

THE BOERS AND BRITISH

BOTH SIDES STILL ACTIVE AND AGGRESSIVE.

A Full Summary of the Transvaal War News—Progress of the Conflict From Day to Day—The British Encouraged.

A Cape Town correspondent of the London Daily Mail says that General Carrington's force is the only one going to the relief of Mafeking, and that no force of any kind is operating from the south.

The Transvaal Government has asked Lord Roberts to be allowed to send a clergyman to St. Helena, and also a neutral consul to watch the interests of the prisoners, in the same manner that Adelbert S. Hay guards the interests of the British at Pretoria.

A Pretoria despatch says the latest official news was that fighting was proceeding within half an hour's ride of De Wet's Dorp, with no results.

Gen. Charles Warren has been appointed administrator of Bechuanaland.

A despatch from Ottawa, Ontario, says the government has no evidence of any conspiracy in the United States for the purpose of attacking Canada because of its sending troops to South Africa.

At a banquet of the Cape Town Society of St. George, given at Cape Town yesterday, Sir John Gordon Sprigg, ex-premier, spoke hopefully regarding the early termination of the war.

During the past three days there have been several attacks by the Boers on the British positions in the Free State, resulting in sharp but indecisive fighting. The attacks in several instances were repulsed and the Boers driven from their strongholds in the kopjes. The siege of Wepener garrison is still kept up, but reinforcements are near there, if they have not arrived. The general advance of Lord Roberts's forces has not yet begun.

It is reported in London that Sir Charles Warren is to be appointed Governor of the Free State. Nothing is known regarding Sir Redvers Buller, but there is little doubt regarding his removal, and rumor has it that Lord Kitchener will get an important independent command.

The Boer Peace Commissioners are understood to have been disappointed by their visit to the Hague, but will visit Berlin and Paris before going to Washington.

A despatch from Durban says that General Sir Charles Warren has arrived there on the way to East London, and it is believed he is going to the Orange Free State to assume an important civil post.

General Carrington's forces have arrived at Beira, Portuguese East Africa, whence it is proposed to reach the South African Republic, but weeks will elapse before the troops can reach the border or approach Mafeking.

The Ladysmith correspondent of the Daily Telegraph in a despatch says the news of Lord Roberts to the War Office regarding the Spion Kop operations, has created much comment locally, but no resignations are mentioned.

A despatch from Kimberley says that Lord Methuen has issued a proclamation forbidding civilians to carry arms, and ordering rebels to surrender all serviceable modern arms by May 6.

The War Office has made public the report of Gen. Roberts on the Spion Kop disaster, in which he severely censures Gen. Buller, Gen. Warren, and others. The recall of the Generals named, it is believed in London, is certain to follow. Gen. Roberts reports that the Boers still surround the British forces at Wepener.

KILLED AT CHURCH.

A Wife Murder and Attempted Suicide at Syracuse.

John Hughes, aged 60 years, shot and killed his wife, Hannah Hughes and seriously wounded Elizabeth Lyons, aged 16 years, as the women were leaving St. Vincent de Paul's Church, Syracuse, N. Y., Sunday. He then went to the house of a friend a mile distant and attempted to commit suicide by stabbing himself near the breast with a pair of shears. He was found there by the police and arrested. He and Mrs. Hughes were married about a year ago, but their married life was unhappy and they separated six months ago.

Elizabeth Lyons was struck in the leg by a stray bullet, while walking on the opposite side of the street. Her injury is not serious. She is the daughter of John H. Lyons, a prominent box manufacturer.

COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY.

Latest News From the Active Business World.

At Joliet, Illinois, operations are suspended at three rod mills of the Illinois Steel Company. Between 600 and 700 men were thrown out of employment.

Directors of the Western New York and Pennsylvania Railway Company recommended the stockholders and income bondholders to accept the Pennsylvania Railroad Company's offer of \$9 per share and \$300 per income bond.

The Kansas Midland Railroad, running from Wichita to Ellsworth, a distance of 106 miles, has been transferred to the St. Louis and San Francisco Railway Company. The consideration is \$1,100,000 of Kansas Midland division 4 per cent. mortgage bonds and \$965,000 common stock trust certificates of the St. Louis and San Francisco Railway.

MISCELLANEOUS NEWS.

Events of the Week Told in a Few Words.

