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SCRANTON, PA., MONDAY MORNING, APRIL 9, 1900.

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LITTLE NEWS THAT BRINGS SATISFACTION

No Comfort for the English in Censored Despatches.

BLOEMFONTEIN IN DANGER

Rumors That Telegraph Wires Have Already Been Cut—An Attempt to Catch Boer Leaders Fails for Lack of Cavalry—Results of Serious Checks to British Arms Encourage the Boers to Greater Activity. Trouble in Swaziland.

London, April 9.—4.50 a. m.—When it is borne in mind that all the despatches from the front are severely censored, there is little in the news to bring satisfaction to England. Assurance that nothing need be feared, even if the railways and telegraphs are cut and Bloemfontein isolated, together with the news that the ladies and other civilians are being ordered away, do not augur well.

There are rumors from Cape Town that the telegraph wires were already cut yesterday (Sunday), and also that the Hunsars who were sent to the relief of the Royal Irish are also missing, although probably these are the outcome of Boer exaggerations, designed to encourage the burghers.

The attempt of General Colville to catch the Boer leaders in conference at Reitfontein failed probably, as usual, because of the lack of cavalry. The results of these serious checks to the British arms is giving the Boers activity. A belated Boer dispatch says that bayonets were being made for the foreign legion under the late General De Villiers Maronil.

The Boers are boasting that the Coleridge and Stormberg commandos, numbering six thousand, with ten cannon and 750 wagons, have gotten safely through, thus performing a "magnificent strategic feat."

Trouble in Swaziland.

Lourenzo Marquez, April 6.—A runner who has just arrived here from Sobobo's Kraal, Swaziland, says Sobobo has been killed and his women have been tied up with ropes. The latest news from the country, which is in a most unsettled state, bordering on a reign of terror, in the absence of a "bite man's law." Many natives have been threatened and in one district they have been completely killed off.

A messenger from Bromberg, Swaziland, says the Boers are making presents to the queen and are seeking permission to pass through Swaziland armed.

Lourenzo Marquez, Saturday, April 7.—M'Quezie, the famous old Swazi chief and two women of his household and their infants have all been as at M'Quezie's Kraal. The kraal was sacked and burned, and the chief's son was captured. Numerous bands are marching about—northward and southward—and marauding in every direction.

This correspondent found M'Quezie's son in charge of two natives, who admitted the killing of the chief, but said they had followed the orders of the Swazi queen.

Gen. Gatacre Too Late.

Bethany, Orange Free State, April 8.—The five companies of British infantry which were surprised by the Reddersburg commando, while marching across the country via Dewet's dorp, made a plucky stand; but, as the Boers had three field guns and the British only one, the Boers were forced to surrender. General Gatacre arrived too late. Reddersburg was already recaptured by the Boers, and the enemy are now threatening the lines to the south.

Bethany, Saturday, April 7.—General Gatacre's force has returned here without having found any trace of the ill-fated British column captured by the Reddersburg commando.

It is impossible to estimate the British losses, but as the men fought stubbornly, it is probable that these were large.

Bloemfontein, Saturday, April 7.—Another of Mr. Steyn's brothers was captured near Kamee Siding yesterday and arrived here today.

The Natives Are Anxious.

Maseru, Basutoland, Thursday, April 6.—The reconquest of Ladybrand, Thaba Nchu and the Bloemfontein waterworks by the Boers, in the very sight of Basutos, who recently witnessed the expulsion of the Boers by the British, is far the most important aspect of the situation here in view of its probable effect upon the native mind.

Already the natives are arguing that the British have suffered reverses, and should the British evacuate Wenerer, the results, so far as the natives are concerned, are likely to prove disastrous.

All hope to see General Brabant steadily advance and drive the enemy before him.

WEBSTER DAVIS ON THE BOERS

HE SPEAKS TO A LARGE AUDIENCE IN WASHINGTON.

A Score or More of Public Men in the Audience That Listened to the Talk Upon the South African Condition—The Speaker Scores the English and Pleads for Sympathy for the Boers.

Washington, April 8.—An immense audience gathered at the Grand opera house tonight to listen to an address on the war in South Africa from the Hon. Webster Davis, ex-assistant secretary of the Interior, who has just returned to the United States from that country, the auditors paying close attention to every word uttered by the speaker and manifesting their appreciation of his telling points with frequent and fervent applause.

PRIMARY RESULTS ABOUT THE STATE

The Quay Men Victorious in Majority of the Districts—Mr. Sibley Defeats Mr. Stone.

