

THE NEWS IN BRIEF.

Senator Teller has come out as a candidate for governor of Colorado. The preparations for the German scientific Antarctic expedition are nearly completed. Tuesday, April 10, the first anniversary of the great mine strike, will be celebrated at Pana, Ill. The Clover Leaf railroad was sold to Toledo, Ohio, for \$12,200,000 to Messrs. Harrison and Peyton. A private dispatch received at Shanghai, China, confirms the report that a British missionary was killed at Kalinging. Rev. Samuel E. Hewes, the oldest Methodist minister of the Rock River conference, died at Crete, Ill., aged 83 years. The shah of Persia has appointed Mofakham Ed Dewleh, minister plenipotentiary of Persia to the United States. The schedules in bankruptcy of William R. Smith, milliner, of New York, show liabilities of \$299,082; assets, \$165,071. The plan to have Champion James Jeffries fight three men in one night has been abandoned and Jeffries now will fight nobody in Chicago. T. C. Steele has just finished a life-sized three-quarter length oil portrait of ex-President Harrison, which is to be placed in the Commercial club of Indianapolis. Senator Allen has introduced a bill amending the national bank act so as to allow banks of deposit to be designated in cities of 25,000 population. The present law requires 50,000 population. Mrs. Edward Summer, who was an active organizer of Soldiers' Relief Society work during the civil war, and for many years prominent in Ohio temperance work, died at her home in Cleveland. A statement of the treasury balances in the general fund exclusive of the \$150,000,000 gold reserve in the division of redemption March 27, shows: Available cash balance, \$163,595,622; gold, \$98,291,422. George W. Clark of Macon, Ga., was arrested in Jacksonville, Fla., charged with blowing open the safe of the Perry Loan and Savings company of Perry, Ga., some weeks ago and stealing from it over \$4,000. Frank E. Bundy, the defaulting city chamberlain of Elmira, N. Y., was arraigned in police court and held for the grand jury in \$10,000 bail, in default of which he was committed to the county jail. Captain William B. Thomas, Forty-sixth volunteer infantry, having been found physically disqualified to perform the duties of his rank, has been honorably discharged from the service of the United States. Senator Hoar reported from the judiciary committee the bill fixing the annual salaries of the chief justice of the supreme court at \$15,500, and associate justices at \$15,000; circuit judges, \$9,000, and district judges at \$7,000. James B. Dill, the New York attorney who has brought harmony and tranquil business relations between Andrew Carnegie and H. C. Frick, the iron kings, will now rank as one of the most wonderful corporation attorneys of the country. Governor Lonsbury has appointed Friday, April 13, (Good Friday), as a day of fasting and prayer in Connecticut, and says he does so "in accordance with a custom instituted by a generation which feared God and kept His commandments." Secretary Long has completed the personnel of the navy police board by appointing as members: Captain Robley D. Evans, at present attached to the light house board; Captain Henry C. Taylor, commanding the Vermont; Captain Charles E. Clark, commander of the League Island navy yard; Captain Frech E. Chadwick, now on waiting orders, and Colonel George C. Reid, at Marine headquarters in Washington. The house committee on pensions recommended an increase to \$40 per month in the pension of the widow of Colonel Haskell, who died from wounds received in Cuba; \$35 to the widow of Colonel J. J. Van Horn, who died during the Spanish war; \$30 to the widow of Captain C. W. Rowell, killed in Cuba; \$35 to the widow of Commander Horace Elmer of the navy, and \$30 to the widow of Commodore O. C. Badger of the navy. The retirement of Rear Admiral Day will result in the promotion of Captain Silas Terry, a member of the naval retiring board, to be rear admiral. Chief Wilkie of the secret service announced the discovery of a very poor counterfeit one dollar treasury note, check letter B, series 1891, B. K. Bruce, register. An epidemic of pneumonia has struck St. Francis orphan asylum and convent, at Dubuque. Commandant Crowther, who commands the Transvaal fighting line in the south, reports that he has retaken Ladybrand after the British had been there an hour. A shipment of \$1,393,080 for the payment of soldiers in the Philippines left the subtreasury in New York. There were \$600,000 in gold coin, packed in wooden boxes, each containing \$20,000, the same sum in bills, packed in three iron safes, and the remainder, consisting of minor coin, packed in cart-ridge boxes. Mrs. Polly Price, a highly respected pioneer resident of Fountain City, Ind., has just celebrated her 100th birthday anniversary. Prof. G. E. Morrow, for many years head of the department of agriculture of the University of Illinois, is dead at his home in Paxton, Ill. Harlan C. Allan of Nebraska has been promoted from \$800 to \$900 per year in the treasury department. The Australian premiers have joined in a cablegram to Mr. Chamberlain, declaring that it is undesirable to conclude peace in South Africa, except on terms guaranteeing the absolute supremacy of British rule.

