

BOER ENVOYS COMING

Commission to Sail for the United States Next Thursday.

NOTHING TO HOPE FOR FROM EUROPE

Netherlands Government Sends All the European Capitals Without Success.

MORE COMPLAINTS OF LORD ROBERTS

Failure of Elaborate Operations to Entrap Boers Causing Dissatisfaction.

CHASE BY FRENCH'S CAVALRY FRUITLESS

English Army's Need of Remounts Greater Than Ever—Roberts Decides to Abandon His Policy of Lenceny.

THE HAGUE, April 29.—The members of the Boer peace commission will sail for Rotterdam for the United States next Thursday evening by the Holland-American line steamship Maandam.

Dr. Leyds and Dr. Mueller will not accompany the delegates. The delegates will visit Amsterdam tomorrow.

LONDON, April 30.—The sudden decision of the Boer peace delegate to go to America is attributed to the fact that the government of the Netherlands, after sounding all the European capitals, told them they had nothing to hope for from Europe.

Failure of Roberts' Maneuvers.

The only dispatch from Lord Roberts published yesterday was the usual list of deaths and sickness. The flood of newspaper dispatches today, describing the recent operations, throws no light whatever upon the present position of affairs or upon the great question as to when the main advance is to begin.

The Standard's announcement that General French's cavalry is returning to Bloemfontein is clear proof that there is no further hope of catching the retreating Boers and the London papers are beginning to display impatience at the practical failure of the elaborate operations of last week.

The Standard says: "It is disheartening to find that these elaborate maneuvers have had so small a result."

The Daily Chronicle remarks: "We are reluctant to criticize Lord Roberts, but it is impossible to shut our eyes to the fact that during the last ten days we have gained very little from our enormous display of force."

Without doubt, these operations have been of a very exhausting nature and will entail further delay. The Bloemfontein correspondent of the Times, writing on March 3, after the Paardeberg affair, describes Lord Roberts' army as a "wreck," because it was without horses and without transport.

The Bloemfontein correspondent of the Post speaks now of the urgent need at present and always of more horses. There is very little news from other quarters.

The Daily Mail publishes a statement from Colonel Long, who was blamed for the loss of guns at Colenso, that in advancing the guns he did but merely obey orders and that the staff was quite ignorant of the proximity of the Boer positions.

Engagement at Karee Siding.

Colonel Dalery's force at Weperer numbered 1,700. His losses during the siege were thirty killed and 140 wounded.

It is reported that there was an artillery engagement yesterday at Karee Siding, near Bloemfontein, but no details have been received.

The Durban correspondent of the Standard, telegraphing Saturday, says: "It is reported on good authority that the Kloppers commando has left Bignersburg to assist in opposing the relief column."

By the relief column is meant the troops going by way of Breda to the aid of Paikley.

Roberts Announces Lenceny Policy.

BLOEMFONTEIN, April 29.—The recent operations have tended to clear the military situation. General Potte-Carew, proceeding through the country, has brought home to the Free Staters the fact that the policy of Lenceny has been abandoned.

The Boers are evidently returning to concentrate to oppose the British advance. Now that Thaba N'Chu, as well as the approaches, is strongly held, Ladybrand, with the unfriendly Basutos lining the border, is rendered a position of great difficulty.

The gravity of which will be accentuated from the moment the British advance begins.

It is understood that the British will continue to hold Thaba N'Chu owing to its strategic importance to a series of the Boer view of checking future raids. The commando that had recently been operating in the direction of Thaba N'Chu are melting away, the Boers quietly returning to their farms and many of them taking the oath of alliance has shown, however, in many cases that this is only a pretense to enable the Boers to create disturbances on the rear of the British and vigorous methods will probably be necessary to force real disarmament.

IRISH M. P. CANNOT HARANGUE

Member Flynn Prevented from Making Speech at Newmarket by Two Hundred Police.

