

BOTHA REJECTS THE TERMS

Secretary Chamberlain Makes Announcement In Commons.

BOERS NOT READY FOR PEACE

Commander-in-Chief Decides to Fight to the Bitter End Unless More Favorable Conditions Are Granted and Hopes of Speedy Ending of War Go Glimmering.

London, March 20.—Joseph Chamberlain, the colonial secretary, has just informed the house of commons that General Botha has rejected the peace terms offered him.

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Former Postal Superintendent Dead.

Chicago, March 20.—Leander D. Parker, for 18 years general superintendent of the Postal Telegraph company, died at his home in Evanston yesterday after a long illness. Mr. Parker resigned his position with the Postal Telegraph company the first of the year owing to ill health. Mr. Parker had charge of the construction of the western lines of the Postal when that company was extending its system throughout the west. He entered the service in 1855 and for the first three years of the civil war served as a military operator. Mr. Parker was born in Canada in 1837.

Not in a Conferring Mood.

Cedar Rapids, Ia., March 20.—Vice President Williams of the Burlington, Cedar Rapids and Northern gave a statement to the Commercial club in answer to the charges of the men and suggested they send a committee to confer with him with a view of settling differences. The men are now preparing statements, claiming Mr. Williams has not presented the facts as they exist. They show no inclination to send a committee to confer with Mr. Williams and it is probable there will be no settlement before the end of the week.

Country Belle Slashes Rival.

Portsmouth, O., March 20.—Word has reached this city of a terrible fight which occurred on Turkey creek, about 15 miles from this city. Mollie Wissman and Nellie Gray, two young country belles, quarreled over the attentions shown them by Ed Montgomery. Miss Wissman stabbed Miss Gray in two places, one wound in the back being over six inches in length. She was arrested and will be held pending developments.

Status of the Transvaal.

Washington, March 20.—The status of the Transvaal and Orange Free State in the eye of the government of the United States will be for the first time fixed when a consul general is sent out to Pretoria to succeed Adelbert Hay, who has just returned to Washington on leave of absence, but without the purpose to go back to Pretoria. It is said that so far there has been absolutely no official declaration on that point.

Indict Switchmen's Treasurer.

Buffalo, March 20.—The grand jury has reported three indictments against John E. Tipton, secretary-treasurer of the Switchmen's Union of North America, each charging grand larceny in the second degree for having appropriated money belonging to the union. The total shortage in his accounts is said to be \$2,639.

Liquor Laden Vessel Goes Ashore.

St. Johns, N. F., March 20.—The French barkentine Aquitaine, from Bayonne for St. Pierre, with a cargo of wines, spirits and supplies for the French Bank fishing fleet, is ashore off Cape Hune on the south coast of Newfoundland. Its crew escaped. The ship is badly damaged and the coast folks are looting it.

Stepmother of General Lew Wallace Dead.

Indianapolis, March 20.—Mrs. Zerilda G. Wallace, widow of the late Governor Wallace, died yesterday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. H. Steiner, at Cataract, near this city, aged 84 years. Mrs. Wallace was the stepmother of General Lew Wallace, the author.

River Season Opens Tuesday.

Burlington, Ia., March 20.—The river season will open here next Tuesday. The river is entirely clear of floating ice and the crew of the Eloise, the local packet, went to Keokuk yesterday to bring the boat out of her winter quarters.

Storm in Nebraska.

Lincoln, March 20.—A storm of snow and wind raged all over southeastern Nebraska yesterday. Railroad trains are slightly delayed. In Lincoln street cars were impeded and traffic on some of the lines was abandoned.

RIOTING IN CZAR'S CAPITAL.

Police Open Fire on Students, Killing Five and Wounding Eighty.

St. Petersburg, March 20.—Serious riots occurred in St. Petersburg yesterday on the occasion of a solemn mass in the cathedral of Our Lady of Kazan for the repose of the soul of M. Bogolepoff, the minister of public instruction, who was shot and fatally wounded by Karpevich. The police fired their revolvers and it is rumored that five students were killed and 80 others wounded. Wholesale arrests, including many women, followed the rioting.

Three hundred arrests were made today. The minister of justice was fired on last week, and the life of another minister has also been attempted.

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Chicago, March 20.—A snow storm, approaching a blizzard in severity, swept over the Missouri river valley yesterday and last night. Nebraska, western Iowa, Wyoming, Kansas and Missouri felt the effects of the storm, which tied up street car traffic in many cities and delayed railroad traffic.

In northwest Michigan, where the roads had not recovered from the previous storm, a heavy wind has come up, which is expected to do much damage.

Wisconsin reports heavy snows, with the rivers and streams out of their banks. Near Racine serious floods are feared. At Prairie du Chien the lower part of the town is flooded, and 18 inches of water is over the railroad tracks.

Minnesota was also in the grasp of a severe blizzard.

Withdrew Conspiracy Charges.

