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WILL TAKE A VOTE

BOERS ALLOWED TO SUBMIT PROPOSALS OF PEACE.

LEADERS CONFER AT PRETORIA

Action Decided After Two Conferences with Kitchener and Milner—British Refuse to Grant an Armistice.

LONDON, April 19.—The government leader, A. J. Balfour, in the house of commons yesterday made the following important statement: "After two conferences between Lord Milner, the British high commissioner of South Africa, and Lord Kitchener and the Boer delegates at Pretoria, Lord Kitchener, while refusing to grant an armistice, on military grounds, has agreed to give facilities for the election and meeting of representatives of the various Boer commands to consider the position. The Boer leaders have, therefore, left Pretoria to carry out this plan."

Mr. Balfour added that it was not expected that communication between the British and Boer leaders would be resumed in less than three weeks time.

Mr. Balfour's statement made a generally favorable impression. It was argued among the members that the action of the Boer leaders demonstrates that a majority of the delegates favor the acceptance of the suggested British peace terms. The submission of the question to a plebiscite of the burghers is according to Boer law, which requires leaders of armed forces in the field to take the opinion of their followers in concluding peace.

It is officially asserted that the continental statements to the effect that the Boer leaders went to Pretoria at the suggestion of the British authorities are absolutely unfounded. The action of the Boers was entirely spontaneous, and this is regarded here as the best evidence of a genuine desire to bring about a settlement by peaceful negotiations, and as being indicative of the character of the advice which will be given to the burghers by the leaders, who are now returning to their various commands.

SIBERIAN PEASANTS STARVE.

Famine and Disease Devastate a Vast Rich and Fertile Section.

ST. PETERSBURG, April 19.—The reports received here from the famine-stricken districts of Russia more than justify the anticipation of acute suffering in those localities. Scoury and typhoid fever are devastating the peasantry throughout the whole of the Altai (highlands of Siberia) region, formerly the chief granary of Siberia. The starving people there have consumed even the last remnants of their seed grain and no spring crops have been sown. The last wheat sold in Altai was at 2 1/2 roubles per pood, against the normal price of 15 to 20 copecks per pood. In some places the scarcity of fodder is so great that half the horses have been unshod to save the lives of the cattle and horses.

DEWEY INVITED TO DENVER.

Want Hero of Manila to Attend Funerary Banquet.

DENVER, Colo., April 19.—Admiral Dewey has been invited to come to Denver and be a guest of honor at a banquet which the First regiment, Colorado National Guard, will give to General Frederick Funston, commander of the Department of Colorado, at the Windsor hotel on May 1, the anniversary of the battle of Manila bay. The invitation was sent to Admiral Dewey by Colonel Verdenberg of the First regiment and Captain Elison of Company E, both of whom are on the committee which has charge of the banquet and reception.

Subscribing to New Loan.

LONDON, April 19.—The list of applications for the portion of the new loan, £16,000,000, offered to the public, were closed this morning, owing to the heavy over-subscription and the inconvenience to the market arising from locking up such a large amount of money.

Retman Goes to Jail.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., April 19.—Ernest Retman, who was fined \$1,000 some time ago by Judge Jensen, and who appealed the case to the supreme court, where the finding of the lower court was sustained, has been given up by his bondsmen and has begun serving out the fine and costs. It will take him 265 days in the county jail. The offense for which he was fined was the running of a "hole in the wall" at Douglas.

Theater Manager McDonald Dead.

EL PASO, Tex., April 19.—James McDonald, an old time theater manager, died today at the age of 61. McDonald was at one time manager of John L. Sullivan's theater in San Francisco, and later owned the McDaniel at Cheyenne, Wyo., which was burned, leaving him penniless. His only support in recent years was an allowance from the Actors' association. He at one time played with Clara Morris and Frohman.

NORTHWEST NEBRASKA.

Never Looked Better or Was More Prosperous.