CAUGHT IN BOER TRAP

Two British Batteries With Six Guns and Convoy Captured.

FEW MILES FROM BLOEMFONTEIN

Boers Drive British Battery From Thaba Ncho Into Ambush—Only Rear Guard Makes Its Escape—Division Under General Colville Leaves Bloemfontein to Effect a Recapture. BUSHMAN KOP, Saturday, March 31.—The British force commanded by Colonel Broadwood, consisting of the Tenth Hussars, Household Cavalry, two horse batteries and a force of mounted infantry under Coliel, Pilcher, which had been garrisoning Thaba Nchu, was obliged, in consequence of the near approach of a large force of Boers, to leave last night. Colonel Broadwood marched to the Bloemfontein water works, south of the Modder, where he encamped at 4 o'clock this morning. At early dawn the camp was shelled by the enemy from a near point. Colonel Broadwood sent off a convoy with batteries, while the rest of the force remained to act as a rear guard. The convoy arrived at a deep spruit (stream) where the Boers were concealed and the entire body walked into ambush and was captured, together with six guns. The loss of life was not great, since most of the British had walked into the trap before a shot was fired. General Colville's division, which left Bloemfontein early this morning, arrived here at noon, and he is now shelling the Boers. LONDON, April 2.—General Buller's anxious inquiry, whether British officers will ever learn the value of scouting, comes back with enforced emphasis to the British public today on receipt of tidings that a convoy with guns has walked deliberately into a Boer ambush within about twenty miles of Bloemfontein. Lord Roberts' own report of the affair, if yet received by the War office, has not been published and no account is available to the public except the dispatch from Bushmankop. Nothing, therefore, can be said regarding the details. Evidently Colonel Broadwood thought it necessary to retreat in haste from Thaba Nchu, as he marched all through Friday night, apparently followed by a large force of the enemy. The forces and guns had to pass through a deep spruit, which the Boers had occupied. Six of the twelve guns, comprising two batteries, all the wagons, and, it is feared, many men fell into the hands of the Boers, whose daring, displayed so near Bloemfontein, shows that they are rapidly recovering heart after their recent reverses. The hope is expressed here that General Colville will recover the convoy and guns, but this is hardly likely in such a difficult country, and it is probable that the next news will be that after a stiff fight General Colville has extricated Colonel Broadwood from his difficult position, but failed to retrieve the disaster. Severe criticisms are heard regarding the renewal of the old mistake of underrating the Boers and the absence of proper precaution. No doubt the affair will revive Boer hopes and inspire confidence among the enemy at a critical moment. Great things are expected by the Boers of the new commander-in-chief, General Botha, who has made his reputation wholly "during the present campaign." Foreign officers serving with the Boers have expressed surprise at his clever tactics. The proof of continuing Boer activity in the Free State will compel greater circumspection on the part of the British and will probably delay the march of Roberts northward. Detailed accounts of the fight at Karee siding estimate the Boer forces variously from 3,000 to 5,000 men. Plague Hunts Its Course. HONOLULU, April 2.—(Via San Francisco, Cal.)—The board of health has practically decided that the plague has run its course. No cases have developed for over a week. The members of the board now feel that quarantine restrictions regarding the shipment of merchandise from Honolulu, except merchandise from Asiatic ports, will be rescinded. Chief Would Change Reservations. WASHINGTON, April 2.—Chief Joseph of the Nez Perce, located on the Colville reservation, Washington, has filed with the Commissioner of Indian Affairs a petition to remove his band to Oregon. Chief Joseph says that he desires to be located in the Wallowa valley, at the confluence of the Grand Ronde and Snake rivers, near Seven Devils mountains. He says that he has talked with the people of that region, who think it might be possible to have his band settle there. Fortifications Measure Passed. WASHINGTON, April 2.—The house finished up a hard week's work by passing the fortifications appropriation bill. Not a single amendment was offered and the bill passed as it came from the committee. It carries \$7,093,488. A three hours' political debate was precipitated by a general political speech by Shattuck of Ohio, many members on both sides being drawn into it. A resolution was adopted to re-elect the present board of managers of the National Soldiers' home. To Aid Sheldon's Scheme. TOPEKA, Kan., April 2.—Governor Stanley has given his personal endorsement to Rev. Charles M. Sheldon's proposal to send 1,000,000 bushels of Kansas corn to the starving people of India and will preside over a mass meeting in encouragement of the movement to be held Sunday night. Mr. Sheldon says he already has received one subscription of \$1,000. It is proposed to appoint agents whose duty it shall be to collect the corn by counties.

