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SCRANTON, PA., THURSDAY MORNING, APRIL 12, 1900.

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OFFICIAL REPORT OF ROBERTS

Rumored Reverses at Meerkatsfontein Are Not Mentioned.

RUMOR OF POWELL'S DEATH

This Is Also Utterly Discredited at the London War Office—An Attempt to Outflank the British at Elandsbaagte—Reported Operation in Natal—Gen. Gatacre's Removal.

London, April 12.—The war office has issued this afternoon a return of the total British casualties up to April 7. It was as follows:

AMBULANCE CORPS HELD.

Clara Barton's Assistants Taken for Filibusters.

BRITISH CASUALTIES.

Twenty-three Thousand Men Put Out of Action.	
London, April 11.—The war office issued this afternoon a return of the total British casualties up to April 7. It was as follows:	
Killed in action	2,111
Wounded	16,679
Missing and prisoners	3,722
Died of disease	17,143
Civilian deaths	1,981
Repatriated invalids	288,494
Total	203,000
To the war office returns of casualties must be added the total of the British killed, wounded and missing in the hospitals, excluded in the above statement, aggregating 10,000.	
Grand total officers and men put out of action	213,000

SON FRACTURED FATHER'S SKULL

James Nolan, a Young Man 23 Years of Age, Struck His Aged Father, Who Will Probably Die—Son Is Under Arrest.

Carbondale, April 12.—James Nolan, aged 23 years, assaulted his aged father, John Nolan, last night at about 9 o'clock, at the family home on Gordon avenue, and inflicted injuries from which the latter is not expected to recover. The son has been arrested.

White Flag Abused.

London, April 11.—The war office has received the following dispatch from Lord Roberts:

Powell Reported Dead.

Pretoria, Tuesday, April 10.—It is reported here that Colonel Baden-Powell, the British commander at Mafeking, is dead.

Condition at Bloemfontein.

London, April 12.—The Bloemfontein correspondent of the Daily Telegraph, in a dispatch dated Tuesday, says:

Gatacre's Successor.

London, April 12.—The Bloemfontein correspondent of the Times, telegraphing Wednesday, says:

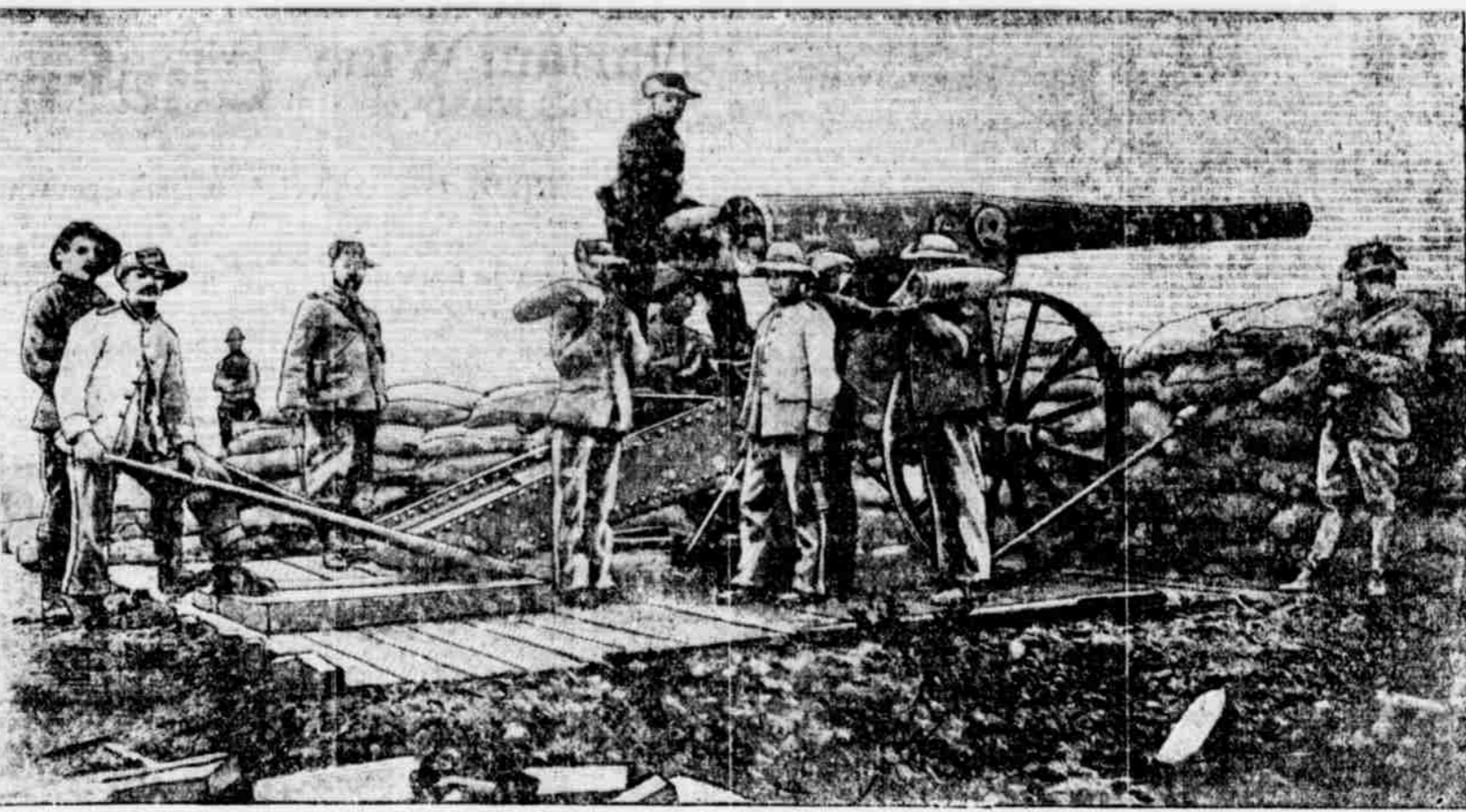
Vermont Rejects Dewey.

