

ZAND RIVER CROSSED

Roberts Announces That the Boers Are in Full Retreat.

BETS BEING MADE ON PRETORIA'S FALL

Members of Parliament Wager It Will Occur in Two Months.

STEYN'S TROOPS READY TO GIVE BATTLE

Advance Force of Generals Ruddle and Braubart Fired On.

PRETORIA AUDIENC. COMMANDEERED

All the Men Who Attend a Benefit Performance Made to Join the Army-Horses All Taken.

London, May 11.—The war office has received the following dispatch from Lord Roberts.

Cable Cart. Zand River, May 10.—The enemy are in full retreat. They occupied a position twenty miles in length. Ours was necessarily longer. With the widely scattered force it will take some time to learn the exact position. The cavalry and horse artillery are pursuing the Boers by three different roads.

A short time after this message was received: "Cable Cart Headquarters, at the Front, May 10 (2:10 a. m.).—We are now holding a strong position. The enemy are still holding a strong position, but we are gradually pushing them back."

Setting on Pretoria's Fall.

Members of the House of Commons were freely betting in the lobbies last evening that Lord Roberts would be in Pretoria in two months. The ministerialists are building confidence, hopes upon the comprehensive promise he had communicated to the war office.

Predictions are definitely made that he will be in Kroonstad next Monday and it is believed that his advance force is already reconnoitering in the vicinity of Venters, where the hilly country begins again.

Beyond Kroonstad there is a very difficult country and if the Boers should elect to fight, it is possible they could check the progress of the British until the cavalry have had time to ride around their flank and threaten their rear.

From 15,000 to 20,000 is the highest estimate of the Boers under General Botha. He said to have forty-six guns. Botha and General De Wet are reported to have quarreled.

Lord Roberts is pressing hard after this force with 25,000 men and 140 guns and 20,000 mules are easily available. Lord Roberts' summary of results are not followed by any up-to-date press telegrams. The correspondents are confined to events two or three days old, so far as Lord Roberts is concerned.

Steyn to Give Battle.

President Steyn with 10,000 men is reported to have been seen at Thaba N'Chu yesterday (Thursday) noon and a battle was then imminent. The advance troops of General Ruddle and General Braubart were being fired on.

According to advices from Durban, dated Thursday, General Buller's army is "showing activity" in the north. News from him, New Zealand scouts burned the homestead of a farmer named Greyling, in whose house arms were found at Deering.

During a concert for the sufferers from the Zand river explosion, given last evening at Pretoria, a notice was read, the doors were suddenly closed and every man in the audience was commanded. All the horses were taken from the conveyances outside.

President Kruger has released the Daily Mail correspondents, Halliwell and Hoffmeyer.

Half the foreign merchants at Lorenzo Marques held an indignation meeting to protest against the new regulations, whereby blankets, clothing and "bulls beef" was declared contraband. Twelve thousand cases are in bond there.

Two French vessels carrying goods consigned to Lydenburg have been stopped.

Does Salisbury Fear France?

The alarmist tone of Lord Salisbury's speech Wednesday has created the impression that the apprehension of the premier are even more serious than he expressed. His utterances are ascribed to the recent success of the nationalists in France, hatted of England being one of the weapons of the campaign. The revival of military glory, one of the ideals set up in France, is regarded as dangerous to England.

The Times publishes a letter from Boemfontein describing the Koonr Spruit disaster. The writer says that was due to a criminal neglect of the most primitive precautions in war and he asserts that an advance guard of a single troop would have averted the mishap.

The Standard publishes the following, dated May 9, from Welgelegen: "The engagement on the Vet river caused the Boers to be disheartened with their leaders. I learn from Pretoria that the Boers intend to retire to Lydenburg, leaving to the foreign mercenaries the task of defending Johannesburg and Pretoria. The foreign mercenaries are now advocating the sending out of guerrilla parties of from 200 to 400 strong rather than a persistence in operations on a large scale, but the Boers are not desisting about for that kind of work. Whatever happens at Kroonstad, there is little doubt that the frontier will be strongly contested."