TARIFF BILL STILL IN FRONT.

Intention is to Vote on the Measure Tuesday Afternoon.

WASHINGTON, April 2.—The senate will vote upon the Porto Rican bill Tuesday at 4 o'clock and, previous to that time, each session of the senate, beginning at 11 o'clock Monday and Tuesday, will be devoted wholly to this bill. Speeches will be made by Senators Bate, Depew, Spooner, Cullom, Mason, Clay and Culberson, and probably by other senators. There will be a great rush of speakers toward the close and the time allowed is considered too short to accommodate all who will desire to be heard. There is, however, no disposition to extend the time agreed upon for taking the vote. All but two of the committee amendments have been agreed to by the senate. These two relate to a delegate in congress and to citizenship, and probably will be voted upon Monday. The friends of the bill count upon its passage by a handsome majority, but it is now expected that seven republican votes will be cast against it, the seven comprising Senators Davis, Hoar, Mason, Nelson, Proctor, Simon and Wellington. Senator McEnery, democrat, and some independent senators will vote for the measure, but until the exact number of such votes is known the majority for the bill cannot be predicted. The taking of the vote on the Porto Rican bill on Tuesday will displace the Quay resolution, which was set for that day, and Senator Chandler, chairman of the committee on elections, has given notice that he will postpone calling it up until Wednesday. The committee will adjourn the Clark hearing in order to give its attention to the Quay resolution Wednesday, but as it is not expected that the latter matter can be disposed of in one day it is probable that the necessity for going on with the Clark case after Wednesday will cause another postponement of the Quay resolution. There are several speeches to be made on the Quay case and there is quite a noticeable disposition on the part of some senators still further to postpone the vote on it. Senator Penrose, however, announces his purpose to press the consideration as rapidly as possible after it is once taken up. The Quay resolution is subject to displacement by appropriation bills, conference reports and the Spooner resolution for the temporary government of the Philippines. The Philippine resolution will be made the unfinished business after the vote is taken on Porto Rico, and it will give way to the Alaska case measure. After that it will divide the time with appropriation bills and conference reports. No prolonged discussion is expected on the Philippines resolution, owing to the fact that it is considered a temporary matter, and for the further reason that the Philippines policy has received considerable attention in connection with Porto Rico. The committee on order of business is not yet thoroughly decided what subject to take up after the disposal of the Philippines resolution. There is strong pressure to secure first place for the shipping subsidy bill, and at present the indications are somewhat favorable to that measure. The Nicaragua canal bill is also pressing for first place and Senator Morgan expresses strong hope of success.

ROBERTS IN A FIGHT

Boers Draw His Forces Out From Bloemfontein and Battle Follows.

