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THE NEWS IN BRIEF.

The Union Pacific is waging war on box car thieves.

Leading democrats favor Bryan in preference to Dewey.

National Biblical congress to be held in Washington on April 19.

Colonel Bryan declines for the present to discuss the Dewey candidacy.

Governor Mount of Indiana refuses to recognize Beckham as Kentucky's governor.

Secretary of War Root says Captain Leary's withdrawal from Guam was voluntary.

M. Joseph L. F. Bertrand, perpetual secretary of French Academy of Science, is dead.

The Carnegie Steel company has bought the Bessemer & Lake Erie railroad for $40,000.

Dr. W. Wover, German consul at Rio Janeiro, has been appointed consul of Germany at Chicago.

Herr Geissler, first vice consul of Germany at Naples, has been appointed consul at New York.

Roseberry, in a speech in Edinburg, says continental countries could not get along without England.

Emperor William denies that he sent a message of sympathy to Dr. Leyds on the death of General Joubert.

William E. Merritt, Company E, Fourth cavalry, dies on the transport Sheridan on his way home from Manila.

Julius Ukleuruth dropped dead in St. Louis just as he was being arrested for embezzling $9,000 from a brewing company.

Democratic leaders say the national convention will be held in Kansas City notwithstanding the burning of the Auditorium.

Hon. E. H. Moore, aged 88, has died at his home at Athens, O. He was a former congressman from the Fifteenth district.

Formal decision that constitution does not lover island possessions without a special act of congress made by Solicitor General Richards.

The comptroller of the currency has declared a dividend of 5 per cent on claims against the Globe National bank of Boston, making 30 per cent in all to date.

The pure food bill was killed by the New York senate by a refusal to adopt a rule reported by the rules committee to permit of its immediate passage out of its order.

The population of Hungary has increased from 8,000,000 to 18,000,000 this century. The capital of the country counts 670,000 inhabitants, against 26,000 in the year 1800.

Twelve pounds only is the weight of the new automatic machine gun under experiment in the United States army. It fires 450 shots a minute and can be fired by one man.

The largest single shipment of ordinary postage stamps ever made will take place next Friday, when 53,304,300 stamps of the value of $965,267 will be sent to 1,306 postoffices throughout the country.

A Newark, N. J., firm is at present working night and day filing orders for 10,000,000 campaign buttons, which indicates that the button craze will be as prominent a feature of the presidential and state campaigns this fall as in former years.

At Terre Haute, Ind., a fight upon the street occurred between Congressman George W. Faris and H. C. Pugh, ex-United States consul at Palermo, growing out of the manner of the withdrawal of the congressman from the race for the renomination.

Leroy Channing Shear is under arrest at Washington, D. C., and is wanted at Bedford, Ind., for cashing a half dozen checks of $100 each against the Citizens' National bank, purporting to have been issued by Ale Hatfield, landlord of the Hatfield house.

Notwithstanding Russia's enormous expenditures for the construction of the Trans-Siberian railway and for increasing the strength of her army and navy, her revenues during the past twelve years have exceeded her disbursements by 790,000,000 ruples.

Lieut. Col. William P. Hall, of the adjutant general's department, has been relieved from duty on the staff of Brigadier General Davis, at San Juan de Porto Rico, and ordered to Chicago.

A dispatch from Chico, Cal., announces the death of General George Bidwell. General Bidwell was the prohibition candidate for president in 1892.

W. H. Graham has been renominated for congress from the Twenty-third Pennsylvania district.

Mrs. Aida Lawrence, one of the oldest actresses in the country, who has played leading parts with Edwin Booth, Junius Brutus Booth, John McCullough and Joseph Jefferson, died at Quincy, Ill.

United States Deputy Marshal Payne, under charge of murder, broke jail at Benton, Tenn.

Mr. and Mrs. Hurst, the parents of Joseph Hurst, who was hanged at Glendive, Mont., Friday, emphatically deny that their son made a confession before his death.

Mark Twain makes recommendations for amendments to British copyright law.

The monthly statement of the director of the mint shows the total coinage at the mints of the United States during March to have been $17,075,688, as follows: Gold, $12,596,240; silver, $4,341,375; minor coins, $138,072.

Senator Proctor denies that he is responsible for Dewey's presidential aspirations.

The Chinese government has "settled" the controversy arising out of the murder December 3 last of Rev. Brooks of the Church Missionary society.

Senators Lodge and Wolcott have settled their differences.

Rev. John Scott, former editor of the Western Methodist Recorder, died at his home at Eldersville, Pa., of la grippe. Mr. Scott was 89 years old.

