

NOT GOOD AMERICANS

John Hays Hammond Makes Notable Speech in London.

ANGLOMANICS ROUGHLY HANDLED

'A Well Meaning but Discredited Class.' Says the Famous Engineer—Plea For Generous Treatment of Boers by British.

LONDON, April 23.—'I must advise you not to pay too much attention to the extravagant expressions of friendship of a certain well meaning but discredited class called in America "Anglo-manics." That was the keynote of a speech made by John Hays Hammond, an American engineer, last night before a notable gathering, including Lord Grey and others interested in Anglo-American and South African matters, at a dinner given in honor of Mr. Hammond's return to England. With pungent sentences Mr. Hammond explained to his English audience the depth of and reason for American sympathy with the Boers, and as "a candid though a genuine friend of Anglo-Saxon friendship," he impressed his hearers with Great Britain's total lack of effort to counteract the pro-Boer sentiment in the United States. With equal frankness Mr. Hammond urged that Great Britain be generous in her demands. "Your American friends," he declared, "most earnestly hope that in strange turns of peace will liberally will be shown to the Boers."

Such a statement coming from one who in the same speech referred to his imprisonment at Pretoria on account of his anti-Boer tendencies produced a rather striking effect. The American Anglophobes came in for equal criticism with the Anglomanics in Mr. Hammond's remarks. "Both of these classes," said Mr. Hammond, "are the poison and leprosy of the American population. The citizens who compose the important body of our population are the exponents of Americanism in its highest form. They are the true Americans, whether of British, German or whatever ancestry. It is a pity but nevertheless an almost irresistible argument that our nations should stand together because blood is thicker than water. In default of other reasons this sentiment on many memorable occasions has prevailed and saved the day.

"But we must be prepared henceforward to urge our claims for conjoint action respecting important international issues upon not a racial but a moral basis—namely, that our claim is just one—for I believe that to both nations justice is the cornerstone of their international structure."

To this conservative and unbiased action of the American community Mr. Hammond averred that "England has not condescended to explain." To this lack of condescension Mr. Hammond attributed the "general pro-Boer sentiment" which he found upon his return to the United States in 1900. The speaker pointed out that American impressions of the Boer war were derived from the political emissaries of the Boers and the writings and speeches of the British pro-Boers, under which circumstances, he said, it was not surprising that the "corrupt Transvaal oligarchy, masquerading under the name of the 'little sister republic,' had secured the aid and sympathy of America. However much we British and Americans differ from the Boers politically, we are compelled to admire the plucky fight made by the unfortunate and deluded Boers now under arms."

A Farm Hand's Revenge.

YORK, Pa., April 23.—The large barn of C. C. Wolf, eight miles southwest of York, was destroyed by an incendiary fire during the night. Forty head of beef cattle and ten horses and mules perished in the flames. Henry Eberly, who had been employed at the place for three years, came to York during the day and gave himself up to the authorities. He confessed to firing the barn, saying he did it for revenge on account of bad treatment he received from his employer.

Dike Wins Shrivley Fight.

NEW YORK, April 18.—The appellate division of the supreme court has handed down a unanimous decision deciding the Kings county shrivley contest in favor of Colonel Norman S. Dike, appointed by Governor Odell to succeed Charles Guden, and reversing the decision of Judge Gaynor of the supreme court ordering Colonel Dike to hand over the papers and records of the sheriff's office to Guden.

Five Negro Children Starved.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., April 22.—The death of five negro children from starvation is reported from Haywood county, about forty miles north of Memphis. They were the children of Jim Mills, who left them several weeks ago ostensibly to find work. The family lived in an isolated spot, and their condition was not discovered until they were beyond help.

Mother of Dr. Hillis Dead.

WOODBINE, Ia., April 21.—Mrs. Margaret E. Hillis, mother of Rev. Dr. Newell Dwight Hillis of Brooklyn, is dead here. Mrs. Hillis had been suffering for several months from the effects of a paralytic stroke. Her son came to Woodbine when she was first stricken, but returned to Brooklyn after his mother rallied from the effects.

Costly Fire at Quincy, Ill.

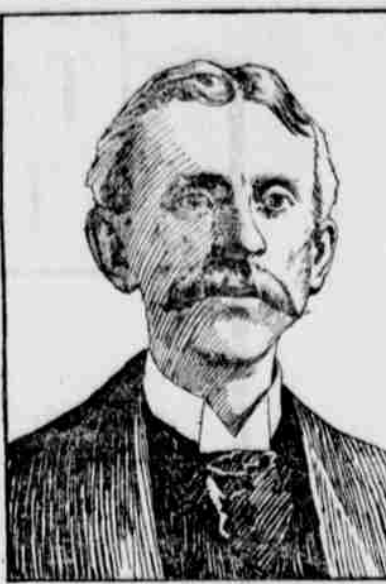
QUINCY, Ill., April 22.—Fire which originated in the Gem City sawmill destroyed property valued at \$230,000, and caused the death of one woman from shock. After consuming the sawmill and planing mill the fire burned over nearly ten acres piled with lumber.

