

WATCHED THE BATTLE

Population of Mafeking Sees the Final Struggle.

HAS THE TOWN LOST ONE DAY?

Queen's Birthday Anniversary Celebrated by Much Rejoicing.

Great Bazaar for the Benefit of Those Left Behind the "Absent-Minded Beggar"—Princess of Wales as a Saleswoman.

London, May 25.—The following dispatch from Mafeking is just published here:

"Mafeking, May 17, via Kimberley. The British relieving force occupied this town at 9 o'clock. The garrison immediately moved out with twelve-pounders and pom-poms and attacked McNeill's laager. The Boers resisted weakly for half an hour and then fled in disorder, leaving their tents, wagons and impediments. The British then occupied all the high ground. Colonel Buller's garrison had an opportunity of revenge itself, using the relief force as a reserve and as supports.

Population Watches the Fight. Men and women crowded to the house-tops, and Lady Sarah Wilson, on a bicycle, accompanied the troops as far as the Boer lines. The town guard formed up in the market square for the march, but the relief force, there was immense enthusiasm over the fact that the relief of the place was accomplished by colonials.

A dispatch dated Cape Town May 24, says: "The gold to the value of \$700,000, has been sent by rail from Pretoria to Lorenzo Marques. State Secretary Reitz traveled on the same train. Note.—Mafeking dispatches make the day of the arrival of the relieving force May 17. Colonel Mahons dispatches—she commanded the relieving force—make it May 18. The question is mooted—did Mafeking fall on the first day in last February, thing it was leap year?"

Stand on the Boer Delegation. At a "stop the Boer" meeting in London, which the Boer delegates now in the United States will attend, were prepared to accept peace on any terms compatible with independence and asked if it was any good attempting to see Lord Salisbury, to which Stead said he replied in the negative, so unless they were prepared to surrender their independence, so the delegates proceeded to America, "where they have met with such coldness in Philadelphia as has excited the indignation of those who are determined to throttle the little state to death."

THE ABSENT-MINDED BEGGAR

Not Absent from the Minds of Britishers—Queen's Birthday. London, May 25.—The Princess of Wales at Kensington yesterday afternoon opened the great national bazaar in aid of the sufferers from the war. The magnitude of the undertaking, which lasts several days, is the smallest affair held in June of last year in aid of the Charing Cross hospital. Although much space in the Palace hotel has been given up to the bazaar, the entrance has at no such huge proportions that vast marquee have had to be erected in the adjoining grounds. The stalls are attended by titled personages and the elite of London society.

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PROTECTION IN GERMANY

Likely to Cost Chicago Quite a Little Fortune in Trade.

Chicago, May 25.—The passage of the German meat bill by the reichstag Wednesday means an annual loss of millions of dollars to Chicago packing houses and workmen employed at the stock yards. All of the large local concerns are hit. Although the bill is still subject to the approval of the bundsrath, its ultimate passage is believed to be certain. The bill as it goes to the bundsrath prohibits the importation of canned meats, sausage meats, and sausage, and further provides that until Dec. 31, 1903, fresh meats shall only be allowed to enter German ports in whole or half carcasses; even then the hearts and kidneys must be attached.

Last year Chicago exported to Germany 60,000,000 pounds of the meat prescribed by the bill. A Berlin cable quotes our ambassador to that city as saying that the bill as passed is worse, in its bearing upon the United States, than it was originally. "In taking this view," said White, "I particularly refer to the virtual exclusion of our cured beef, which I deem unnecessary after its long use here and after the United States have proved its wholesomeness."

HOLD A MIDNIGHT SESSION.

South Dakota Republicans Meet at Sioux Falls—Ticket Nominated.