Rev. Dr. Edward Everett Hale, the venerable writer and philanthropist, was 78 years old Tuesday.

VICTORY WITH BOERS

They Attack and Defeat the British South of Bloomfontein.

FOUR HUNDRED PRISONERS TAKEN

Inflicts Heavy Loss and Captures a Large Quantity of Stores—Loss of Federals is Very Light—Official Report at Pretoria of British Captured Near Bloemfontein.

PRETORIA, April 9.—It is reported that General Dewet attacked and defeated a large force of British cavalry at Dewet's dorp, south of Bloemfontein, capturing 450 prisoners and a large quantity of ammunition and camp stores and inflicting heavy loss. The federal loss was two killed and four wounded. All is quiet with the other commandos.

LONDON, April 9.—The Bloemfontein correspondent of the Times, telegraphing Friday, says:

"The Boers now stretch a thin line from Sannas Post on the south to a point east of Jagersfontein. The railway stations art amply protected, but their defense necessitates heavy patrolling work.

"The question of protecting the surrendered Free Staters is being solved by their reception into military comps. Many are flocking here, but it is reported that the farms westward of the capital are tenanted by women, only the men having rejoined the Boer commandos."

PRETORIA, Wednesday, April 4.—It is officially announced here that at the Bloemfontein water works the republican forces captured eleven officers and 362 men, with eleven guns, two ammunition wagons and other wagons and mules.

BETHANY, Saturday, April 7.—General Gatacre's force has returned here without having found any trace of the ill-fated British column capture by the Reddersburg commando. It is impossible to estimate the British losses, but, as the men fought stubbornly, it is probable that these were large.

BLOEMFONTEIN, Saturday, April 7.—Another of Mr. Steyn's brothers was captured near Karet Siding yesterday and arrived here today.

BLOEMFONTEIN, Saturday, April 7.—The Boers are reported in force to the south, threatening the railroad, which, however, is strongly protected.

British pickets at Springfield, eight miles distant, were attacked by Boers advancing from the water works.

Remounts are rapidly arriving. The British are in high spirits and anxious to advance.

MASERU, Basutoland, Thursday, April 5.—The reoccupation of Ladybrand, Thaba Nchu and the Bloemfontein water works by the Boers, in the very sight of the Basutos, who recently witnessed the expulsion of the Boers by the British, is far the most important aspect of the situation here, in view of its probable effect upon the native mind.

Already the natives are arguing that the British have suffered reverses, and, should the British evacuate Wepener, the results, so far as the natives are concerned, are likely to prove disastrous.

All hope to see General Brabant steadily advance and drive the enemy before him.

Mexico on Dewey's Move.

CITY OF MEXICO, April 9.—Commenting on the changed aspect of American politics, called forth by the candidacy of Admiral Dewey, the Mexican Herald says:

"With the gold standard settled in the United States, Mexico has little practical concern with American politics. The two countries get on very well together in the international relations and now that expansion has been found to involve prolonged attacks of territorial ethnological indigestion, Mexico is not likely to see again the spectre of absorption So far as the presidential campaign progresses in the northern republic, all Mexico will take a top seat in the big continental amphitheater and watch with interest the campaign which is likely to be one of the most exciting for many years. No presidential event for years has caused more comment here than the entrance of Dewey into the American political arena."

Pattison for Second Place.

CHICAGO, Ill., 9.—The Chicago Chronicle tomorrow will say: It is learned through the national democratic headquarters that preparations are being made to boom Former Governor Emery Pattison of Pennsylvania for vice president at the Kansas City convention. Democrats here are not willing to be quoted for publication, but they admit Mr. Pattison would be a strong candidate, and that his acceptance not only would strengthen the ticket, but would afford an exit from the difficulty of finding a valid defense to the criticisms that the party managers are disposed to ignore the east.

Volunteer Lemon Suicides.

LINCOLN, Neb., April 9.—C. L. Lemmon, a printer and member of Colonel W J. Bryan's Third Nebraska regiment during the war with Spain, committed suicide by taking poison some time between Friday evening, when he disappeared, and today, when his dead body was found on the state fair grounds near the city. He is said to have been despondent over business reverses.

General Randall Sails.

SEATTLE, Wash., April 9.—General G. M. Randall, U. S. A., commander of the department of Alaska, sailed for Skagway tonight, where he will select a site for an army post there. He will also inspect the troops at Wrangel and Skagway and return in ten days to Seattle. General Randall expresses the belief that the government will in the near future find a telegraph cable to Port Valdes a necessity and build it, giving the states direct telegraphic communication with Nome via the Yukon telegraph line to be built at once from Valdes.