Bradford, Pa., April 8.—The Republican primary campaign ended yesterday, after a most bitter contest between the regular Republican candidates and those who, as anti-Quay (regular) received a majority in the county of El. M. H. Houghton and T. J. Richmond, Quay candidates for assembly, have similar majorities to Sibley's. David Howells, J. M. McElroy and Charles A. Duke, regular delegates, were also chosen. The friends of Howell claim him for the Insurgents, but the Quayites placed him on their slate before the latter commenced their fight. McKean county's primaries are on the Crawford county plan.

Anti-Quayites Sniped Under.

Franklin, Pa., April 8.—From returns so far received from the Venango county Republican primaries, which were held yesterday, the nomination of John H. Emery, of Franklin, for assembly, while Mr. Sibley, with such a close contest for second place between Thomas McGonagh, of Franklin, and W. H. Corrin, of Oil City, that it will require the official returns to determine the selection. Corrin is classed as a Quayite, while Mr. Sibley and Emery are unpledged. The other candidate for assembly, Peter Berry, anti-Quayite, seems hopelessly sniped under.

Doubt in Westmoreland.

Greensburg, Pa., April 8.—The Republican primaries in Westmoreland county were held yesterday, but the result of the contest between Quay and anti-Quay factions of the party is yet undecided. The anti-Quay people nominated Harry P. Searor for congress, M. P. Kull for prothonotary, and Robert M. Jones, for clerk of the courts.

Quay Faction Annihilated.

Warren, Pa., April 8.—The results of Saturday's primaries shows the complete annihilation of the Quay faction in Warren county. D. C. Hator, of Columbia, anti-Quay, defeated the present assemblyman, E. N. Parshall, the Quayite for re-election, by 1,700 majority. James Brann, of Warren, defeated A. W. Jones, of Chandler's Valley, for sheriff of Warren county, by from 1,800 to 2,000 majority. For associate judge, Tanner Hackney is counted a sure winner over the present associate judge, J. H. Sandstrom, although there are five precincts yet to hear from. Mr. Allen, of the county, is expected to be elected to congress from this county.

Thropp Receives Defeat.

Bedford, Pa., April 8.—After one of the most bitter contests in the political history of Bedford county, congressman Joseph E. Thropp received a defeat at the primaries yesterday and John M. Reynolds, his opponent for congressional honors, will go into Tuesday's county convention with 58 votes. The county convention will be held at Bedford, Pa., on Saturday next, at 10 o'clock. Thropp's opponent, Reynolds, is a well-known and successful business man, and his endorsement on the first ballot.

MURDERED BY BURGLARS.

A Boy of Sixteen Is Shot Down in Cold Blood.

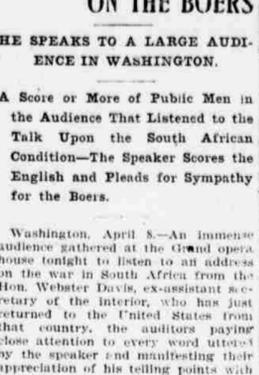
Wheeling, W. Va., April 8.—A murder that has fired the countryside in the vicinity of Summerton, a town in Belmont county, Ohio, 30 miles from Wheeling, occurred about 1 o'clock this morning. Burglars entered the home of Mrs. Ellen Warrick, an aged woman, and demanded her money. She handed over six cents, which was all she had. The burglars were about to institute a search when Mrs. Warrick's grandson, Clarence Warrick, aged 16 years, came out of another room and ordered the two men out of the house. They responded by opening fire on him, the first bullet taking effect in the left lung. The boy staggered into his grandmother's room and expired within a few minutes. Then the burglars bound and gagged the woman, made an unsuccessful search for a supposed hoard of money and then departed.

The woman worked home from her bonds, but was afraid to leave the house and give the alarm until daylight. Then she hastened to Summerton and spread the alarm. Blood hounds were brought from Quaker City, but would not take the scent, and it is thought the murderers have made good their escape. They are believed to be persons acquainted with the neighborhood. There is great excitement, and short shift will be given the criminals if they are captured.

Quaker Evangelist Dead.

Pawucket, R. I., April 8.—John Wright Dean, of Pawucket, R. I., well known throughout the United States as the "Quaker Evangelist," died here today of pneumonia, aged 70 years.

AMERICA'S "MADE IN GERMANY" TORPEDO BOAT.



The Somers, which was purchased in Germany just before the beginning of the war with Spain, has not proved a remarkably good bargain for Uncle Sam. In fact, sailors who are supposed to know declare that the boat has a hoodoo. The picture we present is the latest one made of this boat, and was photographed during one of her recent tests.

DEAD IN AN ORCHARD.

Paterson Girl Takes Poison After a Long Walk with Sweetheart.