News from Venezuela says President Castro's administration is so despotic that his own troops are rising against him, and that military officers are engineering another revolution.

The aggregate number of creditors of the defunct Franklin Syndicate is in the neighborhood of 2,000, and the claims amount to about \$1,400,000.

Leading members of the medical profession of Santiago de Chile report radical cures of diphtheritic cases by the internal application of paraffine.

Plague infected rats have been found on the Brisbane, Auckland and Melbourne wharves, at Melbourne, Victoria.

Australian advices chronicle the discovery of rich placer ground at Wedderburn, Victoria. The first man to stake ground unearthed a sixty-one ounce nugget at 22 feet depth.

The British steamer Sir Garnet Wolseley, from Philadelphia for Cork, which has been beating around the ocean disabled for two weeks, was towed into Halifax yesterday by the British steamer Runo, from Sunderland for New York and Baltimore.

Marie Rosalie Dinse, who jumped into the East river from the Brooklyn bridge, was practically uninjured by the jump.

It is reported from Constantinople that the Porte has replied to the American demands, stating that "Turkey will compensate American missionaries under the same conditions as in the case of other foreign subjects."

The eight hour law has been repealed by the Territorial Assembly of Winnipeg.

The Trinidad Legislature has formally ratified the second reciprocity treaty with the United States.

A train bearing a structure in sections and the workmen to put it together has been sent from Chicago to the Paris Exposition by the American Forestry Association.

Major General Miles has announced that certain land, comprising about 148 acres, on North Point, near Baltimore, recently purchased, has been set aside as a military reservation.

The will of the late Samuel Howard leaves practically his whole estate, valued at upwards of \$200,000, in trust for the support, maintenance and education of orphan children at Milwaukee.

A competitive examination of enlisted men for promotion to the grade of Second Lieutenant, U. S. A., will be held in each geographical department June 1 next, in lieu of the usual examination in September.

Ex-Congressman David G. Colson, who has been on trial at Frankfort, Ky., for the last four days for the murder of Lieutenant Ethelbert Scott and Luther W. Demaree, has been acquitted. The jury was out only eighteen minutes.

The will of the late United States Senator Philetus Sawyer of Wisconsin leaves an estate estimated to be worth over \$3,000,000 to the family with the exception of \$10,000 left to the Ladies' Benevolent Society of Oshkosh.

Chief Justice Gordon, of the Supreme Court, at Olympia, Washington, has tendered his resignation, to take effect August 1.

There is talk of a book trust involving a consolidation of the Harpers, the Appletons and other large publishers, but it is said to be all "in the air" as yet, at any rate.

The Presbytery of Milwaukee has petitioned the General Assembly to formulate a creed, appropriate to the needs of the present time.

Half a million dollars damage is estimated to have been sustained by fruit raisers in the vicinity of Canon City, Col., from the late heavy storm and frosts.

The Postmaster General has signed a parcel post treaty, with New Zealand, which will go into effect July 1 next.

An agreement has been signed for the cutting of the long projected canal from the vicinity of Lake Washington on the upper St. Johns River to Indian River, Florida.

Work on the setting up of the steel construction of the new auditorium building at Kansas City has begun.

Six hundred employees of the Brooklyn Sugar Refinery have returned to work. The refinery was shut down in March, and many rumors were circulated as to the cause. Now, however, it is being operated by the full force, and 4,000 barrels of sugar are being turned out daily.

Amelia Smith jumped from a Pennsylvania express train running a mile a minute, near Atlantic City. She landed on soft earth and survived.

Miss G. Davison, who has been baked in a Sprague thermostat at 295 degrees, in New York, says she likes it, and three weeks' treatment has helped her rheumatism.

The appraised value of Cornelius Vanderbilt's estate is about \$60,000,000, a shrinkage from Chauncey M. Depew's estimate of \$70,000,000.

A banquet was given by the Democratic Club of Brooklyn, April 18, at which a letter from ex-President Cleveland was read denouncing false leadership and pointing out the present duty of Democrats.

Senator Hanna will not be a delegate to the Philadelphia Convention, but will attend as Chairman of the National Committee.

Andrew Carnegie has agreed to give \$3,500,000 to the Carnegie Library and Institute of Pittsburgh, which, it is expected, will be made the largest structure of its kind in the world.

