

RUSH AID TO RUNDLE

British Forces at Bloemfontein Further Depleted to Help Him.

HOT FIGHTING FOLLOWS THE ATTEMPT

Boers Evacuate Leuw Kop to the South, Removing Guns First.

REPORTS INCLUDE MANY MISSING

Burgbers Continue Their Tactics of Cutting Off Small Bands.

RUSSIAN BALLOONISTS TO AID BURGHERS

Body of Aeronauts Departs for South Africa from St. Petersburg to Organize a Military Balloon Service.

LONDON, April 23.—The War office last evening issued the following dispatch from Lord Roberts, dated Bloemfontein, Monday, April 23: "Yesterday I dispatched the Eleventh division, under General Pole-Carew, and two brigades of cavalry, under General French, from this point to assist General Rundle. The forces reached Karietfontein without much opposition.

"Casualties reported: Welsh regiment, private killed; Captain Prother mortally wounded, and seven men.

"Yorkshires, eight wounded.

"Fifteenth Hussars, one killed, one wounded.

"Fourteenth Hussars, one wounded.

"Royal Artillery, two wounded.

"Seventh Dragoons, Lieutenant Jenkins and ten men missing.

"Captain Cotton, Royal Artillery, broke an arm by a fall.

"General Pole-Carew's mounted infantry seized Leuw kop, a high hill a few miles north of their last night's position. The enemy evacuated hurriedly, leaving some rifles and ammunition.

"General Rundle reports that twenty-five men of the First Worcesters are missing. Fifty-three were sent with Wood to an outpost after dark and only eighteen returned. Their numbers and names will be reported today as well as those of the wounded men removed in ambulances and placed on board a train bound for Netley.

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"Later Messines Ronalds and Blow repaired to Netley hospital to present the patients from the Maine with gifts of tobacco and pipes inscribed 'A. H. S. Maine'.

"REBELS SENTENCED AT CAPE TOWN. Imprisonment for Six Months to Five Years. CAPE TOWN, April 23.—The trial of six rebels was begun here today in spite of an application for a postponement of the proceedings on the ground that a fair trial was impossible at this place.

"Three of the prisoners were sentenced to five years' imprisonment each. The sentence imposed upon the others varied from three years to six months, according to their ages.

"Warren Gets Another Job. DURBAN, April 23.—General Sir Charles Warren has been appointed administrator of Bechuanaland. He sailed yesterday for Cape Town.

SUFFERING IS INDESCRIBABLE

Human Beings to Be Used in Place of Bullets to Be Tilted.

CALCUTTA, April 23.—The latest official reports from the famine district say that the misery existing is indescribable and unparalleled and that the present relief is quite inadequate. They add that the mortality among the cattle is also so severe that the authorities are trying to adapt farm implements so that human power can replace that of oxen. Such a change of measure has never before been necessary, even in the greatest scarcity of animals.

"It is also announced that the natives are developing ugly feelings and are attacking Europeans. A great crowd Friday murdered a party of soldiers at Shapur, the military center of the north-west provinces. The soldiers were rescued with difficulty and in an unconscious condition.

"A district lost 1,000,000 cattle out of 1,300,000 and almost numberless human beings were found dead from starvation. In addition children were found wandering in all directions, homeless, naked and emaciated, and cases were reported of children being sold. The official reports fully confirm the worst stories of the terrible nature of the distress.

WARNING TO UNITED STATES

Vienna Correspondent Talks of Widespread Hostility to This Country on the Continent.

LONDON, April 24.—The Vienna correspondent of the Times says: "The Boer peace commissioners will not be sheltered by the rocks the enemy opened a heavy fire from a pom-pom on an adjoining ridge. Unable to continue its march to the southeast, General Dickson's brigade fell back to the north to await the infantry attack. The flanking movement having failed General Pole-Carew with General Stevens' brigade advanced in crescent from the south and west with the object of enveloping the kopje. The Welsh Warwicks, Essex and Dorsetshire regiments advanced in the extended line, covering the west, while the Guards brigade took up a position to the south with two field batteries and naval guns.

"The British cavalry were checked. Colonel Alderson worked partially around the flank of Leuw kop, but he was not supported. The move checked the enemy, but fear of nightfall precluded the possibility of a battle.

"BLAEMFONTEIN, April 23.—Colonel Alderson's corps of mounted infantry, consisting of the first battalions of the First and Second Canadian regiments and Strathcona Horse, was engaged in the operations of General Pole-Carew and General French. Alderson had undertaken to drive the Boers from their line of defense south of the water works.

