

AN AMERICAN COMMAND.

Four Hundred Men For Service in Pekin

Are Under Leadership of a U. S. Officer.

FIGHTING IN STREETS

Has Been Going on at Chinese Capital Since Sunday.

Demonstration Planned Under

Flags of All Nations.

London, June 12.—The last message out of Pekin to reach London left yesterday morning at 11 o'clock, going by way of the Russian telegraph through Manchuria, the Tien Tsin line being cut. It is as follows:

"General Tung, a Mohammedan extremely hostile to foreigners, arrived here this morning and had a long audience with Prince Tuan, father of the heir apparent, who is seemingly friendly to the boxers. Prince Tuan has been appointed chief of the foreign office since China, who is more friendly toward the foreigners."

"The dispatch of more marines was in response to a telegram from the minister to the consul at Tien Tsin for additional troops to be sent to Pekin to meet the troops coming by the first train."

"The arrival of the express dawning has rendered the city somewhat more quiet than it had been recently. The prefects have erected a barricade before the building in which they have refuge and are holding a small guard. The Catholics are concentrated north of the cathedral under the protection of a French guard of twenty-five men, who will hold the city until the British arrive. The Tartar city is safe."

"The British have finally consented to furnish transport for a relief force of four hundred under an American commander. The partial restoration of the railway is expected to be effected tomorrow, and the massacre of Christians are reported."

"Shanghai, under yesterday's date, reports that there has been street fighting in Pekin since Sunday afternoon. The Russians are making large purchases of canned provisions at an outdoor market. The British consularies will probably be ordered to return quickly to treaty ports."

"The Shanghai correspondent of the Daily Telegraph, dated yesterday at 1:40 p. m., says:

"Reports from the 'In-Nan-Pa' district say that the French minister has telegraphed that he is in imminent danger and that he is advising all foreigners to evacuate Yung-Nan."

"The general situation is such that the situation has not in the least improved. On the contrary the disorder has spread from the neighborhood of Pekin to the capital. Instead of being a turbulent in anti-foreigner demonstration, in addition to the burning of the Pekin club, the secretary of the British legation has been roughly handled in the street. Heavily armed troops continue to demonstrate against the legations. Two thousand international troops are being sent to the city and an advance guard is due to arrive today (Tuesday)."

"The United States, according to dispatches from Captain McCalla, has given hearty adhesion to the scheme for a European demonstration. The Russian minister at Pekin, who also acts as the governor of the province, has been having sent a dispatch to the British foreign office to the effect that a demonstration has been planned under the leadership of the British and Russian, in which all the great powers and even of the smaller will take part. The latter are not called upon to send troops, but there are to be asked to give their right to hoist their flags to the great powers in order that a demonstration may be made at a battle fought under the flags of all Europe. Japan and the United States have been informed and agree to the agreement."

WHY DEFEAT LEADS.

New York, June 12.—Nothing is known as yet of the reasons which impelled Captain McCalla to go ashore from the ship, and it is probable that the little force of Americans under the command of a subordinate officer, says the Washington correspondent of the Times. A high official of the navy department took the view that the situation was so serious that Admiral Kempff considered it advisable to have the best of his ship ashore instead of keeping him on the New York.

"Captain McCalla is a cool-headed and able officer," says an official who advanced this opinion, "and Admiral Kempff very likely thought that the situation called for all the brains, ability and experience that could be secured. It is unusual to send the captain of a ship ashore, but Admiral Kempff is the judge of the needs of the situation. In my opinion, he should have some very stirring news from China before the week is out."

One report from Tien Tsin seems to indicate that Captain McCalla's detachment forms part of the force under command of Vice Admiral Seymour. It is not known whether this is a fact or whether McCalla went out with the admiral and has taken up a position along the line where he is himself in sole command.

ANOTHER CRUISER WANTED.

Washington, June 12.—The following dispatch was received at the state department today:

"Tien Tsin, June 12.—Secretary of state: Large numbers natives organized secret society, halted here. People very apprehensive. No protection. Want cruiser."

Martin, who signed the above dispatch, is the United States consul at Tien Tsin.

DISCUSSED BY THE CABINET.

Washington, June 12.—The cabinet meeting today was attended by Secretaries Hay, Hitchcock, Long and Gage and Treasurer General Smith. It was devoted largely to a discussion of the Chinese situation. Secretary Hay laid before the cabinet messages from Minister Conner which indicate that the situation is very critical. Secretary Long had no late dispatches.