OMAHA, Neb., April 19.—"Northwestern Nebraska never looked as prosperous and was never in as good condition as at the present time," remarked Major Buchanan, general passenger agent of the Elkhorn. "The entire Elkhorn valley looks like a garden and at this time the prospects are excellent for a big crop. There is plenty of moisture in the ground and the recent showers have started the grain to growing in fine shape. All along the line farmers are busy in the fields and making improvements in the way of erecting new cattle sheds, barns and houses. I stopped a couple of days at Newport, a little town of 400 inhabitants, and drove into the country some twenty miles. There everything is flourishing. By the way, that is the greatest hay shipping point in the world. Last season from that point we sent cars of hay to every state in the union, the cut running into thousands of tons. The hay yielded from one and one-quarter to two tons per acre. This year the cut will be greater than last."

"In addition to the hay fields there are many fine ranches around Newport, on which herds of cattle from 500 to 1,500 head graze the year round. On every hand there is a flowing well, water being secured at from twenty to fifty feet. Land is selling at from \$10 to \$25 per acre and is in good demand."

LEAPS THROUGH A WINDOW.

Fremont Burglar Spoils Plan to Capture Him.

FREMONT, Neb., April 19.—At 11:30 the other night the hardware store of L. F. Holloway & Co., at Sixth and F streets, was burglarized by a lone individual and \$50 worth of razors, shears and revolvers stolen. The thief escaped capture by jumping through a plate glass window in the front of the store after he had sent a sewing machine crashing through so as to make a hole large enough for his exit. Several men were planning to surprise and effect his arrest, but he saw a block toward the west and turned a corner, and two others who happened to be passing along another street caught a glimpse of him as he darted into an alley. Nothing has been seen of the fellow since that time.

Mullen Stays in Alaska.

Washington special dispatch: The nomination of Patrick M. Mullen of Omaha, which the president sent to the senate for receiver of public moneys at Juneau, Alaska, was accomplished at the earnest request of both Senators Dietrich and Millard, who have labored indefatigably for Mr. Mullen's appointment ever since it was announced that the land offices in Alaska would be consolidated at Juneau. Mr. Mullen was receiver at Rampart City.

Looks Like Falls City Man.

MANHATTAN, Kan., April 19.—William Scott, arrested here on a charge of grand larceny, committed at Savannah, Mo., is said to fit the description of the murderer of the city marshal at Falls City, Neb., who was killed two years ago, and for whom a large reward was offered.

Interchangeable Mileage.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., April 19.—The Trans-Continental Passenger association in committee of the whole, it is stated, decided to recommend interchangeable mileage on all roads west of Denver, Cheyenne and El Paso.

Re-Elected Superintendent.

KEARNEY, Neb., April 19.—A. O. Thomas, superintendent of the Kearney public schools, was re-elected by the board of education at their recent meeting for the coming year at an increase in salary of \$100 per year.

Editors to Meet in Omaha.

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., April 19.—Omaha was selected by the National Editorial association as the place for holding the next annual convention, defeating Milwaukee and Asheville, North Carolina.

New Bank for Henderson.

HENDERSON, Neb., April 19.—John Knicker & Son are excavating for a new brick building and will organize a bank here with \$25,000 capital. The name of the bank will be the First National.

School Boy Stabs Comrade.

LONG PINE, Neb., April 19.—While Charlie Castie and Guy Given were returning from school, young Castie stabbed Given in the spinal column. The victim is in a precarious condition.

Serious Injury from Stalk Cutter.

PLATTSBURGH, Neb., April 19.—While George H. Stoehr was cutting cornstalks in a field he fell in front of a stalk cutter and was run over, being seriously cut and bruised.

Rhea, the Condemned Murderer.

LINCOLN, Neb., April 19.—William Rhea, the condemned murderer who is awaiting execution at the penitentiary, was identified as the man who under the name of Hamilton was convicted in Sanders county of burglary and who escaped from jail a few days after being sentenced to five years imprisonment at hard labor. The governor says this identification will have weight with him in determining clemency.

TERMS OF PEACE

IT IS NOW CLAIMED THEY HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED.

DETAILS REMAIN UNSETTLED

British Offer the Alternative of Accepting the Conditions Laid Down or Breaking Off the Negotiations—Outcome Difficult to Determine.

