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PUSHING FOR MAFEKING.

The Three Thousand British Column Due There in a Few Days.

NOW ONE HUNDRED MILES AWAY.

General Hunter's Main Body is Fifty Miles South of There—Boers Sweeping on to Kroonstad—At Last Accounts He Was Twenty Miles from Boer Stronghold.

LONDON, May 12.—A British column, 3,000 strong, has arrived at Vryburg, 100 miles from Mafeking. It reached there Thursday and, though harassed by the Boers, is pushing swiftly forward. Fifty miles south of Vryburg, at Laingsburg, General Hunter's main body, moving slowly and considerably, is considerable forces.

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The dispatch also says that British reconnoitering parties have invaded the Transvaal near Fourteen Streams and that the scouts on both sides meet with varying results.

Lord Roberts' report refers to the war office from Riet spruit under date of May 10, evening, as follows:

"We have had a successful day and have driven the enemy from point to point. French with Porter's and Dixon's brigades of cavalry and Hutton's mounted infantry crossed the Zand at Vermenten's Kraal and then worked around in a northeasterly direction to Maatschappij, being opposed continually by the enemy. Pole-Carey's division and Gordon's cavalry brigade, augmented by Balfour's and the Royal Horse artillery, and by Henry's and Ross' mounted infantry, crossed the river by a drift near the railway bridge. My quarters accompanied this force. With the infantry portion we are eight miles north of the river. The cavalry and mounted infantry are at Venterland road station and Tucker's division is at Deelfontein Nord. Ian Hamilton's force and Broadwood's cavalry brigade are meeting for the cross roads near Vermenten; when I last heard from them, Hamilton's column met with stubborn resistance for some hours in protecting the rear flank of his force."

JEFFRIES BY A BLOW.

Champion Knocks Corbett Out in Twenty-Third Round.

SEASIDE CLUB, May 12.—Jim Jeffries is still the heavyweight champion pugilist of the world. He defeated Jim Corbett in the twenty-third round of their fight with a knockout.

The finishing blow came as a sudden and startling surprise. Corbett had been making a wonderful battle. His defense was absolutely perfect, and while he was lacking in strength, he had more than held his own and stood an excellent chance of winning the night had it gone the limit. He had not been badly punished and had managed to mark his man severely.

The winning punch was a short left jet to the jaw. Corbett dropped like a weight and was clear out. Jeffries showed his ability to take punching at any distance and hard. He was clearly outboxed and at times made to look like a novice. The crowd, which numbered fully 8,000, was with Jeffries, and his defeat fell upon a silent crowd.

Pension for Gen. Henry's Widow.

WASHINGTON, May 12.—The house today broke all records, passing 180 private pension bills. Among them was the senate bill to pension the widow of the late General Guy V. Henry at the rate of \$100 per month. This amount was reduced by the house to \$50.

Martial Law is Proclaimed.

MADRID, May 12.—Martial law has been proclaimed in the provinces of Barcelona and Valencia.

At Seville, where the shops are still closed, the excitement continues.

Cold Destroyer Fights in New York.

CATSKILL, N. Y., May 12.—The temperature last night fell to 26 degrees above zero. In consequence the trees and rocks crack in this vicinity, which a week ago never appeared more promising, have been destroyed. The low in this immediate section is estimated at \$500,000.

Headquarters at Omaha.

LINCOLN, May 12.—Omaha is to have the republican state headquarters. The state central committee in session at Lincoln on Saturday night by a vote of 15% to 14%.

The selection of Omaha as the location of the state headquarters was made without discussion. All of the appointments recommended by the candidates were ratified, with the exception of James Drake, who was declined to serve and L. D. Richards of Fremont was selected in his place. Frank H. Young of Brooklyn was elected vice chairman and J. T. Mallaku of Kearney, secretary.

TOWNE WILLING TO ACCEPT.

Did Not Seek Nomination, but Will Run If Nominated by Democrats.

