

APPEAL FROM KRUGER

Pull Mail Gazette Prints a New Plaintiff Interview with Boer President.

ASKS FOR SOMEONE TO ARBITRATE

Says "Will No One Give Us a Chances of Defending Ourselves?"

CAN PROVE ENGLAND THE AGGRESSOR

Claims Transvaal Declared War Only Because Compelled.

FRENCH MAKES ONE MORE CAPTURE

Report Comes from Lorenzo Marquez That Large Force of Boers Have Surrendered to Him in Ermelo.

LONDON, Feb. 15.—The Pull Mail Magazine will publish on February 15 an interview with Mr. Kruger, in part as follows: "Will no one arbitrate? Will no one give us a chance of defending ourselves? We may have done wrongly, we have our faults and our weaknesses. We declared war, but our hands were forced and we can prove it. Get someone to judge between this England and ourselves. "But the Lord will help us in the end. We shall win. I do not know how or when, but we shall win at last."

Mr. Kruger says the Transvaal offered more reforms in one week than an older country would make in forty years, giving in to the ultimatum, but the ultimatum was seized upon as a stumbling block. Referring to his reception in Europe, Mr. Kruger said: "I care nothing for flowers, nothing, nothing. The people who send them mean well, and I am grateful, but I care nothing for them. What I want is a fair hearing. If they will only give us a fair hearing and justice, we are a little folk, but we have a big heart."

When asked why he came to Europe he said to the interviewer: "I could not go out with the commandos, as did Mr. Steyn, but I thought I should be of some use here."

Regarding Mrs. Kruger he said: "I am sorry for her, too. I have a deep sorrow for her, but I have far more sorrow for my country. My wife has her children. Six are still with her. They were left with her in her home. Two were captured. I believe two more are dead also, as I have not heard from them for two months and I know they were in the thick of the fight."

"Thirty-one sons and grandsons I have in the field, yet I could not get an order. I have not heard from my wife for sixteen days, but she has six children with her and she is not to be pitied."

Reported Capture by French.

LORENZO MARQUEZ, Feb. 15.—It is reported that General French has captured a large Boer force in the Ermelo district.

The ammunition, guns and shells surrendered by the Boers to the Portuguese at Komatipoort will be sunk at sea.

Women Assist Strategic Move.

CAPTOWN, Feb. 15.—For a month Lord Methuen has been scouring the country between Kuruman and the Transvaal, bringing in women and children, cattle and food from all the farms. Fifty women and 100 children, together with a few men, he has sent to Yryburg. On one occasion while he was pursuing a commando the Boers sent off their wagons in charge of women and girls in one direction and went themselves in another. The women were such expert drivers that the British had considerable difficulty in catching the commandos. General Smith-Dorrien occupied Amsterdam and Taung-Dorrien 9.

Push Back the Boers.

COLESBURG, Cape Colony, Feb. 15.—Plumer's column encountered General Dewet February 13 and gradually pushed back the Boers in the direction of the battery and the Boers one five-pounder. The shrapnel burst splendidly. Ten of the British were wounded during many hours of fighting. An occasional dead Boer was seen. The engagement is being continued today.

All the males at Grasfontein have been arrested. There is plenty of evidence that they were assisting the Boers.

THEY CRY FOR BREAD OR WORK

Several Thousand Idle People Parade in Buda Pest, Finally Becoming Violent.

BUDA PEST, Feb. 15.—Several thousand persons out of work marched through the principal streets here today carrying notices such as "Bread or work is our right," and stinging the "Marsellaise." They also began smashing the windows of restaurants and stores.

The police, in force, dispersed the mob after scenes of violence, during which many arrests were made.

GERMANS TO HAVE FAST GUNS

Military Commissioner Reports That Rapid-Fire Rifles Will Be Supplied the Army.

BERLIN, Feb. 15.—During today's discussion in the budget committee of the Reichstag, one of the military commissioners said the tests with the machine guns firing 300 shots per minute were satisfactory and that the whole army would be fitted out with them during the present year, forming a special corps.

Death of Helen Fiske.

NICE, Feb. 15.—(New York World Cablegram—Special Telegram)—Helen Fiske died at the Caspagnon hotel here yesterday after a short illness.

MAY COMBINE WITH YERKES

Union Traction Company May Enter Consolidation of Chicago's Inter-terminal Lines.