A NUMBER OF BRITISH CASUALTIES

One Captain Killed and Seven Officers Are Among the Wounded—English Capture Several Koppes—Roberts Reports that the Boer Army Has Retreated to Brandfort. LONDON, March 31.—The Bloemfontein correspondent of the Daily Chronicle, telegraphing Thursday, March 29, says: President Kruger's latest proclamation warns the women and children to leave Bloemfontein within five days, as he intends to bombard and destroy the city and to shoot the burghers whom he captures there. LONDON, March 31.—The war office has issued the following: "BLOEMFONTEIN, March 30.—2:15 P. M.—Owing to the activity of the enemy on our immediate front and the hostile action toward burghers who surrendered, I found it necessary to drive them from some kopjes they had occupied near the Karee siding station, a few miles south of Brandfort. The operation was successfully carried out by the Seventh division, assisted by the First and Third cavalry brigades, under French, and Le Gallais' regiment of mounted infantry. The enemy retreated to Brandfort and our troops now hold the kopjes. Our casualties were: Killed, Captain Goin, Scottish Borderers; wounded, Captain Sellar, Luard, Peables, Curgenven and Edwards, Lieutenants Coulson and French and about 100 rank and file." The reports that Lord Roberts will remain at Bloemfontein another month are probably intended for Boer consumption and the recent movement of troops and other indications point to preparations being well advanced for a forward movement. The head of the army of Lord Roberts is now about twenty-one miles north of Bloemfontein. It occupies a cluster of hills won from the Boers. The Boers have been using these hills as a base in beating up the country, in driving off cattle and forcing non-resistant Free State men into the ranks again. The enemy must have been in considerable force, for Lord Roberts sent 8,000 infantry and 3,000 cavalry against them. Lord Roberts' advance to Pretoria will probably consist of a series of rapid forward movements, in which Boer positions will be attacked by a portion of the army advancing rapidly with wheel transport, the main army coming up as the railway is repaired. Lord Roberts is stripping the forces in the minor spheres of operations of their wagons and transport animals in order to hasten the advance. This is understood to be the reason why he recalled Lord Methuen from Barkly West to Kimberley. The reason why a hot chase was not made after Commandant Olivier is that Lord Roberts did not wish to wear out the cavalry transport. General French lost 3,000 horses in the relief of Kimberley and the pursuit of General Cronje. Lord Methuen has lost 1,500 transport cattle and probably 4,000 other animals since the forward movement began on February 12. The advance around Bloemfontein is through a barren country and supplies for a great army moving along a single line of railway, even when the latter is working smoothly and with ample rolling stock. CULTON HAS NOT CONFESSED. Wires His Father that Reports to that Effect are False. RICHMOND, March 31.—Rev. J. N. Culton, father of W. H. Culton, charged with being an accessory to the murder of Goebel, is deeply incensed at what he declares is an attempt to drag his son into an alleged conspiracy. He has received a telegram from his son saying: "I have made no confession. I have nothing to confess." Cleveland Denies a Story. PRINCETON, N. J., March 31.—Former President Grover Cleveland said to an Associated Press correspondent relative to the reports that he had announced his intention of supporting W. J. Bryan for the presidency in the coming campaign: "I do not think these reports are worthy of denial, but I will simply say that I have not in any way signified to anyone what course I shall take in the next campaign." BOTH A SUCCEEDS JOUBERT. Appointed to Succeed the Veteran Who Died. PRETORIA, March 31.—General Louis Botha has been appointed to succeed General Joubert. BERLIN.—I have been informed by a military authority, who has had occasion to read through all the reports of the German attack with the Boer forces, that they all go to show that General Louis Botha has the greatest military capacity on the Boer side. O'BEIRNE TALKS TO M'KINLEY. Transvaal Commissioner Extraordinary Confers with President. WASHINGTON, March 31.—General James R. O'Beirne, who was appointed by President Kruger commissioner extraordinary of the Transvaal, had long interviews today with the president and Secretary Hay about affairs concerning the Boer government. He was cordially received. While General O'Beirne discussed the Transvaal matters with Secretary Hay the latter is authority for the statement that he was in an informal and unofficial capacity entirely.

VIOLA IS ACQUITTED.

Miss Horlocker Cleared of Charge of Attempting to Poison Mrs. Morey.

