

ON TO THE TRANSVAAL

The Forces of Lord Roberts Drawing Near to the Frontier.

BOERS CROSSING PRETORIA RIVER

A Severe Engagement With Boers Under DeWet—Pretoria Able to Stand a Protracted Siege—Transvaal Government Moved to Lydenburg.

LONDON, May 24.—Lord Roberts is drawing near to the frontier of the Transvaal. His infantry masses are thirty-three miles north of Kroonstadt, at the Rhenosters river. Some thousand of cavalry are already across the river.

General French and General Hamilton are separated from each other by about forty miles, while Lord Roberts is within twelve miles of General French and thirty miles of General Hamilton.

The Boers are retiring toward the Vaal with their heavy baggage. They are reported from Pretoria as already across that river. Twelve thousand men and fourteen guns compose the retreating army. Trains continue to run from Veronninging, at the Vaal, to Pretoria.

A dispatch from Lord Roberts says: "Ian Hamilton reached Heilbron this morning after a series of engagements with a Boer force under DeWet, who is retiring before him. Broadwood has captured fifteen Boer wagons. There have been seventy-five casualties in Hamilton's force to yesterday evening."

Dispatches to the Associated Press from Heilbron say that the Boer general, DeWet, had 4,000 men posted on an adjacent hill, but that he retired when General Hamilton approached.

Foreign engineers assert that Pretoria is able to stand a year's siege. According to advices from Lourenzo Marquez the Pretoria fortifications are described as complete, but Johannesburg has not yet been placed entirely in a state of defense. The Transvaal government papers and the war chest have been removed to Lydenburg.

Foreigners continue to leave the republics. Dutch steamers are coming to Delagoa bay, it is claimed, to furnish an asylum to fleeing Hollanders. The Boer forces continue to dwindle. Some of the correspondents assert that probably only about 24,000 of the hardest fighters yet remain, although there are detached parties in various parts of the Transvaal.

FLANKING OUT THE BOERS.

Roberts Keeps Up the Tactics that Were So Successful in the Past.

HONINGSRUIT, Orange Free State, Tuesday Evening, May 22.—General French has crossed the Rhenosters river, northwest of here. This movement, combined with General Ian Hamilton's occupation at Heilbron renders the Boer position twenty miles in the British front untenable. The latest reports, however, received says the burghers are prepared to make a strong resistance and possess fifteen guns. Fifteen prisoners were taken today.

ESCAPING SOLDIERS SHOT.

Fort Riley Prisoners Wounded While Attempting to Escape.

FORT RILEY, Kan., May 24.—Two military prisoners, John Arnold and George A. Fryman, serving sentences of one year each, were shot at by a sentry while attempting to escape. The prisoners made a daring rush upon the sentry and disarmed him, taking his Krag-Jorgensen with them and ran for the hills. A sergeant of artillery heard the disturbance and shot the fleeing prisoners. Arnold is shot through the abdomen, his injury being critical. Fryman was shot in the arm.

Would Sell Nebraska Land.

ATCHISON, Kan., May 24.—It has been discovered that 18,000 acres of land in Atchison, Brown, Jackson and Marshall counties, Kansas, and Pawnee county, Nebraska, recently advertised for sale at auction at the court house in Atchison, by the receivers of the Central branch of the Union Pacific railroad, are claimed by private individuals. They did not know the title to their property could be questioned until it was advertised for sale.

It is believed that when Oliver W. Mink and Thomas P. Wilson were appointed receivers of the Central branch they found the records of a lot of Central branch land, and, supposing it still belonged to the company, advertised it for sale.

Germany Adopts Meat Bill.

BERLIN, May 24.—The Reichstag today, voting by roll call, 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 December 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 proved to be innocuous, which is regarded as being impossible proof in the case of consignments of salt meat under four kilograms in weight.

Neely's Attorney Pleads.

WASHINGTON, May 24.—John D. Lindsey, attorney for Charles P. Neely, appeared before the house judiciary committee today and submitted an argument against the proposed extradition bill. He also presented a voluminous brief. The proposition to subject an American citizen to trial in a country where a Spanish system of laws are in vogue, he contended, was utterly opposed to American traditions. The fundamental theory at the base of our system, he said, assumed a man placed in Neely's position to be innocent until competent and legal evidence was adduced.