NEWMARKET, Ireland, April 29.—When James C. Flynn, member of Parliament for the north division of Cork county, had declared his intention of addressing a meeting of the United Irish league, scheduled to take place here today, endeavored to enter the town he found his way barred by 200 police, who stopped his attempt to force a passage. Flynn protested and he was subsequently allowed to pass, giving an understanding not to address a meeting in Newmarket or its immediate vicinity. There was no disturbance of public order.

BISHOP PRAISES THE BRITISH

Tells How They Aid the Work of Missions.

NEW YORK, April 29.—Bishop Hartzell, the missionary bishop to Africa of the Methodist Episcopal church in this country, preached this morning at St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal church. He arrived in New York Saturday, having just returned from a tour through West and South Africa.

PLAGUE OF WOMEN A TERROR

What an Army Surgeon Says of the Amateur Nurses in South Africa.

(Copyright, 1900, by Press Publishing Co.) LONDON, April 29.—(New York World Cablegram—Special Telegram.)—Frederick Treves, a famous surgeon just returned from the war, was entertained with Sir William Barron at a banquet of the Red Cross club last night presided over by Lord Rosebery. Dr. Treves took occasion to administer a stinging rebuke to the smart ladies suffering from khaki fever who have gone as alleged nurses to the front. He said: "So far as the sick are concerned, there are only two plagues in South Africa—a plague of flies and a plague of women. The flies we get rid of by household wipers and other appliances, and the flies at least depart at night, but the women are absolutely and really a terror. They came out in guise of army nurses, after having exhausted every other form of excitement. Considering the war in which we are engaged the number of well dressed ladies in Capetown and elsewhere giving picnics is a blot on the campaign."

FIGHT AT ISRAEL'S POORT

Details of Thursday's Engagement in Which Twenty Canibons Were Killed and Wounded.

LONDON, April 30.—A special dispatch from Thaba N'Chu, dated Thursday, describing the fight at Israel's Poort, which is about seven miles west of Thaba N'Chu, says: "Three hundred Boers were strongly entrenched on two kopjes. The place of honor was given to the Canadians, who advanced very cleverly under their dashing commander, Colonel Otter. The Boers reserved their fire until the Canadians had reached the fire entanglement, then they opened with a terrific hail of bullets."

"The Canadians, however, had taken good cover and were not greatly damaged. They were only slightly wounded in the assault by the Grahamstown horse. Successive rushes brought them right up to the kopjes, when Colonel Otter was struck twice, one bullet inflicting a nasty but not dangerous wound in the neck and the other tearing the handgrips from his shoulder. But he still cheered his men on until the kopjes were carried. The Boers bolted. The British losses were twenty killed and wounded."

"I learn that yesterday Boer reinforcements from Brandfort came too late to assist their comrades. We found a helicopter sent by the president Steyn to General Botha, saying it was undesirable to send more troops to Fourteen Streams, as the Boers were already too weak between Bloemfontein and Kroonstad, and because there were 50,000 British at Bloemfontein. The farmers around here have all been ordered to take their sheep and cattle along."

The Bloemfontein correspondent of the Standard, telegraphing Sunday, says: "The Boers have taken every advantage of the mountainous nature of the country which marks the line of their retreat to Ladybrand. The task of driving them is difficult, and it is doubtful whether they can be reduced to submission in a district so favorable to their tactics."

"I have visited a British outpost, the one nearest Brandfort. The Boers show the most anxiety to learn the probable line of our advance and they declare they will not fire a shot from Brandfort, as they wish to save the town from bombardment."

"The enemy are entrenched on the hills southwest of Brandfort, but they are unlikely to resist any serious stand until we reach Kroonstad."

The Bloemfontein correspondent of the Daily Chronicle, telegraphing Saturday, says: "A cavalry reconnaissance twenty-five miles northeast encountered 400 Boers. The British drove them out of a kopje north of Karee."

"Our outposts are still harassed by moving commandos. In an outpost affair on Sunday several Boers were killed. The enemy will certainly make a serious stand at here, where they have constructed miles of trenches."

REGENTS CHARGED WITH MURDER

He Was Unwilling to Make War Munitions for Own Part.