GREAT STORY WRITER DEAD.

Frank R. Stockton Suddenly Passes Away in Washington.

WASHINGTON, April 21.—Frank R. Stockton, the well known novelist, is dead in this city.

The cause of Mr. Stockton's death was paralysis immediately resulting from a hemorrhage in the brain. He was a guest at the banquet held Wednesday night of the National Academy of Sciences, when he was taken suddenly and mysteriously ill. The ailment did not at that time appear to be serious, and for awhile the sufferer seemed to be improving, but a change for the worse came yesterday morning, and death occurred at 11 o'clock. By his bedside when the end came were his wife, who was a Miss Tuttle of Virginia, and her sister. He was sixty-eight years of age. The body will be taken to Philadelphia for interment.



FRANK R. STOCKTON.

Mr. Stockton spent the past winter in New York and had done very little literary work, preferring to rest. After a visit of nearly a month to Atlantic City he came to Washington so that he might attend the banquet of the scientists, intending then to go to his beautiful home in Charlestown, W. Va.

Mr. Stockton was a Philadelphian by birth, in early life was an engraver and draftsman, but soon abandoned this occupation for journalism. Many years ago, however, he retired wholly from newspaper work and devoted himself to literature. His reputation as a story writer was worldwide.

THE STEAMSHIP TRUST.

The Great Merger Combine to Have a Capital of \$170,000,000.

NEW YORK, April 23.—The transatlantic steamship combination formed by J. P. Morgan will have a capital of \$170,000,000, of which \$60,000,000 will be 6 per cent cumulative preferred stock, \$60,000,000 common stock and \$50,000,000 4 1/2 per cent debentures.

The underwriting syndicate has subscribed \$50,000,000, 40 per cent of which was placed abroad and the remainder here. As yet the company has barely gone beyond the organization stage. The corporate title is still undetermined.

As announced last week, the combination will have an American charter, but those in authority decline to make known at this time the state in which the company will be incorporated.

It is authoritatively stated that a "working arrangement" has been made with the German lines—North German Lloyd and Hamburg-American—as a result of which the relations between the new combination and the German companies promise to be altogether harmonious.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

Closing Stock Quotations.

Money on call firm at 4 1/2 per cent. Prime mercantile paper, 4 1/2 to 5 1/2 per cent. Sterling exchange steady, with actual business in bankers' bills at 48 1/2 to 48 3/4 for demand and at 48 1/4 to 48 1/2 for 60 days. Posted rates, 48 1/2 and 48 1/4. Commercial bills, 48 1/2 and 48 1/4. Government bonds firm. State bonds inactive. Railroad bonds irregular. Closing prices: Atchison, 93 1/2; N. Y. Central, 158; C. C. & St. L., 105; Ontario & West, 31 1/2; Ches. & Ohio, 47 1/2; Reading, 67 1/2; People's Gas, 103 1/2; Rock Island, 17 1/2; Del. & Hudson, 17 1/2; St. Paul, 108 1/2; Erie, 123 1/2; Sugar Refinery, 123 1/2; Gen. Electric, 32 1/2; Texas Pacific, 41 1/2; Lead, 10 1/2; Union Pacific, 108 1/2; Louisville & Nash., 128 1/2; Wabash pref., 4 1/2; Manhattan Con., 134 1/2; West. Union, 92 1/2; Missouri Pac., 100 1/2.

New York Markets.

FLOUR—Less active and barely steady; Minnesota patents, \$3.90; winter straight, \$3.70; winter extras, \$3.10; 35, winter patents, \$3.80. WHEAT—Weakened by a wet weather and ruled easy under liberal unloading. May, \$1.60; July, \$1.65. RYE—Dull; state, 61c; C. I. F. New York, car lots; No. 2 western, 64c; I. O. B., 65c. CORN—Opened steady on the small country offerings and prospects for cold weather, but slowly eased off with wheat. May, 67 1/2c; September, 67 1/2c. OATS—Steady and quiet; track, white, state, 51c; track, white, western, 51 1/2c. PORK—Easy; mess, \$16.75; family, \$19.00. LARD—Steady; prime western steam, 10 1/2c. BUTTER—Steady; state dairy, 24c; creamery, 25c. CHEESE—Firm; state, full cream, small, early made, fancy, 13c; state, full cream, small, early made, fancy, 12 1/2c; full cream, large, full made, fancy, 12 1/2c; full cream, large, full made, fancy, 12 1/2c. EGGS—Steady; state and Pennsylvania, 18c; western, at mark, 17 1/2c. SUGAR—Raw steady; fair refining, 25c; centrifugal, 36 test, 35c; refined steady; crushed, 5 1/2c; powdered, 4 1/2c. TURPENTINE—Quiet at 45 1/2c. RICE—Steady; domestic, 48c; Japan, 45c. TALLOW—Firm; city, 64c; country, 6 1/2c. HAY—Dull; shipping, 60c; good to choice, 55c.

