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## PLAN HE FAVORS

### SCHOFIELD DECLARES DUAL HEAD IS WRONG.

### MAKES PRESIDENT COMMANDER

Veteran Military Leader Deplores the Strained Relations Existing Between Roosevelt, Miesse and Secretary Root—Other Washington Matters.

WASHINGTON, April 12.—The report of the testimony given before the senate committee on military affairs by General Schofield, formerly commander of the army, on the bill to create a general staff, was made public today. He endorsed the bill, saying that he had long since come to the conclusion that there is no room under our constitution for two commanders and that the president, whom the constitution makes the supreme commander, must act through the secretary of war. He added:

"The very exalted individual office, so-called, of commanding general of the army must disappear. There is no room for it in this government, no matter who occupies it. It is not a question of personality at all, or the character of the individual, so far as this great question is concerned. He must be what others nations of the earth have, a chief of staff not a commanding general."

Referring to the German system, General Schofield said:

"We would have to modify their system so as to make it applicable. If we had at the head of the army for years the same distinguished general, other things being satisfactory, that would be very well, but what is the use of a great general as the nominal head of the army if the president will not even talk to him except to criticize him, or if the secretary of war and he do not even speak to each other? What good is he?"

Senator Burrows: "Why would not the same condition of affairs exist between the chief of staff and the president?"

General Schofield: "Because he would relieve him and get another. The personal relations between the president, the secretary of war and the commanding general are of all more important than any law, and that is one of the reasons why this bill is absolutely indispensable, or something like it. You must give to the president discretion to select that man."

Senator Burrows: "Why cannot the lieutenant general of the army and the president confer as it is?"

General Schofield: "They are not on speaking terms."

Senator Burrows: "Not on speaking terms?"

General Schofield: "No, sir. You will have to get rid of that intolerable condition by which this man, close to the president, the only man who is available to do these things, is a man whom the president does not talk to except to criticize him. The result is bad, very bad. The president feels the need of such a man, as did the presidents whom I have known. They would say: 'I cannot do these things. I must have a military man to help me,' then in that situation he perhaps sends for Colonel or Major So-and-So, and he finds there is a bright young fellow and he knows about these things, and in a few days it gets to be known that 'Tom So-and-So' is commanding the army."

### MILLER CONFESSES MURDER.

Musical Teacher Says He Killed Carrie M. Bennett.

DETROIT, Mich., April 12.—Prof. Joseph M. Miller yesterday confessed to committing the murder of Carrie M. Bennett.

After being in the sweat box one hour and twenty minutes Miller broke down and confessed to the crime. Assistant Prosecutor Merriam, three officers and the official stenographers of the police department were present. Miller said that he had illicit relations with the girl and was responsible for her condition. He said he offered to send Miss Bennett to a lunatic hospital, but she refused, insisting that he leave his family and go to some other city with her.

Wednesday night, when he started from home for the lodge meeting, he had an engagement with the girl and intended to kill her. He took the hatchet found by the officers in his kitchen with him. He secreted this on Seventh street on his way to the meeting.

Traps to Enforce Coercion Act. LONDON, April 12.—A dispatch to the Pall Mall Gazette from Dublin says that ten battalions of English and Scotch militia are to be embodied and sent to Ireland within a month in pursuance of the British government's determination to apply the coercion act. The correspondent understands that Lord Londonderry, the postmaster general, threatened to resign from the cabinet unless active measures were taken.

### Dr. Talmage Slowly Sinks.

WASHINGTON, April 12.—According to the 11 o'clock statement of the physicians there was no marked change in the condition of Dr. Talmage, he was resting a little easier, with less fever. His condition, however, is very critical, and every hour which the present alarming symptoms continue lessens the chances of life. After the afternoon consultation of the physicians a bulletin reported his condition critical.