LONDON, May 10.—The war office has received from Lord Roberts a dispatch dated May 9, saying "I have received a most cheering telegram from Baden-Powell, dated April 27."

WOMEN ARE READY TO FIGHT

Offer to Form a Corps for Transvaal Army in Defense of Their Country.

PRETORIA, Wednesday, May 9.—President Kruger has received a telegram from a burgheress asking if the time has not arrived for the formation of a corps of women, adding that she is prepared, with a body of women volunteers, to take up arms in defense of the independence of the Transvaal.

No Confirmation of Rumor. LONDON, May 10.—The colonial office has no information confirming the rumor current in Accra that Kumaasi had fallen.

PRICES WILL REMAIN STEADY

Andrew Carnegie Thinks Demand for Iron Product on the Increase.

Colorado Republicans Line Up Once More Under the Property Banner.

SOLID FRONT AGAINST BRYANARCHY

Men Who Left to Follow Silver in 1896 Are Welcomed Back by Those Who Were Loyal Amid Much Enthusiasm.

DENVER, May 10.—(Special Telegram.)—Many men who have until recently been leaders in the silver republican party today took part in the state republican convention in Denver. Out of nearly 700 delegates more than half have been outside the ranks of the republican party during the last four or five years, but have come back for good. "This looks like old times," was the usual salutation as the members of the reunited factions met. All in all it was the greatest convention in Colorado in many a year and points to the redemption of the state from fusion rule.

Delegations were present from every county in the state and a full delegation from each county. This is something that has not happened in Colorado republican politics since the split in the party in 1896, and it came as a surprise to republicans as well as democrats. The enthusiasm of the delegates, which at times rose to the highest pitch, was contagious. It spread to the spectators and reached into the corridors. Patriots also brought the delegates to their feet and the "Star Spangled Banner" was cheered to the echo.

The plan of the republicans this year in Colorado is to choose as candidates the very best men in the party. A beginning was made today in the delegates' selection of large to the national convention. Men chosen are: Senator Edward O. Wolcott, David H. Moffatt, Winfield S. Stratton and D. R. C. Brown.

Wolcott's Timely Words.

Senator Wolcott was received with tremendous cheering. In addressing the convention, he said: "A year ago, in this hall, a few years ago that took from its moorings the best blood of the state. We all sought what we believed to be the best for the welfare of the country. We have come together again never to separate. (Applause.)"

Status of Wheat and Rye

Monthly Report of the Agricultural Department on Condition of Winter Crops.

WASHINGTON, May 10.—The monthly report of the Agricultural Department on the condition of the winter crops is as follows: Returns to the statistician of the Department of Agriculture made up to May 1 show the area of winter wheat in cultivation on that date to have been about 125,000,000 acres, or 12 percent less than the area estimated to have been sown last fall. The reduction in the area is due to the ravages of the Hessian fly, which is reported to be very prevalent in Ohio, Michigan, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Indiana and Missouri.

Food and winter cultivation of wheat and rye in California is 6.2 percent above the average of the corresponding years, and has been exceeded only three times in the history of the state. It is believed that the acreage plowed up, cut for forage (except in California) is not yet definitely fixed. The condition of the wheat crop has been entirely eliminated. The area of winter wheat in California is 21.2 percent above the average of the last ten years.

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Report from Philippines

Brigadier General Wheaton Sends Account of Operations Led by Him in January.