LONDON, April 19.—The Daily Mail claims to have authority to announce that basis of peace have been practically agreed on at Pretoria, but says that some little time will elapse before the details of the plan can be perfected. "The paper adds that upon finding that the British government refused on Wednesday to modify its terms with regard to amnesty, banishment and a responsible government, the Boer delegates met again on Thursday. The British decision, practically leaving them the alternative of accepting the British terms, or breaking up the conference was then communicated to them and the delegates proved more reasonable. When Lord Milner, the British high commissioner in South Africa, promised the delegates one or two seats in the executive council, subject to the approval of the government and pending the restoration of a responsible government, they practically agreed to accept the British terms.

Some details, continues the Daily Mail, which are not likely to create difficulty still remain to be settled. Lord Milner has summoned from Johannesburg an Australian expert, who is to assist in estimating the cost of rebuilding and restocking the Boer farms. The delegates, concludes the paper, have so far acted quite independently of their representatives in Holland.

Hans Sauer, a loyalist Afrikaner, speaking at Bradford, was not optimistic concerning the peace negotiations. He said he thought it quite probable that the Boers would ask Great Britain for £30,000,000 or £30,000,000 and agree in turn to clear out of South Africa altogether.

Serious differences, it is said, have arisen between the Transvaal and Free State delegates who are discussing peace terms at Pretoria. General Botha and Acting President Schalk Burger, it is reported, have given the Free State representatives until April 12 to come to a decision, threatening that thereafter the Transvaal delegation will continue the peace negotiations independently of the Free State delegates.

It is further declared that Botha and Schalk Burger had practically agreed upon terms for surrender prior to their visit to Klerksdorp, but that out of loyalty to their allies they insisted on a conference, though with slight hopes that their views should be shared by General Dewet and the other Free State leaders.

BIG WHEAT CROP IN SIGHT.

Yield Above Average and Equal to Last Year's Anticipated.

NEW YORK, April 19.—According to dispatches from R. G. Dun & Co., the outlook is encouraging for a large yield of winter wheat. At most points the acreage is equal to or larger than last year's, and even in the few reports of a decreased area the loss is only put at 19 per cent, while the most hopeful statements make the increase 50 per cent. On the whole there appears to have been a little loss during the winter from weather conditions, although at a few points the snow protection was light. Damage by insects is also less serious than a year ago. The best satisfactory feature this far is the lack of moisture, which is causing anxiety in a number of states. With average weather during the rest of the season, however, there is every reason to anticipate a yield above the average, and probably fully equal to last year's large production.

Cholera Spreads in Manila.

MANILA, April 19.—The total number of cases of cholera reported in Manila up to noon today was 396 and the total number of deaths from that disease in this city was 235. In the provinces totals of 621 cases and 422 deaths have been reported.

Perry is Made President.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., April 19.—D. M. Perry of Indianapolis was elected president of the National Manufacturers' association.

Prelates Will Go to Rome.

WASHINGTON, April 19.—Archbishop Ireland and Bishop O'Gorman probably will leave this country for Rome in time to be at the Vatican when Governor Taft reaches there on his way to Manila. The prelates are well advised of the intentions of this government, respecting not only the friars' land question, but other matters of importance concerning the relations between the church and state in the Philippines.

Tourist Makes a Rich Man.

EL PASO, Tex., April 19.—William Weisenberger of New York City was arrested by the United States custom officers today as he stepped off a Mexican Central railroad train direct from Mexico City with valuable jewelry watches, Mexican drawn work and other valuables. Weisenberger had seventeen valuable watches hidden in a belt around his waist. Jewelry was concealed about his person in every conceivable way.

Witnesses Against Lynch.

LONDON, April 19.—Although there is no indication that Colonel Arthur Lynch, who fought on the Boer side in the South African war, and who was elected to represent Galway city in Parliament, in November last, has self-willedly renounced of placing himself in the British courts, the government is bringing witnesses from South Africa to testify in support of the charges of high treason brought against him.