## RYAN IS AGAINST WRIT.

### Refuses to Sign Writ in Case Filed with Supreme Court.

LINCOLN, Neb., April 12.—Judge Robert Ryan, as referee in the Omaha tax mandamus case, has recommended to the supreme court that the application of William G. Shriver and Geo. T. Morton for a peremptory writ of mandamus be not allowed. He holds that while the relators are entitled to the writ prayed for, it should not be issued because of the defective method provided by the statutes for the assessment of property of the kind and character involved in the case.

The relators, Shriver and Morton, sought in this suit to have the court issue a peremptory writ to compel the city council of Omaha to sit again as a board of equalization to hear their complaints against the assessment of five public service corporations. Judge Robert Ryan of this city was appointed referee and his official report and opinion were filed late this afternoon in the office of the supreme court.

In the report Judge Ryan recites in detail the issues of the case and gives his findings. In the opinion the various authorities are taken up and discussed. The opinion also embraced an exhaustive discussion of the method of assessing public service corporations for purposes of taxation in this state.

### BLACKMAILER GETS NO CASH.

### Uses Threats to Extort Money from Franklin Man.

FRANKLIN, Neb., April 12.—A blackmail system of making money was tried here, but ended in the culprit making good his escape with an empty sack.

William Carpenter, proprietor of the Commercial hotel, received a letter through the mail which contained the following:

"As I want to leave and am unable to get work, I want you to put \$50 in a sack and place it on the corner post one block west of the hotel at midnight. In case you fail to comply you will be out of business in less than twenty days."

Mr. Carpenter fixed up a package and placed it on the post, and in company with Frank W. Barber, James McCourney and several others laid in wait to capture the culprit.

At 4 o'clock in the morning the fellow came for the money and as soon as he had taken the package from the post the watchers rushed after him and ordered him to halt, but instead he ran. Nine shots were fired at him, but with no result.

### Swindlers Abroad.

FREMONT, Neb., April 12.—Another swindling game has just been worked here with considerable success by a couple of unknown men. They called on a number of Fremont housewives and exhibited large bars of fine white soap as samples of what they were selling at the rate of 25 cents a dozen. They took a multitude of orders, collecting the money in advance. When the soap consignments arrived the bars were found to be of such small dimensions that the price paid for them was three times their value.

### Fleak Must Stand Trial.

SCHUYLER, Neb., April 12.—The application of Madison Fleak for a writ of habeas corpus was denied by the district court here today. Fleak is the man held on a charge of criminal carelessness in pushing two women off the Platte river bridge March 18. In the coroner's inquest over the body of one of the women the jury returned a verdict in which no blame was attached to young Fleak.

### Colored Boy Killed by Cars.

HUMBOLDT, Neb., April 12.—A young colored man, David Carher of St. Joseph, was killed in the railroad yards here. He was stealing a ride in a box car of lumber. He had been here a few days visiting. He started to Omaha. The lumber pinned him down while switching cars and his life was crushed out. He was taken to the undertaker and the coroner sent for.

### Store at Waussa Robbed.

WAUSSA, Neb., April 12.—The store of Boese & Larson was entered and about \$100 taken from the safe. The entrance to the store was made through a back door.

The supreme court has decided to hear arguments on April 14 upon the application of the state of Washington to take jurisdiction in the case of the Northern Pacific and Great Northern merger.

### Cair Repairer Crushed to Death.

FAIRBURY, Neb., April 12.—Roy Hartman, a car repairer in the employ of the Rock Island, was crushed to death between the bumpers of two freight cars in the yards here. He was working on a car that stood on the repair track when another car was switched against it at a time when he was not on his guard. Some one was at fault, as the usual warning was neglected.

### Butcher Commits Suicide.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., April 12.—Fritz Boehm, who has kept a large butcher shop in this city which he opened here about five months ago, took strychnine and died shortly afterwards, despite the efforts of the physicians to save his life. It is thought that business troubles was the cause of his death. The deceased was a resident of Utica, Seward county, for twenty years.

## END OF BOER WAR

### CONTENDING FORCES SAID TO HAVE ARRANGED PEACE.

### BOERS ACCEPT ENGLISH TERMS

Various Messages of This Nature Arise Much Gossip in London—Transvaal Agents Are Notified—Conference Strengthens Rumors.

