

# THE NORFOLK WEEKLY NEWS.

NORFOLK, NEBRASKA, THURSDAY, APRIL 19, 1900.

## RAIN HOLDS ROBERTS.

Movements of British Hampered by the Weather.

### COOL DALGETY REPORTS LOSSES.

Twenty Killed and One Hundred Wounded in Fighting at Wepener—Boer Report Declares Brabant Has Surrendered. European Officers to Lead Boers.

London, April 19.—Heavy rains impede the movements of the British columns. The blockade of Wepener continues, although relief is near. Large quantities of stores are being moved southward from Bloemfontein, which is a reversal of the course of freight for the last six weeks. These shipments are made necessary by the operations in the southeast of the Free State. There are 2,000 sick in the hospitals, most of the cases being of dysentery and enteric fever. With the exception of these facts the embargo upon war intelligence is almost complete. The special correspondents send trivialities or obscure statements rather than explain the situation in their efforts to prepare matter that will pass the censor. Here and there a phrase indicates an expectancy that large things are about to happen.

What is to be done with Sir Redvers Buller and Sir Charles Warren occupies everybody's attention. The papers continue to comment on Lord Roberts' censure of these commanders. They ask if more errors are not likely to occur together with fruitless waste of life, in the event that men who have been declared incompetent by their superior continue to command 40,000 troops. It is now generally accepted that the government had a purpose in the publication of Lord Roberts' dispatch, and that the recall of General Buller and General Warren has been decided upon.

According to Boer reports there is a steady flow of foreign volunteers into the Transvaal. Hitherto these adventurers have been attached to the various commandoes. Now it is said they are to be formed into a special legion, with continental officers, and rumors are that command will be given to a distinguished French soldier, lately retired (General de Negrier), who is in the Transvaal, or is nearing the end of the journey thither.

According to a dispatch to the Daily Mail from Lourenzo Marquez nearly half the members of the Chicago ambulance corps, when offered Mausers on their arrival at Pretoria, tore off their Red Cross badges. Adelsberg S. Hay, United States consul, notified the Transvaal government that he must report the circumstance to Washington.

The Bloemfontein correspondent of the Times, telegraphing Wednesday, says: "A correspondent with General Chermiside reports that the Third division has advanced eight miles east of Reddersburg and gone into camp where the Irish Rifles surrendered. Four hundred Boers had just evacuated the position. General Chermiside had no further contact with the Boers."

Kumassie Closely Invested. ACCRA, April 18.—News has been received here that Kumassie is closely invested that the situation will soon become grave, if relief is delayed. The governor, Sir Frederick Mitchell Hodgson, is asking for all available forces. A British officer, who is in command of an important station north of Kumassie, says that unless relief is forthcoming soon it will be impossible to hold out. The first relief force is expected to arrive at Kumassie today, and it will attempt to force the cordon. Natives there are convinced that French influences are operating against the British.

Dalgety Reports Losses. MASERU, April 19.—Colonel Dalgety's casualties since he has been besieged at Wepener have been 20 killed and 100 wounded. The Boer losses are reported to have been considerably heavier. After the night attack on April 12 the dead were left on the field, where they still lie unburied. There is a conflict of opinion among the leaders. Some want to attack again, while others refuse to do so. Desultory cannon firing and "sniping" continues.

Brabant Said to Have Surrendered. LOURENZO MARQUEZ, April 18.—The Boers are extremely anxious about Wepener. The Standard and Digges' News of yesterday says: "General Brabant is hourly expected to surrender." Winterbach, commandant at Komati Poort, said that a telegram arrived today announcing that the garrison had surrendered.

Pointer for Turkey. LONDON, April 19.—The Vienna correspondent of The Times says: "By further resistance to the claims of the United States the sultan will expose himself to grave consequences which probably he had not foreseen. The United States government is not accustomed to indulge in empty threats. If the sultan supposes for a moment that he would find protection from any European power, let him remember Spain."

Kansas Republicans Renominate Long. HUTCHINSON, Kan., April 19.—Hon. Chester I. Long of Medicine Lodge was unanimously renominated by the Republican convention of the Seventh congressional district. Delegates to the national convention are Judge T. B. Wall of Wichita and H. P. Milliken of Santa Fe; alternates, William Dixon of Stafford and Dr. Sabine of Garden City; presidential elector, J. Q. Thompson. Delegation instructed for McKinley.