Louisville, March 20.—In the police court yesterday the conspiracy charges against W. Greer Campbell, E. G. Bennett and Wilbur Beatty, Denver capitalists, were dismissed on motion of the prosecution. The charges were preferred by P. Galt Miller of Louisville and were the result of transacting by which the Denver men sought to purchase a big tract of land belonging to the defunct Cumberland Land company and the Commonwealth Land company. The Denver men discovered that they could not secure a clear title, and they sought to recover money they had paid on the deal.

Advices Judgment Against Bank.

St. Louis, March 20.—Former Judge James A. Seddon, who was appointed referee to hear testimony in the \$250,000 damage suit brought by ex-Governor William J. Stone, receives of the Mullinphy Savings bank, against the directors of the bank for alleged carelessness in the management of the bank, has filed his report in Judge Douglas' court, recommending that judgment for large amounts be rendered against the bank officials.

Charges Noted In Joint Ballot.

Lincoln, March 20.—Six changes were recorded on joint ballot for United States senators yesterday. Hinshaw gathered in two votes, Seward and Smithberger, that had been with him before. Crouse also brought back two in Whitmore and Owens, while Lowe returned to Melkilejohn and Lafin to Currie. These changes reduced Rosewater to 15 and raised Hinshaw to 20, and Crouse to 9, being plainly merely a movement of the so-called anti.

PASSES SUPPLY BILL.

Nebraska House Enacts Measure for Normal School at Peru.

The house resumed consideration of the salaries and appropriation bill and finished the schedule for the Peru normal school. The finance, ways and means committee recommended an appropriation of \$15,000. Hawxby moved to increase it to \$50,000, but was defeated. A motion by Taylor to raise it to \$17,000 was finally carried.

The senate, after two days' debate on Senator Miller's amendments introduced for the purpose of making ineffective the waste bond bill, was voted down, the chair casting the deciding vote.

Wholesale Desertion From Navy.

Norfolk, Va., March 20.—Wholesale desertions from the ships at the navy yard are reported. Some men who deserted from the Topeka have been apprehended and will be tried by summary court martial. Many of the apprentices and seamen aboard the cruiser Dixie, however, have escaped. The deserters are all inland lads or lake sailors. The report that a heavy draft of the men from the Dixie was to be sent to the Asiatic squadron is given as the probable cause of the desertions. It is said the total number of deserters from the Dixie is 81.

Death of Wind Cave Guide.

Hot Springs, S. D., March 20.—John Stabler, who has become well known to visitors to Wind cave, died of Bright's disease and was buried here Monday. He was familiarly known as "Honest John." When Mr. Bryan visited the cave a couple of years ago he was so favorably impressed with the genial story teller who acted as guide that he had him as his guest in the town that evening.

Grain Dealers' Convention.

Council Bluffs, March 20.—The annual meeting of the grain dealers' union of southwestern Iowa and northwestern Missouri was in the league rooms at the Grand hotel yesterday, and had one of the largest attendance in years. These officers were elected: President, D. Hunker, Hamburg, Ia.; vice president, E. H. Van Sholack, Elkhorn, Ia.; secretary and treasurer, G. A. Stebbins, Coburg, Ia.

Storm Hampers Business.

Beatrice, Neb., March 20.—A heavy snow storm prevailed here yesterday. A high wind with a speed of 30 miles per hour made it almost impossible for pedestrians to reach their places of business. Trains are somewhat delayed and telegraph lines are more or less affected, as well as telephonic communication.

NOMINATED IN CAUCUS.

D. E. Thompson Named for Short Term Senatorship.

DEADLOCK ON LONG TERM.

Rosewater Leads in Balloting With Meiklejohn and Currie for Mates; "Anti" Remain Away From Caucus and Refuse to Be Bound by Its Action.

Lincoln, March 20.—In the Republican senatorial caucus last night David E. Thompson of Lincoln was nominated for the short term vacancy on the seventh ballot, receiving 50 votes, five more than necessary under the rules of the caucus.

Fifty three or fifty-four attended out of a Republican membership of 71. Seventeen or eighteen members declined to go into the caucus under the rules provided in the new call, and as they refused to be bound by its action, it is a question whether Mr. Thompson's nomination will be ratified by the joint convention of the legislature at noon today. The caucus was called together at 8 o'clock. Thompson led from the start, the first ballot giving him 35, his normal strength. There was no material change until the sixth, when he received 40. On the seventh ballot ten more votes, said to have been those of the supporters of Edward Rosewater, were thrown to him, and he was declared the nominee.

A furious and almost blinding snow storm had been raging all day, drifting badly, and filling all the cuts. The freight was stuck in a drift and the engineer of the passenger train evidently failed to hear torpedoes, or see the signals which were given.

The members who refused to enter the caucus were Arends, Broderick, Brown (Furnas), Cain, Crouse, Evans, Hathorne, Juvenat, Marshall, Martin, McCarthy, Mendenhall, Olson, Owens, Rohrer, Steele and Swanson. These men refused to sign the Thompson call, which required 45 to nominate in the caucus.

