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THE NEWS IN BRIEF.

A number of new rural free delivery routes are to be established in Iowa.

Columbian and Costa Rican ministers at Washington say Herrara's expedition is proceeding against Colombia.

Figures by Frenchmen show that actual value of Cuban properties does not equal amount of mortgages on them.

President Kruger by his first marriage had one child, who died young. By his second wife he had sixteen children.

The house has passed the bill calling for settlement of the government's claims against the Sioux City & Pacific road.

There is a movement on foot to unite all American cattle dealers in order to take action toward stamping out disease.

Captain John Seaton of Atchison is willing to be made national republican committeeman from Kansas. He is now in New York.

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The Ohio supreme court handed down a decision sustaining the law which prohibits the coloring of oleomargarine in imitation of butter.

At Salt Lake, Utah, the smelter combine has refused to grant a demand for increased wages at the Germania smelter and the 450 employees went on a strike.

Congressman Lot Thomas secured the passage in the house of representatives of his bill providing for the settlement of the Sioux City & Pacific railroad debt.

The state department has been informed that the Ottawa government has given notice of an increase from 20 to 40 cents a cord on the dues on pulp wood, beginning May 1.

Rev. Mr. Walter Delaford, rector of the Church of the Transfiguration at Chicago and for many years a prominent figure in the Episcopal church, died of heart disease, aged 62 years.

William J. Bryan was given an enthusiastic reception at Santa Ana and at San Diego, Cal. At both places immense crowds assembled to hear the orator discuss the questions of the day.

Sir William Overend Priestley, a member of the parliament for the Universities of Edinburgh and St. Andrews since 1896 and former president of the Obstetrical Society of London, is dead.

Cuthbert Jones has filed at the United States legation at Lima, Peru, a claim against the Peruvian government for 5,000,000 soles. The claim is said to grow out of a refusal of mining rights founded upon the express letter of the law.

Capitalists of Berlin, through a Chicago firm, have made an offer to purchase the Ferris wheel. If the negotiations go through the wheel, which was one of the features of the World's fair, will be shipped to Berlin. The wheel weighs 2,200 tons.

Mrs. Phoebe A. Hearst has decided to establish a museum of art and archaeology at the University of California. She has planned for the collection on a large scale of objects illustrating the history of fine arts throughout the world.

The Indiana bureau of statistics has issued a bulletin on organized labor in the state. This shows the state has 408 unions, with a total membership of 24,424. The average earnings of the men in the different trades last year were \$1.88 a day.

Lieutenant Colonel Webb C. Hayes of the Thirty-first infantry, son of the late President Hayes, has been honorably discharged from the United States army at his own request. He has been serving in the Philippines with Colonel Pettit, but is now on his way to San Francisco. No reason is assigned at the war department for his retirement.

Chicago contractors with an aggregate wealth of \$10,000,000 have volunteered to go to work with hammer and saw to construct the big grand stand for the Dewey day celebration from which the admiral is to review the parade. Owing to the complicated labor situation this was thought the best way out of a tangle which might have brought about a repetition of the fall festival trouble.

Herbert F. Milligan, bookkeeper of the Union Loan & Trust Company of Boston, was arrested charged with embezzlement of \$10,300.

Senor Antonio del Viso, the Argentine charge d'affaires at Washington, D. C., reported to the police that his house had been entered and robbed of jewelry approximating in value \$5,000.

Herman Marcuse, formerly one of the best known bankers in New York, is dead at Nidelwall-on-Rhine, Germany, aged 75.

At De Soto, Mo., Mrs. Charles Buecher was murdered while she slept in a room with her two children. Her husband is missing.

Secretary Root denies reports of activity in the Luzon.

Methodist ministers in New York gave Sheldon and his newspaper work a scoring.

Minneapolis contractors have given bonds to have the Kansas City auditorium ready for the convention July 4th.

All grades of sugar have been slightly advanced in New York.

Senator Bard from the committee on public lands has reported favorably the bill which recently passed the house making it a misdemeanor to set fire to forests on the public domain and in forests reserves.

Commodore William K. Mayo, U. S. N., retired, died at his home in Washington, aged 76 years.

Anthracite coal of excellent quality has been found in the Wichita mountains. An El Reno coal merchant declares that the opening of the Kiowa and Comanche country will result in giving access to an immense coal field.

FOUR DAYS IN ACTION

Many British Warriors Fall Under Fire of Boers at Wepener.

BASUTOS WILL BAR AN INVASION

Protest of Lord Roberts Regarding Treatment of English Prisoners — Mine Owner Captured by the Boers — Position of Colonel Dalgety's Forces Reported to Be Strong.

