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BOTHA WANTS PEACE

Boer Commander-in-Chief Renews Negotiations with General Kitchener.

THINKS DEWET NO LONGER RESPONSIBLE

Fears Great Fighter is Losing His Prestige Among the Troops.

BRITISH PLEASED WITH THE PROSPECTS

Believe if Botha Quits Dewet Can Soon Be Disposed Of.

LONDON AWAITS OFFICIAL CONFIRMATION

Correspondents of Conflicting Political Opinions Keep the Town Still Rather in the Dark, but Hopeful.

CAPETOWN, April 10.—General Botha has reopened negotiations with the British for peace.

It is understood here that, although General Dewet at his recent interview with General Botha refused to surrender, General Botha, regarding him as irresponsible, undertakes to negotiate in behalf of the entire Boer forces.

The British authorities here consider that if General Botha surrenders Dewet's following can be easily taken. As explained here, this action was determined in part by General Botha's discovery at a recent meeting that General Dewet's intellect had weakened and that his influence was diminishing and that a continuance of the campaign, in view of General Dewet's irresponsibility, rested with General Botha alone.

What They Say in London.

LONDON, April 11.—The report that General Botha has renewed negotiations with Lord Kitchener is not yet officially confirmed, but it is generally credited and received with satisfaction, except by the ultra jingoes, who fear that the government will renew the terms recently rejected.

Regarding General Dewet's mental condition, reports have been very conflicting for some time. His recent inactivity points to there being some truth in the rumors which allege that long continued hardship under the harassing British pursuit have unhinged his mind.

On the other hand, a correspondent of the Times quite recently acknowledged the "wonderful foresight and fertility of resource" which characterized Dewet's retreat from Cape Colony. As during the previous abortive negotiations, the British press loudly insists on "unconditional surrender;" but with the budgetary necessities regarding the country's finances, if negotiations are reopened, the Boers, as the Chronicle remarks, editorially, "may reckon on fair treatment at the hands of the British."

ENGLAND WANTS SU TO COME

Would Like Him to Be of Commission that Brings Congratulations to Edward.

BERLIN, April 10.—"England is intriguing in Pekin," says a dispatch to the Frankfurter Zeitung from the Chinese capital, "to secure the substitution of Prince Su for Prince Chun in the journey to Berlin to express Emperor Kwang Hsu's regrets for the murder of Baron von Ketteler, and wishes to combine Prince Su's trip for that purpose with the Chinese special embassy to London to tender Emperor Kwang Hsu's congratulations to King Edward on his accession.

"A perceptible coolness has arisen between Count Waldersee and Dr. Mumm von Schwartzenstein, principally because the commander-in-chief has refused to order the troops to render the minister military honors, as to do so would be contrary to German army instructions."

SERVANTS THROW HIM OUT

St. Petersburg Correspondent Tells Different Story of Chinese Minister's Disastrous "Fall."

PARIS, April 10.—The Patrie today publishes a dispatch from St. Petersburg which says the Chinese minister there, Yang Yu, gravely insulted Count Lamsdorff, the Russian minister of foreign affairs, during a discussion of the Manchurian question, whereupon the count ordered his lackeys to put the Chinaman out, and Yang Yu was thrown downstairs and fatally injured in the head.

FRENCH CABLE IS A MYSTERY

No Explanation Given for Laying It to Capital of French Cochin China.

HONG KONG, April 10.—A telegram received here from Amoy says the French cable has been connected at Chapel Island and thence with Saigon.

The Amoy end of the cable has not yet been hauled ashore, but is ready to be hauled up. No official explanations have been obtained.

MORGAN REACHES ENGLAND

Arrives in Queenstown After a Stormy Passage on Steamer Teutonic.

QUEENSTOWN, April 11.—The White Star liner Teutonic, from New York, April 3, arrived here last evening at 8:40 o'clock. Captain McKinstry reports a stormy passage. Mr. J. Pierpont Morgan, who is on board, is well.

ANOTHER ARMOUR MILLION

Is Given as an Endowment to Famous Institute Bearing His Name.

CHICAGO, April 10.—Armour institute in this city, which owes its existence to the late Philip D. Armour, will tomorrow receive an addition to its endowment of $1,000,000, the money coming from Mrs. P. D. Armour and J. Ogden Armour, the widow and son of its founder.