Paterson, N. J., April 8.—Emma Spinner, 19 years old, was found dead this morning in an orchard near her home on Burhans avenue, Manchester township. Her gloves were on the ground beside her and at her feet was a bottle containing a little carbolic acid. Her mouth was slightly burst with the acid. County Physician McBride gave a certificate in which he declared it to be a case of suicide. The cork was in the bottle, and her family regard the circumstance as peculiar, but physicians say she might have been able to cork the bottle after drinking the acid.

Among the Heroes.

"The Boers of South Africa," said Mr. Davis, "are among the pioneers of freedom—heroes of civil and religious liberty. They were the torch-bearers who blazed the pathway for civilization through the primeval forests of the southern part of that great 'dark continent' which has been the marvel of the ages. No country in all the world contains a nobler race of men and women, the descendants, too, of the heroic Netherlands, who, under William the Silent, wrested the independence of Holland from the hand of the Spanish tyrant. No people in all the world's history have made a more valiant effort to secure liberty for future peoples than such a people have endeavored more hardily in the cause of liberty and equality of rights than they. Indeed, it was and is their unconquerable love for liberty that has caused all their troubles."

"Years ago," Mr. Davis continued, "the Boers planted the seed of liberty in the fertile valleys of the Cape of Good Hope, where a strong national spirit developed as early as 1805, when the colony passed into the hands of England. Soon thereafter ill-feeling arose between Britain and Boer." Mr. Davis entered upon an exhaustive review of the relations between the Boers and the British government from that time to the present. He described the "great trek" northward after the emancipation of the Boers, the foundation of the republic of Natal and its absorption by England and the rise of the South African republic. England's acquisition of the diamond fields at Kimberley Mr. Davis characterized as a transaction without parallel "for cupidity, dishonesty and injustice."

FLOOD SWEEPS A DAM.

Electric Power House Undermined. \$300,000 Worth of Machinery Destroyed—Fierce Current in the Colorado.

Austin, Texas, April 9.—The increased volume of water which came down the river tonight undermined the electric power house at the dam at 12 o'clock this morning and it fell into the river, carrying with it \$300,000 worth of machinery.

DESPERATE IN THEIR LOVE.

Boy and Girl Plan to Die Because of Parental Interference.

Baltimore, Md., April 8.—Edward King, fourteen years old, a wrapping boy employed in Oebn's Acme Hall, fell in love with Ella Kane, a young girl about twelve years of age. The affection was reciprocated, and the two became sweethearts. The boy openly boasted of his affection, and while he wrapped bundles he built many air castles. Parental influence was brought to bear to bring about a breaking of the attachment, the parents fearing the young couple might elope. The warnings were disregarded, and at length a command went forth from the girl's parents that she was never to speak to the boy again.

CONFESSED MURDER.

William Davis, Tracked by Bloodhounds, Admits His Crime.

St. Wayne, Ind., April 8.—Near Auburn last night Ves Steel was shot and killed by William Davis. The latter had been attentive to Steel's wife and Steel had threatened to make trouble. Last night Steel went to call on a neighbor and as he was entering the door he was shot through the heart.

STEAMSHIP ARRIVALS.

New York, April 8.—Arrived, Etruria, Liverpool; Southampton-Sailed, Boston, from Bremen, New York; Queenston-Sailed, Westland from Liverpool; Philadelphia; Campania from Liverpool, New York.

CHINA WARNED BY THE POWERS

ANTI-FOREIGN SOCIETY MUST BE SUPPRESSED.



The British, American, German and French ministers have sent a joint note to the Tsung-li-Yamen demanding the suppression of the Boxers, the secret society opposed to foreigners, within two months. The note states that unless this is done the governments represented by these ministers will land troops and march them to Shan-Tung and Pe-Chi-li provinces in order to protect foreign residents.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING

- Weather Indications Today: CLOUDY.
1. General—British Public Not Elated Over South African News. Forecast of the Week in Congress. China Is Warned to Protect Foreigners. Webster Davis on the Boers.
2. General—Northeastern Pennsylvania, Financial and Commercial.
3. Local—Chaplain Pierce's Sermon in Penn Avenue Baptist Church. This Week in the Local Courts.
4. Editorial, News and Comment.
5. Local—Third District Primaries. Meeting of Some Men of the Hour.
6. Local—West Scranton and Sullivan.
7. Round About the County.
8. Local—Live Industrial News. Temperance Young Men in Convention.

TAGLA GUERRILLAS ARE AGAIN ACTIVE

Detachment of Americans Held in a Church by the Filipinos—Lieutenant Gordon's Company Engaged in a Battle with 250 Insurgents.

