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RANCE MEN FIGHT

BATTLE REPORTED IN UPPER GREEN RIVER COUNTRY.

STOCK - CROWERS LOCK HORNS

Two Men Seriously Wounded and Hundreds of Sheep Clubbed and Shot to Death-The Culmination of a Long Existing Trouble.

ROCK SPRINGS, Wyo., March 31 .-A telephone message was received from Big Piney in the upper Green river cuntry in Uinta and Sweetwater counties stating that a bloody battle had been fought near that place between cattlemen and sheepmen, the trouble having grown out of a division of the rane. The report said that two sheepmen, brothers named Hill, had been badly hurt and that it was feared other participants in the fight had been

Before further details could be learned the telephone line broke down and as Big Piney is twenty-five miles from the nearest point of communication there is no way of confirming the report or learning more about the trouble until tomorrow.

Trouble has been brooding in the upper Green river country for some time. Several years ago the cattlemen for consideration. of the region drew a dead-line around a certain tract of range, which is said to be the finest feeding ground in the Rocky mountains, and issued warnings to sheepmen to stay away. Local flockmasters obeyed the mandate, for they knew that if they crossed the line their sheep would be turned back or slaughtered. But nomadic herds were frequently pushed into the forbidden territory, with the result that flocks were driven out, some sheep were slaughtered, herders were shot at and wounded, and sheep wagons and outfits were destroyed.

Last spring John Butterfield and a companion herder were attacked by masked men. Both were wounded and on October 1, 1903. one was crippled for life. November 9 The reservation includes about 2,-Tom Ryan and Chris Peterson, herders in the employ of a Salt Lake City outfit, were shot at and run out of the country, their sheep were slaughtered and the camp outfit was destroyed.

As feed is getting scarce and ranges are overcrowded, it is feared that the sheepmen, driven to desperation, will fight it out to the bitter end with the cattlemen, who, it is claimed, have no more right to the range than the flockmasters, for it is government domain chiefly. Further trouble of a serious nature is expected.

Further particulars of the battle on the range in the upper Green river country between cattlemen and sheepmen have been received.

Roan and Abe Hill, sheepmen, were seriously wounded, but were not dead when the courier came out. Eleven hundred of their sheep were clubbed and shot to death. The Hill brothers shot two cattlemen, whose names have not been learned, but they were not fatally wounded.

Another report says that several sheep herders were severely beaten and a large number of sheep killed, but that no person was fatally hurt.

JAMES R. GARFIELD ACCEPTS.

Son of Late President Will Be a Civil Service Commissioner.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 31 .-James R. Garfield a son of the late President Garfield, has accepted the position of civil service commissioner, tendered him about ten days ago by President Roosevelt. Mr. Garfield is a comparatively young man and is engaged in the practice of law with his brother, Harry A. Garfield, in Cleve-

He is a notable figure in Ohio political circles and has served as state senator from his district. He was author of the law known as the Garfield election law of Ohio, which required all nominees for elective offices to file with the secretary of state a sworn statement of expenses incurred by them during the campaign. The law, however, was recently repealed. Mr. Garof Cleveland.

Aguinaldo is to Testify.

MANILA, March 31 .- Senor Valez, editor of a local paper, who has been sued for libel by two of the Filipino members of the United States Philippines commission, will subpoena Ag- in General Delarey's hands. Those reuinaldo to appear in court to testify captured by Colonel Kekewich are the in the case. General Chaffee's permission to this step has been obtained. convoy disaster.

EXPECT A VOTE BY TUESDAY.

Friends of Oleo Bill Look to Its Immediate Passage.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 31 .-The friends of the oleomargarine bill hope to secure a vote on that measure on Tuesday of the present week, and as socn as it shall be disposed of the Chinese exclusion bill will be called up. According to the present proposition, Senator Mitchell, who was largely instrumenta! in framing the exclusion bill, will make the first presentation of its merits to the senate. He will be followed by other supporters of the bill and it is the hope of Senator Penrose, who has carge of the measure, that the senate will be able to conclude its consideration within ten days after it is taken up.