The Governing Board of the International League of Press Clubs has decided to hold the annual meeting of the League in New York, on July 17.

PASSING RAISED BILLS.

NOW THREE PERSONS ARE LODGED IN JAIL.

Big Secret Service Haul in New York—Complete Outfit for Raising Silver Certificates and Treasury Notes Seized.

Three prisoners, charged with raising silver certificates and Treasury notes, have been captured by Chief Hazen, of the Secret Service, assisted by Detectives Burton, Gannon and Henry, at 149 West Ninety-eighth street, New York. The prisoners taken were Edward Henry, alias Rondle, thirty-seven years old; his wife, Mary, twenty-nine years old, and his brother-in-law, Harry Eschbach, alias Miller, thirty-two years old. When arraigned before United States Commissioner Shields they were charged with raising \$2 silver certificates to \$5, and the \$2 McPherson and rewriter Treasury note to \$10. A continuance until April 30 was asked for by the prisoners and granted, each of them being held under \$5,000 bond in Ludlow Street Jail.

"The first intimation we had of the circulation of these raised certificates," said Chief Hazen, "was received about ten days ago from a man named J. Kraft, who is a dealer in furniture at 728 Columbus avenue. We then began our investigations, getting descriptions of the men, but at first were unable to find out their place of business. Most of the complaints, of which there are eighteen, come from Columbus avenue, and we warned the shopkeepers in that neighborhood. About a week ago a son of a man named Wolf had one of the raised bills passed on him, and recognizing it from the description furnished, tracked the man who had passed it to the house at 149 West Ninety-eighth street.

"After obtaining the necessary evidence for the conviction of the men as to the passing of the bills, we raided the place, capturing the prisoners in the rear top flat and a complete outfit for the raising of bills, which consisted of a hand press, inks, paper cut in the desired shape, wood cuts, section cuts, and several electrotypes which had been made from the woodcuts."

Chief Hazen is of the opinion that he has nipped a scheme in the bud for issuing a number of counterfeit five-dollar notes, because the back of a five-dollar note was found on Eschbach. The chief does not believe that anything further had been done in that direction as yet. As to how much raised money they had succeeded in passing, the chief would not venture to say, but he stated that the work was very good, making it exceptionally hard to detect. The custom of the woman, who did some of the passing, was to seldom purchase anything, but to invariably ask for change.

All the prisoners were intelligent and made a good appearance when arraigned before the Commissioner. Henry is a smooth-faced, rather well-dressed man, and Eschbach was also dressed well, and had a black mustache. The woman was much bejeweled, and was of a handsome brunette type. She was very backward in answering questions put to her, was on the verge of tears, and seemed unable to stand the strain of the court.

A MYSTERIOUS DRUG.

By It a Man is Doomed to Slow Death.

Dr. E. H. Barker, who had been treating H. Grote, of Cumminsville, a suburb of Cincinnati, was puzzled and baffled by his patient's symptoms. Finally he told him plainly that something wrong was going on.

Grote then broke down and weepingly said he believed he was being slowly poisoned to death. His wife, whom he considered mentally irresponsible, was in control of an herb doctor. He said he overheard the herb doctor say to his wife that he had a slow poison that would make a weakened old man out of Grote in two months and finally kill him.

Dr. Barker said that whatever had been given to the man was acting in just that way. He treated Grote for poison, and soon there was a wonderful improvement. In the mean time Grote's servant girl found a box of white powder, which on being examined by a chemist, proved to be quinine, mixed with a foreign substance, whose character could not be determined. Mrs. Grote, who is apparently sixty years old, declared that the powder was baking soda, and said she had not seen the herb doctor for a month.

Grote told of three occasions on which after drinking coffee which had a bitter taste, his muscles had become rigid and symptoms of poisoning had developed. Dr. Barker says that whatever has been given to Grote it will kill him. "Six months ago," says the doctor, "Grote was a fine specimen of physical manhood; today there is not a sound organ in his body." The police are at work on the case.

Rusie Sued for Divorce.

Mrs. Susan Rusie, wife of the New York baseball pitcher, brought suit for divorce. She charges that Rusie has mistreated her, and that he has been drinking. The action followed the departure of Rusie for New York by only a few hours. Mrs. Rusie says that her action in leaving him so suddenly and coming to her home at Munice was because of his conduct. Property rights are involved in the case. She asks \$5,000 alimony.

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