Sioux Falls, S. D., May 25.—When the Republican state convention had come to order in the afternoon and Carl P. Sherwood of Clark county had been chosen temporary chairman, it was decided to hold a night session, and accordingly a recess until 10:30 at night was taken, with the understanding that the members would then remain in continuous session until all business had been disposed of. It was 10:45 when the convention re-assembled. S. E. Wilson of Fall River was made permanent chairman. The following nominations were made: Delegates to Philadelphia convention—Emil Brouch of Turner, George Rice of Moody, L. L. Losterer of Kingsbury, A. H. Betts of Hanson, C. B. Collins of Brown, N. P. Beebe of Edmunds, James Holley of Remington, Granville G. Bennett of Lawrence. Congressmen Charles H. Burke of Pierre (renominate), Eben W. Martin of Deadwood, Governor—Charles N. Herrod of Eureka, Lieutenant Governor—George W. Snow, Springfield.

Has Smallpox on Board.

New York, May 25.—The German steamer Albano, which has arrived from Hamburg and Harre, is detained at quarantine with two cases of smallpox among the steerage passengers. The patients are Daniel Malinski and Oslp Rodkunik, Russians. The first named was taken sick about seven days ago and was placed in the ship's hospital for treatment. Two days later he was still sick and was ordered isolated in the hospital. The Albano will be detained until the 783 steerage passengers are inspected and the vessel disinfected.

Partial Relief for Mrs. Ruiz.

Washington, May 25.—The senate committee on appropriations has decided to insert an item of \$200 in the pending deficiency bill as partial payment of the claim of the widow of Dr. Ricardo Ruiz. Dr. Ruiz, a naturalized American citizen, formerly a dentist in Philadelphia, was arrested and thrown into prison in Cuba on a trumped-up charge of robbery, and was kept in a small, filthy cell for 215 hours, practically without food, until, in desperation, he killed himself by beating his head against the wall.

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SPOONER AND ALLEN

Nebraskan Has a Skirmish With Badger Statesman.

TWO ISSUES INVOLVING VERACITY.

Grave Imputation Against the Army—Authenticity Challenged of a Letter from Lawton.

Washington, May 25.—Senator Spooner continues to have trouble with the "anti-imperialists," who insist on carrying on a sort of verbal skirmish with him as he proceeds with his Philippine speech. Yesterday his opponent was Allen. Spooner began his speech with a review of the facts of the opening of hostilities at Manila between the United States and the Philippines, and declared that "nobody but an anti-imperialist who by his words and actions desired the dishonor of his country and the making of campaign material in a presidential year could have so little of good faith as to make the brutal charge against the president of the United States that he had been responsible for the precipitation of hostilities."

Notes a Dispatch From Otis.

In discussing further along the responsibility for the continuation of hostilities Spooner quoted a dispatch from General Otis giving an account of an interview he had had with General Torres, one of the Filipino commissioners, who suggested that a neutral zone be established between the hostile armies. "General Otis informed him that the suggestion of the establishment of a neutral zone or an armistice in the circumstances would have to come from Aguinaldo. An officer was sent to Aguinaldo by Judge Torres with a request that an armistice be arranged, and for reply Aguinaldo sent to General Otis a copy of his declaration of war. I received in the noon mail today an insulting letter from the chief of the so-called anti-imperialists in which he denounced General Otis as a liar."

Allen Enters the Controversy.

At this point Allen interrupted to say that as an army officer—a friend of his—had informed him that that statement of the interview with General Torres was not true; that General Otis had misrepresented it. "An officer who charges falsehood against his commanding officer," reported Spooner, "ought to make it in the open."

"If he should make the charge in the open," said Allen, "his position would be imperiled." This statement Spooner disputed and Allen continued: "The statement made by General Otis is not the truth." "We have had here," said Spooner, "a statement that the president of the United States is a liar; that Admiral Dewey is a liar; and by some one that General Otis is a prevaricator."

WORDS OF THE DEAD LAWTON.

Pettigrew Says They Were Never Uttered—Future of the Philippines. Spooner expressed the belief that the people would believe General Otis against the word of any unnamed and unknown person. A few moments later Spooner said that the last words of the chivalrous Lawton were "that men over here—the so-called anti-imperialists—were prolonging and inciting the Philippine rebellion. I wish to God," said Spooner, "that I had been the author of this Philippine situation could be known as I know it. If I am shot by a Filipino bullet it might as well be by one of my own men."