The steps that have been taken to reinforce Admiral Kempff were gone over and it was decided to stand by the policy which has been entered upon of

pushing measures for the protection of lives and property of American citizens and of acting independently as far as possible. It may be that in the absence of the Russian fleet the forces of the powers will have to act in union for the protection of all foreign residents in the disturbed districts, but that by the extent of the American activity. It is to be confined solely to the safeguarding of our own interests and those of our citizens."

The Chinese government will be looked to, under the general laws of the comity of nations, to restore order and to make such reparation as is proper. From all political schemes in which any of the powers may become involved the United States is to hold aloof. This is the general policy heretofore outlined and will be adhered to. The navy department has called directly to Real Admiral Kempff, at Taku, to inform him that marine reinforcements have been ordered to him from Manila. The admiral is in a position to act with greater freedom in sending relief expeditions to which and elsewhere, knowing that he will be able to replace the marines diverted from Taku."

BEST OF THE ASIATICS.

Otis Pays a High Tribute to the Filipinos.

Washington, June 12.—During General Otis' visit at the war department in conference with the heads of the various departments he had many questions to answer respecting present and future conditions in the Philippines. He made one statement in particular which came as a distinct surprise in view of the fact that he has spent a year and a half in fighting the Filipinos for he declared that these same Filipinos were without question the very best of any of the Asiatic races living on the Pacific coast and islands. He paid a high tribute to their acquisitiveness, saying that the young and old were alike anxious to learn from the Americans and quick to do so if given an opportunity.

The demand for schools on the American plan was insatiable. It had not been possible to secure a sufficient supply of Spanish-American text books. General Otis said that he had been told that the demand for American school books and declared that their children could learn from even their own parents the Spanish translations.

"General Otis found to his astonishment that such was the case. Even the most ignorant of the natives were able to fix English phrases in their minds. There was a dearth of teachers, too. General Otis often had recourse to the promotion of the native-born of the Philippine islands and was confident that the spread of American ideas through the Filipino schools would in the end make good citizens of the Filipinos."

AGENTS PROMOTED.

Santa Fe Men at Burlingame and Chautauque Become Auditors.

Mr. I. S. Lauck, auditor of disbursements of the Santa Fe, has made appointments to fill the vacancies in the force of traveling auditors caused by the promotion of Mr. Edward L. Mooney and Mr. Oscar L. Clarke.

The men named are Mr. G. M. Pfundstein, agent at Chautauque, and Mr. W. Strickland, agent at Burlingame. Mr. Pfundstein and Mr. Strickland will likely not have the same territory as Mr. Mooney and Mr. Clarke, as a rearrangement of territory is being made.

The appointments became effective at once. Both men have been in the employ of the Santa Fe for a number of years.

BLISS WON'T COME OUT.

New Yorker is Much Needed on McKinley Ticket.

Washington, June 12.—The president today has been urged by several of his advisers today before the cabinet meeting. They included Senator Hanna, chairman of the Republican national committee, Senator John W. Aldrich, Senator Fairbanks of Indiana, Senator Penrose of Pennsylvania, and Thomas K. Lowry of Minnesota, one of the delegates from the Ohio state to the Philadelphia convention.

Senator Hanna goes to Philadelphia to attend the first meeting of the subcommittee of the national executive committee. He probably will see the president again before his departure.

Senator Fairbanks addressed to the granting class of the Ohio Wesleyan university and will not reach Philadelphia until Saturday. Senator Allison expects to arrive today. Mr. Lowry, who is pushing Senator Washburn of his state for the vice presidency continued his journey to Philadelphia today.

Although the gossip around the White House in connection with the president's callers centered particularly about the Ohio president-elect, the senators who conferred with Mr. McKinley were reticent, concurring only in the statement that the situation is serious, and that the president can say with positiveness who the nominee for vice president will be," said one of the senators after he had left the White House.

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Nearly Half Fatal.

Cairo, June 12.—Out of a total of 75 plague cases since the outbreak of the disease here, 34 of them have resulted fatally.

A Powerful Chilean Squadron.

Lima, Peru, June 12.—A powerful Chilean frigate squadron of six vessels anchored off Arica Monday. They will remain for a week and will then proceed southward.

ORO FOR DEWEY.

Indications That Buckeye Democrats Favor the Admiral

For Second Place on the Ticket With Bryan.

M'LEAN IN CONTROL.

Not Present in Person at the State Convention

But That Body is Ready to Do His Bidding.