LONDON, April 16.—A dispatch from Allwal North, dated April 13, says:

"It is officially reported that the British losses at Wepener in four days' fighting were eighteen men killed and 132 wounded."

Colonel Grenfell wires that the casualties include Quartermaster Williams, Lieutenant Halford and Lieutenant Duncan.

Sir Godfrey Lagden, resident commissioner at Maseru, telegraphs that no shelling has been heard from the direction of Wepener today (Saturday).

A regiment of British infantry and a battery of artillery arrived Friday. General Brabant's headquarters and all the mounted troops have gone to Rouxville.

The Northern Post asserts that the Rouxville district furnished 1,000 recruits to the Boer force as a result of the invasion last week.

Five hundred Boers, under Commandant Swanepoel, forced the Royal Irish Rifles to evacuate Rouxville. The former landlord, who had been acting for the British, offered to go to the front to prove himself a true Free Stater.

A cablegram from Maseru, Basutoland, dated April 14, says:

"Sir Godfrey Lagden, British resident commissioner, returned here yesterday (Friday) from the scene of operations near Wepener. He and the paramount chief have stationed 3,000 armed natives to resist the possible Boer encroachments. The orders of the resident commissioner are that the Basutos are not to be allowed to cross the Free State frontier on any pretense whatever. Two natives who crossed and looted an abandoned Boer farm are now in custody."

Colonel Dalgety's position is strong and well chosen, but he is completely surrounded.

The Boers have their backs against longer they will be hemmed in. The British operations are keenly watched from the neighboring heights. Shelling and sniping have been doing on steadily during the last six days.

Colonel Dalgety's guns are admirably served and there is no waste of ammunition. The Boers, when they see the electric flash of the cordite, bolt into their holes or behind walls. So near are the Boers and the Basuto guards that they converse. The ambulances are close to the border, but the killed and wounded are not removed until nightfall, in order to conceal the number of casualties. The Boers are fatigued and their horses are tired and footsore.

The Boers attacked fiercely the British northern position on Monday, April 9, but they were beaten back at daybreak. Nothing is known here of the casualties on either side.

From Wepener comes news that Frank Smith, a well known mine owner, fell into the hands of the Boers while driving from Barkley West toward the Frank Smith diamond mine.

Presents for Prisoners.

PRETORIA, April 16.—United States Consul Adelbert S. Hay has received six and one-half tons of presents for British military prisoners, mostly from England and the Cape, comprising luxuries, groceries, cigars, cigarettes and boxes for the hospitals. It has all been admitted duty free to the Transvaal, and every facility afforded, which has greatly gratified Mr. Hay. He recently visited the prisoners at Waterval, and says that he found everything as well as could be expected under the circumstances. Good Friday was observed as a holiday throughout the republic. All is reported quiet at the front.

Senator Morgan Victorious.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., April 16.—Later returns from the democratic primaries held throughout Alabama yesterday confirm the reports already sent out of the overwhelming victory of Senator John T. Morgan over Governor Johnston for the United States senatorship. St. Clair, with one republican, which was the only county credited to Governor Johnston in last night's report, has fallen into the Morgan column, leaving the governor a goose egg as the result of the elections held in fifty-four counties. Morgan will have 116 of the 120 democratic voters in the general assembly.

Bryan at El Paso.

EL PASO, Tex., April 16.—W. J. Bryan reached here from Albuquerque, N. M., and left at 8 o'clock for Austin. An informal reception was held and at 3 o'clock Mr. Bryan attended the services of the Knights Templar at the Episcopal church. A strong delegation from Mexico was here to meet Colonel Bryan and assist in his entertainment. Mr. Bryan denied that he intended to make Texas his home and declined to commit himself on the Bailey-Chilton race.

ANDREWS AWAITS HIS WIFE

What She Says Will Affect His Decision on Chancellorship.

CHICAGO, April 16.—Dr. E. Benjamin Andrews said tonight that the question whether he would accept or refuse the offer made him by the regents of the University of Nebraska depended largely upon what his wife thought of the matter. Mr. Andrews, he said, would return Thursday from Pinehurst, N. C., where he has been for several days, and would then have the case laid before her. Dr. Andrews returned today from Lincoln.

PECK WELL PLEASED.

Commissioner General Complacently Endorses the Paris Exposition.