ARE ANXIOUS TO ADJOURN

Members of Congress Seeking Means to Close Congress Early.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 9.—Senator Chandler probably will make an effort Monday to get the senate to agree upon a day for taking a vote on the resolution concerning the seating of Senator Quay. The present indications are that for the present he will fail to secure unanimous consent and in any event the discussion of the resolution will proceed. Among the senators who are expected to engage in the discussion are Messrs. Burrows, Quarles and Platt of Connecticut, all of whom oppose the seating of Mr. Quay. Mr. Burrows will speak today.

The Indian appropriation bill will continue to receive attention until disposed of, but it is not expected to occasion a great deal more of debate.

Senator Carter hopes to proceed with the consideration of the Alaskan code bill early in the week with the hope of securing action at an early date. There are still some differences pertaining to mining rights to be adjusted in this measure and more or less discussion necessarily will precede their determination. The appropriation bill for the District of Columbia probably will be considered during the week.

On Wednesday Senator Lodge will ask the senate to vote upon the Philippine temporary measure, but he does not expect to accomplish more than to get a day fixed for the vote. There is apparently no disposition to debate this bill to any great extent, but an objection is likely to be entered to a vote at this time.

The republican senators are disposed to crowd on all possible sail with the view of securing early adjournment, and to this end will seek to get early action on appropriation bills and on other necessary legislation. The democrats apparently are disposed to fall in with this idea, and they, too, express a desire to get away early in the summer.

The committee on elections will conclude its consideration of the case of Senator Clark of Montana, during the week. Senator Chandler, chairman of the committee, expresses the opinion that only one sitting of the committee will be necessary to determine the attitude of the committee.

A portion of the session of the senate of Tuesday afternoon will be devoted to eulogies upon the the late Representative Bland of Missouri.

The features of the week in the house will be the closing fight on the Porto Rican tariff bill. The republican managers will carry out the program agreed upon in caucus on Wednesday, when a special rule will be adopted which will bring the motion to concur in the senate amendments to a vote after several hours of debate.

Both sides are laboring earnestly to poll their full strength, but the republicans appear to be confident that the motion will carry by a safe margin. They assert the republican opposition will not be over seven votes, the number who voted against the original bill. The agricultural appropriation bill will consume tomorrow and Tuesday. Friday is private pension day and Saturday is set apart for addresses on the receipt of the statue of Oliver P. Morton of Indiana.

FILIPINOS IN EVIDENCE

Their Outpost is Struck Within Five Miles of the City.

MANILA, April 9.—Reports of encounters between the American troops and the insurgents continue to arrive from many points. On Friday Captain Sturgis, while reconnoitering, struck an insurgent outpost on the Novaliches road, five miles distant from Manila, killing two and capturing ten. All were in full uniform. Unfortunately, Captain Sturgis' force was not large enough to pursue the main body.

A detachment of the Forty-second infantry, while scouting in Laguna province, was pursued by the insurgents and obliged to take refuge in a church at Paeto, where the Americans repelled the rebels until reinforcements arrived.

Lieutenant Gordon, with a company of the Sixteenth infantry, while scouting near Apari, Cagayan province, engaged 250 insurgents. Lieutenant Gordon was wounded.

A sergeant and a corporal of company I, Eighteenth infantry, were killed in a severe fight in Capiz province, island of Panay.

The insurgents made a night attack upon Calbayon, island of Samar. They killed the sentry, swarmed into the town and searched the house of Major Gilmore of the Forty-third infantry, who was absent. They killed his cook. Ultimately the Americans drove them out of the town, killing four and capturing twelve.

WITNESSES FOR GOEBEL TRIAL

A Number Has Been Summoned to Testify During Week.

FRANKFORT, Ky., April 9.—The grand jury will continue the investigation of the Goebel assassination during this week. About forty witnesses have been examined so far and it is said that more than that number are on the list of those summoned who have not yet been heard. No report is expected before the latter part of the week. It is said that the names of several of the most important witnesses who have testified so far have not been disclosed and the evidence has been jealously guarded. The habeas corpus proceedings in the case of Tallow Dick" Combs, the colored suspect, is set for hearing before Judge Cantrill Tuesday, but it is not expected that anything will be brought out in this which will throw any light on the mystery surrounding the assassination.

Gen Miles is Next

NEW YORK, April 9.—The World says: General Nelson A. Miles is willing to be the democratic nominee for president. He has so stated to his friends and ten days ago he visited William C. Whitney to talk with him about the possibility of his being nominated. Mr. Whitney told the general that all of the leading gold democrats were as much opposed to the nomination of Mr. Bryan now as when he was named four years ago, but he did not commit himself to the support of the general.