The announcement of the proposed gift was a surprise even to the officials of the institution. It is expected that the money will be used to extend the scope of the institution in electrical and chemical engineering. The institute is now in a very prosperous condition, having an endowment of $2,500,000, all of which was given by the late Mr. Armour. The donation will not in any way retard the negotiations looking toward the affiliation of the institution with the University of Chicago. It is understood that the aim of J. Ogden Armour is to make the institute the greatest of its character in mechanical engineering in the world.

REASSURES THE CHRISTIANS

Governor of Shan Tung Province, China, Says All May Safely Reaffirm Their Faith.

PITTSBURG, April 10.—Rev. Dr. George Chalfant of this city has received a full [illegible] what he regards as the most important edict of this century—the proclamation of Yuan Shih Kai, governor of the province of Shan Tung, China. The following is the translation:

"With reference to the cause of the recanting of the Christians in the sixth moon (July, 1900) all Chen and Hsien officials on their own authority determined and arranged the matter in the hope of protecting the Christians. Their action was not on my instructions. On numerous occasions I ordered my subordinate to protect Christian interests, as you, reverend sirs, well know.

"As there is now no disorder from international friction, it is the more important that former treaty engagements be looked up and carefully observed.

"All pledges of Christians to recant, whether given to officials or persons acting as security therefor, all voluntary pledges or promises of whatever kind to the same effect, are null and void and no further account is to be taken of them. I have moreover instructed my subordinates to put out proclamations for the public information, lest Christians be subjected to hindrance or annoyance in the matter.

"You, reverend sirs, have been preaching in China many years and without exception exhort men concerning righteousness; your church customs are strict and correct and all your converts may well observe them. In establishing your custom you have been careful to see that Chinese law was observed. How, then, can it be said that there was disloyalty?

"To meet this sort of calumny I have instructed that proclamations be put out. I propose hereafter to have lasting peace. Church interests will then prosper and your idea of preaching righteousness I can promote.

"The present overturning is of a most extraordinary character. It forced you, reverend sirs, by land and water, to go long journeys and subjected you to alarm and danger, causing me many qualms of conscience.

"Everywhere (in Shan Tung) there is now quiet and missionaries of Germany and France and other nations have returned to the interior to preach as formerly. If you, reverend sirs, wish to return to the interior I would beg of you to first give me word that I may most certainly order the military to carefully protect and escort you.

"With wishes for your happiness, yours in reply. YUAN SHIH KAI.

"Chinan Fu, 11th moon, 27th day (January 17, 1901)."

CATHOLICS IN CONVENTION

Representatives of Colleges Meet at Chicago to Discuss Educational Improvements.

CHICAGO, April 10.—Improvement of the Catholic educational system and plans for unifying the educational work of the church and rasing it to a level in effectiveness with the state and non-sectarian institutions for higher learning were discussed at the third annual convention of representatives of Catholic colleges which opened here today. The convention will continue in session three days and during that time many important papers will be read and discussed by leading church educators. Representatives were present at today's meeting of every Catholic college and university of prominence in the United States and Canada.

The convention began with the celebration of mass by Father French of Notre Dame college in St. James church. The active business of the convention was begun by Rt. Rev. Monsigneur Conaty, D. D., rector of the Catholic university at Washington and president of the association, who called the convention to order and delivered his annual address. He took for his subject "The Catholic College in the Twentieth Century."

Monsigner Conaty in his address made a strong plea for unification of education. "Unification of education under state control," said he, "has established a mighty machine of secularized instruction which threatens to destroy all private effort either on the part of the individuals or the church. It is important to meet unification by unification, so to strengthen the Catholic educational system that it may defend itself against all attacks and save the religious instruction of its people from the dangers of non-religious instruction. It is important to realize the meaning of the facts which face us and which our educators must meet.

"Among these facts must be recognized, first, the state school system, with its rapidly increasing high school, and even college, development; second, the tendency to do away with the college by uniting the high school to the university; third, the establishment of educational institutions of all sorts, endowed by the private munificence of non-Catholics and attracting Catholic students, because these schools have not the character of state institutions; fourth, the tendency of the universities to control the state schools, to dictate the examination of teachers and to demand the university degree or approval as a condition of appointment.

"The truth of these facts is daily being manifested in the schools of many of our larger cities. To offset facts there is a splendid effort made in the Catholic church in building its schools, academies, colleges and universities, spending last year $250,000 for education, principally in parochial schools."

MEET THE SUPERINTENDENTS

Engineers' and Firemen's Representatives to Have Audience with Jersey Road's Officials.