PARIS, April 16.—(New York World Cablegram.)—"In these days of war it gladdens the heart and mind to enter a peace festival like the one we have just inaugurated. It is magnificently adequate. France may well be proud. This country has endeavored itself to all thinking humanity by many pages of her glorious history. She ever has been one of the foremost champions of progress in all directions of human endeavor." This is the way United States Commissioner Ferdinand W. Peck began a statement. He goes on:

"Today, as I realize what a vast civilizing factor the exposition will prove, I say that every man and woman on earth—whether or not able to visit Paris—ought to feel thankful to France for such a mingling of the races and interchange of what is best among them. It not only develops the large international interests, but promotes the well-being of the most distant laborer on our prairies and the most reluctant savage in Polynesia."

"I was and remain a great admirer of the Chicago's world's fair. When I first came here and for a long time afterward I felt very doubtful whether the present exposition could equal ours. My views have changed. Chicago excelled in some respects. We had there a magnificent situation—vast areas of lake front and a splendid park. Our men took advantage of these points with an intelligence, the result of which cannot be overpraised. Even the French officials heading the present enterprise have not forgotten the marvelous architecture, harmonious groupings, enchanting water effects and the general loftiness of the fair of 1893. They willingly concede that some of these things must remain unequalled here."

"On the other hand French ingenuity and artistic taste, coupled with extensive previous experience, have achieved wonders. The area of the Paris exposition is less than that of Chicago, but nevertheless, it is enormous. Enough has been collected together to keep visitors busily going and always interested, even if they should stay throughout the exposition period in Paris."

ECHO OF CARTER CASE

Congress Likely to Take a Hand in the Matter of Men Implicated.

WASHINGTON, April 16.—Some time ago proceedings were instituted by the department of justice to secure the removal to Savannah, Ga., of Benjamin D. Green, John F. Williams, T. and Edward H. Gaynor and Michael A. Connolly, who were implicated by the grand jury of the United States district court of Georgia for conspiring to defraud the United States upon two contracts relating to harbor improvements at Savannah and in Cumberland sound in connection with Captain O. M. Carter.

The United States commissioner in New York, where the defendants were apprehended, held in effect that the certified copy of the Georgia indictment, followed by the identification of the defendants, was sufficient to justify their removal.

District Judge Addison Brown, however, held to the contrary and further that the government was required by affirmative proof to make out a case of probable guilt and that the defendants were entitled to go fully into their defense and to produce evidence on their part to rebut the presumption of guilt raised by the proofs of the government.

The attorney general takes issue with Judge Brown as to the correctness of his ruling, but with a view to a final settlement of the question has sent to the chairman of the judiciary committee of both houses of congress a draft of a bill which if it becomes a law will have the effect of compelling the removal of persons indicted for offenses against the United States from the place of arrest to the district where the offense is committed.

Pensions for Capron Widows.

WASHINGTON, April 16.—The house favorably acted upon fifty-three bills, among which were two senate bills to increase the pensions of the widows of Captain Allyn Capron and Captain Allyn K. Capron, father and son, who fell during the Spanish war in Cuba. The senate fixed the rate for each of these widows at \$40. The house reduced the amount to \$25 in the case of the former and \$30 in the case of the latter.

Harrison Declines.

CHICAGO, April 16.—Mayor Carter Harrison today came out unequivocally in opposition to his nomination by the democratic state convention for the governorship of Illinois and gave his reasons at length. Mayor Harrison said: "If I entered the race for governor I should do everything in my power to be elected and should expect to succeed. In that case I would have to take my seat as governor in January of next year and the city of Chicago would be without a mayor."

Bank Teller Absconds.

BURLINGTON, Vt., April 16.—A special from Waterbury, Vt., says that John Farrar, teller of the Waterbury National bank, is missing and that there is a defalcation of \$25,000 of the bank's funds. The community is greatly shocked by the news as Farrar was considered a model young man. His parents are very estimable people and two years ago he married a young lady of high standing.

KANSAS GOLD CRAZE

Rich Quartz Ore Found in Vicinity of Galena.

JOPLIN, Mo., April 16.—J. C. Murdoch and others of Galena, Kas., near here, claim to have found gold in quartz formation within two miles of that place that assays \$40 to \$80 a ton. The assays are said to have been made in St. Louis.

An effort to lease or buy the land, the exact location of which is not disclosed, but which is said to be included within the great Galena zinc and lead belt, is being made. Excitement over the alleged find is intense.

MANY ARE AFTER JOBS

New Governor of Porto Rico is Dodging Numerous Office-seekers.

LAW IN EFFECT THE FIRST OF MAY

Gage Makes Ruling—War Department to Retain Complete Control of the Island All of This Month—Secretary Gage Arranging for Duty Collections.