THE DEMOCRATS ARE REJOICING.

Highly Elated Over the Decision of the U. S. Supreme Court.

FRANKFORT, Ky., May 23.—The announcement of the supreme court decision at Washington in the governorship contest was received here with the wildest demonstration on the part of the democrats. Taylor soldiers, who have been in charge of the state capitol building and grounds since January 30, the day Governor Goebel was assassinated, evacuated and turned the state grounds, the Gatling guns and military equipments over to Assistant Adjutant General Murray (dem.), who took charge while the democrats of the city were already jollifying over the decision. The Taylor soldiers, before giving up their sovereignty on the state capitol square, were lined up by Adjutant General Collier, who formally notified them he had orders from Governor Taylor to dismiss all the soldiers and that the evacuation would begin at once. Before the soldiers left cheers were given for the deposed governor, W. S. Taylor, ex-Governor Bradley, Charles Finley, Caleb Powers and others.

The fire bells were rung, cannons boomed and the city was put in holiday attire in honor of Governor Beckham. A touching incident of the day occurred when 2,000 people marched to the cemetery, each wearing a flower, which was cast upon the grave of the late William Goebel, making the little mound which marks his last resting place a vast bank of flowers. There were no ceremonies at the grave except a prayer by Rev. T. F. Tallaferro of the Methodist church. The republican state officials other than governor and lieutenant governor are holding a conference here. Ex-Governor W. O. Bradley, chief counsel for Governor Taylor and Lieutenant Governor Marshall, says the contest over the minor offices will be carried up to the United States supreme court also. These officials maintain that there are issues involved in their cases which were not decided in the governorship case and say they will carry their cases to the United States supreme court.

INSURGENTS GETTING ACTIVE.

American Troops in Coast Towns Constantly Harassed.

MANILA, May 23.—General James M. Bell, commanding the hemp provinces of southern Luzon, has issued an order to his officers not to attempt to organize the municipal governments as prescribed by Major General Otis in his recent order, on account of the disturbed conditions. The Americans occupy only a few coast towns, which the insurgents surround, constantly assailing the garrisons, which are too small to attempt operations in the surrounding country.

Major Wise, with two companies, is in Donsol, an important town of Sorsogon, surrounded by a thousand insurgents. The Americans occupy trenches and are constantly exchanging shots with the enemy. Several regiments are needed to control each southern province, but they cannot be spared from their present stations. Another squadron of cavalry will be sent to General Bell.

TO ATTEND G. A. R. ENCAMPMENT.

President McKinley Accepts Commander Shaw's Invitation.

WASHINGTON, May 23.—General Albert D. Shaw, commander-in-chief of the G. A. R., in company with Mr. Patrick of the G. A. R. committee on legislation, called on the president and invited him and Mrs. McKinley to attend the national encampment at Chicago on August 27. The president assured him that if nothing occurred to prevent he would certainly be present. General Shaw also has received the acceptance of Mrs. U. S. Grant and her daughter, Mrs. Sartoris, of his invitation to be present on that occasion as the guests of the Grand Army.

BOERS LEAVE LAING'S NEK.

Road Now Open for General Buller to Enter the Transvaal.

LONDON, May 23.—A dispatch from Pietermaritzburg, dated Monday, May 21, says the Boers are reported to have entirely left Natal, leaving Laing's nek free. If this is true it leaves the way open for General Buller to advance into the Transvaal as soon as the repairs of the railroads are sufficient to insure good communication. Lord Roberts is still at Kroonstadt, reorganizing his forces.

Concede Demands of Plumbers.

CHICAGO, May 23.—Communications from fifteen members of the Master Plumbers' association have been received by the plumbers' union conceding the demands of the union and asking the men to return to work. President Clinch of the union says that 300 men will be at work this week, leaving out of employment about 40 men.

McEnery and Foster for Senate.