LONDON, April 11.—The Financier and Bullionist publishes a dispatch from Pretoria this morning declaring that the Boer leaders have accepted the British terms, that peace has been arranged and that the terms of peace have been cabled to the Boer agents in Europe.

Other unconfirmed statements of a similar character are in circulation in London tonight. It is said that Frederick Rutherford Harris, former secretary of the British Chartered South Africa company, has received a telegram to the same effect, but nothing of any official or reliable nature concerning the matter is known.

The London Times, in its second edition today, publishes a dispatch from Klerksdorp, dated Wednesday, April 9, announcing that acting President Schalkburger and other members of the Boer government arrived there by train April 6 and that messages were sent inviting President Steyn and General Delany to come in and meet them. While awaiting a reply General Schalkburger and his party were occupying a hotel which had been reserved for their use.

The Central News is informed that a telegram was received in London from Pretoria saying that Mr. Steyn and General Dewet and Botha had agreed upon the terms of peace. The telegram indicated that the British terms have been accepted and that peace has been arranged.

The war secretary, Mr. Brodrick, in the House of Commons today, referring to the press advices from South Africa, said Schalkburger, Reitz, Lucas, Meyer and Jacobs had been joined at Klerksdorp by General Botha, and added that Steyn, Dewet, Delany and three other members of the late Orange government arrived at the same place yesterday.

No communication, Mr. Brodrick further said, had been received from the Boer leaders, except regarding safe conducts of the participants in the conference.

The colonial secretary, Mr. Chamberlain, added the information that no limit had been fixed for the expiration of the safe conducts. These would be extended so long as the negotiations were in progress, after which the delegates would be allowed to return to their respective districts without hindrance.

FRETORIA, Wednesday, April 11.—President Steyn of the Orange Free State, Secretary of State Reitz of the Transvaal, Acting President Schalkburger of the Transvaal and General Lucas Meyer, commander-in-chief of the Orange Free State forces, passed through Klerksdorp, southwestern Transvaal, where General Botha, the Transvaal commander-in-chief, arrived Monday.

April 7. It was expected that Generals Dewet and Delany would attend the conference to take place there.

It is understood that the Boer leaders are fully possessed of the British peace terms and that the conference then assembling was to enable the final decision of the burghers will shortly be made known.

### VALUE OF ARMOUR ESTATE.

### Said to Be Worth Over Fourteen Million Dollars.

CHICAGO, April 11.—The total valuation of the late Philip D. Armour estate in Chicago and New York has been arrived at. It amounts to \$14,751,105, and to a large extent consists of personal property. In addition to the above named sum there is some real estate in Illinois and elsewhere, the value of which is not given. Mr. Armour left practically all of his estate to his widow, Marjine, and his son, J. Ogden Armour. Included in his personal property are 63,384 shares in the Armour company, 250 shares Milwaukee elevator, 82 shares Continental national bank, 150 shares Illinois Trust and Savings bank, 250 shares Wisconsin Marine bank, 570 shares Interstate bank, Kansas City, and 405 shares Union Stock Yards National bank, South Omaha.

### Rev. Talmage Dangerously Ill.

WASHINGTON, April 11.—The prevailing symptoms in Dr. Talmage's case have been aggravated by congestion of the brain, which a consultation of physicians determined now exists. The patient has been most of the day unconscious and his present condition is very grave.

### Tramps Fight on Union Pacific.

SALT LAKE, Utah, April 11.—A special to the Tribune from Evansville, Wyo., says that as a result of two fights today between Union Pacific brakemen, railroad police and a gang of tramps, brakeman Schwartz and one of the tramps were severely wounded.

### Mr. Steyn May Go Blind.

PRETORIA, April 11.—Mr. Steyn, the former president of the Free State, who is taking part in the peace negotiations, is suffering from severe ophthalmia and is threatened with total blindness.

### Miss Stone in America.

NEW YORK, April 11.—Miss Ellen M. Stone, the missionary, arrived this morning on the Deutschland.