THE GOEBELITES WIN

Decision of Court of Appeals in Kentucky Governorship Case.

ONE REPUBLICAN JUDGE DISSENTS

Case to Be Taken to the United States Supreme Court—Two Judges Criticise Goebelite's Course — What Burnam's Separate Opinion Says.

FRANKFORT, Ky., 7.—The court of appeals today handed down a decision in the governorship case in favor of the democrats. The opinion is by six of the judges, four democrats and two republicans.

Judge Dureile was the only judge dissenting. The other two republican judges, Burnam and Guffy, gave a separate opinion from the democratic judges, but which agreed with the democratic members in its conclusion.

Judge Hobson wrote the opinion of the court. The concurrence of Judges Burnam and Guffy with the four democratic judges was a surprise generally, but to the republicans especially.

The opinion holds that the action of the legislature in seating Governor Beckham was final and that the courts have no power to review it; that Governor Taylor exceeded his authority in adjourning the legislature to London and that the journals of the two houses of the legislature, being regular, cannot be impeached. Thirty days must elapse before the mandate of the court of appeals, in accordance with today's decision, is issued. Meanwhile no radical change in the relative positions of the two state governments is expected.

Former Governor Bradley, chief counsel for Governor Taylor, tonigat authorized the statement that an appeal on behalf of Governor Taylor and Lieutenant Governor Marshall will be carried to the supreme court of the United States. Bradley and Judge W. H. Yost, counsel for the republican state officers, were in consultation with Governor Taylor for several hours this afternoon and the statement was made at the close of the conference. It is said that Colonel W. C. P. Breckinridge and republican leaders from different parts of the state will meet Taylor in conference here tomorrow morning.

Judge Burnam and Guffy, republicans, while concurring in the opinion that the courts have no jurisdiction, dissented from the reasoning. Judge Burnam's separate opinion says:

"It is hard to imagine a more flagrant and partisan regard of the modes of procedure than is made manifest by the facts alleged and relied on by contestees and admitted by demurrer and I am firmly convinced from admitted facts that the legislature in the heat of anger, engendered by intense partisan excitement, has done two faithful, conscientious and able public servants an irreparable injury by depriving them of the office to which they were elected and a still greater wrong to the large majority of the electors who voted under difficult circumstances to elect these servants.

"But we are met at the threshold with the contention that the courts of the state under the constitution have no power to go behind the legislative journal and review the judgment of the assembly in the proceedings over which they are given by the constitution exclusive jurisdiction and from whose determination of the question no appeal is provided. I have been led with some reluctance to the conclusion, and not without some misgivings as to its correctness, that there is now power in the courts of the state to review the findings of the general assembly in a contested election for the offices of governor and lieutenant governor as shown by its only authenticated records. Many question have been raised and discused by counsel for the appellants, but it will be unnecessary to consider them in view of the conclusion we have reached on this fundamental question."

Murderers Will Be Garroted.

PONCE, P. R., April 7.—At an early hour today Simeon Rodriguez, Carlos Pacheco, Hermongenes Pacheco, Eugenio Rodriguez and Rosalie Saltiago, who are condemned to death by garroting, will be executed. Their crime was the murder in October, 1898, of Senor Prudencio Mendez at Yauco. The murderers after criminally assaulting the wife and daughters of their victim, compelled them to dance about the corpse.

To America's Advantage.

CARACAS, April 7.—(Via Haytian Cable.)—President Castro today signed and delivered to the United States minister, Mr. F. B. Loomis, the parcels post convention. It is considered that this agreement should augment the American retail trade by $1,000,000 yearly so far as the mail order business is concerned.

Condition of the Treasury.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 7.—Today's statement of the treasury balances in the general fund, exclusive of the $150,000,000 gold reserve in the division of redemption shows: Available cash balance, $155,775,803; gold, $96,392,555.

Krag-Jorgensens for States.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 7.—A bill of much interest to the national guard and the militia of the country was introduced today by Representative Marsh of Illinois, for the arming of state troops with Krag-Jorgensen rifles.

EVERY STATE TO BE REPRESENTED

Biggest Trans-Mississippi Congress to Be at Houston.

HOUSTON, Tex., April 7.—Secretary Richardson has now received assurances from the governors of every state and territory west of the Mississippi that official delegates to represent these states and territories will be at the coming session of the Trans-Mississippi congress, which is to be held here April 17 to 21 inclusive. This wil be the first time that such an attendance has been secured. The Colorado chairman has wired for a reservation of rooms for fifty.

INTO A TRAP AGAIN.

Five More Companies of British Infantry Caught by Boers.