CONTROVERSY IS REOPENED.

Official Dispatches Referring to British Defeat at Spionkop.

LONDON, April 19.—All the official dispatches referring to the defeat sustained by the British troops under General Buller at Spionkop, Natal, January 24, 1900, were made public today. Those hitherto unpublished merely emphasize how hopelessly muddled were the preparations for that engagement. The controversy between General Buller and General Sir Charles Warren is proved to have been even more bitter than previously hinted at, while a new extract from one of Lord Roberts' dispatches brings additional concern on General Buller. Lord Roberts declares that General Buller's endeavor to put the responsibility for the defeat on General Warren was not justifiable. Roberts holds that it was Buller's duty to interpose when he saw things were going wrong. This remark was caused by a dispatch from Buller, in which he says: "I saw no attempt on the part of Warren to either grapple with the situation or command his force himself. We lost our chance by Warren's slowness. He seems to me to be a man who can do well what he can do himself, but cannot command. I can never employ him again on an independent command. I ought not to have assumed command myself when I saw things were not going well. I blame myself now for not doing so."

VEHICLES FOR A PENSION.

President Refuses to Condone Offense of a Veteran.

WASHINGTON, April 19.—President Roosevelt sent to the house a veto to the bill pensioning Tobias Walter, a lieutenant in a Pennsylvania volunteer regiment during the civil war at \$17 per month. The veto message states that the records of the war department show that this soldier was cashiered by sentence of a general court-martial for disobedience of orders as to going on picket duty and that this disobedience was admitted.

THE VOTE ON EXCLUSION.

Platt Substitute for the Mitchell-Kahn Chinese Bill Passes the Senate.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 19.—The drastic Chinese exclusion bill originally framed by the senators and representatives from the Pacific coast states met defeat in the senate and in its place was substituted a measure offered by Mr. Platt of Connecticut, extending the provisions of the present exclusion law and also applying that exclusion to all insular territory of the United States. The vote by which the substitute took the place of the original bill was 48 yeas to 33 nays. Once the substitute had been made all senators joined in its support with the single exception of Mr. Hoar, the substitute being passed, 76 to 1.

NO CHANGE IN WILHELMINA.

Fever Continues, but Danger is Regarded as Faded.

AMSTERDAM, April 19.—The cause of Queen Wilhelmina's illness is presumed to be a childbed fever. An official bulletin published today says her majesty passed a somewhat less tranquil night. The fever, however, has not increased and her condition is comparatively satisfactory. A bulletin issued from Castle Loo at 3 p. m. today says: "Since morning there has been no change in Queen Wilhelmina's condition. The fever continues." It was authoritatively declared this afternoon that the report that the queen is suffering from peritonitis and nephritis is untrue.

Fitz Leaves it All to Jeff.

NEW YORK, April 19.—Bob Fitzsimmons sent a telegram today to James J. Jeffries, saying that he was convinced that the only state where a glove contest between them could be held without interference was California. Fitzsimmons further said that he would meet Jeffries anywhere in California and at any time to box for the championship of the world, and that he would leave the making of arrangements to Jeffries.

Volcanoes Are in Action.

VANCOUVER, B. C., April 19.—Advices from Australia state that on the 16th of last month the New Hebrides islands were shaken by an earthquake. The shocks subsided next day somewhat, but at intervals were renewed throughout the week. Six hours after the first trembling the city became a blaze of light and Albertine, Lopeti and Tingoa volcanoes burst into action, the last named sending a great wateryout over the land.

Commits Crime in Prison.

SIoux FALLS, S. D., April 17.—Peter Verwolf, a member of a Hollander colony of Douglas county, who completed a term in the Sioux Falls penitentiary for a statutory offense, was arrested by Marshal Carleton as he left the prison doors on a peculiar charge, that of making counterfeit money while an inmate of the prison. He has confessed and several spurious dollars and apparatus were found in the penitentiary.

Des Moines Police Get Cue.

DES MOINES, Ia., April 19.—The chief of police announced this morning that he had unearthed a tangible clue which he believes will lead to the arrest of the murderers of the Peterson children, which occurred Sunday night.