### Iowa Postoffice Robbed.

FORT DODGE, Ia., April 11.—Cracksmen blew open the safe in the postoffice at Callender, near this city. Wednesday night and made their escape without detection. The safe was blown open with dynamite and the robbers secured about \$3 in money and stamps amounting to \$5.65. They overlooked a package containing several thousand stamps just received at the postoffice.

### Mrs. Tabor Brings Suit.

DENVER, Colo., April 11.—Elizabeth Tabor, widow of Senator Tabor, filed two suits in the district court for damages aggregating \$350,000 and to recover possession of a large amount of mining stocks which she alleges have been misappropriated by the defendants. One suit is against David H. Moffatt. In this suit Mrs. Tabor asks for \$150,000 and for an accounting from Mr. Moffatt of the disposition of mining shares.

## HAWAII WANTS MORE MONEY.

### Territory is Restricted in Business Advancement.

WASHINGTON, April 11.—Governor Dole of Hawaii arrived here today to confer with the president, at the latter's request, regarding conditions in Hawaii, pending legislation affecting the territory and other matters. Governor Dole said today:

"There is some complaint among business men of Hawaii on account of tightness of the money market. There are no failures or assignments of importance. The enterprises, however, are too large for the available capital. The Hawaiian government is limited by the revenues which are inadequate for carrying on necessary public improvements. The current revenues are sufficient only to carry out the administration expenses. The last legislative failed to enact legislation needed for the territory. The country is a large part of the revenues at the beginning of the territory by the transfer of the customs revenues, amounting to about \$1,200,000 to the federal government."

"But we are getting along. The territorial government is doing something in the way of public improvements, but not nearly so much as ought to be done. The government has little in sight for payment of the fire claims for buildings burned during the plague epidemic in Honolulu in 1900."

### BURGHERS HOLD CONFERENCE.

### Boer Leaders in Possession of Terms of Peace Offered by the British.

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## THE PAYNE BILL

### EMBAILED BY FRIENDS OF SUGAR BEET INDUSTRY.

### WILLIAM ALDEN SMITH LEADS

Stands the Measure Would Benefit Trade Instead of the Cubans—Promises to Farmers of the West Vagranly Disregarded.

WASHINGTON, April 10.—The feature of the second day's debate in the house on the Cuban reciprocity bill was an impassioned speech in opposition to the measure by William A. C. Spooner and Quarles of Wisconsin and Deliver of Iowa and a group of Michigan beet sugar manufacturers in the gallery were in his audience and he was liberally applauded by his republican supporters as he assailed the republican leaders who were advocating the bill, boldly charging them with being false to the republican doctrine of protection. He announced that he was willing to vote to override the chair in order to support an amendment to take the differential off refined sugar.

Mr. Morris of Wisconsin, another republican, who made a strong speech against the bill also, made a similar announcement. The other speakers today were Mr. Ball (dem.) of Texas, and Mr. Parkman (dem.) of Louisiana, both of whom opposed the bill, and Mr. Mondell of Wyoming, who advocated its passage.

The democratic and republican opponents of the measure are trying to take the differential off refined sugar. The indications are that the debate will be protracted. The demand for time to speak is great and there is not so much expectation that general debate will be completed until next week.

William Alden Smith of Michigan was the first speaker. He spoke against the bill. He presented the question from the viewpoint of the republicans who have opposed Cuban reciprocity on account of the beet sugar interests and said in part:

"I am opposed to the measure because in order to give it effect it becomes necessary to violate a solemn promise of the republican party deliberately made in solemn convention to the American people; because I believe it will be harmful to the agricultural and industrial classes of the United States whose great interests have been confided to our care; because I believe it will be harmful in the end to the island of Cuba; because I believe that the principal beneficiary will be the American Sugar Refining company, which does not need our sympathy; because I believe that the people of the island of Cuba will receive no benefit therefrom."

"The farmers of the country," he went on, "have been encouraged by the republican party in their ambition to produce the sugar of the country. It was a distinct promise to the farmer that he need not fear that the republican party would permit the cheap labor and cheap sugar of any tropical territory to be brought in in a manner which would destroy the infant industry of the best sugar production which the farmers of the United States have, under the fostering care of the republican party, been building up during the last few years."

