DeWet's Dorp, southeast of Bloemfontein, capturing 450 prisoners and a large quantity of ammunition and camp stores and inflicting heavy loss. The federal loss was two killed and four wounded. All is quiet with the other commandos.

FIGHTING NEAR MAFEKING. Plumer's Forces Defeated—Engagement on the 2nd.

LONDON, April 6.—A special dispatch from Lorenzo Marquez says sharp fighting occurred April 2nd near Mafeking. The garrison made a sortie, while Col. Plumer's cavalry tackled the Boers at Ramothabane. Both attacks were repulsed. Twenty of Col. Plumer's men were found dead on the field and six others were made prisoners. The federal losses were small.

UNION WORKMEN TURNED AWAY. CHICAGO, April 19.—Union workmen were turned away yesterday from the new Marshall Field building, where they had done all the work thus far, and 150 non-union men were put in their places. This action was interpreted as meaning that the united building contractors have secured sufficient high-class non-union workmen to carry on big contracts, and that union men hereafter will be given no opportunity until they consent to do so under the contractors' rules or withdraw from the building trades council. During the day work was carried on rapidly and without friction.

THE QUEEN IN IRELAND. Her Arrival the Occasion of Much Enthusiasm.

LONDON, April 4.—Queen Victoria left Windsor Monday evening accompanied by Princess Christian and Princess Henry of Battenberg, and attended by the Countess of Antrim, Hon. Harriet Phipps, Sir Arthur Biggs, private secretary to the queen, Sir Fleetwood Edwards, keeper of her majesty's private purse, and Captain Ponsonby.

DUBLIN, April 5.—Queen Victoria landed in Ireland yesterday for the first time in thirty-nine years. The disembarkation from the royal yacht was accomplished at 11:30. The commander of forces in Ireland, the Duke of Connaught, Lord Lieutenant Earl Cadogan and their staffs greeted her warmly, and the visit to Kingsdown to Dublin was commenced in splendid weather and before huge, good-natured crowds.

GENERAL OTIS WILL COME HOME. Will Be Relieved of Command in the Philippines May 1.

WASHINGTON, April 6.—Gen. Otis has been formally relieved of the command of the United States forces in the Philippines and of the Eighth army corps. This action is taken in response to the request of Otis, who gave the urgency of private business as his reason for asking to be relieved. General MacArthur will succeed Otis as military governor.

CONGRESS.

SENATE. Washington, April 3.—The president today nominated Smith McPherson of Iowa to be United States district judge for the southern district of Iowa. The senate today passed the Foran bill by a vote of 40 to 28. All amendments except committee amendments were voted down, and the free trade amendment by Nelson was rejected, 30 to 41.

A bill was passed to allow men who served during the Spanish war of 1898 in the infantry, cavalry, or marine corps, who were honorably discharged, to deduct from their time of service from a period required to qualify for the title. The house then went into a committee on the whole and the bill was passed.

Washington, April 3.—The senate agreed to take up the Quay bill tomorrow and the Spooner Philippine bill was