There is no pronounced opposition to the bill as a whole, but an effort will be made to amend it in some particulars. There are several speeches to be made on the oleomargarine bill, but it is the general understanding that the discussion will be concluded during the first half of the week, if not by Tuesday in time to allow a vote on

It is expected that the Indian appropriation and the river and harbor bill will be reported during the week. Both are subjected to immediate consideration even to the extent of displacing other bills, but it is not believed that either of them will be used to deprive the Chinese bill of its chance | the last moment this government had

The Philippine government bill will also be reported, probably today, but its consideration by the senate necessarily will be postponed for some

TEN THOUSAND HOMESTEADS.

Will Be Taken Up When the Utah Reservation is Opened.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 31 .-The senate committee on Indian affairs adopted the amendment to the Indian appropriation bill, in accordance with an understanding with the president and the interior department to open the Uintah reservation in Utah

000,000 acres. There will be about 10,000 homesteads, exclusive of timber and important mineral entries. The latter have long been matters of dispute and have caused much irritation and trouble. One reason assigned for the decision to open the reservation to settlement is the fact that the government has never been able to prevent a monopoly of an output of the rich asphalt lands in the reservation.

through the medium of a drawing such as was employed in opening the Kiowa and Comanche reservations in Okla-

IOWA WOMAN KILLS A MAN.

Mrs. G. B. Walker of Miles Shoots J. S. Judd of Chicago.

KANSAS CITY, March 31 .- A special to the Journal from Las Vegas, N. M., says:

Mrs. G. B. Walker yesterday shot and killed J. S. Judd of Chicago in her rooms in this city. Judd had gone to her rooms and tried, she alleges, to assault her, she being alone at the time. The bullet entered his head just below the ear, killing him in- Danish government the charges against stantly. Judd was 55 years old and the integrity of American statesmen was reputed to be wealthy. He has three sons who are physicians. One is city physician of Topeka, Kan., another medical director of the Montezuma hotel Las Vegas. Mrs. Walker is a health seeker. She is the wife of an Iowa farmer and came here from Miles, that state. She freely admits killing Judd, but says she was justified in doing the deed. It is expected her husband will start for this city

Banker Jumpse Into River.

ST. LOUIS, March 31.-Everett C. Baker of Terre Haute, Ind., former cashier of a bank at Harrisburg, Ill., attempted suicide by jumping into the Mississippi river here, but interference of the police defeated his efforts. Papers on his person and statements made to the police led them to believe he was formerly connected with McKeen's bank of Terre field is a resident of Mentor, a suburb | Haute. Police are holding him until Terre Haute authorities can be heard

Boers Still Hold the Guns.

PRETORIA, March 31.-The four guns taken by the Boers when General Methuen was captured are still guns lost at the time of the Vondonop

PROMINENT MEN DENOUNCE THE BRIBERY CHARGES.

Decides Matter Unworthy of Serious Attention and Takes No Steps-Partner of Abner McKinley Says Reports Are Unqualifiedly False.

torney for Walter Christmas, the repthe Danish West Indise in 1900, was indignant at the conduct of his client shown in his secret report to the Danish ministry, lately published.

"Ordinary legal etiquitte," said he, would prevent my speaking. But this report is so defamatory and outrageous that I feel just fled in washing my hands of the whole affair."

Mr. Fischer-Hansen described the course of the Danish representative as it appeared to him.

Christmas undertook, according to Mr. Fischer-Hansen, to start the sale of the islands for the Horring ministry. As far back as 1860 the sale had been almost consummated, but at drawn back. Thus Denmark could not make overtures or do more than suggest that overtures would be acceptable. This Christmas did. He conducted Secretary White of the American embassy from London to Copenhagen. "At that point," said Mr. Fisher-Hansen, "his services ended. The negotiations from there on were carried forward by the American minister at Washington.