Pettigrew interrupted to declare that there was no foundation for that statement; that it had been denied. "This is an extract from a letter written by Lawton to John Barrett," said Spooner. "It is authentic. I have not the original, but I can and will produce it."

Allen replying said he had seen the authenticity of the letter questioned and when asked by Spooner if he questioned it, said: "Oh, several persons, reporters and other people who ought to know." [Laughter.] Spooner then continued his speech until he was interrupted again by Allen. "What does the senator propose to do with the Philippines?" inquired Allen. "Spooner: 'To enforce the authority of the government in the islands. Will the time ever come when the people will govern themselves?'" urged Allen.

"The power to give those people self-government lies with no president," responded Spooner. "It lies with congress. If the time shall come when the Filipino people show an ability to govern themselves the American people will give them self-government."

Allen: "Yes, but will the Republican party give it to them?" "Ah," responded Spooner, "there is the trouble with the senator from Nebraska and those who think with him. It is party—party—party. They never rise above party," and turning to Allen he asked, sharply: "What would the Populist party do?" "The Populist party would do what the Republican party is too cowardly to do," replied Allen warmly. "We would offer to these people the blessing of civil liberty immediately and then to them with shot and shell. Then we would protect them against the greed and encroachments of European."

"That is all very well," replied Spooner, "merely to listen to, but I do not think the senator knows what the Populist or Democrat will do five years from this time."

Horses Sick at Madison, Wis.

Madison, Wis., May 25.—About half the horses in Madison are affected with an epidemic closely resembling the grip, and for which the doctors prescribe the same remedy as for persons—whisky and quinine. The livestock and merchants' deliveries are seriously inconvenienced by the epidemic.

On the Base Ball Field.

Chicago, May 25.—League base ball scores yesterday were: At St. Louis, Boston 0, St. Louis 7; at Cincinnati—New York 5, Cincinnati 3; at Pittsburg—Brooklyn 4, Pittsburg 1; at Chicago—Philadelphia 8, Chicago 5. American League: At Buffalo—Chicago 5, Buffalo 9; at Cleveland—Kansas City 12, Cleveland 2; at Indianapolis—Milwaukee 2, Indianapolis 15.

LIGHT ON A MURDER CASE.

Girl's Body Found at Evansville Identified by Her Father.

Evansville, Ind., May 25.—The body of the girl which was found Wednesday in Pigeon creek has been identified as that of Nora Kifer, who lived at Elberfeld, a small town in Warrick county, on the E. and I. railway. The father of the girl, Z. T. Kifer, came here yesterday and after viewing the body, positively identified it as that of his daughter. The girl left home four weeks ago, and came to this city. Her father heard nothing of her, although he had the police make diligent search. Kifer said he believed Nora drove here with a married man, as several of his neighbors saw her with a man in a buggy on the night she disappeared. The nature of the case for the man to take would have led over the bridge where the body was found.

On March 29 the girl came to Evansville with William F. Clark, of Elberfeld, age 45, to marry Clark because intoxicated, and accused the girl of robbing him of \$300. She had him arrested. When released Clark insisted on marrying the girl, but she refused, and declared that "nobody but an anti-imperialist who by his words and actions desired the dishonor of his country and the making of campaign material in a presidential year could have so little of good faith as to make the brutal charge against the president of the United States that he had been responsible for the precipitation of hostilities."

SOME MICHIGAN WEATHER.

And the Effect It Had on the Crops That Are Growing. Lansing, Mich., May 25.—The weather crop bulletin says the weather has been very favorable to wheat, rye, meadows and pastures. Wheat has made some improvement, but still continues very poor, and in some cases is being plowed up for other crops. Meadows and pastures are generally in very good condition. Rye is heading in the southern part of the state. Oats and barley have germinated finely. The cool, wet weather has delayed field work somewhat, but good progress has been made in corn and potato planting. Early potatoes are coming up in the southern counties and will be ready for cultivation next week. Considerable ground for beans has been prepared and sugar beet seeding has now generally begun in Bay county.