WASHINGTON, April 14.—It is understood that no selection of a successor to Allen as assistant secretary of the navy will be made until after Secretary long returns to Washington from Colorado and has had an opportunity to express his preference in the matter. The secretary is expected to arrive here almost any moment. Meanwhile the tide of place-seekers has turned upon Allen's office and the White House, some of the applicants not even waiting for the president's signature to the organic act before presenting their claims for some post connected with the government of Porto Rico. The indications are that none of these appointments will be made until Allen has had an opportunity to reach San Juan and personally look into the conditions there.

Secretary of the Treasury Gage has decided that the customs feature of the Porto Rico tariff and governmental bill goes into operation on the first day of May, 1900. This decision was made necessary in view of a discrepancy in the bill as to the time the act should become operative.

This action was taken as the result of a conference at the treasury today between Assistant Secretary Melkjohn and Assistant Secretary Spalding. The war department has been in receipt of many inquiries from persons in different sections of the country calling attention to the apparent discrepancy in the Porto Rico act and asking for an official statement as to the date when the duties will go into effect. The conclusion arrived at applies to all of the affairs of the island and the war department will retain complete control and direction there until May 1.

It is expected that Governor Allen will be in San Juan before the end of the present month, but he will not undertake to assume his office until the date named.

The cabinet meeting today was occupied largely in a discussion of the Porto Rican affairs and particularly the Porto Rican bill, which was signed by the president yesterday. The provisions of the bill were carefully gone over and suggestions made as to the personnel of the new administration of the island.

Secretary Gage has already taken steps to assume charge of the collection of the customs duties and soon an expert will be designated to go over the island and inspect the present system, with a view to making any changes either in methods or personnel that may seem necessary.

TACTICS CHECK BOERS

Generals of British War Chief Blocks Oom Paul's Army.

LONDON, April 14.—"The forward movement of the Boers is checked," says Lord Roberts. This is taken to mean not by fighting, but by dispositions to head off their advance and bar their way to vulnerable points in the line of British communications. Relief is on the way to Wepener.

The Boers in Natal appear incapable of developing an aggressive movement at Elands-laagte.

Lord Methuen is at Zwartkopfontein, twelve miles east of Boshof, and is sending small swift columns through the adjacent country. Lord Chesham, commanding one of these, encountered a small commando about ten miles southeast of Zwartkopfontein. He found most of the farms occupied by women and children only.

An editorial note in the Daily Mail avers that Mafeking is in a very bad way and that the hope of relief is far off, as no force is advancing from the south.

The war office announces that 4,000 horses will arrive at the Cape this week. It is well understood that the animals are not fit for work until about ten days after the voyage. Two thousand more are due at the Cape next week. The war office has called out the reserve companies of several infantry battalions, which will be sent to South Africa forthwith.

The Boer peace envoys have documents—the Rome correspondent of the Daily News says—showing that urgent advances to the Transvaal to wage war were originally made by Germany. This correspondent also asserts that Count von Buelow, the German foreign minister, who was said to have gone to Milan for the express purpose of conferring with the delegates.

TEXAS FEVER NOT THERE

Cattlemen Relieved by the Report of the State Veterinarian.

OGALALA, Neb., April 14.—State Veterinarian Surgeon Anderson was in Ogallala yesterday and in company with C. E. Menter of this place drove over to the ranch of Theis Bros., on North river, where the Texas fever was reported to be. Mr. Anderson made a thorough examination and reports that Texas fever was not the cause of the death of twenty head of cattle. The ticks on the cattle were the ordinary dog ticks. Cattlemen are much easier since Mr. Anderson reported.

DEWEY AND BRYAN TO MEET

Nebraskan and the Naval Hero Will Be Guests of Chicago.

CHICAGO, April 14.—Admiral Dewey and W. J. Bryan will meet Tuesday evening, May 1, for the first time since the hero of Manila announced he was a presidential candidate.

All doubts as to Bryan's presence was dispelled today when Max J. Riese of the Lakeside club received a telegram from him saying that he would cancel previous engagements in order that he could be present at that organization's celebration, which is a part of a general program.

BOOM FOR MERCER

Nebraskan Talked of as Running Mate for McKinley.

WASHINGTON, April 14.—Congressman Mercer is the latest suggestion for vice president, his name being frequently heard in and about the capital. The Star says this evening:

"The latest addition which political gossip has made to the list of available names for vice president is Mr. Mercer of Nebraska. The suggestion of his name has been received with favor in many quarters. The main argument in his behalf is the possibility of carrying Nebraska against Bryan."