"The Horring ministry, going out of existence in a few months, was succeeded by the Sehested ministry, to which Christmas made his secret report, setting forth the alleged obligations he was under to various Ameri-

"This report was evidently made," publication has shown its absurdity. I am quite sure Christmas never saw the men he mentions and I believe the report was made for the purpose of personal gain."

Wilbur C. Brown, partner of Abner McKinley, whose name was mentioned in connection with the Christmas charges, made public in congress, has sent the following letter to Represent-The lands will probably be opened ative Dalzell, chairman of the investigating committee:

"Dear Sir: The papers this morning contain extracts read in congress yesterday from insidious charges alleged by one Walter Christmas in connection with the purchase of the Danish West Indies.

"So far as these charges relate to Abner McKinley and myself they are unqualifiedly, maliciously false in ev-

ery particular. "I shall be glad to appear before your committee at any time you may

desire. Very respectfully,

"W. C. BROWN." WASHINGTON, D. C., March 29 .-The state department will take no steps to bring to the attention of the preferred by Captain Christmas and brought to the attention of the house of representatives.

PENSION COMMISSIONER RESIGNS

Not Effective Until Diplomatic Berth is Ready for Him.

WASHINGTON, March 29 .- Commissioner of Pensions Evans has placed his resignation in the hands of the president.

It will not take effect until some important position in the diplomatic service is found for him.

The pension committee appointed at the last annual encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic to investigate the affairs of the pension bureau has made its report to the president. It has not yet decided as to when the report will be made public, if at all. It is stated that the policy of Commissioner Evans will be continued by his successor.

To Mine Nebraska Coal.

WAHOO, Neb., March 29.-A stock company is being organized in this city for the purpose of developing the coal mine at Swedeburg, six miles south of here. The company will have \$1,000,000 capital stock and will begin in a few days to work the mine. The promoters have leased 700 acres surrounding the land where the coal was discovered.

EXTENDS POSTAL SERVICE.

Orders Can Now Be Sent to and from China and Greece.

WASHINGTON, March 28 .- The postoffice department today reported the completion of important arrangements for the extension of the inter-UNCLE SAM ICHORES THEM national money order business of this government. An agreement has been reached with the kingdom of Greece whereby money orders will be exchanged between the two countries. In addition, the postal agent of the United States at Shanghai, China, has been authorized to Issue domestic NEW YORK, March 29 .- Carl Fis- money orders payable at any money cher-Hagen of this city, who was at- order office in the United States, Canada, Cuba and the Philippines, and at resentative of the Danish government any money order office in the United in the overtures for the purchase of States money orders may be procured drawn on the postal agency at Shanghai, China, which thus is substantially made a money order office of the United States. The postal agency at Shanghai has been conducted for many years, but heretofore it has not been practicable to establish a money order service there.

SAYS EDWARD WILL END WAR.

Rosebery Thinks Chamberlain a Tool of Rhodes.

PARIS, March 28.-Lord Rosebery arrived in Paris this morning from London. The Patrie says he made the following statement to a reporter:

"Mr. Chamberlain was only an instrument in the hands of Mr. Rhodes. Now that the latter has disappeared what will become of the member from Birmingham? English opinion has had enough of a policy based solely on force, which has only created for us enmities in Europe and cast us into a conflict in which thousands of our sons have perished. A ministerial crisis in England would not be surprising. Possibly, because of the corenation, King Edward will prevent this by ending the war and directing English policy into new channels, more in conformity with justice and the rights of peoples."

Western Congress May Combine.

DENVER, Colo., March 28.-Speaker B. F. Montgomery of the Colorado said the lawyer, "with the belief that house of representatives left for Washington last night as a representative of the Trans-Missssippi congress to confer with representatives of the national irrigaton congress and the International Mining congress concerning the proposed consolidation of the three bodies.