## KILLS HIS BROTHER.

John Trimble, Formerly of First Nebraska, Slays James in Kansas.

PHILIPSBURG, Kan., April 19.—John Trimble, who served with the First Nebraska regiment during the Philippine campaign, slew his brother James on a farm claimed by both the brothers, ten miles south of here yesterday afternoon. The men had not been on good terms for four years or more and recently there has been serious trouble over the disputed ownership of the farm. Yesterday the brothers had a quarrel, which ended by John shooting James dead.

John, who is only 20 years old, came to Philippsburg and gave himself up.

### RESUME WORK ON BIG DAM.

Militia Ready for Trouble, but Strikers Make No Demonstration.

CROTON LANDING, N. Y., April 19.—In accordance with the promise made last night by General Roe, in command of the troops, work was resumed at the Cornell dam. The strikers made no opposition. About 200 men reported for duty. Of this number about 50 were stonemasons, while the others were laborers and men who work on the little quarry trains.

None of the men who reported for duty were strikers and there still remain out between 400 and 500, mostly Italians. Of the 50 stonemasons who returned to work, 16 were Italians.

### Kansas Midland Changes Hand.

WICHITA, April 19.—Instruments transferring the Kansas Midland railroad, running from Wichita to Ellsworth, a distance of 106 miles, to the St. Louis and San Francisco Railway company, were filed here yesterday. The consideration is \$1,100,000 of Kansas Midland division 4 per cent first mortgage bonds and \$905,000 common stock certificates of the St. Louis and San Francisco railway. The new Frisco bonds are used for \$1,300,000, of which \$200,000 will be reserved for future improvements on the Midland division.

### Contract for \$2,500,000 Job.

OMAHA, April 19.—Kilpatrick Bros. & Collins, the railroad contractors, have been awarded the contract for the extensive improvements to be made by the Union Pacific at Sherman hill in Wyoming. Official announcement of the letting of the contract and the names of the successful bidders were given out at Union Pacific headquarters. The entire contract was secured by the Kilpatrick firm. The improvements will cost in the neighborhood of \$2,500,000.

### Heavy Loss of Range Stock.

DENVER, April 19.—Reports received here from the grazing regions indicate that heavy losses of live stock will result from the prolonged rain and snow storm. State Senator Bancroft says that the losses of sheep in the vicinity of Trinidad aggregate not less than 20,000 head.

### Ejects Miners From Homes.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., April 19.—The striking miners at Coal Creek are still out and are standing together firmly. Officers have served writs of dispossession upon the strikers and their families, compelling them to vacate the houses owned by the company.

### TELEGRAMS TERSELY TOLD.

Friction continues between Korea and Russia with reference to the latter's demands.

Fire Wednesday destroyed Morris Driskin & Co.'s box factory in Jersey City. Loss, \$50,000.

The Peruvian government has accepted the proposal of the United States for a new pan-American congress.

J. M. McKinsley, grand secretary of the Royal Arcanum, died of apoplexy, with which he was stricken in his office at Boston Wednesday.

The board of survey in the case of the United States ship Boston has reported to the navy department that the ship can be repaired at a cost of \$175,000.

At Wednesday's meeting of the Havana board of trade it was decided to appoint a suitable person to represent the interests of the board in Washington.

Mrs. Susan Rusie, wife of the big New York pitcher, brought suit Wednesday for divorce. She charges that Rusie has mistreated her and that he has been drinking.

W. S. McKen has severed his connection with the National Association of Democratic clubs. He has been the acting secretary ever since the death of Lawrence Gardner.

Lieutenant W. J. Lentz, Second infantry, has been ordered to take 92 recruits from Fort Thomas, Ky., to Pasa Cabellos, Cuba, for distribution among the commands there.

The steamer Miles arrived at Victoria Wednesday from Kobe with 1,200 Japanese immigrants, a majority of whom are destined for the United States to work on the railways.

The Chinese government has issued an edict directing all viceroys and governors to warn armed organizations that they must refrain from acts of hostility toward native Christians.

Thomas M. Page, president of the Page & Krause Manufacturing and Mining company, died at his St. Louis home of heart disease, aged 59 years. Mr. Page was the author of a number of books.