Montpelier, April 11.—The Vermont Democrats are considering plans for the state and district conventions, which will probably be held in June.

DEATHS OF A DAY.

London, April 11.—Sir William Osler, president of the University of Cambridge and St. Andrew's since 1890, and former president of the Obstetrical Society of London, is dead.

BIG GUN USED BY THE BOERS IN BOMBARDING MAFEKING.



All eyes in England are turned toward Mafeking, whose hopes of relief seem to grow fainter and fainter every day. The above photograph shows one of the big Boer guns that has been used on the besieged town, and which may now, after long months of weary waiting for succor, compel the brave defenders to surrender at the eleventh hour. The Boer artillerymen seen grouped around the formidable weapon are among the most expert artillerymen in the world, as indeed they have been proving themselves in the recent campaign.

SPECULATION ON VICE-PRESIDENCY

CORNELIUS N. BLISS SHOWS NO SIGN OF ACCEPTING IT.

Business interests and Mrs. Bliss's aversion to Washington society are his reasons for not desiring the honor—Governor Roosevelt annoyed at reports that he has favored the candidacy of any one for the office—Pennsylvania's candidate.

FATALITY BURNED.

Terrible Death of Mrs. Michael Fox.

Wilkes-Barre, April 11.—Mrs. Michael Fox was fatally burned this afternoon while setting fire to a pile of brush. The wind blew her skirts over the flames and her clothing was all burned.

The Governor Annoyed.

Albany, April 11.—Governor Roosevelt showed much annoyance this morning over an alleged statement of his in the New York Tribune.

Marconi Telegraphy Test.

Berlin, April 11.—It is announced that the tests with the Marconi system of wireless telegraphy between the Kaiser Wilhelm der Gross and the other steamers and the light-house on the island of Borseaux, at the mouth of the Ems, have proved successful.

Lieutenant Colonel Hayes Discharged.

Washington, April 11.—Lieutenant Colonel Wm. C. Hayes, of the Third United States infantry, son of the late President Hayes, has been honorably discharged from the United States army at his own request.

New Cunard Liner.

London, April 11.—The Cunard line steamer Ivernia, the third largest vessel in the world, has been ordered to be built.

MINERS ON STRIKE AT FROSTBURG

FIVE THOUSAND MEN QUIT WORK.

What Promises to Be a Protracted Struggle for an Increase of Wages Is Now Fairly On—The Feeling of Men Is Bitter—First General Lock-out Since 1884.

Frostburg, Md., April 11.—Five thousand miners of the George C. Pew tract struck tonight and began what promises to be a protracted struggle for an increase of wages, and incidentally the recognition by the operators of the United Mine Workers of America.

CONVENTIONS AT PORTLAND.

Four State Organizations Will Hold Sessions Today.

Portland, Ore., April 11.—Four state organizations of the Democratic, Republican and Socialist parties will hold sessions today.

New York's Summer Exodus.

Washington, April 11.—The census bureau is preparing the first list of Director Merriam's exodus, or the leaving of the city of New York by its residents who are out of town during the month of June.

Time Limit Expires.