LONDON, April 7.—The Bloemfontein correspondent of the Morning Telegraph today says:

"The Boers are apparently making an attempt to redeem their promise to take Bloemfontein. A considerable force has moved south through Thaba Nchu. General Tucker's isolation at Karee is more apparent than real, since the open ground north of Bloemfontein offers small opportunity for Boer tactics. They may possibly engage him to distract attention from operations elsewhere. Remounts are anxiously awaited."

LONDON, April 7.—Lord Roberts reports that five companies of British troops have been captured by the Boers near Bethany.

The following is the text of Lord Roberts' dispatch to the war office:

"BLOEMFONTEIN, Thursday, April 5.—Another unfortunate occurrence has occurred resulting, I fear, in the capture of a party of infantry consisting of three companies of the Royal Irish Fusileers and two companies of the Ninth regiment of mounted infantry near Reddersburg, a little eastward of Bethany railway station, within a few miles of this place. They were surrounded by a stronger force of the enemy with four or five guns.

"The detachment held out from noon April 3 until April 4, 9 a. m., and then, apparently surrendered, for it is reported that the firing ceased at that time. Immediately after I heard the news, during the afternoon of April 3 I ordered Gatacre to proceed from Springfontein, his present headquarters, to Reddersburg with all possible speed and I dispatched the Cameron Highlanders hence to Bethany. He arrived at Reddersburg at 10:30 yesterday morning without opposition, but could get no news of the missing detachment.

"There can be no doubt the whole party has been made prisoners."

ENGLAND IS ALARMED AGAIN.

Wondering Whether Lord Roberts Can Maintain His Communications.

LONDON, April 7.—Not a word regarding the disaster at Reddersburg has come through, except the dispatch of Lord Roberts. Meanwhile the British public is beginning to realize the immense difficulties to be overcome even before Pretoria is reached and is revising premature ideas with respect to the time at which the war will be over. No one believes that it will have ended by the beginning of June.

The latest disaster more particularly illustrates the heavy task involved in holding the railroad. This body of some 500 British troops, without gnus, which disappeared so completely within thirty-five miles of the great British army, had for its business to guard a section of nearly ninety miles of railway between Bloemfontein and Springfontein. If it could thus be spirited away, how is Lord Roberts to ensure his continually extending communications?

Other pertinent questions are being asked as a result of these successive unfortunate occurrences. The foremost is, Why do not the British troops entrench? It is argued that if this had been done even 500 men might have held out until reinforcements arrived. It cannot be concealed that the utmost alarm is beginning to be felt.

It is said that the Boers who captured the British at Reddersburg belonged to Olivier's commando. If so he has not returned north, and hopes are expressed that he may still be cut off. It is asserted that 4,000 rebels surrendered during General Clement's northward march.

The Boers will do their utmost to hold Ladybrand and Thaba Nchu, both being rich grain producing districts.

VERMONT WILL BE FOR BRYAN.

Committeeman Says Dewey Cannot Have His Home State.

NEW YORK, April 7.—B. B. Smalley, democratic national committeeman from Vermont and formerly secretary of the democratic national committee, in an interview upon Admiral Dewey's candidacy for president, said that the delegates from Vermont—Dewey's home state—will be for William J. Bryan. He said: "It has long been apparent to me that the nominees this year will be William McKinley and William Jennings Bryan. The Vermont democratic convention will be held in June at Montpelier and the delegation will be instructed to vote for Mr. Bryan, regardless of the candidacy of Admiral Dewey.

DEWEY'S WELCOME TO CHICAGO.

Grand Army Ready to Greet Him as a Candidate.

CHICAGO, Ill., April 7.—Should the Dewey committee finally decide, owing to the admiral's aspirations, not to welcome him May 1 in Chicago, the Grand Army of the Republic will invite him, as a presidential candidate, to attend the great encampment to be held in Chicago in August.

"The Grand Army men are anxious to have Admiral Dewey attend the encampment," said William H. Harper, chairman of the general committee, today. "We invited him when he first landed in New York, but at that time he found May 1 more convenient so the invitation of the Dewey committee was finally accepted."

Legislators Adjourn.

ALBANY, N. Y., April 7.—The state legislature adjourned sine die yesterday.

English Facing a Deficit.

LONDON, April 7.—On the third reading of the finance bill in the house of commons today the chancellor of the exchequer, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, gave a revised estimate for 1900, the revenue being placed at £127,520,000 and the expenditures at £150,000,000. The deficit, he said, would be met partly from the war loan and partly from treasury bills. Each week, he declared, showed a greater improvement in trade, which would offset the losses caused by the premature withdrawal of bonded goods.

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