Columbus, O., June 12.—All the preliminary work of the Democratic state convention was completed today so that business can be dispatched tomorrow. The old state committee concluded its business during the forenoon and the delegates meet this afternoon to select the members of the new state committee, officers of the convention and members of the different committees. The committees all meet tonight so as to be able to report to the convention tomorrow morning. The committee on credentials has a contest to settle between the Wilson and the Farley delegations of Cleveland and other minor contests to consider. The committee on resolutions will have many differences of opinion to settle on the language of the platform, but there are no radical differences regarding issues. The differences are mainly as to the form in which the declarations shall be made.

There will be contests for all places on the state ticket, and the delegates are likely to be able to get through. One of the contests is between James Kilbourne and Congressman J. J. Lentz of this city for delegate at large. Kilbourne will control the convention by a large majority and they have been favoring Lentz, but the delegates of this district at their meeting today were not in favor of Kilbourne at large and an Mr. Lentz is making a fight now for re-election to congress, he may not antagonize the delegates of his district.

There is some talk of making John K. McLean a delegate at large notwithstanding his purpose to sail for Manila on Thursday. He will attend the Kansas City convention. In that event there will be a contest for the place of first alternate at large, who would be elected to the state ticket in the absence of Mr. McLean.

Among the long list of names mentioned the most prominent are Charles N. Haskell and John C. Wolfley delegates at large from the northern part of the state.

The agitation for Admiral Dewey as the state ticket for vice president continues, and it is claimed to be entering into the contests for delegates at large. Dewey has entertained here at Kilbourne, Kilbourne, St. Louis, who talk most about Bryan and Dewey for the ticket at Kansas City seem to favor him, although the delegates at large here by is represented by confidential men who are noncommittal on the Dewey candidacy.

After the endorsement of Kilbourne by the delegates of their home county this forenoon the fight between Kilbourne and Lentz this afternoon is about over. It is conceded that Kilbourne will now be one of the delegates at large, and that W. S. Thomas of Springfield will also be selected. The contest between George W. Hall and Charles N. Haskell, for delegate at large, as both reside in northwestern Ohio. Some favor sending both of them to the Ohio state convention, but on geographical distribution, A. W. Patrick, who was on the ticket last year for lieutenant governor with McLean and who lives in eastern Ohio, is being pressed for delegates.

The anti-McLean men are trying to organize to control the convention and select the delegates at large. If it is found that the northwestern Ohio can have only one delegate at large the McLean men will support Haskell and the anti-McLean men will stand for Hull.

ALL LINES OPEN

But Only Part of the Cars Are Run in St. Louis.

St. Louis, June 12.—All the divisions and lines of the St. Louis Transit Company are once again in operation but only a portion of its cars are running. The experiment of sending out cars over some of the lines without police guards having worked satisfactorily yesterday that plan was carried out today on several additional divisions. Owing to the mayor's proclamation there was comparatively little trouble today, the injunction forbidding the use of explosives or fire arms and warning those having no business on the streets to keep off having a good effect. Both the strikers and the authorities are preparing statements and making up lists of witnesses to be heard at the coroner's inquest which will settle the responsibility for Sunday's killing. The inquest on the remains of Fred Boehne, the aged onlooker who was accidentally shot Sunday by a deputy sheriff, was to be held today, but was postponed.

Tomorrow the coroner will summon a jury to inquire into the death of C. O. Keenan, the striking street car conductor killed in front of posse barracks on Washington avenue Sunday evening.

During the past two days the sheriff's posse has gained a number of new members, most of whom volunteered. The posse is now made up of about 100, mostly of young lawyers and business men, is the last to be organized. Ransom Post G. A. R. whose members comprise some of the city's best citizens, organizing a company to be sworn into the posse. Delos R. Haynes, the well known real estate man, will command this company.

Samuel Gempers, president of the American Federation of Labor, has telegraphed President Mahon that he will arrive in St. Louis some time during the present week.

"Gempers will exercise a supervisory direction of the strike," said a member of the union, "as the head of all the trades in the American Federation he is the highest leader of the labor movement in America, and when on the ground of the strike is the superior officer."

Edward Burkhardt, who was shot at Sixth and Washington avenue, Sunday, is recovering from his wounds. He was conscious today, but could not talk coherently. Dr. Netter says the man's great vitality is keeping him alive.

Charles N. Haskell, who was shot and shattered during the same trouble, stood the shock of amputation well. A number of men charged with committing violence during the strike, who were arrested in the street car strike were tried before Judge Sidner in the police court Tuesday. Six men were fined.