NEW YORK, April 10.—John V. Waite, representing the engineers, and Timothy Shea, representing the firemen on the board of co-operation of the different divisions of the Central Railroad of New Jersey employes, waited on the officials of the company at Jersey City this afternoon with proposals for another conference. They said they wanted to try to settle matters as far as their organizations were concerned. They decided that the trainmen should be considered also.

After some talk it was arranged that they should hold a conference tomorrow with Superintendent Oldhaus and District Superintendent Wentz. This, it is considered, shows the men do not want a strike.

BOY COMMITS SUICIDE

Fourteen-Year-Old Willie Crossman Hangs Himself to Bedpost in His Room.

CHICAGO, April 10.—Willie Crossman, a 14-year-old boy, committed suicide today by hanging himself from a bedpost in his room at West Taylor street, because of poverty of his parents, which prevented him from pursuing his studies in painting and drawing, for which he had considerable natural ability.

NORTHWESTERN TO HIT BACK

May Retaliate for Intrusion of the North Pacific Roads.

SPECIAL MEETING CALLED FOR APRIL 17

Arrangement Made for Sessions of the Northwestern and the Omaha Directors to Be Held Simultaneously.

NEW YORK, April 10.—The Evening Post says:

"It became known today that a special meeting of the directors has been called for April 17 in this city and that the Omaha directors will meet on the same day."

Wall street guessed that this meeting meant an increase in the Northwestern's common share dividend, which is now 6 per cent, and it was also suggested that a revaluation of the company's holdings of Omaha shares, acquired in 1882, would be made in connection with the dividend action, or in furtherance of some other plans. No official corroboration of these reports could be obtained, however.

In some quarters it was believed likely that the close of the Burlington deal on behalf of the Great Northern and Northern Pacific roads might have been the direct reason for the special meeting of the Northwestern directors. The extension of the direct interests and influence of the north Pacific roads into territory they have never occupied before and into direct competition with the Northwestern has aroused the latter company's directors and there is a possibility that they may propose retaliatory measures.

HILL RESERVES STATEMENT

Northern Pacific Stockholders Meet, but No Merger is Yet Announced.

NEW YORK, April 10.—The Times will say tomorrow: After the meeting of the board of directors of the Northern Pacific railway yesterday (Wednesday) afternoon James J. Hill, president of the Great Northern railroad, who, it was expected, would leave the city yesterday, was engaged until late in the afternoon in a conference with George F. Baker, president of the First National bank, who is representing the Northern Pacific railroad in the negotiations with the Burlington stockholders in the purchase of that road. It was said yesterday that the announcement of the closing of the deal would be made, but nothing was made. The annual dividend was declared.

The Erie railroad has practically concluded the purchase of the entire block bounded by Eleventh and Thirteenth avenues, Twenty-eighth and Twenty-ninth streets.

It is the intention to build there an immense freight house depot that will take a prominent position in the railroad consolidation plans in which J. J. Hill and J. P. Morgan have made the Erie a part of their transcontinental systems, with the Great Northern, Northern Pacific and Burlington & Quincy railroads. Most of the block is occupied by old buildings.

MANITOBA LINES ARE HELD

Hill Suddenly Intervenes to Stop Proposed Northern Pacific Sales in Canada.

ST. PAUL, Minn., April 10.—The Pioneer-Press will say tomorrow: A rumor escaped from an authoritative source yesterday that J. J. Hill has interposed to prevent the sale of the Northern Pacific lines in Manitoba, and that he has under the new order of things other plans for these lines.

It is said that all the parties concerned are awaiting the outcome of the Hill-Morgan-Burlington deal, orders having been issued by those in control of the Northern Pacific to let matters rest at present.

TO EXAMINE RAILROADS

Attorney General Will Investigate Proposed Consolidation of Minnesota Lines.

ST. PAUL, April 10.—Senator Miller's resolution instructing the attorney general to investigate the reported consolidation or proposed consolidation of railroads in Minnesota was adopted by the senate without debate. Senator Miller then introduced a bill empowering the attorney general, whenever he deemed it desirable, to examine into the affairs of corporations, to requisition books and subpoena witnesses.

AIR LINE TO RETIRE BONDS

Georgia & Alabama Five Per Cents Will Be Taken Up July 1.