The other conferees will be ex-Governor L. B. Prince of New Mexico, of he mining congress, and J. H. Springer of California, of the irrigation con-

Payne Proposition Wins Out.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 28 .-Representative Babcock of the ways and means committee called at the while house yesterday in response to request from the president. It was discovered that the committee stands to 8 as between the Payne and Tawney Cuban reciprocity provisons and that Mr. Babcock, who has been absent on account of illness, held the deciding vote. After the interview it was stated that Mr. Babcock had been won over by the president and that he would vote for the Payne proposi-

Wood Starts Back to Cuba.

WASHINGTON, March 28.-General Leonard Wood left here tonight on his last visit to Havana in the capacity of military governor of the island of Cuba. General Wood said he expected to depart by boat from the city of Havana at 12 o'clock on May 20, after the new government had been installed and the Cuban flag saluted. At the same time 1,200 American troops would vacate the island via Havana and 400 would go from

Labor Break Over Carnegie.

RACINE, Wis., March 28 .- The refusal of Racine laboring men to allow the acceptance by the city of a library offered by Andrew Carnegie will probably break up the Trades council, which includes all the unions. Members of this council presented a protest to the council against the library, but withdrew it wthout consulting the Trades council. For this they were expelled. They were re-elected to the central body.

Monument to McKinley.

ALBANY, N. Y., March 28 .- The assembly passed the bill appropriating \$100,000 for the erection of a monument to President McKinley at Buffalo. The bill passed the senate and now goes to the governor, who will approve it, as he sent a message to the legislature urging its passage.

SOUTH AFRICAN LEADER SUC-CUMBS TO LONG ILLNESS.

CONSCIOUS UP TO THE LAST

Sleeps for Several Hours Immediately Preceding the End-Cause of Death Heart Failure-Those Present When the End Came.

CAPETOWN, March 27. - Cecil Rhodes died peacefully at 5:57 p. m. He slept during the afternoon, but his breathing became more difficult and his strength perceptibly diminished

until he passed away. Mr. Rhodes was conscious until 5 p. m., when he muttered a few words and sank quickly. The immediate cause of his death was two successive attacks of heart failure. At his bedside were Dr. Jameson, Dr. J. W. Smart, the com missioner of public works; Colone! Elmhurst Rhodes, director of signalling in South Africa field force, and Mr. Walton, member of the assembly of Port Elizabeth. Mr. Rhodes' last words

meant to be good-byes. The only person who attended him during his illness and who was not present at his deathbed was Dr. Stevenson, all the others, his boys and personal servants were admitted at the

were the names of his brother and

some of the others present, which were

The body will be taken to Grooteschuur, the residence of the deceased, near Capetown, on a special train tomorrow. There it probably will lie in state for a day or two and public will be admitted to view the remains. It has not been determined where he will be buried. It was the wish of Mr. Rhodes to be interred at Matoppo Hills, Rhodesia. Certain of his friends will proceed to Matoppo Hills to determine whether it is practicable to carry out this wish. The features of the dead man are placid and a death mask of them will be taken.

Cecil Rhodes a public funeral. His remains will be brought here from Grotescuquer. The body will, after services in the cathedral, be taken back to his former home, and finally interred at Matoppo Hills.

Since Mr. Rhodes took to his bed three weeks ago, his friends had been most anxious that he should recover sufficiently to be taken to England.

The cottage where he died was a simple seaside cabin, small and close to the railroad. It was ill-fitted to be a sick chamber, although the utmost was done to improve the ventilation and make it more comfortable. Dr. Stevenson slept by his patient every night, that he might be in readiness to administer oxygen, which practically kept Mr. Rhodes alive. Last Sunday he lost all interest in everything.

His rally from the crists of Tuesday left but the faintest hopes for his ultimate recovery. These were entirely abandoned with the renewed attack at noon today. The news of his death spread through Capetown between 7 and 8 o'clock and caused profound grief. All places of amusement were immediately colsed. An open air concert was immediately stopped and the audience uncovered while the band played the "Dead March." The people then silently dispersed.

III Health Drives to Suicide. GRINNELL, Ia., March 27.-Be-

cause she was despondent over continued ill-health, Miss Kate Lawrence, a popular Grinnell High school graduate and formerly a nurse in the Cook county hospital at Chicago, is dying from a bullet wound inflicted by her own hands.