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HEAVY RAINS IN WEST.

Santa Fe Anticipates Trouble on Southwestern Lines.

It has been raining steadily along the line of the Santa Fe in New Mexico since Monday afternoon, and if the downpour continues serious trouble is feared.

All streams are rising, and at noon today soft track was reported in several places. It is by far the heaviest rain so far this season in New Mexico.

Japanese Come Back.

Santa Fe, June 12.—The Examiner says that a man of 23 Japanese immigrants was recently deported on the steamer Thyra, at least four and possibly twenty other countrymen and state. One of them has been identified and is now in custody. The men are supposed to have left the steamer Thyra at Astoria, where the vessel touched, but the northern customs officers declare that such could not have been the case.

L. E. & St. L. Road to Be Sold.

Springfield, Ill., June 12.—The decree for the sale of the Louisville, Evansville & St. Louis railway, entered in United States circuit court at Indianapolis May 9, has been approved by Judge Allen. The sale is under the entire existing mortgage indebtedness against the road amounting to about \$19,000,000 held principally by the Southern railway system.

Kentucky Wants All.

Frankfort, Ky., June 12.—The Kentucky and Indiana boundary line dispute was argued in the court of appeals today and submitted to the question of jurisdiction of the waters of the Ohio river is involved. Kentucky claiming exclusive jurisdiction to the low water mark on the Indiana side, while Indiana claims concurrent jurisdiction.

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LYON IN A MUDDLE

Judicial Contest Has Stirred Up the Lawyers.

A New Factor Has Appeared in the Conflict.

CHASE CO. CANDIDATE.

His Name is F. P. Cochrane of Cottonwood Falls.

The Populists Are Also Very Much Divided.

The political situation in the judicial district composed of Lyon, Chase and Coffey counties now offers many complications to the managers of the party, but additional trouble is in sight with the entry of F. P. Cochrane of Cottonwood Falls in the race.

Lyon county has two candidates among the Republicans in the persons of Judge J. J. Buck and J. G. Hutchinson. As a dark horse the name of E. N. Evans is mentioned while Mr. Cochrane of Chase announces that he will try for the nomination.

In Lyon county an effort is being made to have Judge C. B. Graves of Emporia enter the race. He is a judge of the district for several years, but he has not yet given his consent to the use of his name. However, late advices from the county state that the judge is now about ready to go into the race.

Coffey county's candidate, Judge John Redmond, in the event of his nomination which cannot be settled in Lyon will stand a good chance for the nomination.

Four of the five delegates to the judicial convention from Chase county are for Judge Buck, one being for Mr. Hutchinson's nomination. Just how the delegates expect to get the race is not definitely understood, because one member of the delegation says all of them have expressed themselves in favor of the Chase county candidates. The Chase county delegation was not instructed by the convention.

Mr. Cochrane has never before been regarded as a candidate, but he told a State Journal reporter that he would go for it. He said:

"I have made up my mind to become a candidate, and I will go into the race at once."

At the first Populist landslide in Kansas years ago Judge Graves was swept out of the office of judge in that district. W. A. Randolph having been elected at that time. Judge Graves has been added to the district, but the Republicans have never been able to regain control. Judge Randolph has held the office continuously since that time, but the opposition now claims to have his undoing in hand. Even some of the Populists and Democrats are beginning to feel that it is not beyond the range of possibility that he may be defeated for the nomination by Dennis Madden, who is a candidate. Madden is a Populist, a brother of John Madden.

Since being defeated for the place Judge Graves has gone into the practice of law in Emporia, and has been successful that he declined to accept a place on the court of visitation, which was tendered him by Governor Stanley.

Judge Graves might have done as the other lawyers on the court did—look after their private business just the same as though they had no state job; but that tender of the position by the governor was made before it was discovered that the court of visitation had no business to look after.

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BUY A GOLD BRICK.

Nebraska Banker Pays \$13,600 For Kansas Financial Lesson.

Leavenworth, Kan., June 12.—William Kerr, president of the Adams County bank of Hastings, and one of the wealthiest citizens of Nebraska, is the possessor of a gold brick that has cost him \$13,600 and much agony of mind. He found it in this county.

On Decoration day, at his home, he was approached by an ordinary looking stranger who introduced himself as an old-time partner of Albert Kerr, a cousin to Mr. Kerr, and for whom he was now looking.