NEW YORK, April 10.—James M. Barr was elected first vice president and general manager of the Seaboard Air Line at a meeting of the officers in this city today. The pool of the company's first mortgage bonds was dissolved and it was decided to retire $2,483,000 5 per cent bonds of the Georgia & Alabama railway on July 1 at 105 and accrued interest.

COURT SOUTHERN PACIFIC

Salt Lake City Business Men Are Trying to Induce the Road to Come.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, April 10.—An informal meeting of business men was held here tonight for the purpose of taking necessary action toward inducing the Southern Pacific railroad to build to this city. A committee was appointed to ascertain what the road would require in the way of terminal facilities.

Leny Sale of Wheeling & Lake Erie.

CLEVELAND, April 10.—The attention of M. T. Herrick, chairman of the board of directors of the Wheeling & Lake Erie railroad, was today called to a statement from New York to the effect that the road had been purchased by George J. Gould and his Missouri Pacific associates. "I understand," said Mr. Herrick, "that Russell Sage is said to have made such an announcement. If he made that statement he has been misinformed." Further than this Mr. Herrick declined to talk.

Declares Quarterly Dividend.

NEW YORK, April 10.—A meeting of Northern Pacific directors was held this afternoon, but after the meeting it was announced that the only action taken was the declaration of the quarterly dividend of 1 per cent on the preferred shares.

President to Visit Cheyenne.

WASHINGTON, April 10.—Senator Warren of Wyoming saw the president today and invited him to stop in Wyoming upon the occasion of his western trip. The president accepted the invitation and a stop at Cheyenne has been arranged.

EXONERATE PRESIDENT SMITH

Latter Day Saints Uphold Their Venerable Executive After Long Debate.

KANSAS CITY, April 10.—The controversy between President Joseph Smith and the quorum of twelve of the Reorganized Church of Latter Day Saints, which has been the principal business before the conference of the church at Independence, Mo., resulted today in a victory for the venerable president after a three days' discussion.

President Smith was virtually on trial before the conference because of his action in suppressing certain church records contrary to the rulings of the quorum of twelve. The high dignitaries of the church were divided on the question as to whether the president had authority to overrule the highest tribunal of the church.

The speakers were Elder H. C. Smith, Bishop W. H. Kelley, Elder E. S. Leonard and President Smith himself. Just before the question was voted upon the president made a statement requesting each member to vote strictly according to his convictions. The resolution as passed was as follows:

"Resolved, That the reasons given by the president of the church be accepted as sufficient for his action and that he be exonerated from blame, and we sustain his action."

Great crowds attended the morning and evening services, during which sermons were delivered.

FIND O. M. CARTER WELL

Physicians and Officials Sent by Court to Examine Prisoner Discover Nothing Serious.

LEAVENWORTH, Kan., April 10.—United States District Attorney Lambert, accompanied by Dr. L. D. Jacobs, chief surgeon of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railway, and Dr. S. H. Munn, chief surgeon of the Rock Island, both of Topeka, were here today under orders of the attorney general to make a physical and mental examination of Oberlin M. Carter, confined in the federal prison for conspiring to defraud the government at Savannah, Ga.

Three physicians of this city were selected to assist in the examination. Carter was taken to the prison hospital, where he was subjected to a thorough examination. While none of the physicians desired to be quoted, it was learned that Carter is in perfect health, mentally and physically, and is in no danger of breaking down.

The report of the physicians is now in the hands of the United States district attorney, who will forward it to Washington.

TRANSPORTS NOT NEEDED

Government to Send Soldiers and Horses to Cuba and Porto Rico Another Way.

NEW YORK, April 10.—The army transport service between New York and the ports of Cuba and Porto Rico, which during the war required the use of fifty vessels, has so dwindled that it will be abolished if Secretary of War Root accepts the bids opened today for the transportation of troops and supplies.

Four sets of bids were submitted, the bidders being the Munson Steamship line, the New York & Cuba Mail Steamship company, the New York & Porto Rico Steamship company and the Red D line.

The bids for transportation to and from the several ports vary materially, the bids for officers with berths and meals ranging from $30 to $40 and for enlisted men from $15 to $28. For horses the bids range from $20 to $40 and for mules from $15 to $30.

SPANISH WAR CLAIMANTS

Commission Adopts Rule Governing Their Petitions and Methods of Filing.

