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HEMMING ROBERTS IN

Boers Are Trying to Surround Bloemfontein.

MAY MAKE GOOD THEIR BOAST.

Roberts is Concentrating His Forces and Placing Himself on the Defensive. Burghers Still Holding the Waterworks. Thirty-Two British Officers Lost.

BLOEMFONTEIN, April 5.—There are numerous indications that in pursuance of their boast that they will recapture Bloemfontein, the Boers are trying to surround the town and to cut our line of communication to the south. Large forces are reported east and south, which are supposed to be making for the railway. They still hold Thaba N'Chu and the water works.

Lord Roberts is completing his concentration. Four 4.7 guns and four naval 12-pounders have been mounted on kopjes commanding the plain.

Several arrests have been made in the town of persons suspected of giving information to the Boers. The railway to the north is in the possession of the British as far as Kamek Siding.

The Boers are across the river in some force east of Bloemfontein. Our infantry has been in touch with them at Bushman kop.

ROBERTS MASSING HIS MEN

Situation at Bloemfontein is "Mystifying and Interesting."

LONDON, April 5.—It looks today as though the Boers had conceived the audacious plan of attempting to invest Lord Roberts at Bloemfontein, or at least to endeavor to delay his northward advance by harassing the British lines of communication. On his side Lord Roberts is concentrating his forces and preparing to take every advantage of the bold, but risky, tactics of the enemy. He is not likely to strike at any of their forces until he is certain of dealing a crushing blow. The situation in the absence of any official dispatch from Lord Roberts is both mystifying and interesting.

There is little doubt that Lord Roberts is hampered by the necessity of re-mounts, and the loss of the guns and Colonel Broadwood's baggage was a serious matter. The Boers are now acting on what they believe to be their superior mobility. The special correspondents at the front are now denouncing Lord Roberts' policy of leniency toward the Free Staters and are calling for the abandonment of that policy. A special dispatch announces Mafeking was still safe on March 27.

The Daily Mail has the following from Bloemfontein, dated April 3: "Colonel Porter, with 90 Carbineers and Scots Greys and two guns, performed a brilliant deed Sunday. He charged a large body of Boers and rescued ninety odd British prisoners, including 11 officers, who were captured the previous day. There were no casualties on the British side."

QUEEN LANDS IN IRELAND.

Greeted by Huge Crowds and Warmly Welcomed at Dublin.

DUBLIN, April 5.—Queen Victoria landed in Ireland yesterday for the first time in 39 years.

The disembarkation from the royal yacht was accomplished at 11:30. The commander of the forces in Ireland, the duke of Connaught; the lord lieutenant, Earl Cadogan, and their staffs greeted her majesty and the ride from Kingstown to Dublin commenced in splendid weather and before huge and good natured crowds.

At the entrance to the city she received an address of welcome and handed the lord mayor a reply. The following is her majesty's reply:

"I thank you heartily for the loyal welcome and good wishes which you have tendered me on behalf of yourself and your fellow citizens on my arrival in the ancient capital of my Irish dominion. I came to this fair country to seek a change and rest and to revisit scenes which recall to my mind the warm welcome given to both myself and my beloved husband. I am deeply gratified that I have been able at this time to see again the motherland of those brave sons who have recently distinguished themselves in the defense of my crown and empire with cheerful valor as conspicuous now as ever in their glorious past."

Queen Victoria was received with the enthusiasm which marked her recent appearance in London, and well nigh eclipsed the vaunted glories of the jubilee. The lord lieutenant has been taken at his word and the whole country has arisen superior to political sentiment.

The queen appeared to be much affected by the warmth of her welcome. The national papers announce that no political significance can be attached to the queen's visit to Ireland's capital. The most optimistic loyalists expressed themselves surprised at the warmth of the greeting.

The counter demonstration emanating from the Irish Transvaal committee proved a fiasco. A few hundred men and boys started with torches, but the latter were quickly confiscated by the police. Minus their emblems the procession proceeded, but it was soon lost amid the crowd of sightseers who blocked the streets.