Washington, April 11.—The period of time allowed Spanish residents in the Philippine islands to elect whether they shall remain Spanish subjects or surrender their allegiance and adopt the nationality of the territory in which they reside, expires today.

Pennsylvania Traffic.

Philadelphia, April 11.—The Pennsylvania railroad reports the quantity of coal and coke shipped for the week ending April 7, 1900, and for the year 1900 to date in comparison with the previous years as follows:

	1899	1900
Coal, tons	75,172	1,095,282
Coke, tons	176,288	2,475,929
Totals	251,460	3,571,211

Kentucky Contests.

Frankfort, Ky., April 11.—The attorneys in the contest cases for the minor office have prepared an agreement under its terms an agreed-upon case is to be made up and advanced through the state courts.

Corporations Chartered.

Harrisburg, Pa., April 11.—These charters were granted at the state department today: A. R. & B. W. Fleisher Manufacturing company, Philadelphia; capital, \$10,000. Red Lion Match company, York; capital, \$10,000. The John C. Winstan Publishing and Printing company, Philadelphia; capital, \$20,000.

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WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, April 11.—Forecast for Thursday and Friday: Eastern Pennsylvania, clear, 50 to 60; West Pennsylvania, fair, with rising temperatures; fresh east wind to north winds.

PUERTO RICO BILL PASSED

End of a Long and Bitter Struggle Over Tariff.

VOTE ON BILL 161 TO 153

A Duty of 15 Per Cent. Imposed—A Complete Scheme of Civil Government for the Island Is Attached to the Measure—Nine Republicans Vote Against the Bill—Two Democrats Favor the Scheme.

Washington, April 11.—The long and bitter struggle over the Puerto Rican tariff bill ended today, when the house by a vote of 161 to 153 concurred in all the senate amendments. The bill now requires only the signature of the speaker of the house and the president of the senate before going to the president for his approval. The signatures will be attached tomorrow, and before midnight the bill probably will be law. As the bill originally passed the house, it was a simple bill imposing 15 per cent. of the English tariff on goods going into Puerto Rico from the United States and coming from Puerto Rico into the United States. As amended by the senate and today agreed to by the house, all restrictions on goods coming into the United States from Puerto Rico are eliminated and certain foodstuffs and other articles which heretofore have gone into Puerto Rico free by legislative order are excluded from the operation of the 15 per cent. duty imposed on goods entering the island from the United States. A complete scheme of civil government for the island is also attached to the measure.

Republicans Against It.

Upon the final vote nine Republicans voted against the bill. Messrs. Heatwole, of Minnesota; Crampton, of Indiana; Lane, of Iowa; Littlefield, of Maine; McCalla, of Massachusetts; H. C. Smith, of Michigan; Warner, of Illinois; Fletcher, of Maine, and Lorimer, of Illinois. Two Democrats, Messrs. Leavy and Meyer, of Louisiana, were paired with Democrats in favor of the bill, and one Democrat, Mr. Sibley, of Pennsylvania, voted for it outright. Mr. Devries, the other Democrat who voted for the original bill, today voted against concurrent passage. Mr. Staggins (Dem., Ala.) was the only member on either side absent and unpaired. The vote came at 5 o'clock, after a very interesting and at times exciting debate of five hours, which covered not only the bill, but the special order under which the house acted.

One of the most dramatic features of the day was the reading by Mr. Richardson, the minority leader of the original opinion of Charles E. Macrom, the legal adviser of the war department, in favor of the view that the constitution be extended over Puerto Rico ex proprio vigore. Mr. Dooliver, of Iowa, in reply termed Mr. Macrom a clerk who tried to overrule the great speaker of the house. Mr. Staggins, however, admitted that Mr. Macrom, made speeches against the motion to conclude the session of the day.

The Roll Call.

The roll call was followed with intense interest. The only demonstration occurred when Mr. Henry C. Smith, of Michigan, voted "no" and when the speaker directed the clerk to call his name, he answered "aye." When the speaker announced the passage of the bill, Messrs. H. C. Smith, of Michigan, and Lorimer, of Illinois, all Republicans, made speeches against the motion to conclude the session of the day.

Mr. Dalzell's Prediction.

Washington, April 11.—Mr. Dalzell, in concluding his speech in the house today on the Puerto Rico bill, said:

"Now, gentlemen, in spite of the Democratic party, in spite of the Democratic press, in spite of the Democratic agitators, in spite of the Democratic majority on whose shoulders the special responsibility of this legislation, proposes to assume it and I venture to say that the day is not far distant when the masses of the people of this country will say now great measure was wise, beneficent and in accordance with the duty resting upon the Republican party" (Great applause on the Republican side).

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