Mr. Kerr finally ascertained that the stranger was a miner, who with an old Indian had found a gold mine of considerable value in Old Mexico, that they had a brick of the precious metal they had taken from the mine, and he was looking for the cousin, whom he expected to find in the find. The stranger said that he and his Indian partner were ignorant of the mining laws, and they would look after their interests.

The stranger's appearance and the plausibility of his story so impressed Mr. Kerr that he accepted the offer of evening for a place near Leavenworth. Arriving here he was conducted at midnight to a cave in the woods, where they were to exchange the gold for the brick. Produced and some of it taken out with a gimlet by Mr. Kerr. This he took to Kansas City, where he has a bank. The result showed a value of \$30,000, making the brick worth something more than \$18,000. Mr. Kerr drew his bank at Hastings for the \$13,600 the owners of the brick had fixed as its price, and returned to Leavenworth.

After his visit was made to the cave, and the exchange was made, Mr. Kerr returned home with the understanding that the stranger was to meet him there with the money to be paid by Mr. Kerr a third interest in the mine. Sunday came, but no stranger, and as the days passed Mr. Kerr became anxious. A man took possession of the brick, which he had been bunked or was in possession of stolen goods, and on last Wednesday an express agent brought a brick to Mr. Moffatt, president of the First National bank of Denver, to have it assayed, and also with the idea of taking steps to clear himself should it prove to have been stolen.

MUTINY IN PORTO RICO.

Penitentiary Prisoners Refuse to Work or to Eat.

San Juan, Porto Rico, June 12.—Five hundred prisoners of the penitentiary refused to work today, refusing to take breakfast or work. They asserted that the food was not fit to eat, and the leader struck the warden in the face. The strike was broken up by the detachment of twenty members of the Porto Rico regiment, and the jail authorities, fearing that the convicts had planned a concerted strike, ordered the prisoners to be guarded. Thereupon the prisoners attempted to rush the troops, who fired three volleys at the wall or in the air. The strike is reported to have been broken up by the military authorities then called out a company of regulars. The assistance of regulars was not asked for by the civil authorities, and the native company had quelled the disturbance before the regulars arrived.

IN PLACE OF BYNUM.

DeVries of California to Be an Appointee.

New York, June 12.—A special to the Herald from Washington, says: Representative Marion DeVries of California, has been appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of William H. Hays from the office of secretary of the treasury at New York caused by the failure by the senate to confirm the appointment of former Representative W. D. Boylston in his place.

Though Mr. DeVries is appointed as a Democrat, it is said his selection was largely due to the influence of prominent Republican public men, including Senator Hanna, Representative Babcock, chairman of the congressional campaign committee, and Representative Charles A. Smith, chairman of the National Republican club. Mr. DeVries is now the only Democratic representative from the Pacific coast. His district is normally Republican by 6,000 and he is said to be the only Democrat who can carry it.

With DeVries out of the way, Republicans are reasonably sure of carrying the district, and indications are that the Republican majority in the next house will be so small that every seat that they can obtain will be valuable.

SHOWING CONDITION OF GOVERNMENT FUNDS AT PRESENT TIME.

Washington, June 12.—The condition of the treasury, divisions of issue and redemption at the beginning of business today was as follows:

Gold coin and bullion \$150,000,000
Trust funds division of redemption, gold coin \$220,253,179
Silver dollars \$416,297,000
Silver coins \$180, \$7,854,662
Silver bullion of 1890, \$70,469,168
United States notes \$4,650,000
Total \$727,834,179

Divisions of issue:

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Silver coin and bullion \$7,412,927
Silver certificates \$7,619,332
United States notes \$2,013,702
Other assets \$55,683,564
Total \$138,989,107

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Sioane Rides the Winner.

London, June 12.—The Ascot stakes were won by Lord Carnarvon's bay colt Baldur, by sheer out of Sunshine, ridden by Tod Sloan. Lord Durham's Osbeck was second and Lord Rosebery's Tom Cringa third. Eleven horses ran.

CHISHAM NAMED.

Atchison Man Will Be a Sergeant-at-Arms at Philadelphia.

J. M. Chisham, postmaster at Atchison, has been named by the Republicans as the national Republican con-

vention at Philadelphia and starts tomorrow for the convention city. Mr. Chisham goes to Philadelphia via Niagara Falls and Canadian points. The vacancy on the always has one of its own people on the list of sergeants-at-arms so there will be no doubt about the Kansas obtaining admission to the convention hall.

BULLER FORCES ALMONDS NEK.

Carries the Position at Point of the Bayonet.