Nebraska Soldier Dead. FULLERTON, Neb., April 5.—Chester A. Adams died at his father's home in this city yesterday of chronic diarrhoea, contracted while in the army in the Philippines. Young Adams was among the youngest members of company B, First Nebraska.

DEWEY IS PLEASED.

Receives Many Offers of Support in His Race for the Presidency.

WASHINGTON, April 5.—Admiral Dewey expressed himself as very much gratified over the manner in which his announcement to be a candidate for the presidency has been received by his friends. His manner likewise indicated that fact as he chatted with a reporter for the Associated Press at his home last evening. Many telegrams have come to him, particularly from the south, and some also from the far west, endorsing his course and stating that he will receive the support of the signers in the campaign which he will make.

The admiral was in excellent humor and talked interestedly in connection with his proposed candidacy, though concerning most questions asked him he requested that nothing be said at this time, as in due time he would make a statement to the public.

Much comment has been indulged in by the public as to which of the two great political parties the admiral will ally himself with and from whom he expects to receive the nomination. To questions bearing on this subject, he declares that he prefers not to make any statement at this time. To those who have talked with him privately on the subject, however, and who are fully acquainted with his views it is evident that he does not expect the nomination to come from the Republican party.

NO PROSPECTS OF A CLASH.

Both Parties in Kentucky Careful to Avoid Any Occasion.

LOUISVILLE, April 5.—The likelihood of a clash between the rival state administrations before a final decision of the contest cases by the courts is believed to be small. While every move of the respective military establishments gives rise to a flood of warlike rumors, the men in control of these movements in the interest of public order and of the causes they represent will not allow matters to take a serious turn if they can prevent it. A decision from the court of appeals is expected within a few days, but 30 days must elapse after the decision is rendered before the mandate of the court is issued. Because of this fact and the prospective appeal to the United States supreme court if the Republicans are beaten a final settlement is still far off.

Governor Taylor is still at his home in Butler county and there is no indication of his early return to Frankfort. The Franklin county grand jury in its investigation of the Goebel assassination has gotten no further than the determination of the nature of Goebel's wound and the direction from which the shot came. Testimony relating to the alleged conspiracy may be reached today. Silas Jones, the Whitley county suspect, will be the first witness on this line of evidence.

COMMITTEE LOCKS HORNS.

Differences Continue to Crop Out in the Coterie d'Alene Investigation.

WASHINGTON, April 5.—The cross-examination of Frederic Burbridge, manager of the Bunker Hill mine, was continued in the Coterie d'Alene investigation yesterday. There were frequent animated controversies between members of the committee. One of these occurred over the authority of Mr. Crosthwaite, one of the private counsel, to appear. He denied that he represented the Bunker Hill mine or General Merriam, and said he was retained and paid by Governor Steiensenberg. Representatives Hay and Dick also joined issues over the extent of the inquiry. Mr. Hay contending that it was being curtailed to the prejudice of those making the charges, while Mr. Dick insisted that some limitation was essential in order to get through.

When questioned as to whether the Standard Oil company held any interest in the Bunker Hill mine the witness said he had been informed by the president of the Bunker Hill company that the Standard Oil company had no interest in the mine.

Expect Decision Soon.

LOUISVILLE, April 4.—A decision in the governorship case is expected in the court of appeals within a day or so. At the conclusion of the argument last night the case was taken under advisement and the judges are now considering the points involved.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

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

Fire Wednesday night destroyed the entire business portion of Ravenna, Mich. The loss will exceed \$200,000. Charles H. Pepper, who was lately proffered the position of secretary of the Philippine commission, has declined the place.

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

W. C. Watrous was Wednesday appointed superintendent of transportation of the Missouri Pacific and Iron Mountain railroad, with headquarters in St. Louis.

Stockholders of the Chicago and Alton Railroad company Tuesday ratified a proposition of the board of directors to reorganize the company with an increased capital stock.

Lieutenant Colonel William P. Hall has been relieved from duty on the staff of General Davis in Porto Rico and ordered to Chicago as adjutant general of the Department of the Lakes.