CARTER AGAIN TURNED DOWN

Judge Hook Refuses to Release Him on Bail, Necessitating Return to Prison.

LEAVENWORTH, Kan., Feb. 15.—Eugene Carter, charged with defrauding the government of \$100,000, today suffered another defeat in his attempt to secure release.

Judge Hook refused to release Carter on bail and ordered him remanded to the federal penitentiary to await the action of the United States supreme court, on appeal in his habeas corpus case.

"I cannot," said the judge, "even had the court the power, which is doubtful, see a reason for liberating the prisoner on bail. Such a case has not been presented that would authorize anything of the kind and the motion is denied and the judgment of the court stands."

Carter flushed at these words were spoken, but soon regained his composure, quietly put on his overcoat and left the court room with Warden McLaughry to return to the penitentiary.

"I am innocent of the charges upon which I was convicted," are the opening words in Carter's affidavit, "and believe that the court-martial proceedings were declared null and void by the supreme court, and the consequent recovery of my liberty will not vindicate my honor nor proclaim my innocence to the world."

Carter's special plea for liberty is that he was secured by the Atlanta, Ga. "Continuing, the affidavit attempts to account for the sums of money expended by Carter in excess of his pay, stating that they were given him by his father-in-law. Two physicians offered affidavits to the effect that the prisoner was a sufferer from neurasthenia, and if confined for any length of time would suffer mental collapse and become insane."

W. C. T. U. ENDORSES HATCHET

President of White Ribboners Urges Followers to Give Mrs. Nation Aid.

CHICAGO, Feb. 15.—The Record today says: Mrs. L. M. Stevens, president of the Women's Christian Temperance union, has sent the following message from her home in Maine to Mrs. Caroline Nation and Mrs. Chapin, editors of the Union Signal, the national organ: "Print as many good things as you can of Mrs. Carrie Nation; she certainly has accomplished much."

It was the first endorsement that has been given Mrs. Nation by the Women's Christian Temperance union. Mrs. Nation wears a white ribbon, but she said at Willard hall Wednesday night: "I haven't much use for the white ribbon and not so very much for the Women's Christian Temperance union. They wouldn't help me along with my work. They are too slow."

"The endorsement, if I interpret it that way, was given cautiously," said Mrs. Stevens, "as Mrs. Stevens is studying Mrs. Nation and her methods. Truly her work in Kansas is remarkable and the entire Women's Christian Temperance union is now recognizing it."

"Do you think Miss Willard would have approved of Mrs. Nation?" asked several members. "She would have liked her work in Kansas."

"I think the Women's Christian Temperance union in Chicago is being shaken up by Mrs. Nation; so are the churches," said Mrs. Chapin. "We are all too apathetic. I don't think there will be any bands of home defenders formed here, but surely the women will be quickened by the Mrs. Nation spirit."

CRASHES DOWN EMBANKMENT

Street Car Containing Thirty Passengers Leaves Hills and is Wrecked.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 15.—A street car containing thirty passengers enroute from Dayton, Ky., to Cincinnati, jumped the track today on a down grade and plunged over a fifty-foot embankment into a small stream, injuring all but one of the passengers and seriously injuring two. Among the most seriously injured were:

Motorman Samuel Yates, fatally. W. H. McCormick, Bellevue. Miss Edna Conant, Bellevue, may die. William Spence, Dayton, Ky., may die. Miss Ella Huston, Westwood, may die. A. H. Wagner, Bellevue.

The others injured received cuts and bruises. Miss Emma Hampton was the only passenger who entirely escaped injury. She was taken from the wreck in a fainting condition.

The car was running at a lively speed when it suddenly struck some small obstruction on the rail and instantly veered to the left and instantly veered to the right and hit the embankment. The car was heavily damaged and the passengers were scattered throughout the country. It is now proposed to build a \$50,000 postoffice building on this site.

VICTIM OF BENGAL TIGER

Bloodthirsty Beast Attacks Its Keeper and Fatally Wounds Him.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Feb. 15.—Albert Neilson, aged 15 years, employed as an animal keeper at the zoological garden in this city, was killed by a Bengal tiger today. He entered the cage in which the tiger was confined and was attacked by the beast. A terrible struggle followed, in which Neilson was torn in a hundred places. Red-hot iron was thrust into the bloodthirsty animal, but not until seven bullets had been fired into its body did it release its hold on the victim. Neilson was dragged from the cage more dead than alive and was hurried to the city hospital, where he died as he was being carried in. The tiger was not fatally wounded. Neilson lived at Pleas, O., and had been employed by the zoo company three years. He was in charge of the lion cubs and it is supposed one of the tiger's cage by mistake.