WASHINGTON, April 10.—The Spanish war claims commission at its meeting today adopted the following rule:

"The claimant must furnish two copies of the petition, which after comparison will be certified as correct by the clerk of the commission. One copy will be returned to the claimant and the other copy will be at once transmitted by the clerk to the attorney general by leaving the same at the Department of Justice, and this transmission shall constitute service of the petition upon the attorney general under section 10.

"All papers filed with the commission must be in the English language or accompanied by translations, which in due time must be verified by an interpreter of the commission."

WANTS TO BE HEADQUARTERS

St. Louis Trying to Induce Mississippi River Commission to Come There.

ST. LOUIS, April 10.—Fifty representatives of the leading business organizations of St. Louis attended a meeting of the Mississippi River commission today and argued in favor of removing the headquarters of the commission from New York to St. Louis, from which point the work has been directed for years.

Reasons were presented why the commission should establish its headquarters in St. Louis, in accordance with a recent act of congress, which provides that the meetings shall be held at some city along the river, to be designated by the secretary of war. The meeting was held on board the government steamer Mississippi previous to the commissioners' semi-official annual tour of inspection.

SUICIDE LEAVES MESSAGE

Says to Tell Carrie Nation that Rum and Cigarettes Are a Curse.

INDIANAPOLIS, April 10.—W. B. Carrow, a traveling representative of a New York firm of manufacturing chemists, committed suicide at the Stubbins hotel last night or yesterday afternoon. His body was found lying on a bed today and everything indicated that he died from the effects of poison and bullets.

A note on the dresser read: "I go to seek the hereafter. Tell Carrie Nation that rum and cigarettes are a damnation. Wire T. L. Carrow, 1145 South Broad street, N. Y., and if he refuses, the potters' field is good enough for me."

STORE FIRE COSTS A LIFE

Manager Slaughter's Body Found in Ruins of Meyers' Dry Goods House at Richmond.

RICHMOND, Va., April 10.—The large retail dry goods store of Julius Meyer's Sons was destroyed by fire this morning. The body of R. E. Slaughter, manager of the carpet department, was found in the ruins this afternoon. The insurance is: On stock, $260,000; on building, $60,000. The total loss is $250,000.

OMAHA SOAP IN COMBINE

Cudahy Packing Company Joins Hands with Old Competitors.

ASSOCIATION TO RESTORE HIGHER PRICES

Aims Also to Protect Itself Against Invasion of Labor Federations—Thirty-Five Big Concerns In It.

CHICAGO, April 10.—(Special Telegram.)—Representatives of thirty-five of the largest soap manufacturing concerns in the country, after a two days' conference, have effected an organization to be known as the American Soap Manufacturing association. The conference was attended by more than ninety persons, heads and members of the houses represented. While the members of the newly formed association deny it is a trust, it is expected to eliminate some of the "cutthroat" competition that has been going on for some time between soap manufacturers.

Among other things, it was urged by the editor of a leading journal published in the interest of the manufacturers that protection was needed against labor federations, which are organizing unions throughout the country.

Among the leading soap manufacturing concerns in the association are: James S. Kirk & Co., N. K. Fairbanks Co., Armour & Co., Chicago; Cudahy Packing company, Omaha; Proctor & Gamble, Cincinnati; Colgate & Co., New York; Detroit Soap company, Schulte Soap company, Detroit; Louis Waltke & Co., J. G. Haas Soap company, St. Louis; Eavenson & Co., P. C. Tomson & Co., Philadelphia; Schultz Soap company, Zanesville, O.; Maple City Soap company, Monmouth, Ill.

James B. McMahon of N. K. Fairbanks Co., Chicago, was elected president. Richard Colgate of New York vice president and William Peet of the Peet Bros. Manufacturing company, Kansas City, treasurer.

DISTRESS IN PORTO RICO

Islanders Suffer from Hunger and Disease in the Adjustment of the New Conditions.

BOSTON, April 10.—The report of Rev. E. S. Tead of Somerville, Mass., who, with Rev. A. F. Beard of New York, went to Porto Rico as representative of the American Missionary association about six weeks ago, is in part as follows:

"In some of the towns where the greatest poverty exists Spaniards live who are worth all the way from $100,000 to $1,000,000, but they are not touched by this condition of the poor, nor are efforts made to alleviate distress. Beggary is common and in some of the stores little baskets of coppers on the shelf hold the amount which the merchant intends to dispense that day. All sorts of bodily deformities and disease are displayed by these beggars, such as blindness, twisted feet, dropsy, sores, bruised legs, paralysis, women carried in carts or hobbling along on their haunches or men seated by the wayside holding up a maimed limb and begging for a pittance.