Hopes His Casualties Are Below a Hundred.

DISTURBING REPORTS

Reach London by Way of Lorenzo Marques.

Dewet is Said to Be Marching on Johannesburg.

London, June 12.—It is officially announced that Gen. Buller reports Almonds Nek has been forced. The war office posted the following dispatch from Gen. Buller:

Headquarters in Natal, June 11.—We forced Almonds Nek today. It is not marked on the map but is the last defile to Charlestown flat. The enemy were in considerable force, with several guns in position. The front of the fighting fell upon the second Dorsets who carried the position at the point of the bayonet and the Third cavalry brigade who were heavily attacked on our right from very broken country round Iketti mountain. I hope our casualties are less than 100, which considering the extreme length of the position is much less than I expected.

The whole attack was directed by Hildyard whose dispositions were extremely good. The artillery, Tenth brigade and Third cavalry brigade did most of the work.

A plentiful crop of reports has been filtering through Lorenzo Marques. According to these Gen. Dewet with 12,000 burghers, is marching on Johannesburg, the Boers have retaken Bloemfontein, where President Steyn again occupies the presidency, the British have sustained a severe defeat at Elandfontein and have also lost 750 killed and wounded and 150 prisoners in a fight at Vredfort. Nothing from any other sources lends color to these stories with the exception of the last which is probably the Boer version of the disaster to the military battalion of the Derbyshire Regiment at Elandfontein.

In regard to President Steyn being at Bloemfontein, a dispatch from Maseru, Basutoland, dated Monday June 11, says that President Steyn was then at Vredde, 200 miles from Bloemfontein.

Gen. Buller seems to be making substantial progress and ought, soon to possess the whole of the Transvaal (the northern extremity of Natal) whence presumably he will advance on Heidelberg and effect a junction with Lord Roberts.

A dispatch from Lichtenburg dated June 11 says 60 Johannesburg mounted men and a company of 100 men have surrendered to Gen. Buller. The explanation of the reports that a British force is moving through Swaziland has been given. The British force, probably dated June 11, announcing the return of these of the British cruiser Doris from Kosi Bay whether she had taken a number of prisoners when she was ordered to land an armed force, presumably part of a plan to penetrate into Swaziland. The Boers, however, heard of the expedition and the force was not landed.

According to a Cape Town dispatch the cabinet crisis continues. It is added that should the Transvaal seceder from the Bond and the three members of the Bond in the assembly, Mr. Schreiner has resigned at Cape Town. The secretary of the Bond and a son of Sir W. T. Power.

Machadour has been officially proclaimed as the president of the Orange river colony, ten miles from Norval's Point. It was thought that this district had been cleared of Boers and rebels long ago.

An official Boer telegram asserts that the British have been defeated with considerable loss at Donkerspoort in the southern extremity of the Free State or Orange river colony, ten miles from Norval's Point. It was thought that this district had been cleared of Boers and rebels long ago.

The Boers still cling to Laing's Nek, but Gen. Buller's forces are still working far around in that direction.

Lord Roberts has wired Cape Town that prior to Wednesday he liberated 150 officers and 3,500 of the rank and file. The Boers consequently took off only 500.

METHUEN IS LOST.

London, June 12.—5:20 p. m.—The following dispatch has been received at the war office from the Cape Colony:

Walker in command of the lines of communication in South Africa: Cape Town, June 12.—The following is from Kelly-Kenny:

June 11—No communication from Methuen since June 1. He was fighting June 6 to the north of Vetchkop. Steyn is near Beitersburg.

The British prisoners sent to Vredde are well treated.

BOER DEFEAT REPORTED.

London, June 12.—6:32 p. m.—The war office has received the following dispatch from General Kelly-Kenny:

June 11—The Boers have wired Cape Town from the north are at Honingspruit, where the Boers cut the British lines of communication, having defeated the enemy. They will be at America siding tomorrow at 8 a. m.

General Knox moves out from Kroonstad to intercept the enemy.

Fueller particulars later.

Platt Will Retire.

New York, June 12.—Senator Platt's friends having announced that he would not be a candidate for re-election in 1902, a rumor gained wide circulation that he would resign his seat before that time. Senator Platt said to a representative of the World today: "If I live I will serve out my term as senator. But after 1903 I shall retire from public life and from active participation in politics."

Weather Indications.

Chicago, June 12.—For Kansas: Partly cloudy tonight with thunder storms in the east and warmer in west. Wednesday probably fair; variable.

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