MANILA MINERS' RICH FIND

Two Clean Up \$3,000 in Two Weeks—Important Discovery of Gold.

MANILA, Feb. 15.—Colonel Marcus D. Cronin and eighty men of the Thirty-third regiment have routed 100 insurgents at Candon, South Luzon.

Capitain Green, with fifty men, routed a force of the enemy at Santa Maria. The insurgents, who were commanded by Tino, had two cannons and were strongly entrenched behind stone walls on a steep mountain side. There was hard fighting for three hours. When their ammunition was exhausted the Americans retired a short distance. Then Tino abandoned his position and retreated southward.

Gold discoveries of some importance have been made in the province of Lepanto. Two miners made \$3,000 in two weeks. The mining prospects in the provinces of Benguet and Bontoc, adjoining Lepanto, are encouraging, but it is impossible to obtain a title to mining claims at present.

IMPORTANT DAY FOR CUBA

Island Republic Expects to Make Great Occasion of Signing Constitution.

IS TO OCCUR MONDAY OR TUESDAY

All Foreign Consuls Are to Be Invited to Witness Ceremony—Commission and General Now Confering.

HAVANA, Feb. 15.—Governor General Wood left Havana today for a two days' rest at Batabano. With him went the special committee appointed by the Cuban constitutional convention to draw up a proposition defining the future relations between the United States and the republic of Cuba.

The committee and General Wood will discuss the matter this afternoon and the former will probably return to Havana tomorrow. Judging from the personal opinions of the members of the committee, no objections will be raised on its part to instituting the most liberal relations; indeed, it seems to be accepted as a matter of course that the United States government is entitled to ask for assurance as to the stability of the republic. There is an evident disposition to look upon the outline of the proposed relations as published in La Nacion, as indicating what is desired by the United States. La Lucha commented favorably on the proposition at the time.

May Stall on Naval Nations.

The only hitch that is expected to arise between General Wood and the commission in discussing the question is as to the establishing of naval stations in Cuba by the United States. The commission is somewhat modified, but it is likely that an agreement will be reached whereby Cuba shall not negotiate loans on which she is unable to pay interest and shall not make treaties with other nations prejudicial to the interests of the United States in Cuba or in any way preventing the island's freedom of action. The United States, on the other hand, will guarantee peace and the protection of the rights defined by the treaty of Paris, and all rights acquired by military decrees during the period of intervention will be respected. The special committee will report to the convention early next week.

The signing of the constitution will be made an occasion of importance. It is expected to take place next Monday or Tuesday and the foreign consuls will be invited to be present.

NOT LIKELY TO BE ABSORBED

President of Colorado & Southern Railway Denies Rumored Sale to Other Roads.

DENVER, Feb. 15.—President Frank Timmerly of the Colorado & Southern railway in a statement issued today denies the likelihood of that road being absorbed. He says: "My information from official sources is that nothing is going on in Colorado & Southern matters. This refers to the rumored absorption of the road by other railroad interests."

"All of the capital stock of the company is held by five voting trustees, a measure intended to protect all security holders alike. This absolutely precludes the domination of the policy of the road in the self-interest of any other corporation, no less all of the stock be purchased, and even in the latter event an arrangement would have to be made with the voting trustees before the voting trust could be dissolved. It will thus be seen that it would be impossible to change the management of the property and its general policy without the knowledge of the voting trustees, particularly as the trustees are men who are eminent in railroad and banking circles in New York namely: F. P. Olcott, president Central Trust company; J. Kennedy Tod, banker; Henry Budd, head of the banking house of Hall, Garton & Co.; General G. M. Dodge and H. Warren."

NEW PLAN IN RURAL SERVICE

Maryland Town Wants Postoffice Building on Basis of Rural Population Served.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—An entirely new departure in postoffice buildings in centers of rural communities was proposed to the house postoffice buildings committee today, and met with general approval. Westminister, Md., is a country town of 3,000 people, where the experiment of rural postoffice was put into operation for the entire country. The town now distributes mail to 40,000 people scattered throughout the county. It is now proposed to build a \$50,000 postoffice building on this site.