"The need of the island is a general hospital equipped with modern appliances. A hospital could be built and equipped at comparatively small expense. Dr. Atkins, a woman connected with the Presbyterian mission of San Juan, has twenty-five to forty calls a day from patients who need hospital treatment, many of whose lives are lost because of the lack of it.

"The education of the people is receiving the careful consideration of the authorities. Dr. Brumbaugh, the commissioner of education, is working night and day on this problem. At present 40,000 children are in the public schools, but 30,000 remain as yet unprovided for. There are 800 teachers, about ninety of whom are from the United States. Both Spanish and English are taught and the children are quick and eager to learn. There is no high, normal, industrial school or college in the island, though Majardo has raised $20,000 for a normal school. Sixteen school inspectors are in the saddle visiting the different sections of the island, and their services are much needed to keep the native teachers to their tasks, which sometimes they are disposed to shirk."

FINALLY GOES TO PRISON

After Exhausting Every Effort for Liberty Michael J. Sampson Lands in Penitentiary.

CHICAGO, April 10.—Michael J. Sampson, formerly auditor of the water assessment bureau, who was brought back from Europe and convicted of forgery and saved from imprisonment last week by a writ of habeas corpus, served at the very doors of Joliet penitentiary, was taken to Joliet today in charge of a deputy sheriff and began serving his sentence.

It was reported to Jailer Whitman that Sampson's attorney was about to make another relief appeal in the supreme court and Sampson was forthwith started for Joliet. This probably ends one of the most remarkable fights for liberty ever made in Illinois courts by a convicted man. Every recourse of law, with the one exception of an appeal to the highest tribunal of the land, has been exhausted by Sampson's attorneys.

MINNEAPOLIS UNION TO QUIT

Carpenters Likely to Force an Issue with Builders' Association Next Monday.

MINNEAPOLIS, April 10.—A building trades strike is impending in this city. Matters are expected to come to a head on Monday. The point at issue is the use of non-union sash and door material by contractors.

The Carpenters' union has given the Master Builders' association notice that after a certain date no non-union material will be placed. The builders returned an ultimatum declaring that they will require mechanics to place all material furnished, regardless of its source.

First Regiment is Complete.

PIERRE, S. D., April 10.—(Special Telegram.)—The first regiment of new state guards is now filled up. Infantry companies have been organized at Eureka, Sioux Falls, Mitchell, Volga, Canistota, Redfield, Howard, Armour, Milbank, Aberdeen and Everetts. The full military strength of the state consists of these companies, Troops A at Deadwood and B at Pierre, and Battery A at Clark. Captain A. B. Sessions of Sioux Falls was today appointed assistant adjutant general.

Treating for Indian Lands.

PIERRE, S. D., April 10.—(Special Telegram.)—Indian Inspector McLaughlin is at Rosebud agency to treat with the Indians for the cession of that part of their reservation lying in Gregory county and has asked the state authorities for data as to exact boundary.

CONDITION OF THE WEATHER

Forecast for Nebraska—Rain Thursday; Friday Probably Fair, with Warmer in Western Portion; Easterly Winds, Becoming Variable.

Temperature at Omaha yesterday:

Hour.	Deg.	Hour.	Deg.
5 a. m.	48	1 p. m.	55
6 a. m.	48	2 p. m.	56
7 a. m.	48	3 p. m.	56
8 a. m.	48	4 p. m.	57
9 a. m.	49	5 p. m.	56
10 a. m.	51	6 p. m.	56
11 a. m.	52	7 p. m.	56
12 m.	53	8 p. m.	55
		9 p. m.	53

WRECK ON THE OMAHA LINE

Train Ditchers Throw Open a Switch and Leave Safety Signal Showing.

Train wreckers ditched a passenger train on the Omaha & St. Louis railroad near Wilcox, Mo., at 9:30 o'clock last night, causing much damage to rolling stock and roadbed and painful injuries to Engineer Rogerson, who was the only person hurt in the accident.

The switch had been tampered with, and though the switch target gave every indication that the switch was safe, a crowbar had been used to throw the switch open. The bar was found not far from the wreck.

When locomotive No. 3, hauling train No. 4, in charge of Conductor Morton, struck the open switch the locomotive was thrown from the rails and landed on its side down the embankment. The baggage car and mail car followed the engine and tender and all were piled in a heap.