TRIES TO KILL WALES.

Attempt Made at Brussels to Take Prince's Life.

AIM OF THE ASSASSIN IS POOR.

As the Train Is Leaving Station a Youthful Anarchist Fires Two Shots, but His Royal Highness Is Not Touched by the Bullets—Assailant Is Arrested.

BRUSSELS, April 5.—As the train was leaving the northern station for the southern railroad station an individual fired a revolver at the Prince of Wales, but missed his royal highness.

The attempt upon the life of the prince occurred at 3:35 p. m. The would-be assassin jumped upon the footboard of the prince's saloon car as the train was starting and fired into the car, aiming at the Prince of Wales. The man was immediately arrested.

The would-be assassin is a tinsmith, named Spido, 16 years of age. His pockets were found to be full of anarchistic literature.

He fired two shots at the prince. The Princess of Wales and others were in the car, but no one was touched.

Hearing the shots, the station master rushed to the scene and knocked down



the would-be assassin's arm as he prepared to fire a third shot and a number of persons threw themselves on the prince's assailant.

In the confusion a second man, who was quite innocent, was seized, roughly handled and beaten.

After the Prince of Wales had ascertained that the man who fired the shots had been arrested, he declared himself and the princess uninjured and the train started.

Intense excitement prevailed for the moment, as it was feared the prince had been hit, the shots having been fired almost point blank. The railway carriage door was hastily thrown open and great relief was felt when the prince himself appeared at the window unhurt.

Both the prince and princess, however, had a very narrow escape. The policeman on duty took Spido in charge. The latter appeared proud of his exploit and seemed quite calm. Spido told the authorities that he lived on the Rue de la Forge, at St. Gilles, two miles south of Brussels.

When examined by the station officials Spido declared he intended to kill the Prince of Wales, that he did not regret his action and was ready to do it again if given a chance.

Spido subsequently said he wanted to kill the prince "because he wanted thousands of men to be slaughtered in South Africa."

Attended a Pro-Boer Meeting.

The police ascertained that on the previous evening Spido had attended a meeting at a local theater in favor of the Boers. Several of the speakers had advised those present to make a demonstration in such a way that the Prince of Wales in passing through Brussels could no longer be mistaken with respect to the sympathies of the Belgians, or doubt that they were overwhelmingly in favor of the Boers. It is supposed that these utterances influenced Spido, who is a sickly and impressionable youth. A great crowd rapidly assembled at the railway, the news having spread very rapidly. Cheers were raised when it was learned that the prince was not hurt.

King Leopold also wired Queen Victoria at Dublin a reassurance that the prince was safe and an expression of his deep regret at the attempt.

Denounce the Attempt.

Most of the papers express abhorrence of the crime and thankfulness that the prince escaped. They also hope, as the Courier de Bruxelles says, that England will not cast upon the Belgian people the responsibility for a boy's miserable crime.

La Gazette says: "The whole Belgian people will reprove an act of folly, as odious as it is unjustifiable against the heir to the throne of a friendly nation which has rendered so many services to Belgium."

Advices From Mafeking.

LONDON, April 5.—A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Mafeking, dated March 25, says: "Last night we received the welcome news of the dispatch of a column by way of Vryburg to relieve us. The messenger reported that he had encountered no Boers on the road. Other runners from the north tell of the rapid approach of Colonel Plumer's column. The Boers continue the bombardment, but it is believed now that there are not more than 2,000 around us, many having left daily."

Trying to Cut Roberts Off. SPRINGFONTEIN, April 4.—Owing to

information that the Boers are hovering in the neighborhood of the railroad running from this place to Bloemfontein General Gatacre is preparing to take vigorous measures to cope with any attempt to cut off Lord Roberts' line of communication at that point.

TRAIN TUMBLES INTO DITCH.

One Woman Severely Cut and Bruised in a Wreck at Silver City, Ia.

SILVER CITY, Ia., April 5.—The north-bound passenger train on the Omaha and St. Louis jumped the track about half a mile south of town yesterday, but although the whole train went into the ditch only two passengers were seriously injured. The rear coach first left the track, and after running about 200 yards, turned over and took everything else with it except the engine and Pullman.