Chairman Mercer of the committee says this is the first building in small towns based on the rural population they serve instead of the local population of the town.

Rural free delivery service was ordered established March 1, at Hooper, Dodge county, Nebraska. The route embraces an area of forty-four square miles, with a population of 900. J. B. Lane was appointed carrier.

WANT THEM VICE ADMIRALS

Senator McComas Proposes a Way Out of the Sampson-Schley Difficulty.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—Senator McComas is making efforts to secure a compromise which will permit confirmation of the president's nominations advancing Vice Admiral Sampson and Rear Admiral Schley for meritorious conduct during the Spanish war. He suggests that all but Sampson and Schley be confirmed and that congress pass a resolution creating the grade of vice admiral, with the understanding that these officers be given the position.

Some opposition is made by supporters of Admiral Schley, who fear that he would not be given the senior position by the president.

TARIFF WAR IS IMPROBABLE

Russian Ambassador Indicates No Serious Result from Imposition of Countervailing Duty.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—The State department has officially advised Count Cassini, the Russian ambassador, of the decision reached by the Treasury department to impose a countervailing duty on Russian sugar imported into the United States.

Count Cassini was unwilling to express an opinion as to what action his government will take, probably preferring to await developments from St. Petersburg, whither he referred the official communication. However, he scoffed at the idea that a serious tariff war is probable.

NEBRASKA DISTRICT INTACT

Commissioner Yerkes Assures Congressmen That Iowa's Attack is Utterly Futile.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—Special Telegram—Senator Thurston had an interview with John W. Yerkes, commissioner of internal revenue today, relative to the rumor that efforts were being made to divide the Nebraska collection district. Yerkes said that he would be appointed such a scheme was being pushed, but thought it had little chance of succeeding. Later Congressman Mercer also called upon the same errand as the senator from Nebraska, and was given to understand that the Nebraska people are not about any division for sometime at least.

Seek Places in the Army.

Senators and members of congress are wearing holes in the marble steps leading up to the White House in their eager desire to get a favorable position for their proteges in the army. Senator Thurston, in addition to the Yerkes interview, has been in early this week, has prepared this supplemented list of men for lieutenants, including H. B. Mulford, now major of one of the provisional regiments in service in the Philippines; Nathan J. Shelton, Clanton, Neb.; and J. H. Purdy of Omaha. All these men, with the exception of Purdy, are in active service in the east.

Indian Appropriation Bill.

The conferees having charge of the Indian appropriation bill completed their work today and agreed upon all items in conference. The bill provides for an appropriation of \$100,000 for the survey of lands and beginning work for a dam across the Gila river at San Carlos reservation, Arizona, permitting the leasing of lands by explorers and the possible exception of a little "hunting" for the purpose of claims the Sisseton and Wahpeton claims, Senator Pettigrew's pet project.

These amendments, inserted in the bill by the senate, will be reported back to the house today. The bill will be reported back to the house today and the real fight for the system of national irrigation will thus be sprung upon the house under the privileged question. Representatives Sherman, Little and Curtis, in house conference, are decidedly of the opinion that the bill should be reported back to the house today and the real fight for the system of national irrigation will thus be sprung upon the house under the privileged question.

Won't Press Indian Bill.

Congressman Gamble has decided not to press the bill today. He is in Gregory county, South Dakota, to the government. The Indian appropriation bill contains general authority for investigation with a view to securing cessation of such lands as are held by the Indians. When the bill is reported back to the house, it is expected that the Indian bill will be reported back to the house today and the real fight for the system of national irrigation will thus be sprung upon the house under the privileged question.

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FOUR SUSPICIOUS FIRES

All in Hotel Majestic and Believed to Be of Incendiary Origin.

CHICAGO, Feb. 15.—Four small fires, all of which are believed to have been of incendiary origin, were discovered today at different times on many different floors of the Hotel Majestic, which adjoins the Great Northern hotel. Following the evident attempts at incendiarism last night at the Palmer house, the Great Northern hotel and the Hotel Grace, today's fires caused considerable excitement and have resulted in the police and detective forces around the leading hotels to be more than doubled. The police department believes that organized attempts are being made to create panic in the big hotels for the purpose of robbery and an attempt is being made to discover the miscreants.

