

TWO CENTS.

SCRANTON, PA., MONDAY MORNING, MARCH 19, 1900.

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MAFEKING IS STILL WAITING

The Promised Relief Is Not Yet Announced.

BETS ON END OF THE WAR

London Believes Hostilities Will Cease by the Middle of May—Boers Reported to Have Destroyed a Railroad in the Neighborhood of Koonstadt—General Kitchener Quietly Organizing.

London, March 18.—A dispatch from the South African states that the relief of Mafeking is not yet announced, but it is extremely probable that this will be accomplished by Colonel Plumer's advance.

The actual relief movements have not been publicly developed in detail, but it seems that Lord Methuen only started very recently and is rather engaged in dispersing the Boers of the district than aiming at actual relief.

Lord Roberts probably ascertained from Mr. Frazer, the new mayor of Bloemfontein, before dispatching General Pole-Carew southward, that in all likelihood, the railway was clear.

The cavalry brigade which Lord Roberts has sent to Thaba Nchu, thirty-five miles east of Bloemfontein, is destined to cut off some 2,000 Boers who are camping from the southward.

The Boers are reported to have destroyed the railway in the neighborhood of Koonstadt. Lord Kitchener is still quietly organizing in the northeast of Cape Colony.

Rifles Accumulating

London, March 18.—A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Bloemfontein, dated Friday, March 16, says: "We are getting rifles surrendered faster than a factory could turn them out."

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Our home-made guns erratically bombard the Boer trenches. Horrible stories are current that the Boers are inflicting murderous tortures on captured native runners.

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Dispatch from Roberts. London, March 18.—The war office has received the following dispatch from Field Marshal Lord Roberts, dated Bloemfontein, Sunday, March 18: "The Guards brigade returned yesterday from Norval's Fort."

The officer commanding at Belmont reports that some deserters have come in with a Maxim, a nine-pounder and another gun. Another nine-pounder has been brought into Coleberg. The cavalry brigade has gone to Thaba Nchu, in order to reassure the inhabitants of that district and to disperse copies of the proclamation to the people of the Free State.

THE CASUALTIES.

Preroria, Friday, March 16.—The chief of the intelligence department, Molengraaf, announces that the federal losses prior to the relief of Kimberley and Mafeking were: Killed, 677; wounded, 2,129; accidents, sickness and other disabling causes, he asserts, being the total to 4,351.

Commandant Schwartz, with 150 men, is threatening the railway near Avoeloo, north of Mafeking. A British patrol, which reconnoitered within four miles of Mafeking, found the railway cut and the telegraph wire uncoiled north of Pitsani.

BOERS DESIRE PEACE.

Webster Davis Thinks They Will Not Hold Out Much Longer. London, March 18.—The Naples correspondent of the Daily Mail telegraphs an interview he had with Webster Davis, United States assistant secretary of the interior.

ALLEGIANCE OF THE IRISH.

Among the Queen's Most Devoted Troops—Kipling's Tribute. Cape Town, March 18.—St. Patrick's Day was celebrated with extraordinary enthusiasm throughout South Africa.

TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.

Congressional Organization Celebrates Dow's Birthday. Washington, March 18.—The sixtieth anniversary of the death of the late President Andrew Johnson was observed by the Congressional Temperance Society.

BISHOP HURST ON EXPANSION.

The War Will Spread the Gospel to the Unenlightened. Millville, N. J., March 18.—Fully 500 persons attended the services of the New Jersey Methodist Episcopal conference today.

DEWEYS WILL VISIT EUROPE.

Washington, March 18.—Admiral and Mrs. Dewey left here tonight for a trip south. They expect to visit Savannah, Pa. St. Augustine, Jacksonville and Palm Beach.

STEAMSHIP ARRIVALS.

New York, March 18.—Arrived: La Graciosa, Havre; Cherbourg—Sailed: New York, from Southampton; New York, Queenstown—Sailed: Bovio, from Liverpool; New York.

PUERTO RICO BILL LAGS IN SENATE

REPUBLICAN SENATORS OPPOSED TO PRESENT ACTION.