WASHINGTON, May 10.—The War department has made public a report from Brigadier General Wheaton, dated May 9, concerning the operations of an expedition led by him early in January into the country south from Manila to Lake Taal. His forces, consisting of the Fourteenth, Twenty-eighth, Thirty-first, Forty-second and Companies D and H, Thirty-seventh infantry, and detachments of the Thirty-ninth and Fortieth infantries, concentrated at Imus and about one mile south of that point on January 7. The first engagement of the expedition occurred in which Lieutenant Ward Cheney was mortally wounded while leading a detachment against the entrenched enemy, 500 strong. The American loss was two privates killed and one wounded, while the insurgents lost fifty in killed and wounded. On this same day Colonel Birkmeier, with a detachment of the Twenty-eighth infantry, and Captain Reilly, in command of a section of the Fifth artillery, engaged the enemy at Pulo, where they effected a complete victory. The insurgents were routed with great slaughter, seventy-four dead bodies being counted in one portion of the battlefield. Our loss was eleven men wounded.

General Wheaton's engagement occurred on the 7th, when Major E. P. Fargatz, with the Second and Third battalions of the Twenty-eighth infantry, attacked a force of insurgents estimated at 1,000 strong on "Das Marinan" near Imus, driving them to the beach, killing sixty and wounding more than eighty. Major Fargatz had one man killed and six wounded.

Utah Republicans in Trim

McKintley Men in the Land of Mormon Are Up and Coming in the Present Fight.

SALT LAKE Utah, May 10.—The republican state convention met here today to select six delegates to the national convention at Philadelphia. The convention was called to order at 12:30 by chairman Watson. The call for the convention was read and W. D. Livingston of San Peter county was named temporary chairman. He made a brief address, calling attention to the prosperity of the country. He then introduced John E. Booth of Provo as made permanent chairman. He made a brief address and the resolutions committee then reported the platform, which was adopted. The platform congratulates the farmer, the miner, the manufacturer, the merchant, the wood grower and above all the laborer who depends upon employment for the means to live.

The following delegates were elected: G. M. Hanson, Ogden; C. E. Loose, Provo; Thomas Kearns, Park City; George Sutherland, Salt Lake; Heber M. Wells, Salt Lake; Arthur Brown, Salt Lake.

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REPORTS ON MISSION WORK

Great Interest Manifested by the Members of Methodist Conference.

BARKER AND DONNELLY WIN

Cincinnati Convention Reaffirms the Action Taken Two Years Ago.

HOWARD OF ALABAMA STEPS ASIDE

After It Was Practically Certain He Would Be Named He Withdraws—New National Committee Formed.

CHICAGO, May 10.—The chief interest in the Methodist general conference today was centered in the quadrilateral reports of the churches in the West, India, Africa and Thiburn of India. These reports, set by special order for 11 o'clock, were eagerly awaited by the 700 delegates present. Bishop Thoburn, it was announced just before the presentation of his reports, had declined to withdraw from the missionary field for at least a year, owing to infirmities.

Dr. J. B. Scott, editor of the Southwestern Christian Advocate, conducted the devotional exercises of the morning, and, according to a special arrangement made between Bishops Foss and Mallaless, the latter then took charge of the business session, as Bishop Foss was anxious to have the pleasure of introducing his old friend, Bishop Thoburn, and consequently retired from the chair. After the recess Bishop Foss resumed the chair.

On motion of Delegate Charles Ott of the West German conference the board of bishops was directed to appoint two fraternal delegates to attend the next general conference at the Methodist church, South, and one to the next conference of the Canadian Methodist church.

Delegate L. L. Thomas of Washington had passed a resolution fixing Monday, May 21, as the time for introducing ministers of other churches. This resolution was adopted.

The report of the special committee on a revision of the organic law of the church was then taken up as a special order. Article 2, defining membership in the general conference, was read by the secretary.

Bishop James M. Thoburn submitted the report on the work in India. It was an exhaustive review of the missionary work accomplished there. Howard succeeded Bishop Taylor four years ago.

RECORDS SAID TO BE FALSE

Revelation Made in Military Clothing Case Causes Great Surprise.