LONDON, April 30.—A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Johannesburg, dated Thursday, says: "Personal examination at the scene of the Begbie works shows that the works were destroyed by the explosion beyond repair, probably, although the shell making plant may be transferred to another factory."

"Mr. Begbie was charged with murder. He is suspected by the Boers of having blown up his works, which cost £400,000, in order to revenge himself for the affront of being compelled to manufacture munitions of war for the enemy."

CHICAGO OFFICER MURDERED

Desk Sergeant O'Connell Killed on a Viaduct, Supposedly by Foot-pads—One Arrested.

CHICAGO, April 29.—Desk Sergeant Timothy S. O'Connell of the Woodlawn police station was shot and instantly killed on the Eighteenth street viaduct tonight. The shooting is a mystery. Two men were seen running away from the scene of the murder after the shots were heard. When the body was found the officer's revolver was clutched tightly in his right hand. The weapon had not been discharged.

Near the remains was a black derby hat, which it is thought belonged to the murderer. Two hours after the shooting James Saura was arrested because he was found without a hat. It is thought by the police that either one or two men attempted to hold up the officer, who was mistaken for an ordinary citizen because he was dressed in civilian clothing and that when he drew his revolver the robbers shot him.

SUICIDE OF MINNIE WRAY

Lincoln Girl Takes Her Life by Shooting at the Palmer House in Chicago.

CHICAGO, April 29.—Miss Minnie M. Wray of Lincoln, Neb., was found dead in her room on the sixth floor of the Palmer house today, with her brain pierced by a bullet fired by her own hand.

Miss Wray, who was 22 years old, evidently stood before a mirror and by its reflection aimed the shot which ended her life.

LINCOLN, April 29.—(Special Telegram.)—Minnie Wray was not very well known here. She was employed for a few months as stenographer at one of the leading dry goods houses. Her reputation was excellent. She made her home in Lincoln with her brother, who is employed as a brakeman on the Burlington. He can give no reason why his sister should shoot herself.

DEWEY'S TRIP NONPOLITICAL

His Western Journal, He Says, Will Be Made as Adminal.

IMPERIAL LUXURY ON BOARD HIS TRAIN

Three Handsome Cars for the Use of the Party—Admiral's Flag Painted on the Car Windows.

WASHINGTON, April 29.—Admiral Dewey was seen today at his home just before leaving the city for Chicago and was asked if he had any statement to make about the presidency.

"No," said he. "I think it would be in bad taste for me to say anything of a political nature just at this time. As the admiral of the navy I accepted the invitations to visit Chicago, St. Louis, St. Paul, Memphis, Nashville and Knoxville, which cities had asked me to be their guest; and I do not wish anything political to enter into the trip."

Accompanied by Mrs. Dewey and his private secretary, Lieutenant Caldwell, the admiral left here today at noon in a special train over the Baltimore & Ohio railroad for Chicago, to participate in the celebration of the second anniversary of the battle of Manila.

The train was one of the finest which has ever left the capital city and is scheduled to reach Chicago at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning. It consisted of three handsome cars, fitted with every luxury to insure the greatest possible comfort for the travelers.

Upon the central windows of either side of the three cars was painted the admiral's flag and the hotel car was profusely decorated with flowers and pulled plants.

Just before the train pulled out of the station, Mrs. Dewey was presented with a handsome bouquet of flowers by a young man. Probably 1,000 people were on hand and a cheer went up as the train pulled out. J. H. Maddy of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad accompanied the party in order to give his personal supervision to the trip.

THINK DEWEY WILL SAIL AWAY

Author of the Wilson Bill Talks of His Candidacy.

KANSAS CITY, April 29.—William L. Wilson, author of the Wilson tariff bill, while in this city on the way from Hot Springs, Ark., to New Orleans, St. Louis, North Carolina, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia, it is contended, are substantially the same as the Kentucky constitution and statute regulating the procedure on the trial of a contested election for governor.