The nomination of Mr. Thompson is popularly supposed to be the result of an agreement with Edward Rosewater, at least there was an exchange of votes between the two. When the confusion and excitement following the nomination had subsided balloting was begun for the long term. But three candidates were brought out: Rosewater, Meiklejohn and Currie. The Thompson men divided between Rosewater and Meiklejohn and the contest soon settled down to these two, the vote throughout 49 ballots, when recess was taken for lunch, standing about the same, the 49th resulting: Rosewater, 30; Meiklejohn, 15; Currie, 8. The members who re-

turned to the ballot.

As a result the passenger crashed into the engine of the freight, which was stuck in the snowdrift owing to the blinding storm. The fireman and engineer of the passenger probably did not have time to jump after seeing the impending danger. It appears that the fireman attempted to jump, but probably was caught some way and as a result was severely scalded or strangled by the steam, and died in about an hour.

RANGE WAR BREAKS OUT.

Masked Cattlemen Shoot Two Hundred Sheep Belonging to A. C. Perkins.

Delta, Colo., March 20.—Trouble has broken out between cattle and sheep men in this section. Sixty-five masked men shot 200 sheep belonging to A. C. Perkins, which were in territory claimed by the cattlemen as exclusive grazing ground for cattle.

Chase Refused to Set.

Des Moines, March 20.—W. P. Chase refused to sell his Des Moines baseball franchise for \$10,000 while attending the meeting of the magnates of the Western league at St. Paul, Minn., which adjourned last Monday night after a three days' session. Indianapolis and Louisville were anxious to get the franchise of St. Joseph and Des Moines," he said. "St. Joseph was offered \$10,000 outright, and was willing to take it and get out if Des Moines would do the same. The two had to go together. It was the same way with Denver and Colorado Springs. They could have sold for that price, but Colorado Springs would not take any price. Neither would Des Moines."

Bank Robbers Use Dynamite.

Emporia, Kan., March 20.—Burglars entered the bank at Madison, 20 miles south of here, yesterday and used dynamite to blow open the doors of the vault. The force of the explosion aroused the inhabitants and the robbers were frightened away before they secured any money. A posse started in pursuit, but the fugitives escaped. The officers here believe there is an organized band of bank robbers operating in this part of the state, as this is the third robbery attempted in this county within two weeks and dynamite has been used each time.

Save Many Head of Stock.

Washington, March 20.—Secretary of Agriculture Wilson estimated yesterday that over \$6,000,000 worth of young live stock throughout the country were saved during 1900 by the prompt use of medicine for blackleg sent out by the department. Information he has just received shows that over 2,500,000 doses of vaccine were distributed by the department during the year.

Says Two Strikes Will Be Ordered.

Shamokin, Pa., March 20.—George Hartlein, secretary of District No. 9 of the United Mine Workers' union, said that if a general strike is ordered two strike orders will be issued simultaneously, one to the miners and the other to the engineers, pumpmen and firemen. In this event, he says, the mines will flood of their own account unless the officials operate the machinery.

Borla and the Abbot Matched.

Boston, March 20.—Borla and The Abbot have been matched to race for a purse of \$50,000, the race to take place at Readville next September. The owners of both horses will each post \$10,000 today at a meeting to be held in New York. The match was arranged by telephone.

St. Joseph Capitalist Dead.

St. Joseph, Mo., March 18.—Peter Hughes, aged 68, for many years a prominent business man of this city, died suddenly in Washington yesterday. He was the builder and owner of the Hughes office building and other business stores of this city.

Sick Soldiers Return.

San Francisco, March 20.—The transport Kilpatrick, with 400 sick soldiers, has arrived from Manila. Four privates died on the voyage.

NO CONCESSIONS IN RATES.

Special Meeting of Transcontinental Passenger Association.

Chicago, March 20.—Special meeting of the Transcontinental Passenger Association was held yesterday for the purpose of devising way of strengthening the rate situation. It was finally decided that the sale of colonist tickets should be strictly confined to Tuesday and that there should be no more deviations from that rule. All the roads gave pledges that they would not make any concessions in the announced rates for the Epworth league convention in San Francisco next July. A schedule of circuitous route rates was prepared for that event, and it will have to secure the consent of roads not members of the association before it can be effective.

TRAINS CRASH IN STORM.

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Firemen are Killed.

Johnson, Neb., March 20.—A wreck occurred on the Burlington and Missouri, about two miles east of here, at 4:15 p. m. yesterday, passenger train No. 98, east-bound, colliding with west-bound freight No. 113.

Fireman Fred Jensen of the passenger train is dead and Engineer George McMillen of the same train is seriously injured, but it is thought not fatally. Both men lived in Nebraska City and have families. No other trainmen nor passengers were injured.

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