### Takes Sugar Beet Fields.

DENVER, Colo., April 9.—A dispatch from Fort Collins, the center of the northern Colorado beet sugar region, says that there is no longer any doubt that the American Sugar Refining company has entered the beet sugar industry. The dispatch says that they now control the Penoyar beet sugar factories that were paying properties. The factory at Lehi, Utah, has passed into the American Sugar Refining company's hands.

### Dedication is Postponed.

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Cal., April 10.—The dedication of the Stanford Memorial church has been postponed until September 7 next, owing to the delay in the completion of the building.

### General Ira Hedges Dead.

NYACK, N. Y., April 10.—General Ira Hedges, past department commander of the Grand Army of the Republic of New York state, died at his home in Haverstraw today in his 63d year.

### Snow is Two Feet Deep.

MEYERSDALE, Pa., April 10.—The snow here reached the depth of nearly two feet on the level. Much damage has been done to buildings, telegraph and telephone lines and electric light wires. Fruit and ornamental trees also suffered. In many parts of the town stables have collapsed from the heavy weight on the roofs. Wires are down all over town and in many places poles have snapped off. All trains are running late.

### Bank Teller Embroiled.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., April 10.—Lee Gallher, the paying teller of the First National bank of this city, was arrested tonight on a charge of embezzling funds of the bank. President Jacob Ford swore to the complaint. The specific sum is alleged to be \$20,000. The money is said to have been stolen in small amounts. Gallher is 35 years old, married and is well connected. He refused to make a statement, but confessed to embarrassment.

## BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

### Lord Kimberley, the liberal statesman, who had been ill for some time, died on the 8th.

### Mrs. Esther Morris, the "mother of woman's suffrage in Wyoming," died at Cheyenne.

### W. L. Crain of Nebraska has been appointed a fireman in the state, was and navy building.

### The shah of Persia will visit Berlin in May and will pay his respects to Emperor William. The shah is going to Contrexeville, France.

### St. John's military school at Manlius, N. Y., ten miles east of Syracuse, was destroyed by fire. The loss is estimated at from \$75,000 to \$125,000.

### Malaria fever has developed in the case of ex-Captain Oberlin M. Carter, who has been ill for a week past at the military prison at Fort Leavenworth.

### False teeth worth \$15,000, which are alleged to have entered the country without the payment of any duties, have been seized by the custom officials.

### Edward Kappelle, a life insurance agent, is under arrest at Niagara Falls, N. Y., accused of obtaining \$3,000 from George F. Greene, a farmer.

### The last quarter's exports to the United States from the South German consulates, except Coburg, amounted to \$7,717,158, an increase of 1,508,682.

### Partial returns on the referendum vote taken in Manitoba, Canada, on the prohibition question, indicate that the proposed "dry" amendment has been lost.

### The measure appropriating \$25,000 for the erection of monuments in honor of the Iowa soldiers who fought at Lookout Mountain, has passed the Iowa house.

### The body of Dan McLaughlin, a stockman, who perished in the recent blizzard, was found in a snow bank ten miles northwest of Medina, N. D., by Hugh Marston.

### Peter Lund, one of the best known mining men of Montana, died suddenly of heart failure at Nebart, Mont., aged 45 years. Lund had been connected with many prominent mining ventures.

### Jacmel, a town on the southern coast of Hayti, was captured on April 5 by the insurgents, who held it for a day and then retired to the hills, after releasing all the prisoners in the city.

### The Progressive Indian party will hold a convention on April 12 for the purpose of nominating a candidate for governor of the Chickasaw nation. Ex-Governor William Byrd will probably be the nominee.

### The president has directed that more than seventy townships in northern Montana be withdrawn from public entry for use in the big irrigation scheme known as the St. Mary canal and Milk river project.