Appropriation Bills on the Calendar Will Receive Attention—A Difference of Opinion Regarding the Quay Resolution—District of Columbia Day in the House—General Wheeler May Present Himself at the Bar to Be Sworn in Some Time During the Week.

Washington, March 18.—It now looks as though the week in the senate will be spent largely in awaiting the special Republican caucus committee appointed to harmonize the party on the proposed Puerto Rican legislation.

THE QUAY RESOLUTION.

There is a difference of opinion as to whether under the agreement to take up the Quay resolution for consideration on the third of April it can be called up even for speeches in the interim.

IN THE HOUSE.

Tomorrow is District of Columbia day in the house. The Loud bill relating to second class mail matter will come up Tuesday under a special order setting aside Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday for its consideration.

PITTSBURGH CHURCH BURNED.

Edifice of the Welsh Congregational Society Is Destroyed. Special to the Scranton Tribune. Pittsburgh, March 18.—The Welsh Congregational church, on La Grange street, the oldest church in the city, was totally destroyed by fire tonight at 10:39 o'clock.

ANTI-QUAYITES DEFEATED.

Entirely Vanquished at the Huntingdon Primaries. Huntingdon, March 18.—All but five of the 62 districts in Huntingdon county have reported on the results of last night's Republican primaries and definitely show that the regular Republican or Quay ticket has been elected from Congressional Mahon to the county committee.

DEATHS OF A DAY.

Chicago, March 18.—Andrew Bolter, one of the most noted criminologists in America and for forty-five years a resident of Chicago, died today.

Two Governors of Kentucky.

Louisville, Ky., March 18.—The two governors of Kentucky were entertained in this city today. Messrs. Taylor and Beckham both insisted that they had come to Louisville on purely business and their visits had no political significance.

THE COAL TRADE.

Situation as Presented in the Philadelphia Ledger's Article.

Philadelphia, March 18.—The Ledger in its coal article tomorrow will say: "The anthracite coal trade is dull. The market is not making any demand and the whole product of the Pennsylvania and West Virginia coal fields is being absorbed."

CONVENTION AT LINCOLN.

Democrats and Populists Are Liabie to Have a Lively Session—Middle-of-the-Road Men Aggressive.

Lincoln, Neb., March 18.—While there may be a few family fights in the Democratic and Populist conventions called for tomorrow to elect delegates to the Democratic national convention at Kansas City, they are not expected to have any influence upon the final action of both gatherings.

THE JOINT CONFERENCE.

The joint conference, which commenced at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon and did not end until 12:30 Sunday morning, was held at the Grand Pacific hotel.

MANUFACTURERS' RESOLUTIONS.

The manufacturers presented their side of the question in resolutions, the substance of which follows: Whereas, the administrative council of the National Metal Trades' association has met in Chicago, Ill., and has proposed to the International Association of Machinists to arbitrate disputes and to hold a joint conference.

CIGARMAKER'S CRIME.

M. Goldfoss Kills Jennie Lis, with Whom He Was Intimate. Chicago, March 18.—The Vendome hotel suicide and the woman he killed have been identified as M. Goldfoss, proprietor of a cigar and confectionery store on West Fourth street.

CHINESE REPORT DENIED.

Washington, March 18.—In official and diplomatic circles here a denial is authorized with reference to reports that there have been conferences with a view to the dispatch of additional warships and United States soldiers to China.

DETROIT CAPTAIN JOURNALIST.

Detroit, March 18.—Captain Joseph Nicholson, for twenty-one years warden of the Detroit house of correction, died today. The captain was widely known as an organizer and manager of prison industries.

MACHINISTS MAY GO ON A STRIKE

CHICAGO LABOR TROUBLES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR MOVE.

At the Close of the Conference at Chicago Yesterday President James O'Connell, of Machinists' Union, Declared That Strikes Will Be Called Immediately in All Parts of the United States and Canada.