Judge Isaac Johnson of Wooster, O., was killed by an Erie freight train at the Union depot at Mansfield Wednesday. He was standing on the track and did not see the cars approach. He was 60 years of age.

Considerable discussion has grown at Havana out of the recent killing of an American by a Cuban policeman. The American, it appears, was under the influence of liquor and attacked the policeman and took away his club. Thereupon the policeman shot him dead.

## PITKIN IS PRESIDENT.

Transmississippi Commercial Congress Elects Officers.

### AT WORK ON THE RESOLUTIONS.

Bill Before Congress Appropriating \$5,000,000 For the St. Louis Exposition Endorsed—Nicaragua Canal Project is Strongly Urged.

HOUSTON, Tex., April 19.—The committee on resolutions, the most important of the Transmississippi congress, is at work preparing a report. It has something over 100 resolutions before it to be acted upon, and not more than 25 will be accepted. Special interests are behind many of the resolutions and the committee has no easy task in selecting only those which will affect the whole west, which is its object.

The first business was the introduction of resolutions as follows: By Patterson, endorsing the bill now before congress, to appropriate \$5,000,000 for the St. Louis World's fair; Whitmore, favoring government cable from the United States to Hawaii and Manila; Patterson, opposing the Hanna-Payne ship subsidy bill.

A telegram from W. J. Bryan thanked the congress for its invitation to attend the sessions but declined because of other engagements.

The committee on permanent organization reported the following nomination of officers: President, Hon. John R. C. Pitkin of New Orleans; first vice president, Walter Gresham of Galveston; second vice president, L. B. Prince of Santa Fe; third vice president, S. O. Brooks of St. Paul; fourth vice president, George Q. Cannon of Salt Lake. The report was adopted and the officers were declared elected. The selection of a secretary is left to the delegation of the state which secures the next congress.

Coleman and Whitmore introduced resolutions endorsing the bills now pending before congress providing for the immediate construction of the Nicaragua canal. There was great applause when Whitmore declared that "the time has gone by for argument over this canal; it must be built and at once."

### Harrison Takes a Hand.

CHICAGO, April 19.—Mayor Harrison took a hand in the labor trouble yesterday by calling a number of manufacturers and dealers in building material together to discuss a way to settle the difficulty. The plan is for the material men to arrange a joint meeting of arbitration committees from the building contractors and the building trades councils with a committee of their own as referee. The conference was attended by ten material dealers representing 90 per cent of the building trade. Important developments are looked for.

### Colonel Pettit Court-Martialed.

NEW YORK, April 19.—A dispatch from Manila announces that Colonel James S. Pettit of the Thirty-first infantry, in command at Zamboanga, has been court-martialed for handling a prisoner of war over to President Melillo of Zamboanga, who killed the prisoner at once, without trial. Pettit is the officer with whom Lieutenant Colonel Webb C. Hayes, who recently resigned, is said to have quarreled, owing to Pettit's dickering with a Morro date for the right to land troops and compelling his men to submit to indignities from the natives.

### Commission Sails for Philippines.

WASHINGTON, April 19.—A brief telegram was received at the war department announcing the departure of the members of the Philippine commission party from San Francisco Tuesday on the transport Hancock. Inasmuch as the vacancy in the office of secretary of the commission has not yet been filled, it is the impression of Secretary Root and other officials that the commission has decided to make the appointment from among the American residents of the Philippines.

### Meeting of Governors.

SALT LAKE, April 19.—At the opening meeting of the governors called to meet here to discuss arid land problems J. C. Mackay, president of the Wyoming Sheepmen's Protective association, and Jesse Smith, president of the Utah Wool Growers' association, made address on the subject of leasing of grazing lands and the ceding of arid lands to the states. The discussion was informal.

### Bequest to Kansas Medical College.

TOPEKA, April 19.—The will of Mrs. Eliza Chrisman, who died in Topeka recently, has been filed in the probate court. She bequeaths the greater part of a fortune estimated at \$250,000 for the founding of the University of Topeka. The bequest is contingent on the Methodist churches of Kansas raising an equal amount within ten years. Mrs. Chrisman also leaves \$35,000 cash to the Ohio Wesleyan university, \$5,000 for a new parsonage for the First Methodist church of Topeka and \$3,000 to the Women's Missionary society.