NEW ORLEANS, May 23.—The democratic legislative caucus at Baton Rouge tonight united upon Senator Samuel D. McEnery and former Governor Murphy J. Foster for the United States senate. The legislature is so widely democratic and the candidates will be formally elected tomorrow.

No Message From Kruger.

LONDON, May 23.—The Associated Press is able to say that no message from President Kruger direct or indirect has recently been received by Lord Salisbury or by any department of the British government, nor, it may be added, is any communication from him dealing with the question of cessation of hostilities expected by them in the immediate future. The proximity of peace, according to the government point of view, will remain a matter of military progress. How soon the latter may bring about the former is still too supposititious for a serious forecast.

HE FAILED TO ESCAPE

George Dunken Causes Much Excitement at the Penitentiary.

IN HIDING FOR FIFTEEN HOURS

He Crawls Under the Floor and When About to Be Discovered Takes to an Unused Boiler—Monster Celebration Planned at Crawford—Miscellaneous Nebraska Matters.

LINCOLN, May 28.—George Dunken, a colored convict from Omaha, created a sensation at the penitentiary by an attempted escape. When the tally was taken at the evening meal Dunken was discovered to be missing and for fifteen hours all efforts to find him or get even a clue to his whereabouts were futile. He was finally discovered lying in an unused boiler in the engine room.

Dunken was sent down from Omaha four months ago to serve a ten-year sentence for holding up a man on Dodge street. For the last few days he has been working on the outside. He was repairing a portion of the roof on a shed in the rear of the broom factory. Unseen by the guards, he slipped down inside the building and crawled under the floor, loosening a couple of boards and replacing them after he was safely underneath. There he remained for hours.

Dunken had not anticipated that his absence would be noticed so soon. During the noon hour he had constructed a dummy, which he had left in his cell to deceive the patrolman on the night rounds. But this ruse was ineffective, for his absence was discovered long before bedtime. A search was at once begun and Dunken's fellow workmen carefully questioned. Another convict remembered seeing him about 5 o'clock in the afternoon, but that was the last record of him. A search of the building where he had last worked was instituted and they examined the floor under which he was. Dunken took the alarm and slid to the other side of the building, where he crawled out and ran. He was still in the engine house, crawling into the old and unused boiler. There he lay till 8 o'clock in the morning, when he was finally discovered.

Monster Celebration Planned.

CRAWFORD, Neb., May 28.—The Northwestern Nebraska and Southwestern Dakota Civil and Spanish War Soldiers' and Sailors' association was recently organized here with the following officers: Commander, Comrade W. R. Akers of Alliance; first vice commander, Comrade John E. West of Crawford; second vice commander, Comrade Allan G. Fisher of Chadron; chaplain, John Schamhammer of Gordon; quartermaster, Comrade S. W. Townsend of Crawford. Strong committees were appointed and the organization decided to hold a grand reunion in the grove on the banks of the White river here from the 30th of June to the 5th of July. Committees are working to make this the coming event of the season for this portion of the state. The Business Men's club of Crawford has taken hold of the matter and on the fourth of July they will join with the old soldiers to make the biggest Fourth of July celebration ever held in north-west Nebraska. The troops from Fort Robinson will help to entertain on that day and there will be a barbecue in the grove in the morning, when the largest ox to be found on the ranges here will be roasted whole and the meat distributed among the people.

Fatal Work of Lightning.

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MONEY FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

State Treasurer Meserve Gives Out the Figures on Apportionment.

LINCOLN, May 28.—The apportionment of the temporary fund for the support of the public schools of the state for the next half year will be made on a basis of \$1.07 per pupil. There are 372,794 school children in the state and the amount to be divided is \$400,321.99. This is divided between the various counties as follows:

County.	No. of Schol.	Amount Due.
Adams	7,935	8,506.99
Antelope	4,134	4,439.82
Banner	281	301.17
Blaine	183	195.95
Boone	4,003	4,311.15
Box Butte	1,542	1,650.00
Boyd	1,971	2,116.72
Brown	1,236	1,336.64
Buffalo	8,159	8,732.52
Burt	4,594	4,931.41
Butler	5,832	6,263.15
Cass	7,670	8,277.03
Central	4,329	4,639.37
Chase	859	920.12
Cherry	1,541	1,654.33
Cheyenne	1,324	1,421.88
Clay	6,968	7,465.59
Colfax	4,824	5,164.02
Cuming	5,432	5,855.96
Custer	7,237	7,738.24
Dakota	2,297	2,474.59
Dawes	2,138	2,281.98
Dawson	4,524	4,898.06
Deuel	732	787.19
Dixons	3,891	4,185.90
Dodge	2,879	3,091.82
Douglas	42,329	45,448.64
Dundy	891	950.21
Fillmore	3,573	3,832.40
Franklin	3,352	3,591.10
Frontier	3,357	3,597.40
Furnas	4,637	4,979.81
Gage	19,543	20,935.12
Garfield	644	691.61
Gosper	1,988	2,134.97
Grant	198	212.64
Greene	4,354	4,639.37
Hall	6,194	6,655.26
Hamilton	5,112	5,489.32
Harlan	3,538	3,811.78
Harrison	1,971	2,116.72
Hitchcock	1,774	1,905.15
Holt	4,232	4,506.25
Hooker	55	59.07
Howard	4,031	4,302.40
Jefferson	5,639	6,042.22
Johnson	4,949	5,304.24
Kearney	3,857	4,124.14
Kimball	715	766.55
Keya Paha	1,079	1,149.11
Kimball	247	265.25
Knox	5,123	5,472.48
Lancaster	4,339	4,639.37
Lincoln	3,943	4,234.69
Logan	323	346.88
Loup	431	457.51
Madison	6,834	7,317.32
McPherson	93	99.88
Merrick	3,046	3,271.19
Nance	2,792	2,988.41
Nemaha	2,297	2,474.59
Nuckolls	4,565	4,902.48
Otoe	7,299	7,845.25
Pawnee	4,993	5,343.50
Perkins	355	380.63
Pelham	3,883	4,172.21
Pierce	2,917	3,132.65
Platte	6,534	6,983.32
Polk	637	683.93
Red Willow	3,498	3,734.29
Richardson	7,072	7,594.82
Rock	1,191	1,265.57
Sarpy	2,912	3,127.28
Saunder	8,225	8,794.13
Scotts Bluff	1,978	2,116.72
Seward	5,629	6,005.48
Sheridan	2,311	2,461.69
Sherman	2,641	2,826.25
Sioux	352	375.40
Stanton	2,679	2,867.29
Thayer	5,246	5,623.83
Thomas	189	202.31
Thurston	1,978	2,116.72
Valley	2,868	3,080.63
Washington	1,676	1,791.69
Wayne	3,435	3,688.35
Webster	4,928	5,268.16
Wheeler	427	457.57
York	6,091	6,541.29
Totals	372,794	\$400,321.99

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SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS

State Treasurer Meserve Divides Up Four Hundred Thousand Dollars.

THE BIGGEST DIVIDEND EVER MADE

Sum Realized by Permanent School Fund Beyond the Experience of Any Former Amount From the Source—Motion Before Supreme Court—Miscellaneous Nebraska Matters.

LINCOLN, May 24.—State Treasurer Meserve certified to the superintendent of public instruction the amount of money apportioned for the support of the public schools of the state for the next half year. The apportionment is, with one exception, the highest made for several years, being \$400,321.99.

Treasurer Meserve's certificate shows that the money was derived from the following sources: From state school tax, \$81,241.75; from interest on school lands leased, \$56,938.85; from interest on school land sold, \$159,795.76; from interest on saline land sold, \$5,703.30; from interest on saline land leased, \$3,166.66; from interest on United States consols, \$300; from interest on state funding bonds, \$2,265.66; from interest on county bonds, \$81,370.97; from interest on school district bonds, \$752.04; from interest on state warrants, \$2,847.18; from peddler's licenses, \$29.70. All money received for the temporary school fund from December 1, 1899, to the third Monday in May, 1900, is included in the apportionment.