"The Canadians sustained a heavy fire. The Boers shelled Alderson, who made a marching movement around Leuw kop. When the British battery opened fire the Boers removed the gun. Leuw kop was freed evacuated this morning. General Dickinson's cavalry brigade made a wide detour to the left and found its further progress barred by a strong Boer position.

"Closing in on Boshof. LONDON, April 23.—The Daily Telegraph has the following from Boshof, April 23: "The Boers are closing in on Boshof. Their nearest laager is five miles distant. Communication with Kimberley is still open.

"General Rundle is apparently advancing slowly toward Wepener, every step being closely contested by the Boers. From the republican side there is a good deal of interesting news today. A Thaba N'Chu dispatch, dated Friday, April 20, reports the arrival there of Commandants DeWet and Villiers, and an attack upon 3,000 British under General Buller. The latter, of course, is a misstatement, as it is probably General Rundle is meant. The British, it is added, occupied some kopjes, but their left wing driven back. The Boer loss was one killed and wounded.

"Lambert Bay, Monday, April 23.—Colonel Alderson is engaged at Wepener. It is reported that the Boers have crossed to the north side of the Caledon river.

"Boers Report Big British Loss. BOER CAMP, Thaba N'Chu, O. F. S., Sunday, April 23.—Robertson Lower Mill is reported to have been captured April 21, and it is said that the Cape mounted rifles have lost over the slope 120 out of 500 men. The British prisoners defy the burghers to capture Dalgety's camp, even if the British are not reinforced.

"The number of relatives are fighting on opposite sides at Wepener. Fighting continues day and night at Jammersberg drift. The English trenches have been so full of rain that the men have been obliged every now and then to clamber to the banks, only to be shot down. The Boers were so entrenched on Saturday that they were unable to sleep, so they started a debate on the subject of 'Good to Be Derived from Virtue and Courage.' The discussion lasted most of the night, shells at intervals interrupting the speakers.

"Russians to Form Balloon Service. ST. PETERSBURG, April 23.—The papers announce the departure for South Africa of a body of aeronauts to organize a military balloon service for the Transvaal. They took the necessary balloons and accessories with them.

HOSPITAL SHIP MAINE ARRIVES

Hesperus Southampton Ahead of Time—Wounded Taken to Netley. SOUTHAMPTON, April 23.—The hospital ship Maine arrived here from South Africa this morning, unexpectedly early. A small group of friends of those on board awaited its arrival and vigorously waved their hands and handkerchiefs as they recognized Lady Randolph Churchill on the deck of the steamer. Lady Churchill, who was in the hospital, wore a blue serge dress and straw sailor hat with a ribbon inscribed 'A. H. S. Maine' (American Hospital Ship Maine). Immediately after the vessel was moored the officers boarded the Maine and within an hour all the wounded men were removed in ambulances and placed on board a train bound for Netley.

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NEAR A DECISION ON QUAY

Senate Begins Two Days Debate on His Right to a Seat.

CHANDLER DENIES QUAY-CLARK BARGAIN

In Support of the Former He Refutes the Rumor as the Fictitious of a Diseased Brain.

WASHINGTON, April 23.—A two days' debate on the right of M. S. Quay to a seat in the senate from Pennsylvania was begun almost immediately after the senate convened today. Until today the debate had been desultory in character. Tomorrow at 4 p. m., under a special order, the case is to be disposed of. A direct vote upon the proposition to seat Quay may not be taken immediately after the close of the debate.

"Chandler has a motion pending to seat Quay, but it is held by the senate parliamentarians that every subsidiary motion will take precedence over Chandler's motion. These include motions indefinitely to postpone to a definite date, to recommit to the committee, and to amend. How the senate will vote on any of them is a matter of speculation.

"In support of Quay's right to a seat, speeches were delivered today by Chandler, Kenney of Delaware and Penrose of Pennsylvania. Platt of Connecticut and Quarles of Wisconsin delivered speeches in opposition to Quay.

"Chandler urged the senators to consider the question as merely one of constitutional construction.

"No Quay-Clark Bargain. "Suggestions have been floating about, said he, 'as to some bargain between the friends of Senator Quay and the friends of another senator, whose right to a seat has also been called in question (Senator Clark).'

"I shall not waste time on these rumors, because I have been requested by both sides to deny that there is the slightest ground for these rumors. They are a mere figment of a diseased imagination."

"Chandler then stated what he considered the obvious construction and interpretation of the constitution, which was that the senate at all times should have a full representation from all the states. He held, too, that the governor of Pennsylvania was not bound in this case by the provisions of the constitution of Pennsylvania, requiring that the governor should call the legislature together to fill vacancies in the senatorial representation, because the constitution of that state was called in question by the proceedings of the Pennsylvania legislature, and during a session of the legislature, as indicated by the Pennsylvania constitution, but during a session of the legislature, as indicated by the Pennsylvania constitution, but during a session of the legislature, as indicated by the Pennsylvania constitution.