All of the cars turned over on their sides, and all the passengers were severely shaken up. An elderly lady from Imogene was badly cut and bruised, and was the most severely injured of any of the passengers.

The injured are:

Mrs. T. S. Skahill of Imogene, Ia., seriously injured.

Mrs. Thomas Keenan of Imogene, Ia., seriously injured.

Postal Clerk S. Z. Ettinger, bruised.

Postal Clerks Cooper and Harris, bruised.

Mr. McKee of Maryville, Mo., hand cut and other injuries.

The cause of the accident is unknown. It occurred on a piece of straight track, and the train was not running fast, being on time. The damage will not be heavy, the train having come nearly to a standstill before turning over. The cars are not badly broken, but shattered glass was thrown in all directions.

FINISHING UP THE SESSIONS

Both Houses of Iowa Legislature Prepare for Closing.

DES MOINES, April 5.—Both houses of the legislature made good progress in winding up the affairs of the session. The house completed the consideration of all the appropriation bills except the omnibus bill, passing the two bulky appropriations for the state board of control and the state educational institutions. The former carried with it the sum of \$553,174.93 and the latter \$441,800. The equal suffrage bill was defeated in the senate Wednesday. It was put to a vote without discussion and its friends had little hopes of its passage at the time. It has already been defeated by the house. The vote Wednesday was 21 yeas and 21 nays, lacking two of a constitutional majority.

A compromise bill for the five-mile limit measure defeated by the house Tuesday passed that body yesterday. It embodies the heart of an amendment offered by Byers to the five-mile limit bill Tuesday, proposing a heavy penalty for selling or giving liquor to students at the state educational institutions. The resolution is concurrent and will go before the senate if the sifting committee decides to allow it.

Thirty-Two Officers Lost.

LONDON, April 5.—A further list of the casualties sustained by the British officers at Korm spruit March 31, adds 11 missing and one wounded, making the total thus far 32.

Council Cannot Stop Sapho.

DES MOINES, April 5.—At the meeting of the council this morning the county solicitor reported that the council had no authority to interfere with the proposed performance of "Sapho" in this city and that Mayor Hartenbower is alone responsible for the enforcement of the laws. This was a welcome relief from the responsibility, and the council unanimously adopted the report. The mayor and chief of police will attend and represent the county officially.

River Steamer Sinks.

RISING SUN, Ind., April 5.—The steamer Henry M. Stanley struck a tow boat at 2:30 this morning and went to the bottom. No lives were lost. The accident was caused by a high wind.

TELEGRAMS TERSELY TOLD.

Smallpox has appeared on the Nez Pices Indian reservation in Idaho.

The Republicans of the Sixteenth Ohio district renominated Hon. J. J. Gill for congress.

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

The Ohio senate Wednesday passed the Toledo centennial bill, after cutting the appropriation from \$1,000,000 to \$750,000.

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

The Republican senators who visited the White house Wednesday were congratulated by the president on the action of the senate in passing the Porto Rican tariff bill.

The executive committee of the bureau of American republics held a meeting Wednesday for the purpose of initiating formally the movement for the second Pan-American congress to be held in Washington, beginning on the 17th inst. and closing on the 19th.

General John Bidwell, the Prohibition candidate for president in 1892, died at his home near Chico, Cal., Wednesday from heart failure. He leaves an estate valued at \$1,000,000.

Admiral George Dewey confirmed the interview published in the New York World to the effect that he will accept the presidency of the United States should the American people desire him to fill that office.

Recent dispatches from Chile say that considerable alarm exists in official circles there regarding the relations between Peru, Bolivia and Chile, and it is believed Argentina is urging on Peru and Bolivia to attack Chile.

AUDITORIUM IN ASHES.

Kansas City Convention Hall Is Burned Down.

TOTAL LOSS IS ABOUT \$400,000.

Church, School and Residences in Ruins. Plans Made by Commercial Club to Rebuild Convention Hall in Time for the Democratic National Meeting.