Buffalo Live Stock Market.

CATTLE—Receipts, 50 head; fairly steady at previous prices; no veals here. HOGS—Receipts, 500 head; slow and 100 lbs. lower; Yorkers, \$7.75; light do., \$6.80; mixed packers, \$7.10; choice heavy, \$7.50; pigs, \$6.50. SHEEP AND LAMBS—Offerings, 1,500 head; sales very light and all wools market sensitive; choice lambs, \$7.50; good to choice, \$7.10; sheep, choice heavy wethers, \$6.00; common to extra mixed, \$5.75; culs and common, \$3.75.

LONG DEBATE BEGUN

Senate Opens on Philippine Government Bill.

HOUSE PASSES WEST POINT MEASURE

Appropriation For Improvements at the Military Academy Cut—Conference on Chinese Exclusion Bill Results in Agreement.

WASHINGTON, April 23.—Formal discussion of the bill temporarily to provide a government for the Philippine Islands was begun in the senate yesterday, Mr. Rawlins (Utah), the leading minority member of the Philippine committee, opening the debate. He denounced the bill as an unwarranted imposition on the Filipinos, declaring that it would establish one of the foulest oligarchies in the history of the world. He maintained that the Philippine commission was given too great power by the bill and asserted that under its provisions the islands would be exploited for private gain. While he was speaking two efforts were made to maintain a quorum, the second resulting in a lively tilt among several senators, Mr. Scott (W. Va.) intimating that argument could not influence any senator.

The house by a vote of 75 to 72 rejected claims attached to the omnibus claims bill by the senate aggregating \$1,800,000, and on the heels of that action nonconcurred in the whole senate amendment (the various items having been ruled to constitute a single amendment) and sent the bill to conference.

The Military academy appropriation bill was passed after the limit of cost of the improvements at West Point had been reduced from \$6,500,000 to \$5,500,000 and the amount of the appropriation in the bill from \$3,000,000 to \$2,000,000.

The London dock charge bill was called up, but was not disposed of.

The conferees on the Chinese exclusion bill have practically reached an agreement. The main features of the senate bill have been adopted, but there are some alterations.

Cuban Bill Passed.

WASHINGTON, April 19.—The Democrats and the Republican insurgents rode rough shod over the house leaders yesterday when the voting began on the Cuban reciprocity bill. They overthrew the ruling of the chair in committee of the whole on the question of the propriety of an amendment to remove the differential from refined sugar during the existence of the reciprocity agreement provided for in the bill.

River and Harbor Bill Passed.

WASHINGTON, April 22.—Without a word of discussion of the merits of the measure the senate yesterday passed the river and harbor bill, carrying in appropriations about \$70,000,000. So thoroughly had the bill been considered by the commerce committee that every senator was content that it should pass as reported from the committee.

DISASTER ON THE OHIO.

Appalling Loss of Life by Burning of River Steamer.

CAIRO, Ill., April 23.—No more bodies have been recovered from the steamer City of Pittsburg, which was burned Sunday. Practically nothing has been done to search the wreck for bodies. It is fair to assume that the total number on board at the time of the fire, passengers and crew, from all reliable statistics given from memory by officers, was 145, and it is known that seventy-five were saved, which leave seventy to be accounted for. The corrected list of the lost given is fifty, and there must be twenty bodies in the wreck or the river. The underwriters will endeavor to investigate the burned hulk.

At the coroner's inquest over the bodies of Captain Sylvester Doss and Miss Maria Tassin a verdict was rendered that the former came to death from exhaustion and the latter from inhaling smoke, and nothing was developed as to the origin, cause or responsibility for the disaster. Captain Phillips testified that he could not account for the origin of the fire unless an electric wire had started it. Many stories have been told by survivors of their thrilling experiences in escaping from the burning decks, and some of them are of a most startling character. The victims were from points along the Ohio valley, and they have left a trail of bereavement from Pittsburg to the Mississippi.

Fatal Fire at Dallas, Tex.