LANSING, Mich., May 10.—According to statements made by ex-Adjutant General Irish and Adjutant General Case of the Michigan National Guard, it is alleged that several meetings purporting to have been held by the state military board during the preparation of Michigan troops for service in the Spanish war were not actually so held and that the records of the board in this respect are fictitious.

This alleged revelation follows the evidence adduced in the trials of General Marshall and Colonel Sutton to the effect that improper record was made concerning the meetings of the board at which action was taken disclosing the military clothing case. The other records which General Irish asserts are false purport to be the minutes of meetings of the board at the Island Lake state camp ground.

Both General Irish and General Case were not at these meetings, although they are recorded as having been present.

CONFESSES TO THE FRAUDS

Man Implicated in Cuban Postal Swindle Makes a Clean Breast.

HAVANA, May 10.—The postal frauds have now reached a point where within the next few hours arrests will probably be made and it is believed a considerable sum will be recovered at the same time. One of the culprits has made a complete confession, conditional upon being accepted as a state's evidence. What he says prove conclusively what was known before, that several others besides C. F. W. Neely are implicated. The exact dates have been obtained by the authorities. The latter refuse to give the name of the man who has confessed, but though shocked at the nature of the cold-blooded swindle, they are still glad that they have evidence to justify their action in regard to Neely.

NASHVILLE WELCOMES DEWEY

Entertainments Given in Honor of Visit of Admiral and His Wife.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., May 10.—Admiral Dewey and Mrs. Dewey were entertained in a most hospitable manner by the citizens of this city today. The weather was delightful and thousands of visitors were here. Mrs. Dewey was entertained at breakfast by Mrs. McMillin, wife of Governor McMillin, and the members of the committee in charge of the floor were given during the afternoon.

Admiral Dewey, escorted by a committee representing the citizens and the commercial organizations, visited various points of interest in and about the city.

CORN FOR INDIA'S SUFFERERS

Steamer Quito Sails from New York to the Aid of the Starving.

NEW YORK, May 10.—The steamer Quito sailed today for Bombay with 200,000 bushels of corn for the famine district. This, the largest cargo ever carried by any vessel on a similar errand, comes from the people of all denominations in every part of the United States. The Kansas India famine relief committee is represented by 20,000 bushels and the "Memorial" committee by 8,000 bushels. It is expected that the voyage will be made in forty days.

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CONDITION OF THE WEATHER

Forecast for Nebraska—Fair; Warmer; Southerly Winds.

BRYAN'S PLAN FAILS

Easton Populists Refuse to Head Their Great Leader's Selfish Advice.

SEND HIM TO KANSAS CITY TAGGED

Charley Towne Chosen to Do the Town Watson Act This Time.

MARCHETTI COMES FROM ROME

New Auditor of the Papal Legation is Reported Arrived at Washington.

WASHINGTON, May 10.—The new auditor of the papal legation, Rev. Dr. Francis Marchetti, arrived in this city from Rome yesterday. Archbishop Manning and Bishop Rooker, secretary of the legation, left Washington today for Portland, Ore. Monsignor Martinielli stated that he is going west to fulfill a promise made by him to the new archbishop of Oregon, Dr. Alexander Christie, who desires to receive the pallium or badge of rank direct from Rome. Both himself and Dr. Rooker will be absent from Washington for at least three weeks, during which time Dr. Marchetti will have charge of the legation. He is a native of Rome, where he was ordained in 1874, and has never visited America before, though he speaks English fluently. He succeeds Monsignor Domatus Sbarretti, recently appointed Bishop of Havana, Cuba, who was first auditor of the legation.

Before leaving Archbishop Martinielli stated that no evidence should be placed in the rumors regarding episcopal appointments. But three vacancies—those at Vancouver, Savannah and Tucson—have been filled, as announced by the Associated Press. Three other vacancies exist among American sees. Baltimore, Fort Wayne and Columbus, but whether Archbishop Keane, later actor of the Catholic university here, or any of the other candidates will be appointed is unknown to the papal delegate.