KANSAS CITY, April 5.—Convention hall, Kansas City's pride, wherein the Democratic national convention was to have been held on July 4, was laid in ruins in less than 30 minutes yesterday afternoon from fire that started in an unknown source at 1 o'clock. The fire burned with such fury that it was evident almost from the start that the structure was doomed, and the firemen soon turned their attention to saving surrounding property.

A stiff breeze was blowing and before the fire was subdued at 2:15 o'clock, the Second Presbyterian church, one of the finest edifices in the city; the church parsonage, the Lathrop public school, all situated across the way on Central street, and a half block of 3-story flat buildings on Twelfth street, were rendered a total loss. Several residences were damaged to a greater or less degree and for a time it was feared that several blocks of buildings in the residence district would go.

The aggregate loss is \$400,000, apportioned as follows: Convention hall, \$235,000; insurance, \$155,000; church, \$50,000; insured; parsonage, \$15,000; insured; school, \$35,000; insured for \$20,400; Williamson block, Twelfth street, \$60,000; insurance, \$15,000.

Hall Will Be Rebuilt.

Plans are on foot to rebuild Convention hall immediately and make it ready for the Democratic convention in July. While the fire was still in progress members of the Commercial club, through whose efforts the hall was conceived and built, mingled in the crowds of spectators and began soliciting funds for a new structure, securing \$25,000, and Secretary E. M. Clendening of the club, called a mass meeting of citizens for tonight to devise ways and means of raising an additional \$50,000. The hall association has \$10,000 in the bank and will have the \$155,000 insurance for immediate use, the insurance companies having spontaneously agreed to waive the 60-day limit and make settlement on demand. The Kansas City Lumber company that furnished four-fifths of the lumber for the old building has agreed to duplicate their order once at the rate in existence two years ago, and the Minneapolis firm that furnished the steel girders for the immense roof have been telegraphed to duplicate their order.

The fire started just above the boiler room, in the northeast corner of the building, on the alley, where some plumbers had been at work. There was no fire in the furnace and the supposition is that the blaze started from a spirit lamp or by one of the plumbers crossing an electric light wire. A still alarm was first turned in. By the time the first engine arrived, 10 minutes later, the whole building was a mass of flames. The entire structure, covering half a block each way on Thirteenth and Central streets, was turned into a furnace of fire before a second alarm could be sounded, and in less than half an hour the roof, upheld by massive steel girders that spanned its 200 feet of breadth, fell with a crash that sent showers of burning embers in every direction and drove the firemen across the street. The brick Corinthian columns lining the building along the facades on Thirteenth and Central streets tottered a few minutes and fell outward, and the hall was a complete wreck, the work of but 16 minutes' time.

Flames Threaten Residence District.

Flying embers started blazes in a dozen different residences within a radius of two blocks and fanned by a stiff breeze and aided by a low water pressure, threatened a general conflagration. The fire, which was finally gotten under control at 2:30, proved one of the quickest and most dangerous experienced in Kansas City for many years.

Convention hall had been classed by travelers as one of the largest and most perfectly constructed auditoriums in the world. The building was erected in 1898 at a cost of \$235,000, which was raised entirely by public subscription. The building was of bridge construction without a column, the roof being supported by great steel girders. The total seating capacity was nearly 20,000 and with standing room the building was capable of holding more than 22,000 people. The building had no stairways, the upper seatings being reached by means of inclined planes.

Sheldon for President.

DES MOINES, April 4.—United Christian party, having been born in Des Moines, it is but fitting that its first nominee for the presidency be suggested from this city. The leaders of the party here have suggested Rev. Charles M. Sheldon of Topeka as the party's leader for this year's campaign and they are quietly organizing in the hope of being able to induce him to run.

Attorney Adams Is Disbarred.

FORT DODGE, April 4.—Judge Caswell pronounced sentence on Attorney J. Platt Adams on trial for disbarment, suspending him from practice for one year. Adams was charged with manufacturing testimony, perjury and intimidating, the trial attracting state attention.

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