DALLAS, Tex., April 21.—Two persons fatally injured, Fire Chief Magee prostrated and a property loss of fully \$350,000 is the result of several early morning fires which occurred in this city. The first alarm was turned in from the Dorsey printing establishment, located on lower Elm street. Several additional alarms from different parts of the city followed closely.

Corn Duties Cause Hot Debate.

LONDON, April 23.—The whole of last evening in the house of commons was occupied with a heated debate of the corn duties as provided for in the budget. At midnight Mr. Balfour, the government leader, applied the closure, and the corn duties resolution was adopted by 283 to 197.

Quick Conviction of a Murderer.

HACKENSACK, N. J., April 18.—Peter Herula has been convicted of murder in the first degree here. He killed Bernard Kanter, a butcher, who refused to give him 5 cents' worth of dog meat. The trial actually took but nine and a half hours. Sentence will be pronounced later.

Ticket Scalper Pleaded Guilty.

Adolph Blau Learned Something About the Law on the Subject.—Judge Kelly Was Lenient.

The first case of a man being arraigned in the criminal courts of Lackawanna county for ticket scalping was called before Judge Edwards recently. The defendant was Adolph Blau, who is the manager of the Commercial Loan company, doing business at No. 305 Lackawanna avenue. The complainant was M. L. Smith, the district passenger agent of the Lackawanna railroad.

Blau pleaded guilty upon the advice of his counsel and was let off with an extremely lenient sentence. It was \$25 and costs.

Cases in this state for ticket scalping have been rare, although there has been a law against it on the statute books of Pennsylvania since the year 1863. It was only recently that the supreme court of Pennsylvania decided that that law is a good one and that it is a crime to scalp tickets in Pennsylvania.

The D. L. & W. company sometime ago had reason to complain of ticket scalping in this city and started out to find where the trouble came from. They soon found that the tickets were being scalped by Blau. Mr. Smith remonstrated with him and told him not to sell the tickets of the Lackawanna and also called his attention to the law of this state regarding it.

Blau did stop for a time and then when the New York state court decided against the railroad companies in the famous case at Buffalo he thought that it gave him a license to sell, and started up the scalping business again. Mr. Smith told him again and also called his attention to the fact that the law in New York state was not the same as the law in Pennsylvania, and that the law in this state was straight out and out against the practice. Blau wouldn't believe it, and kept on selling until he was arrested.

There is a big difference between the case that was in New York state courts and this one tried in the Lackawanna court recently. The suit was brought there by the companies against the scalpers to restrain them from selling. The suit there was in equity, not in the criminal court. The peculiar part of the suit there was that it was decided against the company on the ground that they did not come into court with clean hands and when a man comes into the equity court for redress of grievances he must come there without spot or blemish. Thus it appears that while the New York courts decided against the companies they did not decide that ticket scalping in New York was legal.

In passing sentence on Blau, Judge Kelly told him that it was on account of all the facts in the case that he was so lenient. That he felt that Blau had made a mistake in his understanding of the New York law and did not understand the difference between that and the law in this state. Judge Kelly stated that the law in Pennsylvania is clear and distinct, and that it positively makes ticket scalping a crime. It is a serious crime, too. The penalty is fine and imprisonment in the penitentiary.

The court impressed the fact upon Blau that while he was lenient this time it was not to be understood that he would be so lenient with him or anyone else if they should be brought before him again on the same charge.

While the D. L. & W. company agreed to have judicial clemency extended to Blau Mr. Smith stated that it was an example to any one else that would be found scalping their tickets. They will prosecute to the full extent of the law in cases that may arise hereafter.

Major Warren appeared for the company, and Messrs. Joseph O'Brien, Geo. S. Horn, Frank Donnelly and John F. Murphy for Blau.

Arab Swallowed His Fortune.

The Petit Parisian gives an account of a remarkable operation performed on an Arab. The unfortunate son of the desert, frightened at the approach of evil-eyed strangers, swallowed his fortune of 107 francs, consisting of five-franc and two-franc pieces. As it would have endangered his life to leave this money in its novel security vault, he was operated upon, and after much recovered 105 francs 50 centimes were recovered. The patient was 63 years of age.

A Scientific Pled Piper.

Dr. Robert Koch, chiefly known in a popular way, through his efforts toward the cure of consumption, is going to act as a sort of scientific piper of Germany in an attempt to rid the empire of rats, which are supposed to be a potent factor in the spreading of contagious diseases.

Bacteria in Ink.

The authorities of Minden, Germany, have made a bacteriological examination of school inks. Most of the specimens examined contained bacteria, which, when animals were inoculated with them, often proved fatal.

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