Chicago, March 18.—After the conference between representatives of the International Association of Machinists and the administrative council of the National Metal Trades' association ended at 12:30 a. m. today President James O'Connell, of the union, declared that strikes would be called immediately in all parts of the United States and Canada.

THE DOLLAR DINNER TOASTMASTER DESERTS

Eugene V. Brewster Will Forsake the Banner of Bryan for That of Mr. Debs—Advice to the Boy Orator. New York, March 18.—Eugene V. Brewster, of Brooklyn, who was toastmaster and chairman of the Bryan dollar dinner and who has been probably the most conspicuous member of the so-called "Chicago Platform Democracy," has written a letter to William J. Bryan in which he says that he cannot support Mr. Bryan for the presidency and that he now abandons all effort to "effect a union of reform forces" under Bryan's leadership.

METHODIST CONFERENCE.

Visiting Preachers Fill All of the Philadelphia Pulpits. Philadelphia, March 18.—Nearly all the Methodist Episcopal pulpits were filled today with visiting preachers to the 11th conference, which is now being held in this city.

SCHLEY HOME FUND.

Refusals to Contribute Are Reported at a Meeting of Committee. Washington, March 18.—At a meeting of the executive committee engaged in raising funds for a home for Rear Admiral Schley last night, Secretary Evans reported many favorable responses to the circulars soliciting contributions.

KILLED WHILE BOXING.

Santa Cruz, Cal., March 18.—Frank Cass, 18 years old, was killed at Levin Lake today in a friendly boxing bout with Bert Whidden.

FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLAR BLAZE.

Chicago, March 18.—A fire last night caused \$50,000 damage to a block of buildings at North avenue and Larabee street.

MR. GROW IMPROVING.

Washington, March 18.—The condition of Representative Galusha A. Grow, of Pennsylvania, is improved. He had a restless night and has continued comfortable today.

DEATH OF GENERAL LOCKHART.

Calcutta, March 18.—General Sir William Stephen Alexander Lockhart, commander-in-chief of the British forces in India, died today.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING

- Weather indications today: RAIN, WARMER. 1 General-Philippine Junta at Manila becomes Troublesome. South African War News. Probable of a General Machinists Strike. Programme of the Week in Congress. 2 General-Northeastern Pennsylvania, Financial and Commercial. 3 Local-Rev. Dr. Robinson Endorses Mr. Sheldon's Newspaper Project. Mention of Some Men of the Hour. 4 Editorial. News and Comment. 5 Local-Result of Saturday's Primaries. Martin Case Before the United States Circuit Court. 6 Local-West Scranton and Suburban. 7 Round about the Country. 8 Local-Live Industrial News.

DISCONTENT AT MANILA

The Insurgent Junta Continues to Breed Trouble. WHY THE REBELS RESIST They Are Buoyed by the Hope That Congress May Be Forced to Accord Them the Best Possible Peace Terms—Influenced by Loud Talkers in Congress to Hold Out Against the American Army, Arms Landed in Luzon.

Manila, March 18.—8:30 p. m.—General Otis considers Manila the most troublesome center in the situation today. The insurgent Junta here, in conjunction with that in Hong Kong, is growing active. The military authorities have been forced to put a stop to Mabini's intercourse with the public.

REBEL REORGANIZATION.

Reports are current here of active rebel organization in the province of Morong, where the insurgent leaders are said to be assisted by prominent Spanish residents.

KOBBE OPENS TWENTY PORTS.

General Kobbe has opened twenty ports in the southern part of Luzon and in the islands of Samar and Leyte, the result of which is to stimulate trade there, although only temporarily as the country opened is non-productive and apparently non-consuming.

FILIPINOS TO HANG.

Manila, March 18.—8:40 a. m.—A military commission at Bayambang, has sentenced to be hanged, on March 30, two natives who have been found guilty of murdering their countrymen.

WEATHER FORECAST.

- Washington, March 18.—Forecast: for Monday and Tuesday, rain and warmer; for Wednesday, rain and warmer; for Thursday, rain and warmer; for Friday and Saturday, fresh to brisk winds, becoming westerly Tuesday.