All fruit is blossoming very heavily and at present is in very promising condition, except that apple trees in a large number of places have been attacked by worms and tent caterpillars. Bad for the Logging Industry. Little Falls, Minn., May 25.—Word has reached here of the going out of the main dam on the Crow Wing river, used for log-driving purposes. It was the mouth of the St. Louis river and its loss in this season of low water is a serious matter for the logging industry as 40,000,000 feet of logs are now hung up when with the water cut by the dam they could have been driven to the mill. A dam at this point had previously been blown out by farmers who claimed to be damaged, but by the cause of this event is not definitely known.

Fourth of July at Ashland. Oshkosh, Wis., May 25.—There was a mass meeting of the citizens here Wednesday evening when plans for the Fourth of July celebration were made. It is planned to have about a dozen military companies here and a sham battle will be given at the fair grounds. There will also be a balloon ascension, illustrating the use of balloons in the time of war. Tom Ryan passed away in the celebration in charge. He is planning to have an automobile race.

Locomotive Brotherhood Officers. Milwaukee, Wis., May 25.—Besides P. M. Arthur, who was re-elected grand chief engineer of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers for another term, the officers elected were: C. H. Harmon, of Cleveland, second grand engineer and editor; C. H. Pearson, of Richmond, Que., first assistant grand engineer, and J. C. Currie, of Jersey City, second assistant grand engineer.

Policy of Kentucky Democrats. Frankfort, Ky., May 25.—An address of Senator-elect Blackburn declaring in favor of a change of policy on the part of the Democrats of Kentucky was generally discussed by the Democratic leaders in conference here yesterday. The sentiment appeared to be well divided on the suggestion to incorporate a plank in the platform of the party changes in the election law.

Cumberland Presbyterians Adjourn. Chattanooga, Tenn., May 25.—The Cumberland Presbyterian General assembly adjourned last night after a continuous session of eight days. Questions of education and missions received the greatest attention and advance steps were taken especially in the movement now well under way to secure an endowment of \$1,000,000 for the church colleges.

Strike on a Street Railway. Decatur, Ills., May 23.—All the union laborers and teamsters employed in the rebuilding of the Decatur street railway system struck because the contractor driving the contract, contrary to agreement, discharged the union men and employed non-union men from outside towns. There is likely to be serious trouble, as the contractor claims that they will go ahead with the work with the non-union men.

More Violations of Injunction. Springfield, Ills., May 25.—W. A. Sitton, S. P. Ridgeway and Henry O. Malley of Springfield, have been brought to Springfield, charged with having violated an injunction issued by Judge Allen, of the United States court, restraining striking section men from entering the city and working on the Big Four tracks, thereby intimidating them.

President Congratulates the Queen. Washington, May 25.—Secretary Hay has sent a cable message to Ambassador Choate at London asking him to convey the congratulations and best wishes of the president to her majesty the Queen on the occasion of her birthday.

Worcester, Mass., May 25.—John G. Clark, founder of Clark university in this city, died Wednesday, aged 85 years. His gifts to Clark university aggregated nearly \$3,000,000.

BURGHERS FALL BACK

Because Roberts Gets Beyond Their Flanks.

TAKE NO CHANCES OF CAPTURE.

British Find the Boers Gone When They Reach Rhenoster River.

More Free Staters Surrender—Dispatch Giving Details of the Last Fight with Snyman.

London, May 24.—The war office late last evening published the following from Lord Roberts: "South Bank of the Rhenoster River, May 23, 1:30 p. m.—We found our arrival here this morning that the enemy had fled during the night. They had occupied a strong position on the north bank of the river, which had been carefully entrenched, but they did not think it advisable to defend it when they heard that I am Hamilton's force was at Heilbron, and that our cavalry, which had crossed the Rhenoster some miles lower down the stream, were threatening their right and rear. The bridge over the Rhenoster, several culverts and some miles of the railway were destroyed.

