

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 16, the first anniversary of the great mine strike, will be celebrated at Pana, Ill. The Clover Leaf railroad was sold at Toledo, Ohio, for \$12,200,000 to Messrs. H. H. Brown and Peyton. A private dispatch received at Shanghai, China, confirms the report that a British missionary was killed at Kailang. Rev. Samuel E. Hewes, the oldest Methodist minister of the Rock River conference, died at Crete, Ill., aged 82 years. The shah of Persia has appointed Mofidun 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 \$259,982; assets, \$143,671. 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 Sumner, 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, \$161,586,622; gold, \$29,291,422. George W. Clark of Mason, Ga., was arrested in Jacksonville, Fla., charged with keeping 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 arrested 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-second 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 Hour reported from the judiciary committee the bill fixing the annual salaries of the chief justice of the supreme court at \$15,000, and associate justices at \$10,000. Circuit judges, \$9,000, and district judges at \$7,000. James B. Hill, the New York attorney who has brought harmony and tranquility between 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 Lounsbury 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 Lang 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 Frank 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; \$25 to the widow of Colonel J. J. Van Horn, who died during the Spanish war; \$30 to the widow of Captain C. W. Hoyell, killed in Cuba; \$25 to the widow of Commander Horace Elmer of the navy, and \$20 to the widow of Commodore O. C. Badger of the navy. Chief would change Reservations. WASHINGTON, April 2.—Chief Joseph of the Nez Perces, 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 \$7,092,288. 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The increase in price here will be 50 cents per ton for all kinds of coal and in the other districts it will be from 25 to 50 cents. The miners of this district celebrated their victory by holding a monster parade here today. Headed by a band they paraded the streets, the string of coal wagons being a mile long and each one having its load of miners.

CAUGHT IN BOER TRAP

Two British Batteries With Six Guns and Convoy Captured.

FEW MILES FROM BLOEMFONTEIN

Deers Drive British Battery From Thaba Nchu Into Ambush—Only Rear Guard Makes Its Escape—Division Under General Colville Leaves Bloemfontein to Fight a Recapture. BUSHMAN KOP. Saturday, March 21.—The British force commanded by Colonel Broadwood, consisting of the Tenth Hussars, Household Cavalry, two horse batteries and a force of mounted infantry under Colonel 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 at an rear guard. The convoy arrived at a deep spur (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 should 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. The reports of 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. Exactly 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 spur, 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 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 his force from his difficult position, but failed to retrieve the dispatch. 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 Lord Roberts' army. Detailed accounts of the fight at Karse siding estimate the Boer forces variously from 2,000 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. 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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 Bay, Dewey, 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 McCreary, democrat, and some independent senators will vote for the measure, but unless 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 on 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. The committee on the Philippines is now settling its disposition on the report of the Philippines resolution. The Boers have been using these bills as a base in beating up the country, in driving off cattle and forcing non-resistant Free States into the ranks again. The enemy must have been in considerable force, for Lord Roberts sent 8,000 infantry and 3,000 cavalry against Methuen, who has lost 1,500 men. 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 Roberts 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 supply officers see an increased difficulty for a great army moving along a single line of railway, even when the latter is working smoothly and with ample rolling stock. CULTELL HAS NOT CONFESSED. Wires His Father that Reports to that Effect are False. RICHMOND, March 31.—Rev. J. N. Cultell, father of W. H. Cultell, 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 have been circulated 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." BOTHA SUCCEEDS JOUBERT. Appointed to Succeed the Veteran Who Died. PRETORIA, March 31.—General Louis Botha has been appointed to succeed Commandant Joubert as military authority, who has had occasion to read through all the reports of the German attaché 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. ARCHIBALD FORBES DEAD. Famous War Correspondent Passes Away at His Home. LONDON, March 31.—Archibald Forbes, the well known war correspondent, died in this city during the night. He had been in bad health for some years and during the last six months had been unable to write or do anything, owing to complications arising from rheumatism and paralysis. He spent most of his time in London. His wife was a Miss Melg, daughter of the late quartermaster general of the United States, General M. C. Melg.