MASKED WOMEN RAID DEPOT

Fifteen Veiled Crusaders at Goff's Destroy Whisky and Beer in Transit.

MISSOURI PACIFIC WILL PROSECUTE

Officials Resist the Act and Will Send Detectives to Discover the Offenders and Have Them Tried.

GOPPE, Kan., Feb. 15.—Fifteen masked women broke into the Missouri Pacific freight depot here tonight and destroyed fifteen jugs of whisky and four kegs of beer. Breaking into a freight depot is a penitentiary offense and the Missouri Pacific officials are determined to hunt the women concerned in the affair so they may be prosecuted. The destruction of the liquor, it is contended, was unlawful, as the depot is a saloon and the liquor came from another state. It is believed that an example will be made of the raiders, if possible, to prevent raids on depots in other parts of the state.

The women raided all of the "joints" on the Le Show tracks between Fort and Topeka as they passed. The women were armed with hatchets and threatened to smash the fixtures. The jointists did not wait to parley, but immediately closed the joints. The same process was repeated at Cottonwood Falls.

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CONDITION OF THE WEATHER

Forecast for Nebraska—Fair; Warmer.

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday.

Hour	Temp.	Hour	Temp.
8 a. m.	28	1 p. m.	41
9 a. m.	27	2 p. m.	43
10 a. m.	28	3 p. m.	43
11 a. m.	27	4 p. m.	44
12 m.	29	5 p. m.	43
1 m.	30	6 p. m.	41
2 m.	31	7 p. m.	38
3 m.	33	8 p. m.	30
4 m.	33	9 p. m.	25

STRUGGLE ON TOP OF THE CAR

Brakeman and Two Holdups Have Hard Fight While Train is in Motion.

CHICAGO, Feb. 15.—On top of a box car at the rear end of a rapidly moving freight train William J. Bennett, a brakeman, gave battle to two highwaymen last night. One of the bandits had a revolver. With that one Bennett clinched. They rolled and tumbled about together on the top of the swaying car, each endeavoring to hurt the other from the train. After a desperate struggle Bennett succeeded in getting his adversary in a position where he was able to throw him from the car without going with him. At that juncture the other bandit, who was armed with a revolver, came into action. He saved his companion and in a scuffle with the brakeman struck him from behind with a billy and rendered him unconscious.

Angered because of his narrow escape, the robber who had been worsted then set upon Bennett and as he lay helpless pounded him mercilessly over the head with his revolver, inflicting a dozen wounds and knocking him senseless. The train was moving slowly, and with blood streaming from his wounds, Bennett climbed down the car and fell from the train into the arms of Yardmaster Plaw. The injured man was taken to the Englewood Union hospital.

HIS BODY IS IN EVIDENCE

Kansas City Man Found in a Creek Proves Futility of a Letter.

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 15.—The body of William Stelp, a hardware merchant, who mysteriously disappeared on January 31 last, was found today in a creek in an outlying portion of the city. Stelp had taken his life with a revolver, which he still carried in his hand.

About the same hour the body was found a relative of Mrs. Stelp handed Chief of Police Hayes a letter, received by the Stelp family in which the writer offered to return Stelp on the payment of \$1,000, which was to be left at a point designated. Chief Hayes began preparations to trap the alleged "kidnappers," but before they were carried into effect the body of the missing man was found. The letter demanded that the money be sent at 7 o'clock tonight and closed: "If this money is not paid within this time your husband will suffer immediately, your husband will suffer immediately, your husband will suffer immediately."

Stelp, who had served as a juror on a murder case, worried himself insane over the verdict rendered and wandered away. He had evidently been dead several days. The alleged "kidnappers" are believed to have taken advantage of his disappearance to ply their game.

The police tonight arrested William T. Beals, a teamster, aged 18 years, who was found acting suspiciously at the place where the money was to be left. He is being held for investigation.

ORPHEUM CIRCUIT STARTS IT

Meyerfeld and Ackerman Lead Western Vaudeville Managers' Contest with Eastern Syndicate.

CHICAGO, Feb. 15.—The Record tomorrow will say: Western members of the Vaudeville Managers' Association of the United States are secretly preparing for strife with eastern managers to pay higher salaries than the western men and thus secure the best attractions in said to have started the trouble, which threatens the disruption of the so-called trust.

For two days Morris Meyer