Manila, Sunday, April 8.—Reports of encounters between the American troops and the insurgents continue to arrive from many points. On Friday, Captain Sturges, while reconnoitering, struck an insurgent outpost on the Nevaliches road, five miles distant from Manila, killing two and capturing ten. All were in full uniform. Unfortunately Captain Sturges' force was not large enough to pursue the main body.

QUEEN VICTORIA AT DUBLIN.

Her Majesty Attends Service in a Private Chapel.

Dublin, April 8.—This morning Queen Victoria attended service in the private chapel of the vice royal lodge, accompanied by the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, Princess Christian and Princess Henry of Battenberg. Her majesty selected the hymns sung by the choir, which came from St. Patrick's cathedral. The archbishop of Dublin preached. Only a portion of the party were present, as the chapel is a tiny building.

WEATHER INDICATIONS.

Lower Temperature and Rain Is Predicted for Middle States.

Washington, April 8.—Cloudy weather prevails throughout the southern states, and fair weather is reported in the Pacific coast districts. During Monday lower temperature and rain is indicated for the middle and south Atlantic states and in the Ohio valley. Rain will occur in the middle and upper Mississippi valley and the western lake region and thence to the eastern Rocky mountain slope.

Rumor Regarding Mrs. Dewey.

Washington, April 8.—A report was in circulation here tonight that Mrs. Dewey had left the Catholic church and had become an Episcopalian, but no verification of the rumor could be obtained. Father Mackin, who married the admiral and his wife, and who is rector of her church, refused to talk concerning the report.

TO BRING UP QUAY CASE

Another Effort to Fix a Date for the Vote.

SENATORS WHO WILL TALK

Chandler, Burrows, Quarles and Platt, of Connecticut, Will Probably Be Heard—The Indian Appropriation Bill Will Continue to Receive Attention—Committee on Elections Will Conclude Consideration of the Case of the Senator from Montana—Closing Fight on the Puerto Rican Bill in the House.

Washington, April 8.—Senator Chandler probably will make an effort on Monday to get the senate to agree upon a day for taking a vote on the resolution concerning the seating of Senator Quay. The present indications are that for the present he will fail to secure unanimous consent and in any event the discussion of the resolution will proceed. Among the senators who are expected to engage in the discussion are Senators Burrows, Quarles and Platt, of Connecticut, all of whom oppose the seating of Mr. Quay. Mr. Burrows probably will speak Monday.

The Indian appropriation bill will continue to receive attention until disposed of, but it is not expected to occasion a great deal more of debate. Senator Carter hopes to proceed with the consideration of the Alaskan bill early in the week with the hope of securing action at an early day. There are still some differences pertaining to mining rights to be adjusted in this measure and more or less discussion necessarily will precede their determination. The appropriation bill for the District of Columbia probably will be considered during the week.

THE PHILIPPINE MEASURE.

On Wednesday Senator Lodge will ask the senate to vote upon the Philippine temporary measure, but he does not expect to accomplish more than to get a day fixed for the vote. There is apparently no disposition to debate this bill to any great extent, but an objection is likely to be entered to a vote at this time. The Republican senators are disposed to crowd on all possible soil with the view of securing an early adjournment, and to this end will seek to get early action on appropriation bills and on other necessary legislation. The Democrats apparently are disposed to fall in with this idea and they, too, express a desire to get away early in the summer.

IN THE HOUSE.

The feature of the week in the house will be the closing fight on the Puerto Rican tariff bill. The Republican managers will carry out the programme agreed upon in caucus and on Wednesday, when a special rule will be presented which will bring the motion to concur in the senate amendments to a vote after several hours of debate. Both sides are laboring earnestly to poll their full strength but the Republicans appear to be confident that the motion will carry by a safe margin. They assert that the Republican opposition will not be over seven votes, the number who voted against the original bill. The agricultural bill will consume tomorrow and Tuesday. Friday is private pension day and Saturday is set apart for addresses on the receipt of the statue of Oliver P. Morton, of Indiana.

FIVE MURDERERS GARROTED.

Puerto Rican Criminals Put to Death by the Spanish Method.

San Juan, Puerto Rico, April 7.—Five men were garroted at Ponce yesterday. They were a man named Santiago, 21 years old; the Rodriguez brothers, aged 20 and 20, and the Pacheco brothers, aged 24 and 25. The crime was committed in October, 1898, when they murdered a family at Yauco. A gang of twenty entered the house, killed the father and compelled the daughters to join in a wild dance around the corpse. Only five of the men were captured.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, April 8.—Forecast for Monday and Tuesday: Eastern Pennsylvania—day and Tuesday, mostly cloudy; night and Wednesday, mostly cloudy; night and Thursday, brisk northerly wind.