A wrecking crew was sent from Stanberry to the scene and a new section of track was built around the wreck in order that traffic might be resumed today.

SUNK TO ESCAPE FIRE

Army Transport Rawlins Goes to the Bottom When About to Sail for Cuba.

NEW YORK, April 10.—The United States army transport Rawlins, which was to sail this afternoon for Havana, Matanzas and Cienfuegos, is lying with its saloon deck awash in thirty feet of water, to the south of the army pier at the foot of Pacific street, Brooklyn.

Fire was discovered aft of the Rawlins' main engine room this afternoon. Two alarms brought to the pier six engines, two trucks and three fire boats and at 9:30 o'clock so many thousands of gallons of water had been pumped into the transport's hold that the boat keeled over and with water rushing in through the ports settled slowly until its keel struck bottom.

Four men were overcome by smoke. They were John Snyder and John Henry Babcock, sailors; Thaddeus Skidmore, a clerk in the army transport department, and Patrick Mason, a fireman. Snyder was the only one whose condition was serious. The property loss will not exceed $50,000. It will cost perhaps $20,000 more to pump out the boat and raise it.

The Rawlins was being loaded with a miscellaneous cargo consisting for the most part of horse feed for army use. It was to carry a quantity of mixed supplies which had been piled on the pier for loading. Apparently the blaze had been smoldering all night.

IOWA MAN AMONG INJURED

John Rebstock of Mount Vernon Has Kneecap Broken in California Wreck.

SAN MIGUEL, Cal., April 10.—The night express from Los Angeles, running over the new Southern Pacific coast division to San Francisco, was wrecked near Bradley this morning. One passenger and four trainmen were injured. Fire broke out in the wreck and nine cars were burned, including the mail car, baggage car and seven tourist coaches.

The injured:

Baggagemaster Watson, bruised about the body and internal injuries.

Charles Conroy, both legs broken and feet crushed.

F. F. Higgins, brakeman, head and arms badly injured.

Thomas Murray, baggageman, slightly cut and bruised.

John R. Rebstock, passenger, Mount Vernon, Ia., kneecap broken.

ALTON LIMITED IS WRECKED

Leaves Rails Near Pontiac, Illinois, Injuring Two Passengers and the Coaches.

PONTIAC, Ill., April 10.—The southbound Alton limited was wrecked at Cayuga, a flag station five miles north of this place, at 11:58 a. m. today.

Those injured were:

Mrs. Collins of St. Louis, face lacerated and bruises on body.

Dr. Fitzpatrick of Pontiac, head bruised.

The train was running at high speed over some new track when a spreading rail let the cars down on the roadbed, throwing several of the coaches from the tracks and turning them in all directions. The cars remained upright, however. In the shakeup several of the passengers were severely bruised and all were thoroughly frightened. The financial loss to the road will be heavy, as this was one of their prized trains.

TROLLEY LINE FOR COLORADO

Colorado Springs, Denver and Pueblo Will Have Cheap Rapid Transit.

CHICAGO, April 10.—A special to the Chronicle from Colorado Springs says: Colorado Springs, Denver and Pueblo will be joined by a trolley line to cost $260,000. It will be built by Chicago, Milwaukee and Detroit capitalists. Charles W. Miller, who represents the syndicate, has petitioned for a right-of-way over the country roads. The main power station will be here. Work will be completed in a year. The fare to terminal points will be 50 cents.

Movements of Ocean Vessels, April 10.

At New York—Arrived—Steamer Westernland, from Antwerp and Southampton; Georgian, from Liverpool; Assyrian, from Glasgow; Hohenzollern, from Naples; Majestic, from Liverpool and Queenstown. Sailed—New York, for Southampton; Germanic, for Liverpool; Southwark, for Antwerp.

At Southampton—Arrived—St. Louis, from New York.

At Halifax—Arrived—Livonian, from Glasgow and Liverpool, for Philadelphia.

At Hong Kong—Arrived previously—Athenian, from Ladysmith, B. C.

At Bremen—Arrived—Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse, from New York, via Cherbourg and Southampton.

At Glasgow—Arrived—Sardinian and Furnessian, from New York.

At Queenstown—Arrived—Lake Megantic, from St. John, New Brunswick and Halifax, for Liverpool; Steamer Teutonic, from New York, for Liverpool, and proceeded. Sailed—Ivernia, from Liverpool, for Boston.

CUBANS GAIN NOTHING

Administration Will Not Recede from Its Present Attitude to End Delay.