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"There can no longer be a doubt in the mind of anyone who considers the situation fairly that at least 1,500,000 of the 2,000,000 populist votes cast for Mr. Bryan in 1896 will this year be lost to him and cast for the presidential candidate of the people's party. The democratic leaders know this fact is made clear by the course of Hill, Patterson, Gorman and their associates."

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B'NAI BRITH PROXIES VOID

Sixteen American Delegates Representing Foreign Lodges Without Authority Barred from Voting.

CHICAGO, April 29.—Sixteen delegates to the convention of the grand lodge of the Independent Order of B'nai B'rith, which held its first session at the Auditorium today, were denied the right to vote in the deliberations of the body.

The delegates were denied the right to vote because they were not duly elected. The majority of the delegates were proxy representatives.

All the delegates who have been prevented from voting are from the United States, some of them living in Chicago and others in St. Louis, Denver, New Orleans and San Francisco. It appears that there were no delegates appointed to the present convention by the lodges in the foreign countries named, with the exception of one, Sigmund Borgel of Berlin, and proxy delegates were selected from the lodges in this country without the formality of an election.

Victor Abraham of Cincinnati was elected chairman, Dr. S. B. Wolfe of New Orleans secretary and Nat Strauss of New Orleans assistant secretary. Henry W. Cane of New York, Jacob Pursh of St. Louis, P. L. Worme of Scranton, Pa., Jacob Greenbaum of San Francisco, Joseph Salates of Washington, Adolph Freund of Detroit, Jacques Loeb of Montgomery, Ala., and Sigmund Borgel of Berlin were elected vice presidents for the first eight districts of the lodge in the order named.

A message from the president of the executive committee, Julius Ben, dwelt at length on the past work of the organization along educational, charitable and fraternal lines, and made a number of suggestions for its future welfare. After the reading of the message an adjournment was taken until tomorrow.

The organization in the United States is divided into ten districts, and the convention will revise the laws and pass legislation for the government of the subordinate lodges. President Julius Ben of New York occupied the chair when the convention was called to order.

Theosophists Name Officers.

COLUMBIAS, O., April 29.—The annual meeting of the American Theosophical association was held in this city today. About 30 delegates were in attendance, representing twenty branches. The officers were chosen by ballot and the following were elected: President, William L. Wray, New York; Secretary, G. E. Carter, Chicago; William Main, New York; Treasurer, F. W. Wayne, W. P. Wayne, New York, and J. D. Bond, Fort Wayne.

BECKHAM'S CAUSE IS STATED

Brief to Be Filed for Him in the Federal Supreme Court Today.

WASHINGTON, April 29.—Lewis McQuinn, attorney for J. C. W. Beckham, has prepared and will file his brief tomorrow in the supreme court in the case of Beckham vs. the United States.

On the motion to disallow, for want of jurisdiction in the supreme court, it is contended that the provisions of the constitution and statutes of Kentucky, governing the trial of contested elections for governor, applied to Beckham.

"It will be perceived that by the provisions of the Kentucky statute notice of the contest, specifying the grounds, must be given within thirty days after the action of the canvassing board; the members of the board must be selected by lot and sworn to by the contestant; the board is required to assign a day for hearing the contest and may adjourn from day to day; it has power to compel the attendance of witnesses and to swear them; it may compel the production of papers and records; six members may render a decision, which must be reported to both houses of the general assembly, which shall finally determine the contest."

"This, it will be seen, that a hearing after reasonable notice is provided, and this is all due process of law means. It is not necessary that the process should issue from a judicial officer. Neither is it necessary that there should be a trial by jury."

The supreme court of the United States in the Iowa Central Railway Company against Iowa, 169 U. S. 432, is quoted to the effect that the fourteenth amendment in no way undertakes to control the power of a state to determine by what process legal rights may be asserted, the method of procedure for these purposes gives reasonable notice and affords a fair opportunity to be heard, before the issues are decided."

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RUSH TO CAPE NOME BEGINS

Revenue of Steamships to Be a Million and a Half Next Month.