Monument to Cecil Rhodes.

CAPTOWN, April 17.—A meeting of citizens to establish a national memorial in honor of the late Cecil Rhodes was held here today. A committee composed of Sir Gordon Sprigg, the premier, the mayors of Cape Colony, and a number of other prominent persons will issue an appeal for funds throughout the British empire for the purpose of erecting an immense cairn on Devil's peak, overlooking the Cape peninsula.

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WAR REALLY OVER

GENERAL MALAVAR SURRENDERS HIS FORCES.

MANILA IS GREATLY DELIGHTED

General Commander Orders Submission of Every Man Under His Charge—Wheaton Says Armed Resistance is at an End.

MANILA, April 17.—General Malvar has unconditionally surrendered to Brigadier General Bell at Lipa, Batangas province, with the entire insurgent force of the provinces of Laguna and Batangas. General Bell says his (Bell's) influence is sufficient to quell the insurrectionary movements in Tayabas and Cavite provinces and capture all those in the field who have not yet surrendered, but Malvar has ordered the complete surrender of every insurgent to the nearest American force.

General Wheaton, reporting to the division headquarters, says that all resistance in his department has ended and that the surrenders just announced mean that the ports will be opened and that the Filipinos in the detention camps can be allowed to return to their homes in time to plant the crops. General Wheaton is especially pleased with General Bell's care of the natives confined in the camps.

The officers in charge are held personally responsible for the quality and quantity of the food served out and the general welfare of the occupants of the camps. After securing the mountain passes General Bell employed volunteer bolomen for protection against ladronism.

Numbers of Filipinos volunteered and expressed the liveliest satisfaction at the treatment accorded themselves and their families who were in the concentration camps. General Wheaton gives General Bell great credit for his indefatigability in conducting the campaign. He was aided on horseback day and night, personally superintending the most arduous operations.

The people of Manila are delighted at the prospect of a resumption of trade with the pacified provinces and are anxious to show General Chief Wheaton and Bell their appreciation of the fact that the insurrection is really over.

About 3,500 rifles have been received by the American officers in Batangas and Laguna provinces during the last four months. General Malvar personally requested an interview with General Bell in order to make his complete submission.

The lack of news from the island of Samar is due to a defective cable. It is believed, however, that the American commander received the surrender of all the insurgents in Samar, unless the planned proceedings were altered.

ST. LOUIS, April 17.—Governor General W. H. Taft of the Philippines, who is here for a conference with the world's fair officials, speaking of the situation in the islands is over when thirty provinces are pacified and only two remain to be brought under civil control. And I do not expect to see these three provinces in rebellion very long.

MISS STONE MAY BE ENJOINED.

Contract Will Not Permit Her to Deliver Other Addresses.

BOSTON, Mass., April 17.—Miss Ellen M. Stone, the missionary recently returned from Bulgaria, has been summoned to appear in the superior court equity session tomorrow to show cause why she should not be enjoined from delivering a lecture describing her captivity tomorrow evening and Monday evening as planned. The bill in equity is brought by a lecture bureau, the complainant alleging that it made a contract with the defendant through her brother, acting as agent, and that she will violate the terms if she delivers the proposed lectures.

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BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

The fruit crop outlook in Kansas is very encouraging.

Governor Otell of New York will spend six weeks in California. J. D. McFarland, formerly of Lincoln, died last week at Los Angeles, Cal.

The bank of Milligan, Neb., was robbed of a considerable sum by safe blowers. News has been received of the loss of the American ship Iroquois in the Java sea.

Lord Kimberley, the liberal statesman, who has been ill for some time, died on the 9th.

The regents of the Minnesota State university have refused to accept the resignation of Prof. Thomas Shaw, well known all over the country as an expert in sheep and cattle husbandry.

The senate committee on foreign relations considered, but did not finally pass upon, the bill granting an annuity of \$5,000 a year to Miss Clara Barton for her services as president of the Red Cross.

A total of 175 cases and 157 deaths from cholera were reported in Manila on the 7th. The natives are making great efforts to break the quarantine established and in so doing one native has been killed.