Flanked at the Right Moment. "I am Hamilton's force drove the Boers under Ret de Wet before them from Lindley to Heilbron. The passage of the Rhenoster was strongly disputed. Our loss might have been heavy, but for a well concerted plan which brought Smith Dorrien's brigade on the enemy's flank just at the right moment. The officer commanding at Boshof reports that upwards of 350 Free Staters have surrendered during the last few days, and that they have given up 300 rifles, 100 horses and a large amount of ammunition."

FIRST NEWS FROM MAFEKING.

Story of the Long Fight of the Garrison with the Boer Assaults. London, May 24.—The first dispatch from Mafeking, except the brief one, received yesterday from Major General Baden-Powell announcing the relief of the place, follows: "Mafeking, May 18.—The whole town is animated with a keen sense of exultation over yesterday's victory, which was complete, decisive and far-reaching. The military position shortly after sunrise was extraordinary. All the outlying works of this town were intact; the British had lost hardly any men, and yet three bodies of federals, right inside the British lines, had been surrounded, cut off and given an opportunity to surrender, which they had declined.

Commandant Sarel Eloff had been driven back, and he informed a messenger that the town was at his mercy. Toward noon there was a lull in the fighting. Everybody at headquarters went to breakfast, and the commissariat requisitioned for horse sausage, bread and water for the men on the fighting line. There was no thought of half rations. Every one got all he could eat. "The British in the Staat, moving from rock to rock, gradually drew in their circle around the federals, whom they corralled like cattle in a compound. Shortly after 4:30 a white flag was hoisted by the enemy and they came amid ringing cheers, the first batch of Boers was disarmed and sent to the town. The erstwhile besiegers furnished an igniting spectacle to the British, who were long occupied marching behind the gleaming bayonets of the British the British population received them respectfully, but the British were not a very good swimmer, as in boots, yells and similar expression of delight. The prisoners seemed glad the fight was over.

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MEAT BILL PASSED.

German Reichstag Prohibits Importation of Canned Meats.

Berlin, May 24.—The reichstag, voting by roll call, has adopted the meat bill by 163 to 123 votes. As it has passed the reichstag, in addition to prohibiting the importation of canned or sausage meat, the bill provides that until Dec. 31, 1903, the importation of fresh meat shall only be allowed in whole, or in certain cases, in half carcasses, and that the importation of prepared meat shall only be permitted when it is certified by an innocuous, which is regarded as being impossible of proof in the case of consignments of salt meat under four kilograms in weight. The bill also provides that after 1903 the importation of meat shall either be regulated by fresh legislation or the above mentioned provisions remain in force.

HALF RATE FOR VETERANS.

Scheme Being Considered by the Western Passenger Association. Chicago, May 24.—Permanent half-rate fares for all members of the Grand Army of the Republic, ex-Confederate veterans and other men who were in arms back in the '60's may be established by the railroads of the Western Passenger association. At its meeting to be held in the Monadnock building today the executive committee of the association will consider a proposition to authorize such rates, which have been repeatedly asked for by many old soldiers. About 1,200,000 men would be affected by the adoption of the proposition—700,000 members and men eligible to membership in the Grand Army of the Republic, and 500,000 former wearers of the gray.

TOM THUNDER'S CHALLENGE.

He Invites the White Chief of the Indians to Wager of Battle. Black River Falls, Wis., May 24.—Tom Thunder has got on his war paint and has issued a challenge to fight White Buffalo over the grave of Chief Black Hawk and he asks White Buffalo to name the date. Thomas Roddy, the Irish chief, will be here on May 26 and young Thunder is planning a hostile demonstration to greet White Buffalo.