### Andrews Has Resigned.

CHICAGO, April 19.—Dr. E. Benjamin Andrews, superintendent of the Chicago public schools, who was lately offered the position of chancellor of the University of Nebraska has decided to accept the place. He presented his resignation as superintendent of schools to take effect May 1. After that date he will take two months' vacation and will go to the university at Lincoln July 1.

## AGAIN UP TO HERRIOTT.

Iowa State Treasurer Will Answer the Governor's Statements.

DES MOINES, April 19.—Today State Treasurer Herriott will give out the third edition of his famous protest. This document is said to contain an interesting reading matter as to the two previous ones. It is in the nature of a continuation of the state treasurer's argument on the railroad assessment questions, and will be a specific reply to Governor Shaw's statements in the answer issued by the majority of the executive council several weeks ago.

At a meeting of the state fair directors yesterday it was decided to invite Dr. Sheldon of Topeka to deliver a sermon at the fair grounds during the state fair. At the same meeting the directors discussed a scheme to bring Hagelback's famous wild animal show here.

Harry Kennedy of the state board of health went to Toledo and Hampton yesterday to inspect the reported small-pox cases. Three new cases were reported in Des Moines yesterday.

### Iowa Farmer Kills Himself.

WATERLOO, Ia., April 19.—David Ahlers, a well-to-do German farmer, committed suicide two miles south of Dysart yesterday morning by deliberately throwing himself in front of a passenger train on the Burlington, Cedar Rapids and Northern. The engineer saw the man walking the track toward the train, and when he refused to pay attention to repeated warnings an emergency stop was made, the train stopping within a few feet from Ahlers. Ahlers then stepped off the track, but when the train had again started he plunged headlong in front of the engine. His body was terribly mangled. He is 50 years old and married. Domestic trouble is assigned as the cause.

### Des Moines-St. Paul Line.

DES MOINES, April 19.—It is announced on the best authority that the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul road will this year complete its plan of a Des Moines-St. Paul line, by building from either Boone to Lehigh, about 30 miles, or from Boone to Clarion, 80 miles. At either Lehigh or Clarion connection would be made with the Mason City and Fort Dodge, over which trains would run to Mason City, thence into St. Paul over the present line of the St. Paul system. The Mason City and Fort Dodge is practically, if not absolutely controlled by the St. Paul.

### Bruce Baldwin Sentenced.

CLINTON, Ia., April 19.—Bruce Baldwin was sentenced to one year in the penitentiary for obtaining money under false pretenses. He secured cash on a check drawn on a Dubuque bank, where he had no deposit, which he cashed in this city.

### Jefferson Dinner at Brooklyn.

NEW YORK, April 19.—The Brooklyn Democratic club gave a dinner last night at the Germania club to commemorate the 157th anniversary of the birth of Thomas Jefferson. About 150 guests were present. Grover Cleveland sent a letter regretting his inability to be present and expressing his opinions on the present Democracy.

A letter was also read from ex-Governor Boies of Iowa in which he advocated the freedom of Cuba and the giving up of the Philippines. Joseph J. Willett responded to the toast "A Century of Democracy." Ex-Governor Campbell followed with an address on "The Restoration of Jefferson Democracy."

### Waterman a Candidate.

OSKALOOSA, Ia., April 19.—It is announced at Ottumwa that ex-State Senator Waterman of that city is a candidate for nomination to congress in this district. Major J. F. Lacey of this city is the present member, serving his fourth term and announced for re-election. Captain John W. Carr of Montezuma is also announced and it is expected that N. E. Kendall of Albia will also run. Mr. Kendall was the author of the celebrated resolution which passed the Iowa house this winter by unanimous vote, condemning the Porto Rican tariff bill.

### Earl Russell Creates Stir.

LONDON, April 19.—The cabled announcement in the marriage columns of the Times this morning of the wedding of Earl Russell to Mollie Cooke, at Reno, Nev., April 15, has created a sensation here, as it appears that Earl Russell, according to the English law, is still legally married to the first Countess Russell, who is now performing at the Tivoli Music hall.

### TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

King Oscar and the queen of Sweden and Norway have arrived in London. The bubonic plague is reported to have made its appearance at several ports on the Red sea.