CHICAGO, May 12.—Charles A. Towne was seen at the Auditorium Annex last night when about to take a train for Duluth, his home. When asked for an expression of opinion regarding the action of the convention, he said: "I can only say what I have always said in this connection, that I have not sought the office and made no efforts to secure the nomination, but if the populists and the other three parties think I am the most available person, I will accept." He wished all along that the Sioux Falls convention should name a committee to the committees of the other parties at Kansas City, but it looks as though my friends at Sioux Falls did not consider that the best course."

"If there is a modification of the Chicago financial plan at Kansas City on the silver question, would you accept the vice presidential nomination?" "I certainly would not if it approached me in the round, except to a breakdown of the plan of 1890. But there will be no breakdown, the Chicago plan will be reaffirmed."

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ISLANDERS ARE UNFRIENDLY.

Native of Massachus Do Not Fancy the Invasion by Colonel Hardin.

MANILA, May 12.—The islanders of Manila received Colonel Hardin with open arms when he came to the city.

Chairman Senator Marion Butler, vice chairman J. H. Edmiston, Nebraska; treasurer W. D. Washburn, Massachusetts; secretary J. A. Edgerton, Colorado.

The new executive committee is as follows: General J. B. Weaver, Iowa; Senator Allen, Nebraska; J. W. Bredenthal, Kansas; Eugene Smith, Chicago; E. V. Way, Arizona; T. Tracy, Texas; Robert Schilling, Wisconsin; Major Bowler, Minnesota; Dr. C. T. Taylor, Pennsylvania.

Senator Butler was re-elected chairman of the national committee by a majority of seven in a total vote of seventy-six.

Chairman Butler will make his headquarters in Washington during the campaign. Senator Butler accepted the position again on condition that a vice chairman be chosen to assist in the work. This position was offered to Mr. Edmiston and he has it under consideration.

CONFESSES TO THE FRAUDS.

Man Implicated in Cuban Postal Swindle Confesses.

HAVANA, May 11.—The postal frauds have now reached a point where within the next few hours arrests will probably be made and it is believed a considerable sum will be recovered. Two more bodies were removed from the victims today.

One of the bodies has made a complete confession conditional upon being accepted as state's evidence. What he proves conclusively what was known before that several others besides C. S. W. Neely are implicated.

There was some controversy regarding the vice presidential nomination. Senator Allen arose. "Mr. Chairman," he said, "I desire to name Charles A. Towne of Minnesota for the office of vice president and to move that the nomination be made unanimous."

Mr. Schell of Wisconsin then moved that the names of those recommended by Charles A. Towne be declared the vice presidential nominees by acclamation. The motion was carried only four men from Montana voting against it.

The national committee, so far as appointed, is as follows:

Chairman, N. W. Neely.

California, E. B. Van Meter.

Colorado, C. M. Wardell.

District of Columbia, Alexander Kent.

Idaho, Henry Heitfeld.

Iowa, W. H. Taylor.

Massachusetts, George Wright.

Michigan, W. H. Dewey.

Minnesota, C. S. W. Neely.

Mississippi, W. H. Jackson.

Montana, J. A. Edgerton.

Nebraska, Marion Butler.

New Jersey, J. W. Bredenthal.

North Carolina, J. H. Edmiston.

North Dakota, J. C. Patterson.

Oklahoma, J. C. Patterson.

Pennsylvania, J. C. Patterson.

Rhode Island, J. C. Patterson.

South Carolina, J. C. Patterson.

Tennessee, J. C. Patterson.

Texas, J. C. Patterson.

Utah, J. C. Patterson.

Virginia, J. C. Patterson.

Washington, J. C. Patterson.

West Virginia, J. C. Patterson.

Wisconsin, J. C. Patterson.

Wyoming, J. C. Patterson.

Young, J. C. Patterson.

Zigler, J. C. Patterson.

Yates, J. C. Patterson.