The challenge was made and signed in the presence of several citizens and was mailed to White Buffalo Tuesday night. Young Thunder will have another meeting of the older members of the tribe this week and will make effort to have White Buffalo turned down and to have himself proclaimed chief. Fire in a Tannery. Rib Lake, Wis., May 24.—Fire broke out in the leach house of Fayette Shaw's tannery and destroyed the engine, two bark mills, pump house, several pumps, coolers, and the boiler house. The fire was hard to fight as a strong north wind fanned the flames. Surrounding buildings and J. J. Kennedy Lumber company's mill were in danger. The loss is estimated at \$10,000, with life insurance. Two months will be required to restore the buildings.

Iowa Homeopaths in Council.

Cedar Rapids, Ia., May 24.—The Hahnemann Medical Association of Iowa began its thirty-first annual meeting here yesterday. There are several hundred delegates present, representing nearly every county in the state. At the formal opening yesterday morning the visitors were greeted by Mayor Redmond, to whose address of welcome response was made in behalf of the visiting delegates by Dr. F. A. Remington, of Sioux City.

Little Boy Dies a Hero.

Sioux Falls, S. D., May 24.—While swimming in the Floyd river yesterday afternoon Harold Dennison, aged 9, and George Lewis, aged 10, were drowned. The Dennison boy became exhausted and his little companion, who was not a very good swimmer, went to his rescue, and both went down together. The bodies were recovered by the Lewis boy's father, but could not be resuscitated.

Editor to Be Renominated.

Kalamazoo, Mich., May 24.—Editor E. N. Dingley, of the Kalamazoo Telegraph, will be re-nominated as representative to the state legislature by the Republicans of this district. There will be no opposition to him. If the next house is Republican he will be a candidate for speaker.

McIntyre Fails to Appear.

Springfield, Mass., May 24.—Paddy Fenton of Boston and Percy McIntyre of Brooklyn, who were down for a ten-round bout at the Springfield Bicycle club, did not fight, as the Brooklyn boy failed to put in an appearance. He sent a physician's certificate saying he was ill.

Engineers Abandon the Home.

Milwaukee, May 25.—The Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers yesterday discussed the question of building a home for disabled and aged engineers on the Meadow Lawn farm at Mattson, Ills., and decided to abandon the project. They will likely be sold.

Engineer and Fireman Killed.

Cleveland, O., May 24.—The engine attached to the west-bound fast mail train on the Lake Shore road went into the ditch at Westfield, N. Y., and Engineer Roagan and Fireman William Lehighou, were killed.

Justice Phillips Slightly Weaker.

Hillsboro, Ills., May 24.—Justice Phillips was slightly weaker Tuesday and suffered considerable pain. His condition is regarded as serious, but hopes are still entertained of his recovery.

UNUSUAL CONCESSION.

Railways Make Excursion Tickets of Those to the Democratic Convention. Kansas City, Mo., May 24.—An unusual concession to delegates and others who desire to attend the Democratic national convention in Kansas City was agreed upon at a meeting here of the committee recently appointed by the Western Passenger association. It had been previously decided for the convention to be held here for the round trip, with a return limit until July 9.

The committee at its meeting here decided to extend the limit to Sept. 30, in order to enable those attending the convention to make excursions to the various pleasure resorts and fields of investment in the west. To secure this concession tickets must be deposited with the local passenger bureau, which will grant extensions to correspond with the excursion tickets purchased.

CUBA UNDER DISCUSSION

Neeley Matter and Cuban Independence Up in Senate.

PLATT TALKS OF THE BOODLERY.

Spooner and Hale Have a Very Lively Exchange Regarding the Cuban Political Situation.

Washington, May 24.—There was an interesting debate in the senate yesterday relative to Cuba, beginning with a statement made by Platt of Connecticut regarding the Neely embroilment. Platt said of this that "if the wrongdoing had occurred in Boston, New York, or Washington it would have been sad and shameful, but it would not have been so sad and shameful as it is since it occurred on the island of Cuba where the administration is engaged in a great work of freedom



JOHN C. SPOONER. and philanthropy. But nothing has occurred in the history of defalcations that has made such an impression on the public mind as this—and justly so. More than ever it is incumbent upon the government to probe this matter to the bottom, unflinchingly—unsparringly.