The girl secured a rifle that was in the house and taking it to her bed, she placed the muzzle over her heart, and probably by using her foot discharged the weapon.

A great hole was torn in her body, but the heart was missed. She has lingered for several hours, but the doctors say she cannot live.

To Prevent Spread of Cholera.

WASHINGTON, March 27.-The navy department has given Rear Admiral Frank Wildes, the ranking admiral in the Philippines, authority to take such steps as may be necessary to prevent the spread of the cholera epidemic which prevails at Manila to the officers and men of the naval establishment at Cavite. As far as can be learned here, the epidemic is confined to the natives and Chinese in Manila, and does not prevail among

PROTEST ON BRIDGE BILL.

Senator Millard and Congressman Mercer Present Matter.

WASHINGTON, March 26 .- Senator Millard and Congressman Mercer, accompanied by Vice President Cornish of the Union Pacific, had a conference with the president in relation to the South Omaha bridge bill. Senator Millard presented a petition signed by leading bankers of Omaha and South Omaha calling upon President Roosevelt to veto the bill, which was railroaded through congress last week at lightning speed. Senator Millard presented the views of the protestants against the measure, in which Mr. Cornish, representing the Union Pa-

cific, concurred. Mercer presented the side of the company, asking for the charter and incidentally mentioning the name of Charles S. Gleed of Topeka as vice president of the corporation interested

The president remarked, after he had heard the arguments pro and con, that as the bill came to him with the unanimous endorsement of congress. he could not see his way clear to withholding his signature.

PRESIDENT CALLS MEETING.

Invites Conference on Reciprocity for Cuba.

WASHINGTON, March 26 .- Another conference was held at the White House tonight on the subject of Cuban reciprocity and was participated in by the president and house leaders, inluding Chairman Payne and Messrs. Dalzell and Long of Kansas of the ways and means committee. and Mr. Cannon, chairman of the republican caucus. The members came at the invitation of the president and remained with him for an hour. The conference was in the main an exchange of views between the executive and the congressmen on the general reciprocity position and the positive statement was made that there were no new developments in the situation, and that the program adopted by the republican conference providing a 20 per cent reduction on Cu-The government has decided to give | ban imports temporarily would be carried out in the house.

MAKE CHANGE IN MAY.

United States Fixes Date of Transfer

of Authority to Cubans. WASHINGTON, March 26 .- Secretary Root this afternoon made public his order to General Wood, directing him to turn over the control and government of Cuba to its people on May 20, next. The order requires the Cuban government to assume all treaty obligations and directs General Wood to continue a small artillery force to avoid leaving the island and city defenseless until the Cuban government shall have opportunity to organize its own force. General Wood also is directed to convene the Cuban congress before May 20. He also is directed to consult with Presidentelect Palma, and substitute such persons as he shall desire for those now holding official positions in Cuba.

Pro-Boer Resolutions.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 26 .-Representative Randall of Texas introduced resolutions relative to the war in South Africa, similar to those recently adopted at a caucus of house democrats, expressing sympathy with the two republics, appealing to the British government to make peace and declaring that the United States should maintain an attitude of strict neu-

Mr. Cochran of Missouri also introduced resolutions requesting the secretary of state to ascertain of the British government whether associations of charitable persons in the United States could secure facilities for aiding the non-combatants, and whether safe conduct could be secured to concentration camps to anable physicians to administer to the sick, etc.

Jockey Killed by a Horse.

DENVER, Colo., March 26.-Zeno Edman, a jockey, 19 years of age, was killed at Overland pary today, being thrown by a horse which he was exercising and dragged more than half a mile.

Homeseekers in Montana.

KALISPELL, Mont., March 26 .-Five sections of a westbound passenger train on the Great Northern railroad went through Kalispell with about 8,000 people, who are seeking homes in the west.

A purchase of 114 acres of land in South St. Louis has been made by the Gould line's management for terminal