Monsignor Martinielli expressed his surprise over reports cable from England regarding the appointment of Dr. Sbarretti as "archbishop of Havana."

He says that no such appointment has been made for one archdiocese already exists in Cuba, at Santiago, of which Archbishop Barnaby is the incumbent. Both Bishop Sbarretti of Havana and Bishop Blunk of Porto Rico are his suffragans, as the principle of Sanitary includes these sees alone.

HEIR TO THE DEHAVEN CLAIM

Clinton Woman a Great Granddaughter of the Patriot Who Helped the Colonies with Cash.

CLINTON, Ia., May 10.—(Special Telegram.)—A pleasing sequel to an interesting story of revolutionary times has just come to light here. A Clinton woman, Mrs. Lucia Dietz, who conducts a bakery here, is a direct figure, as she is one of three direct heirs of an estate valued at \$2,000,000, which has been in litigation since the Revolutionary war, but the claim of which has just been allowed by the government.

The story is most interesting, having its origin with one of the wealthy patriots of the dark days of '76 and '78. When funds were exhausted and the spirits of the Americans were at their lowest ebb Jacob De Haven, a wealthy tanner residing at Salisbury, Pa., loaned the government \$50,000. It is said the money was paid by him personally to General Washington. About the close of the war De Haven died before he had effected a settlement with the government. At various times prior to 1850 the claim was asserted by the government officials, but no settlement was effected.

Just before the breaking out of the civil war the claim was allowed, but war came before payment was made. Press of other government business took the attention of officials for a number of years and the claim was laid aside. Recently the heirs took the matter up with the government and have succeeded in having the claim allowed. The amount now reaches \$2,000,000.

The direct heirs are Mrs. Dietz of this city, her sister, Mrs. Boytz of Morrison, Ill., and Henry DeHaven, a brother who resides at Salisbury, Pa. Besides these members of the DeHaven club of Chicago is made up of distant heirs, being descendants of the brother of the patriot. The three direct heirs are great-grandchildren of DeHaven.

ARCHBISHOP KEAN CONTENT

Says He is Not Filled with Ambitions the Realizing of Which He Cannot Influence.

SIoux CITY, Ia., May 10.—(Special Telegram.)—Archbishop John J. Keown of Washington, D. C., the new titular bishop of Damascus, but practically the unanimous choice of the archdiocese of Dubuque as successor to Most Rev. John Hennessy, passed through Sioux City tonight enroute to Sioux Falls to visit Archbishop O'Gorman. In answer to a question about the success of Archbishop Keon said neither he nor anybody else knew anything about it, as it is to be determined by authority that will take into account many things which nobody here can be conversant with, and that this authority speaks all will be the merest guesswork.

"I am, of course, very much gratified at the expressions of indorsement so generously uttered by representative churchmen of the archdiocese," said he, "but I have given myself no concern as to whether I am or am not to be chosen. It is a matter utterly beyond any of us to effect and it is unwise for any man to burden himself with ambitions in the realizing of which he can have nothing to do."

MISSIONARIES IN SESSION

Women's Society of United Presbyterian Church of North America at Pawnee City.

PAWNEE CITY, Neb., May 10.—The seventeenth annual convention of the Women's Federal Missionary society of the United Presbyterian church of North America began here today with an attendance of 23 delegates, mainly from Pennsylvania, Ohio, Illinois and Nebraska. Today was devoted to the appointment of committees and hearing reports. The convention will continue until Saturday evening.

A national committee of three members from each state to be chosen by the state central committee; a congressional committee of three for each district to be chosen by direct vote at the primaries; a committee of five from each township or ward to be chosen by direct vote at the primaries each year; the national, state, congressional and county committee to perform the same duties as heretofore. The unit of organization shall be the precinct club, of which any voter may become a member by subscribing to the platform and rules of this organization. Any one proposing fusion with either the republican or democratic party shall, on the vote of his club, be deemed outside of the party. The state platform may be changed only by direct vote of the precinct club and the national platform only by clubs, ratified by direct vote of the people. No salaried officers shall be elected to any committee. Any chairman may be recalled by the imperative mandate of the league clubs of his constituents. It was provided (Continued on Fourth Page.)