HASTINGS, Neb., March 31.—The locker-Morey poisoning case came at 11:45 this morning when the jury brought in a verdict of not guilty, after having been out but one hour. State's Attorney McCreary closed his plea at 10 o'clock and Judge Adams immediately instructed the jurors as to how they were to be governed in forming the verdict. At 10:30 the jury went out and the judge and attorneys departed for various places about the city, as they were under the impression that the jury would not report until after dinner. But after having been out less than an hour the jurors had agreed upon the verdict. There were less than 300 people in the court room when the jurors came filing in. The defendant sat in her accustomed place close to the jury box, with her sisters on either side. A deathlike silence prevailed as the verdict was handed to the judge and he began to read. Each word that he pronounced seemed to touch the heart stirring chord of all as they waited with bated breath until he said "Not guilty." Upon hearing these words Viola Horlocker sprang up with emotional excitement, uttered a heart-rending moan and sank to her chair in a swoon. R. A. Batty, attorney for the defense, drew the girl to his bosom and the two wept tears of joy. As soon as Viola had sufficiently recovered to stand her attorney escorted her to the jury box, where she stood, with heart throbbing, quivering lips and tears in her eyes. As the jurors emerged from the box she attempted to express her gratitude, but she could do nothing more than grasp them by the hand, as she was emotionally overcome. There were but few women in the court room, but most of those present came forward to shake her hand and whisper words of encouragement. Mr. and Mrs. Morey were absent from the court room when the verdict was rendered. The verdict was not unexpected, as the majority of the people felt that the defendant would be cleared or the jury would disagree. One of the jurors said there was a missing link in the chain of evidence, as not one of the witnesses had testified to having seen the defendant with a box or package on the fatal day, and said he would have stayed with the jury a lifetime before he would have given a verdict to convict. Judge Adams said that, considering the testimony and the facts as offered, he thought the proper verdict had been rendered. GOEBEL REWARD MONEY. Justice Lewis Says Not a Dollar Will Be Paid for Confessions. FRANKFORD, Ky., March 31.—Ex-Chief Justice James H. Lewis, chairman of the committee selected by the legislature to have charge of the Goebel reward fund, today made the following statement concerning the story sent out from Winchester yesterday that Attorney James Andrew Scott had proposed to relatives of H. F. Youtsey to give him a portion of the reward money for a confession of the details of the conspiracy to assassinate Governor Goebel. "The money appropriated by the legislature," said he, "to be used in running down the assassins of Governor Goebel and bringing them to justice will be distributed as provided at the first meeting of the reward commission, so much for the assassin and so much for the conviction of each accessory." "The preliminary work is in the hands of Commonwealth's Attorney Franklin and no private citizen has authority from Mr. Franklin or from the commission to offer rewards for confessions of alleged accessories. Not a cent of the \$100,000 has yet been spent and I think you can safely say that not a dollar of it will be paid for confessions." Delagoa Award Confirmed. WASHINGTON, D. C., March 31.—The state department has received cable dispatches from United States Minister Leischman and Mr. Trehan, counsel for the McMurdo heirs, both at Berne, confirming the press account of the award made yesterday by the Delagoa bay arbitration. Proctor Has an Amendment. WASHINGTON, D. C., March 31.—Senator Proctor today introduced an amendment to the Porto Rico bill providing that "in no event shall any duties be collected after the 30th of June, 1900, the end of the present fiscal year." Received the Protocol. WASHINGTON, D. C., March 31.—In the executive session of the senate today the protocol to the peace treaty agreed upon by the representatives of the United States and Spain was received. The protocol extends for a year the time within which residents of the Philippines can decide as to allegiance. Offers Original as Substitute. WASHINGTON, D. C., March 31.—Just before the adjournment of the senate today, Senator Bacon offered as a substitute for the pending Porto Rican bill the draft of the bill as originally presented by Senator Foraker. His bill has been materially changed since first introduced, and the presentation of the measure is evidently intended to accentuate this fact. Found Dead in a Bath Tub. WATERLOO, Ia., March 31.—Former Speaker of the House Alfred was found today in the bath room of his home today, with his throat cut. The body was in a kneeling position, with the head hanging over the bath tub into which the blood was spouting. Despondency over poor health is supposed to have been the cause for the act. Four years ago he attempted suicide by shooting, but recovered. Mr. Alfred was a prominent lawyer and was speaker of the Iowa house of representatives during the eighteenth general assembly in 1880.

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DAVIS TO PLEAD FOR BOERS.

He Will Resign as Assistant Secretary of the Interior. KANSAS CITY, April 2.—A Journal special from Washington says: Webster Davis of Kansas City will tomorrow tender his resignation to the president as assistant secretary of the interior. Mr. Davis decided to take this course as the result of his visit to South Africa. He will deliver a public address tonight, touching the entire scope of the present war and believes that he can best do so while free from any restraint which his present position would impose upon him. When taking his departure for home from Pretoria 2,000 people gathered to take leave of him at the station. They appealed to him in tears to state their feelings to the American people and Mr. Davis says his conscience would haunt him if he proved recreant to that pitiful appeal. He believes the American people are not truly informed on the situation. He will therefore avail himself of an early opportunity to relate his experience and observations at a public meeting, that shall be free to all. China Settles for Murder. PEKIN, April 2.—The Chinese government has "settled" the controversy over the murder of December 21, last, of the Rev. Mr. Brooks, of the Church Missionary society on the following terms: Two of the murderers will be beheaded, one imprisoned for life one for ten years, another for two years, a memorial chapel will be erected upon the site of the murder and a tablet will be placed in Canterbury cathedral, England, at the expense of the Chinese government. It's a Ten Pound Girl. HAVANA, April 2.—Mrs. Wood, wife of the governor general, gave birth to a ten pound girl at the palace. Mother and child are doing well. The records of Havana do not show the birth here of any other governor general's child. Under the Spanish regime the wife of a governor general invariably left for Spain that the child might be born there. PORTUGAL OPENS THE DOORS. British Troops May Pass Through Freely to Rhodesia. LONDON, April 2.—The Lisbon correspondent of the Daily Mail says: "The Portuguese government has wired orders to Beira that British troops and ammunition be allowed to pass through freely to Rhodesia. The minister of foreign affairs, Veiga Beltrao, has announced in the chamber of deputies that the government is in possession of railway bonds with which to pay the award of the Delagoa bay arbitration."

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