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"Platt Replies to Chandler. Platt of Connecticut replied to Chandler, saying that in his opinion the one question which lies in the forefront of the discussion was whether a senator can ever be regarded as settled in the senate of the United States. In the senate, now in the 112th year of its existence, to observe the almost unbroken line of precedents, or to be governed by political and personal friendships?

"I am sorry," continued Platt, "that any senator should make a charge against sixteen senators that they voted against a senator because of personal or political reasons and not on constitutional grounds. This charge is one which reflects greater dishonor on the senate than any that has ever been made. I do not believe it. No enemy of the senate could say, it seems to me, that the votes of sixteen senators were cast against Corbett because he was a supporter of the gold standard.

"The senate is on trial at the bar of public opinion," said Platt in conclusion. "This case is known throughout the length and breadth of the land. It is known that this case resembles that of Corbett. The senate should know why the people will want to know why the senate changes front. They will hear it has been said on the floor of this chamber that senators voted against Corbett because of certain political considerations rather than on constitutional grounds. This is why I implore senators to stand by former decisions of the senate; why I appeal to them to stand by a long line of settled action. Once the precedents are overturned, seats in this body will become the sport of political expediency."

"Delaware's Governor Warning. During his address Kenney of Delaware, in response to a question from Illinois, said that the governor of Delaware was waiting for a decision in the Quay case before acting on the vacancy that existed in the senatorial representation of that state.

"What will he do?" inquired Tillman. "The democratic governor of Delaware," replied Kenney, "if Quay should be seated, will give credentials to a senator from that state."

"Penrose maintained with Chandler that the question presented was one purely of constitutional construction and on that premise he presented a long constitutional argument. Without having concluded his speech Penrose at 6:33 p. m. yielded for an executive session and at 6:28 the senate adjourned.

POSTOFFICE DEBATE IN THE HOUSE

WASHINGTON, April 23.—The house today entered upon consideration of the post-office general appropriation bill, and the general debate, which closed with the adjournment at 11:45 p. m., was largely a discussion of pertinent matters.

"The minority of the committee dissented from the provisions in the bill relating to the extension of the pneumatic tube service, special fast mail facilities and the cost of railroad transportation and these were the main subjects of contention.

"Made Mad by Overstudy. HURON, S. D., April 23.—(Special Telegram.)—News has reached here that Ed H. Aplin became violently insane at the Briggs house in Chicago Sunday morning. He had been in ill health for some time as the result of overwork and a too close study of the 'faith cure' problem. Signs of mental derangement manifested themselves and with his wife he went to Chicago last Tuesday for medical treatment. Mr. and Mrs. Aplin are among Huron's most prominent citizens. He was senator from Beadle county one term and served four years as state attorney. He had a large practice and was one of the foremost lawyers of the state. His father resides with a son at Britton, S. D., and was formerly a Methodist preacher in Waukesha and Appleton, Wis.

DIVIDE THE JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Iowa is to Have Another Place for Holding Sessions of the Federal Court.

WASHINGTON, April 23.—(Special Telegram.)—The judiciary committee of the house today reported favorably Congress and the senate have agreed to divide the district of the Southern district of Iowa for judicial purposes. Reasons for the enactment of the measure are briefly stated by Representative Littlefield, who made the report. The bill creates no new offices and consequently no increase in the number of judicial positions. The bill is amended by striking out Montgomery county, the counties in the new division being Lucas, Clark, Union, Adair, Adams, Fremont, Page, Taylor, Ringgold, Decatur, Wayne and Appanoose. Rooms for the court are to be furnished free of expense to the government.

"Congressman Stark's boom for the governorship of Nebraska was launched today by local newspapers, which say that Nebraska who have returned to the capital from their week-end home last week state that Plumb, populist, from the Fourth Nebraska district is likely to be brought out to head the populist ticket against Poynter, who is in bad favor just at present and who has more pronounced middle-of-the-road views than Plumb's selfish, Stark, who has been a good deal of a hater for the interests of his constituency since he has been in congress, when asked whether there was any truth in the rumor, said that so far as he knew there is no truth whatever in the statement, and that he is wholly unauthorized. He said he enjoyed congressional life, but if the people should elect to have him stay at home he would be found content with their verdict.

"Sutherland from the Fifth district is worried over the election in his belt, which is being to patch up his fences, but returning Nebraska to Washington say that it looks as if Shallenbeger of Alma would get the democratic nomination, thereby compelling the populists to fuse.

"Congressman Mercer will leave for Omaha on Monday to attend the congressional district convention, which meets Saturday.