There is a well defined movement on foot among republicans to go west for a running mate for McKinley. The same spirit which was shown in the election of Henderson as speaker in compliance with a demand from the west for recognition is being manifested again. The claim is frequently put forward that the center of population in the republican party has moved west of the Alleghenies and that western republicans must be considered. So, while easterners are gravely discussing an available man in the east, western politicians are turning their faces toward the setting sun in search of a candidate to take second place on the national ticket. Western republicans are as strenuous in this affair as they were in the speakership contest, when in their breezy, western fashion they so rudely upset the plans of a number of calculating politicians of the east.

COMMISSIONS FOR SURGEONS

Congress Urged to Give Contract Medical Officers the Prize.

WASHINGTON, April 14.—The secretary of war has forwarded to congress with his approval the draft of a bill prepared by Surgeon General Sternberg providing for the appointment of contract surgeons who have rendered one year's faithful and satisfactory service in the army of the United States as assistant surgeons of volunteers with the rank of first lieutenant. The bill provides for such appointments after the usual examination as to physical and professional qualifications and the officers so commissioned are to be subject to honorable discharge whenever their services are no longer required. The bill also provides for the promotion of such assistant surgeons to the rank of captain after two years' faithful and satisfactory service. General Sternberg has written a letter to the secretary of war urging the enactment of the proposed legislation during the present session of congress, both in the interests of the service and as a matter of justice to a number of contract surgeons who are now in the service, and upon whom to a large extent he says devolves the duty of caring for the sick of our armies in the United States, in Cuba, in Porto Rico, in Alaska and in the Philippines.

ANDREWS GOES TO LINCOLN.

Gets Leave of Absence to Look Over the Nebraska University.

CHICAGO, April 14.—Dr. E. Benjamin Andrews left for Lincoln to consult with the regents of the University of Nebraska and survey the institution, whose chancellorship has been offered him. He will decide upon acceptance or rejection of the proposition within a few days. Some of his friends expect the announcement to be made at Lincoln before his return home. His visit to the university is regarded as indicative of a desire to accept the place. Trustees of the Chicago board of education who are anxious to retain Dr. Andrews as superintendent of Chicago schools were surprised when he asked for a leave of absence to visit Nebraska.

VISITS AMONG ROYALTY

Emperor of Austria's Calls at Berlin Will Probably Be Retained.

BERLIN, April 14.—Several of the leading papers of this city today publish special dispatches from Vienna saying that the visit which the emperor of Austria is shortly to make here will be reciprocated by a joint visit of Emperor William, the king of number of other German rulers to Vienna for the purpose of commemorating Emperor Francis Joseph's seventieth birthday, which occurs August 18. The statement is also printed that the czar will pay a visit to Vienna in July.

Clark Will Not Resign.

BUTTE, Mont., April 14.—A special from Washington to the Inter-Mountain states says:

It is now certain that Senator Clark will not resign. The pressure from his Montana friends and legal advisers is in favor of contesting to a finish. The Times this morning says that Senators Mason, Bacon and Helfield will make a fight on the floor of the senate, claiming that a two-thirds vote is necessary to unseat him. They claim that the report of the committee does not sustain the direct charge of bribery against him. They will expose the character of his plans and he will doubtless make a speech in his own behalf.

Make Quick Trip.

KEARNEY, Neb., April 14.—A train of five coaches, carrying New York Central railroad engineers and their wives, passed through Kearney at 2 o'clock this afternoon. The train left North Platte at 12:35, making the run of ninety-six miles in ninety-one minutes, including a five-minute delay at Lexington. The run from Lexington to Kearney, a distance of thirty-six miles, was made in thirty-two minutes.

Disband Last Army Corps.

NEW YORK, April 14.—A special to the Herald from Washington says. Orders will be issued by Secretary Root this week formally directing the dissolution of the Eighth army corps. This action will relegate to history the last of the army corps organized to wage war against the kingdom of Spain. The Eighth army corps has been in existence longer than any other corps formed since the civil war. It has been merged into the division of the Philippines, with four departments, presided over by general officers. Brigadier General Theodore Schwan will return home from Manila with General Otis.

Stomach Troubles In Spring

Are THAT HILIOUS FEELING, had taste in the mouth, dull headache, sleeplessness, poor appetite.

No matter how careful you are about eating, everything you take into your stomach turns sour, causes distress, pains and unpleasant gases.

Don't you understand what these symptoms—signals of distress—mean?

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No woman is ever very happy or has any wrinkles till she has fallen in love.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup. For children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic. 25c a bottle.

Marriage is like most other good things—it's mighty easy to get too much of it.

I am sure Piso's Cure for Consumption saved my life three years ago.—Mrs. THOS. ROBBINS, Maple Street, Norwich, N. Y., Feb. 17, 1900.

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