PLATT AMENDMENT OR NO CHANGE

If the Proposed Conditions Are Rejected Military Authority Will Continue.

ANY EXPLANATIONS GLADLY FURNISHED

President Pleased to Make Clear the Points Not Perfectly Understood.

COMMISSION MIGHT LEARN MUCH

Proposed Delegation from the Island Would Be Given Government's Frank and Explicit Answer.

WASHINGTON, April 10.—Information was received at the War department to the effect that the Cuban constitutional convention is contemplating sending a commission here to consult the president and secretary of war regarding the Platt amendment and the relations of the United States with Cuba.

While it is known that the administration would much prefer to have the constitutional convention accept the Platt amendment instead of sending such a commission, it would rather the commission should visit this country and discuss the subject than that the Platt legislation should be rejected. Flat rejection would leave matters in a strained condition. The commission will visit this country upon its own responsibility, as an invitation to come might imply a disposition upon the part of this government to make concessions. It has been suggested that some of the most radical opponents of United States control be members of the commission, in order that they might ascertain definitely what the situation is in the United States.

There has been some discussion as to what such a commission can accomplish by coming to Washington. It is said for one thing that it can obtain definitely from the president and secretary of war a construction of the Platt amendment. The third section, relating to intervention, is the one which meets with the greatest objection from the Cubans, and it is believed that the administration can convince the delegation that there is nothing but the best of intention on the part of this government toward Cuba. The requirement that the Cubans shall adopt "substantially" the terms of the Platt amendment also can be construed.

What Delegation Would Learn.

The delegation, it is said, will learn that the Cubans can hope for no modification of the law by congress, and that nothing can be accomplished by waiting until another session. It also will be made plain that the present administration does not wish any modification, and that the spirit of the Platt amendment must be accepted. The delegates will be informed that they can tell the members of the convention upon their return that until the conditions of the Platt amendment are complied with the United States will continue to exercise authority in the islands under its military power.

There is a desire upon the part of the Cubans to have some information as to what may be meant by coaling stations. It is understood that the delegates have been given an intimation that the selections are not likely to be made within any of the cities of Cuba, but at points which the United States regards as convenient for warships. Probably the delegation may desire additional assurances from the president upon this point when it comes to the United States.

As to the time for the visit of the commission, there is no definite information. The president leaves here for the west the last of the month, and it is expected that he will not see any delegation of this character until after his return.

RATHER BE UNDER SPAIN

Juan Gomez Expresses His Appreciation of What Uncle Sam Did for Him.

HAVANA, April 10.—The Cuban constitutional convention reached no result regarding the proposal to appoint a commission to go to Washington in reference to the future relations between Cuba and the United States. The whole time was taken up by Senor Juan Gualberto Gomez and General Sangully, who made long and impassioned speeches, the former against the Platt amendment and the latter in its favor.

Senor Gomez said, in substance, that the black blood in his veins made him opposed to the Americans intimating that their treatment of his race stamped them as friendly to the negro.

"I would rather be under the sovereignty of Spain," he exclaimed, "than under that of the United States. The Platt amendment endangers the independence of Cuba. It means the predominance of American influence. I would rather die of grief or leave the country should it be accepted."

He admitted that he was not particularly opposed to sending a commission to Washington, but he said he believed the Platt amendment should be rejected first.

General Sangully made a strong appeal to the delegates to accept the amendment. He cited the reasons he had already given in a public letter in favor of such a course, and emphasized the fact that the amendment in no way endangered the independence of Cuba, but really provided guaranties that it would be maintained.

PRESIDENT WANTS A HOTEL

McKinley Puts Five Thousand into Plan for Modern House at Canton.

CANTON, O., April 10.—President McKinley has donated $5,000 toward a fund of $30,000 necessary to secure the erection of a modern hotel in this city. The hotel will be built on the site of the recently burned Saxton block. M. C. Barber has written the president on behalf of Canton people, asking that he allow the hotel to be called the McKinley. The building will cost $100,000.

SAMUEL M. NAVE DEAD

One of the Best Known Wholesale Men of the West Expires in St. Joseph.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., April 10.—Samuel M. Nave, a millionaire, formerly of Omaha, one of the best known wholesale grocers, bankers and stockmen of the west, died at his home in this city tonight at 9 o'clock. He was 52 years old. Some affliction of the stomach, which the physicians were unable to diagnose, was the cause of death.