"The senate conferees on the Indian bill have agreed to take out of the appropriation bill the amendment appropriating \$5,000 for the construction of a telephone line from Chamberlain, S. D., to the Lower Brule, Crow Creek and Grace Mission agencies, which the senate inserted. The conferees also receded from their amendment increasing the cost of the Indian insane asylum at Canton, S. D.

"The senate adjourns at 10:30. The Fourteenth infantry, U. S. A., is in Washington on leave from the Philippines. Mr. Edwards was appointed to West Point by the late James Laird. He is here for treatment and will return to his regiment as soon as able. Mr. Edwards' mother resides in Omaha, Neb.

"The currency has been advised of the following change in officials of Iowa national banks: The Atlantic National bank, Atlantic, W. Niles, cashier, in place of T. C. Turner; T. P. Broome, assistant cashier, in place of L. W. Niles; the Farmers' National bank of Deane, A. Clark, cashier, in place of E. E. Prime; R. F. Dorow, assistant cashier.

"An order was issued establishing a post-office at Sherwood, Calhoun county, Ia., with Elvin E. Schwartz as postmaster. The post-office at Cass Jones county, Ia., has been ordered discontinued; mail will be sent to Anamosa.

"P. A. Mullin has been appointed postmaster at Warsaw, Wayne county, Ia.

CLARK CANNOT HAVE A SEAT

Report of Senate Committee Arranges His Election Methods—Senate Must Protect Its Good Name.

WASHINGTON, April 23.—Senator Chandler, from the senate committee on privileges and elections, today submitted to the senate the report of that committee in the case of Senator Clark of Montana. The report is comparatively brief, covering only the facts of the case, and does not rehearse the testimony, but simply presents the findings of the committee and its reasons for its course. The finding of the committee is stated as follows: "The finding of the committee is that the election to the senate of William A. Clark, Montana, is null and void on account of bribery, attempted bribery and corrupt practices by his agents and of violation of the laws of Montana defining and punishing crimes against the election franchise.

"In view of this finding the committee reports and unambiguously recommends the adoption by the senate of the following resolution: 'Resolved, That William A. Clark was not duly and legally elected to the senate of the United States by the legislature of the state of Montana.'

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MORE FLOODS IN THE SOUTH

Pouring Rains Continue to Swell the Already High Rivers.

DANGER TO LIFE AND PROPERTY IS GREAT

Estimated Saturday that Three Million Dollars Worth of Property Property Had Been Destroyed—Damage Increases.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., April 23.—Pouring rains continue throughout the flood districts of the south and the danger to lives and property is becoming more grave.

"It was thought Saturday that the crisis was passed, but in many localities the rain is falling again with increased violence. Late reports to the weather bureau show within the last twelve hours throughout the flooded country.

"It was estimated last Saturday that \$3,000,000 worth of private property had already been destroyed and it is now thought probable that this damage will be heavily increased.

"Mail and telegraph communications have been destroyed between the smaller towns in Mississippi and Alabama south of Jackson, the northern limit of the flood.

"Negroes Reported Drowned. Many farmhouses have been swept away, the occupants barely escaping with their lives. A drowning of a family of seven in Alabama is reported from Jackson, Miss. The flood district is roughly bounded by a line drawn from Mobile up the Tombigbee river to the center of the state of Alabama, thence west through Jackson, Miss., to the Mississippi river.

"Around Columbia, Miss., every railroad and wagon bridge is reported washed away and first crops are a total loss. At Enterprise, Miss., the water stands five feet in the houses and stores. At Meridian, Miss., the water has risen reported at six feet in the streets, and rising.

"Timber and buildings are reported destroyed at Ellisville, Meridian, Desoto and throughout the Bayou Pierre district in Mississippi and numerous small points in Alabama. Report great damage. Trains on the Mobile and Gulf coast line which have not been abandoned entirely are running only in the daylight owing to the dangerous condition of the tracks. The Louisville and Nashville's New Orleans line, which was abandoned last week, is now being run in two by the destruction of a four-span bridge over the West Pascagoula river near Scranton. Arrangements have been made to ferry passengers across the break.

"Thousands of people in the small water-bound towns of Mississippi are reported on the brink of starvation.

"Desperate State at Mobile. MOBILE, Ala., April 23.—The flood disaster around Mobile shows a more desperate condition today and every hour the loss is growing greater. The Louisville and Nashville railroad, which has heretofore been free from any damage and has been hauling the freight and passenger of the Illinois Central and Northwestern & Mobile and Ohio roads for the past six days, is now a sufferer also.

"The bridge over West Pascagoula river, four miles from Scranton, was washed away last night