### Secretary Hitchcock has sent to the senate Indian committee a letter disapproving Senator Rawlins' amendment prohibiting the leasing of mineral lands on Indian reservations outside of the Indian territory.

### Caspar Kruger, the eldest son of the president, and twenty-four other relatives of Mr. Kruger, bearing the same family name, are among those who have recently taken the oath of allegiance to Great Britain.

### The republican congressional convention for the Eleventh district, held at Athens, Ohio, renominated Congress Charles H. Grosvenor by acclamation. General Grosvenor made an address accepting the nomination.

### The gunboat Marietta, which has been keeping watch over American interests at Colombia, sailed Sunday for New York. The cruiser Philadelphia still remains at Panama, on the Pacific side, to await developments.

### Mr. Anthony Matte, national secretary of the American Federation of Catholic Societies, stated that the report that Bishop G. Hessler had been appointed was correct. Bishop Hessler is one of the spiritual advisers of the Federation of Catholic Societies.

### The son of Yang Yu, the former Chinese minister to Russia, died at St. Petersburg, and it is now admitted that he committed suicide. The deceased minister's son came to St. Petersburg to repatriate the body of his father, who died there February 17.

### Bishop Thomas O'Gorman of Sioux Falls, S. D., is in Washington. He said that his visit at this time had nothing to do with the question of the disposition of the friar lands in the Philippines to the United States, but was on personal matters.

### The Rock Island will build an extension from Elmd to Guthrie, Okla.

### First Lieutenant Bert H. Merchant of the Eighth infantry is dead in the Philippines from dysentery and liver abscess. He was a native of Michigan, and was promoted from the ranks.

### All the employes of the Santa Fe general offices at Topeka have been ordered to stop work because the office building is in imminent danger of collapse, and the departments will remain closed until the defects can be remedied.

### Brigadier General Fitzsimons of the First brigade, Illinois National guard, tendered his resignation to the assistant adjutant general. No reason is assigned. Colonel George M. Houston of Chicago was named as his successor.

### The government has abandoned its new taxation plan in Jamaica, just in time to prevent a serious crisis.

### Lyman J. Case has been elected president of the United States Trust company, to succeed John A. Stewart, resigned, because of poor health.

## NORMAL SCHOOLS

### AND MORE COUNTY TEACHERS INSTITUTES.

### WANTS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Additional Summer Schools and at Least One More Normal—Condition of the Banks—Miscellaneous Matters in Nebraska.

LINCOLN, April 9.—Superintendent Fowler is advocating the organization of more county teachers' institutes, more summer schools and at least one more state normal school. He says:

"Each fall we have in the schools of this state over 2,000 new, inexperienced teachers. Of the 9,000 teachers employed every year but 5.5 per cent are graduates of a college or university, but 40 per cent have a high school education or its equivalent, 25 per cent receive less than a three years' high school education and 15 per cent have no high school training. These figures show that less than 16 per cent have anything like a professional training."

"We have but one state normal school. It is doing excellent work, but it is situated in the southeast corner of the state, and owing to poor railroad facilities it is difficult to reach from central and western Nebraska. We are not unmindful of the good work being done by the state university, the private schools and colleges, but the day has come for Nebraska to wake up and make better provision for the professional training of her teachers. Until our legislators are convinced that it is the part of economy as well as wisdom to make adequate provision for the professional training of our teachers, the establishment of normal schools, detached entirely from all other pursuits, with the single object in view—the preparation of teachers—what shall we do for these central, northern and western counties? 'God helps them that help themselves.' Let several counties unite at a logical place in a teachers' normal institute for a six, eight or ten weeks' term and by a merging of funds place within reach of their teachers the advantages of a first-class normal school, if only for six weeks. This is not the equal of a three years' course, or even one year in our state normal school, but its benefits are far superior to those of the weak county institute."

As to summer schools and normal institutes Mr. Fowler says:

"The teachers of many counties are in sore need of summer school and normal institute. They deserve it. They are worthy of it. They cannot afford to fail to take advantage of it. By comparing notes and exchanging thoughts, progressive ideas on problems of education, throughout these counties will be unified. They who