WHYBARKER OF PENNSYLVANIA

For Vice President—IGNATIUS DONNELLY of Minnesota.

CINCINNATI, MAY 10.—Above is the ticket placed in the field today by what is commonly called the middle-of-the-road populist party, but which, according to leaders of the movement, is the one and only people's party.

For a time during today's session of the convention it appeared as if nothing could prevent a complete disruption of the plans so carefully wrought out by the handful of men who separated themselves on February 19 last at Lincoln, Neb., from the fusionist element of the party.

Since Tuesday, when Wharton Barker, who had been selected in 1898 by the initiative and referendum plan to head the party ticket, a steady current against the cut and dried course of Barker and Donnelly had almost destroyed the foundation on which Barker and Donnelly stood.

Howard leads at the start. Nevertheless when the roll call was completed on the first ballot Howard was at the top of the column, only a few short of the nomination. On the second ballot Howard's plainly stated desire for harmony took effect and the seventy votes which went to Donnelly on the first roll call were gradually absorbed by the Barker column. It was understood that Donnelly's name had been withdrawn, although the Minnesota delegation protested.

Minnesota was passed at its own request and when the other states had voted it was apparent that the forty-eight votes of Minnesota would carry everything in a harmonious manner by going to the Pennsylvania. They were cast for Barker and gave him the requisite majority over all.

The generous Howard moved to make the selection of Barker unanimous, which was done.

Without a dissenting voice Ignatius Donnelly was then declared the vice presidential nominee.

The next order of business was the national committee and a chairman for that party. The vote was precipitated against the strongest thing heard on the floor at the convention was the election of a chairman of the national committee instead of pursuing the ordinary course of allowing the committee to select its own leader. It was plainly a fight between Barker and opposition forces for the control of the party machinery, although many speakers were in favor of the convention selecting a national chairman because of what they termed the mistakes of the past. After a long wrangle the motion was withdrawn, and the selection of national officers by state delegations was completed.

Howard's Speech Elects Barker. A motion was made by Howard that the convention proceed to the election of a national chairman. Fiery oratory flowed from side to side, while the hungry delegates journeyed from time to time to a free lunch counter in the vicinity. The motion was carried, and Milton B. Parks of Texas was placed in nomination. A motion was just about to prevail to make Parks' selection unanimous, when Howard, in an eloquent address, presented the name of Jo A. Parker of Kentucky. His praise of Parks was about the strongest thing heard on the floor at the convention for that young man had the unanimous selection for the national chairmanship.

After having been in session from 8:30 a. m. to 4:40 p. m. with the exception of twenty minutes, the convention was declared adjourned sine die.

Friends of Eugene V. Debs for the presidency received small comfort. The convention was called to order at 8:30 p. m. with Colonel W. L. Peck of Georgia in the chair. The matter which so disturbed the night's session—a report from the credentials committee—was immediately reopened by R. M. Chenault of Kansas, who moved that the vote of his delegation be based on congressional districts, allowing Kansas eleven votes in the place of eighty-eight votes by the credentials committee report. This was considered as an open branch thrown out to the faction which made such a strong fight at the session of the preceding evening and the motion was adopted unanimously.

The resolution provided limiting the first nominating speeches for president and vice president to ten minutes.

For the Party Organization. The next order of business was a committee on party organization. The committee's report was read by Chairman Zeal of Michigan. It recommended the following plan:

"The rules of the party in use are approved, the division of the country into seven districts and sub-districts to facilitate the organization of the party and the preparation of candidates and platforms to be abolished, instead nominations and platforms and amendments thereto shall be made by direct vote of the political sub-divisions and hereby. Party organization shall consist of:

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