Ex-Secretary John W. Foster has accepted an invitation to deliver the oration at the dedication of the soldiers' and sailors' monument in Indianapolis, Ind., in May.

The Mexican Central passenger train was wrecked by an open switch at Gomez Palacio, near Torreon. The train was killed and the Pullman conductor fatally injured.

The trial of Berry Howard of Bell county, charged with being one of the five principals in the murder of William Goebel, was begun in the Franklin circuit court at Frankfort, Ky.

More than 150,000 shares of the Choctaw, Oklahoma & Gulf railroad stock have been deposited in favor of Speyer & Co. of New York. The total number of shares of the road is 236,000.

George Gray Wood, who is in San Francisco arranging for the Great Pacific ocean cable, says that next Thanksgiving day the United States will be doing business with Honolulu by wire.

The liabilities of Lord Francis Hope, who has become bankrupt, are announced to be \$75,000. Of this amount \$45,000 is claimed on a bill of exchange given to May Yoho, his divorced wife.

A son of John S. Sargent, the famous American portrait painter, has been appointed one of the pages who will attend the queen at the coronation. The pages will hold her majesty's train in the procession.

It is expected that the work on a railroad from Valdez to Eagle City, Alaska, will begin shortly and will be rushed to completion without delay. The company which it is said will construct the road is an English and American concern and capitalized at \$2,000,000.

The Patriotic League of the Revolution has petitioned congress to secure a pension for Theodore R. Timpey, who it is alleged, is the true inventor of the revolving turret used on the Monitor in his battle with the Merrimack. He is a native of Duchesne county, New York.

Justice Hagner in the district supreme court dismissed the petition of Hawaii. The president has decided not to make any change in the government of Hawaii.

George W. Saunders has been named by the president as Indian agent at the Santee agency. The agency is to be discontinued after July 1.

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GLOOMY FOR RHEA

CITIZENS OF DODGE COUNTY OPPOSED TO COMMUTATION.

SENTIMENT AGAINST PRISONER

Governor Savage Has Listened to What the People Have to Say About the Matter—Will Likely Let the Law Take its Course.

FREMONT, Neb., April 16.—When Governor Savage was here a few days ago two petitions signed by 450 residents of Dodge county in and around Striker, Snyder and Dodge, containing strong remonstrances against any exercise of executive clemency in the case of William Rhea, condemned to suffer death for the murder of Herman Zahn, were presented to him. A delegation of three prominent Fremont citizens, who are also leading republicans, waited upon the governor at the railroad passenger station and told him that from five to six thousand names more could be secured to the same petitions in the county if they would influence his final decision.

To a newspaper correspondent Governor Savage expressed himself as follows in relation to Rhea's case and the applications which have been made to have his sentence of death commuted to life imprisonment: "If I could have positive assurance that no governor after me would shorten the sentence or grant a pardon I would not hesitate to commute William Rhea's sentence of death to life imprisonment in the state penitentiary. I would do it today. I believe that Rhea committed a heinous crime, and that he should suffer for it. From the information that I have received as to the case, however, I cannot but believe that he does not deserve worse punishment for the killing of Herman Zahn than does the man who was sentenced to the penitentiary for life for the same deed. This is my opinion, and it is the sentiment of many leading citizens who have petitioned me to commute Rhea's sentence."

"When I say that the possibility of a future governor granting a full commutation or giving Rhea a full pardon is the only thing that causes me to doubt the wisdom of changing the death decree of the court, I am telling you more than I have told anyone else. My reasons for taking this position are that Rhea is young and has been influenced by evil companions; that he was tried in a community where he had no friends and at a time when adverse sentiment was most pronounced; that his companions, one of whom at least, was equally guilty with himself, did not receive the extreme penalty of the law; that the intent to commit murder was not clearly shown at the trial, and finally that the refusal of the supreme court to give him a new trial was not unanimous."

FRANKLIN, Neb., April 16.—A man about 35 years old was killed here by the Burlington eastbound flyer No. 14. Papers