Congressman Loudenslager was renominated Wednesday by the Republicans of the First New Jersey district. At a meeting Wednesday of western stove manufacturers it was decided to advance the selling prices of all stoves 5 per cent.

Differences between the striking employees and the officials of the Best Brewing company of Chicago were settled amicably Wednesday.

Chief Justice Gordon of the supreme bench at Olympia, Wash., Wednesday tendered his resignation to Governor Rogers, to take effect Aug. 1.

Second Assistant Secretary of State Adee left Washington Wednesday for a two-months' pleasure tour a-wheel in northern France, along the Rhine and through the Black forest.

A boat on board of which were 20 members of the Catholic Students' association, while crossing the river Rhine at Bingen Wednesday, was capsized and 13 of its occupants were drowned.

## TILT IN THE HOUSE.

Grosvenor and Williams Lock Horns Over Naval Bill.

### DEBATE DRIFTS INTO POLITICS.

President is Accused by the Democrats of Having Changed His Mind—Alaska Code Bill in the Senate—Hansbrough Amendment is Denounced.

WASHINGTON, April 19.—The debate on the naval bill under the five-minute rule yesterday drifted into politics and for a good portion of the afternoon members fought hammer and tongs across the political aisle. The partisan rancor almost culminated in a sensational scene between Grosvenor (O.), the champion of the administration, and Williams (Miss.). Some of the Democrats began worrying Hawley (Tex.) by pointedly asking if the president had not changed his mind on the Porto Rican tariff question, and Grosvenor finally threw himself into the breach. Williams made an interruption that drew a sharp rejoinder from the Ohioan about the "unfair" advantage taken by the Mississippian. This aroused the wrath of the latter and after Grosvenor had concluded he made a stinging response, in which he said parliamentary language would not permit him properly to characterize Grosvenor's offense. Later Grosvenor disclaimed intentional affront and there the matter ended. Some progress was made with the bill, but most of the controverted points went over.

A motion to strike from the bill the contingent fund of \$500,000 for the navy department was debated. A point of order against the appropriation of \$350,000 for the new naval academy at Annapolis was pending when the house adjourned.

### Alaska Code Bill in Senate.

WASHINGTON, April 19.—During almost the entire session of the senate yesterday the Alaskan civil code bill was under consideration. In this connection Stewart (Nev.) delivered an address of nearly three hours upon the mining laws of the United States and their relation to the proposed amendment of Hansbrough as the rights of alien locators of claims. Nelson (Minn.), Carter (Mont.) and Teller (Col.) discussed the pending amendment at length, both Nelson and Teller being particularly vigorous in their denunciation of it.

### ADOPT A NEW NAME.

Missouri Middle-Roaders Select "Progressive People's Party."

KANSAS CITY, April 19.—Middle-of-the-road Populists at their mass convention yesterday elected a permanent state organization and adopted a new name—the Progressive People's Party. The name will be presented to the national convention for ratification. The platform demands legislation on lines indicated in the Omaha platform, urges the reduction of state and county salaries to correspond with the prices paid for products, denounces both the old parties for failure to enact initiative and referendum legislation, for the protection of corporation interests and for legislation for the protection of national banks, condemns William J. Bryan and John D. Rockefeller for their alleged connection with trusts. A full state ticket, headed by Richard Thomas of Saline county, for governor, was named. The convention selected 25 delegates to the Cincinnati convention and 16 presidential electors.

Carl Browne of the Coxey army fame was invited to address the convention and created consternation among the adherents of Wharton Barker when he strongly advocated Admiral Dewey as head of the Populist national ticket.

Government Relinquishes Transports. WASHINGTON, April 19.—Orders have been given to turn the transports Tartar and Westminster over to their owners, as the government has no longer need for their services. These vessels have been used by the quartermaster's department for the transportation of troops and supplies between San Francisco and Manila.

### Summer Kitchens Malta.

WASHINGTON, April 19.—A telegram was received at the war department yesterday saying that the transport Summer arrived at Malta in good condition. It is carrying a large number of officers and recruits to Manila.

### Baby Eats Strychnine.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., April 19.—The infant daughter of Dr. R. N. Kegley, an eminent oculist, in some mysterious way secured a bottle of strychnine pills and ate several, dying in half an hour.



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