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 Kopjes—Roberts Reports that the Burgher Army Has Retreated to Brandfont. LONDON, arch 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 their hostile action toward burghers who surrendered, I found it necessary to drive them from some kopjes they had occupied near the Karse siding station, a few miles south of Brandfont. The operations were 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 Brandfont and our troops now hold the kopjes. Our casualties were: Killed, Captain Going, Scottish Borderers; wounded, Captain Sellar, Luard, Peebles, 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 States into the ranks again. 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VIOLA IS ACQUITTED.

Miss Horlock 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 for 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 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 chords of all as they waited with bated breath until he said "Not guilty." Upon hearing these words Viola Horlock 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 was unable to do so, for she was grasped 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 result of the verdict was announced. 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. FRANKFORT, 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 as such 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 Leischmann 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 Rican 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. The 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 dead 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 spurting. Despondency and 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. Elections Cause Delay. WASHINGTON, April 2.—Consul General Guenther, at Frankfort, under date of January 29, writes to the state department relative to a trust of soap manufacturers formed last summer in six of the Rhenish provinces, with the object of establishing uniformity in the prices of both hard and soft soap. Certain monopoly employed in the endeavor to force all manufacturers in these provinces to join the trust have resulted in legal complication. In Paris there is a wine shop for every three houses. Elections Cause Delay. WASHINGTON, April 2.—Secretary Root said that he has not changed his mind as to the possibility of safely reducing the number of American soldiers in Cuba, but the postponement of the Cuban elections for at least a month beyond the date originally fixed had made it advisable to delay correspondingly the diminution of the garrisons, so that it might be well into the summer before the contemplated reductions could be made. A leading pistol manufacturer in Massachusetts has founded a hospital.

LIVE STOCK AND PRODUCE.

Omaha, Chicago and New York Market Quotations.

SOUTH OMAHA LIVE STOCK. CATTLE.—With the yards full of beef cattle buyers had the opportunity to pound the market, and they did not show about making the most of it. They started out bidding at least 10¢ lower on steers and they did not get into the market until 10:30. However, sellers were determined to get as much as possible, and they were holding on, so that the early trade was very slow and it was late before very many cattle had changed hands. Beef steers, \$3.50; stockers and heifers, \$3.50; calves, \$3.50; hogs, \$4.50; hams, \$5.00; corn, \$1.00; wheat, \$1.00; flour, \$2.00; butter, \$1.00; eggs, \$1.00; chickens, \$1.00; turkeys, \$1.00; ducks, \$1.00; geese, \$1.00; pigs, \$1.00; sheep, \$1.00; goats, \$1.00; horses, \$1.00; mules, \$1.00; ponies, \$1.00; dogs, \$1.00; cats, \$1.00; birds, \$1.00; insects, \$1.00; plants, \$1.00; minerals, \$1.00; metals, \$1.00; stones, \$1.00; fossils, \$1.00; shells, \$1.00; corals, \$1.00; sponges, \$1.00; seaweeds, \$1.00; lichens, \$1.00; mushrooms, \$1.00; fungi, \$1.00; bacteria, \$1.00; viruses, \$1.00; protozoa, \$1.00; animals, \$1.00; plants, \$1.00; minerals, \$1.00; metals, \$1.00; stones, \$1.00; fossils, \$1.00; shells, \$1.00; corals, \$1.00; sponges, \$1.00; seaweeds, \$1.00; lichens, \$1.00; mushrooms, \$1.00; fungi, \$1.00; bacteria, \$1.00; viruses, \$1.00; protozoa, \$1.00; animals, \$1.00; plants, \$1.00; minerals, \$1.00; metals, \$1.00; stones, \$1.00; fossils, \$1.00; 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