SEATTLE, Wash., April 29.—The formal rush to the gold fields of Cape Nome will be inaugurated tomorrow, when the steamer Jeanie of the Pacific Steam Whaling company, the first steamer to start on the trip this year, is scheduled to sail, providing it arrives in the meantime from San Francisco. This vessel will take eighty passengers and 400 tons of freight from this port and expects to be one of the first to reach Nome.

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There were suspicious of foul play and it was finally decided that a thorough investigation should be made. Yesterday afternoon Dr. E. L. Crowson impounded a jury and the woman's remains were exhumed and her stomach removed by Dr. Crowson and Dr. Vilas Martin. Last night a number of witnesses were examined and reports of the stomach was then hermetically sealed and sent to St. Joseph to have its contents analyzed by a chemist there and the inquest was adjourned awaiting the chemist's decision. If he decides Mrs. Clark was poisoned it is understood that the coroner will immediately follow. The suspected party is being kept under constant surveillance by the officers.

MANY HOMELESS AT WACO

Tents Shelter Numerous Families—Flood Situation Much Improved Over that of Saturday.

WACO, Tex., April 29.—The flood situation today is very much improved, the desiccation and suffering being nearly all provided with wearing apparel and foodstuffs. The citizens, especially the business men, gave out large amounts of food, which eliminated the suffering to a great extent. The principal difficulty the committee of organized charity in charge of distribution of supplies is meeting with is a place to house the homeless. Many houses contain several families, while numerous others are living in tents waiting to see if the predicted overflow of the Brazos materializes.

The prospects of the Brazos do not overflow are exceedingly bright, as the river has been steadily falling since yesterday and is now only ten feet above the low water mark. The crop situation in the bottoms is considerably worse than after the former huge general levee ago and many of the crops will have to be replanted, thus throwing the cotton crop, which is already late, backward about six weeks.

TAYLOR TO FACE ACCUSERS

Kentucky's Governor Returns to Frankfort to Silence All Rumors of Malicious Source.

LEXINGTON, Ky., April 29.—Governor W. S. Taylor passed through this city this morning from Washington, bound for Frankfort. He was met by a large number of leading citizens at the depot. He stated that he returned to silence the rumors that he was endeavoring to escape indictment. His friends insist that these rumors were started by someone who took advantage of his absence. After attending to the matter of ascertaining whether there is any indictment against him, he will return to Washington. His wife accompanied him. He is looking well and appreciated the fact that his friends met him. A number of Lexingtonians will go to Frankfort on Monday to aid him in any way within their power.

Week of a Steamer Found.

VANCOUVER, B. C., April 29.—The steamer New England arrived last night from the north coast of British Columbia, one of the larger part of an unknown ship. One of the New England's fishing boats, uncrewed, was discovered on the coast of Charlotte Islands and there found a dismasted schooner. It was evidently from the coast of British Columbia, but its deck and stern had been so smashed on the rocks and the Indians had so completely looted it that no trace of its identity was left. Some bones of animals or men were found in the bottom of the wreck.

Wise Memorial Services Held.

NEW YORK, April 29.—Special memorial services for the late Rabbi Wise, one of the leaders of Judaism in the United States and founder of the Hebrew Union college in Cincinnati, and its president at the time of his death, were held today in the New York Board of Jewish Ministers. Many prominent Hebrew clergymen and laymen were on the platform. Rev. Dr. Koehler, rabbi of Bethel synagogue, delivered the principal address.

Movements of Ocean Vessels, April 29.

At Queenstown—Sailed—Etruria, from Liverpool, for New York.

CONDITION OF THE WEATHER

Forecast for Nebraska—Fair; Cool; Northerly Winds.

Temperature at Omaha yesterday: 5 a. m. 59 1 p. m. 70 6 a. m. 59 2 p. m. 67 7 a. m. 59 3 p. m. 67 8 a. m. 59 4 p. m. 63 9 a. m. 63 5 p. m. 63 10 a. m. 60 6 p. m. 61 11 a. m. 60 7 p. m. 58 12 m. 59 8 p. m. 54

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