City Attorney Connell of Omaha has filed a motion in the supreme court asking permission to file a brief in the Omaha fire and police commission case to take the place of the one stricken from the files of the last sitting. He assures the court that nothing contemptuous or disrespectful was intended in his brief. Mr. Connell's letter to the court follows:

And now comes W. J. Connell, attorney for respondents in the above entitled cause, and expressing his regret that any portion of his brief heretofore filed herein should be considered by the court as disrespectful to the court, and stating that it was not his intention or purpose to state anything in his brief that would in any manner reflect on the court or any member thereof, but that the statements contained in his brief to which objections are made were intended merely as a historical statement of facts and as meeting and answering the contentions of opposing counsel and withdraws voluntarily all such statements and asks leave of this honorable court to file new briefs, which are herewith submitted and from which are eliminated all such objectionable statements, and further requests this honorable court to read and consider such new briefs. Respectfully submitted.

W. J. CONNELL, Attorney for Respondents.

Crushed Under the Cars.

WYMORE, Neb., May 24.—E. Millhausen, a German farmer, 81 years of age, whose home is in Island Grove township, six miles northeast of here, was thrown under the wheels of a Burlington engine by an unmanageable team of horses and had his right arm and left leg taken off and sustained other injuries which proved fatal. He was carried to a hotel, where surgeons amputated the arm at the shoulder and the leg between the knee and ankle. The patient, however, did not rally. The old gentleman had come to town to meet his grandson, who was returning from Missouri with a bride, and both of the young people witnessed the accident as well as many others.

Table Rock Votes Bonds.

TABLE ROCK, Neb., May 24.—At the school bond election held here to vote on the question of bonding this district for \$10,000 to build a new brick school house, 279 votes were cast for the proposition and 173 against it, giving it a necessary majority of one vote. The closeness of the vote and the feeling engendered in this, the second contest within forty days, render a contest quite probable and legal talent is already being invoked in the matter.

Smallpox in Precept.

BEAVER CITY, Neb., May 24.—Smallpox has broke out at Precept, a small postoffice ten miles south of Beaver City. There is but on patient at present, a Mrs. Clason, who contracted the disease through the medium of a letter received from relatives in Indian Territory, where smallpox was prevalent.

An Appeal to Senator Thurston.

LINCOLN, May 24.—Adjutant General Barry telegraphed Senator Thurston begging him to interest himself in house roll No. 9510. Judge Stark's bill, appropriating \$1,000,000 for arming and equipping the national guard, which has passed the house and is now before the senate.

Safe Blowers in Depot.

ULYSSES, Neb., May 21.—The safe in the B. & M. depot at this place was blown open. The robbers secured forty-seven one-cent revenue stamps and no money. Card and book tickets and express money orders in the safe were found intact.

Rates for Convention.

OMAHA, May 24.—For the democratic national convention at Kansas City July 4 the Burlington offers one fare for the round trip, good for return up to and including July 9, but if from a distance greater than 250 miles the tickets may be deposited at Kansas City for a fee of 50 cents, and upon presentation of a round trip ticket from Kansas City and return to some other point, the return half of the ticket will be extended to a date as late as the return portion of the new round trip ticket, provided it be not later than September 30.

THE MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH

Quotations From New York, Chicago, South Omaha and Elsewhere.

SOUTH OMAHA LIVE STOCK.
SOUTH OMAHA, May 28.—CATTLE.—The general market on fat cattle was 5c lower and in extreme cases 10c lower. The trade was a little slow and is apt to be the case on a down market. It took a little longer than usual to effect a clearance. Cows and heifers were in small supply, and as the demand was of the usual liberal proportions the offerings were all taken early. The prices paid were fully steady. Beef steers, \$1.50; 2,500 steers and heifers, \$1.50; cows, \$2.25; 4,000; cows and steers, \$1.00; 4,000; steers and stags, \$1.00; 4,000; bulls, \$1.50; 4,000; calves, \$1.00; 4,000; heifers, \$1.00; 4,000; cows and heifers, \$2.25; 4,000; steers and stags, \$2.25; 4,000.

HOGS.—The market was about steady with the good time yesterday or a little stronger than