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**BOER ADVANCE
IS CHECKED****Encouraging Report from
General Roberts.****MAFEKING IS IN A BAD WAY**

The Hope of Relief Is Far Off—Boers in Natal Appear Incapable of Developing an Aggressive Movement at Elandsbaagte—4,000 Horses Arrive at Cape Town—Startling Documents Carried by Boer Peace Envoys.

London, April 14, 4.15 a. m.—"The forward movement of the Boers is checked," says Lord Roberts. This is taken to mean, not by fighting but by dispositions to head off their advance and bar their way to vulnerable points in the line of British communications. Relief is on the way to Wepener. The Boers in Natal appear incapable of developing an aggressive movement at Elandsbaagte. Lord Methuen is at Zwartkopsfontein, twelve miles east of Boshof, and is sending small swift detachments through the adjacent country. Lord Chesham, commanding one of these, encountered a small commando about ten miles southeast of Zwartkopsfontein. He found most of the farms occupied by women and children only.

An editorial note in the Daily Mail avers that Mafeking is in a very bad way and that the hope of relief is far off, and no force is advancing from the south. The war office announces that 4,000 horses will arrive at the Cape this week. It is well understood that the animals are not fit for work until about ten days after the voyage. Two thousand more are due at the Cape next week.

The war office has called out the reserve companies of several infantry battalions, which will be sent to South Africa forthwith.

The Boer peace envoys have documents, the Home correspondent of the Daily News says, showing that urgent advice to the Transvaal to wage war were originally made by Germany. This correspondent also asserts that Count Von Buelow, the German foreign minister, who was said to have gone on a visit to a sick brother, really went to Milan for the express purpose of conferring with the delegates.

New Brigade Forming.

Bloemfontein, April 13.—A new division, consisting of two brigades, has been formed under General Ian Hamilton.

General Hutton's brigade is composed of Canadians, New Zealanders and all the Australians, except the cavalry. His staff follows: Colonel Martyn, chief; Lord Rossmore, aide de camp; Colonel Hood, of Victoria, and Bridges, of New South Wales, and Major Cartwright, of Canada, assistant adjutant general.

The brigade consists of four corps of mounted infantry, under Colonels Anderson, De Lisle, Pileher and Henry. The first corps consists of the First battalion, Canadians, under Colonel Lissard, and the Second battalion, Canadians, under Colonel Hercher.

Strathcona's horse, under Lieutenant Colonel Steele, and the Victorians, under Colonel Price, are in the fourth corps.

The second and third corps are composed of Australians. Each corps has a battalion of imperial mounted infantry attached. The Canadian and New South Wales batteries and a number of Vickers-Maxims will also join the division.

General Ridley's brigade comprises all the South African troops.

Despatch from Roberts.

London, April 13, 9.10 p. m.—The war office has received the following despatch from General Roberts:

"Bloemfontein, April 13, 10.30 p. m.—The enemy's movements south have been checked. Wepener is still surrounded, but the little garrison is holding out well. Troops are being moved to their assistance.

"The health of the troops is good and the climate perfect."

London, April 14.—The Bloemfontein correspondent of the Daily Telegraph, in a despatch dated Friday, described Lord Roberts and the troops attending Good Friday services, says:

"But the troops are marching forward as well as to service."

London, April 14.—The Bloemfontein correspondent of the Daily Mail, telegraphing Thursday, says:

"There is nothing whatever to cause uneasiness. It will presently be seen that the Boers are just where we want them. In a word, we are all right."

Boers Making Shells.

London, April 14.—The Daily Mail publishes the following despatch, dated Friday, April 13, from Lorenzo Marques:

"The Boers are making shells, especially Vickers-Maxims, in large quantities at the Beggie foundry, Johannesburg."

"The actual Boer losses to the end of March, including prisoners, are estimated at 12,000. At present there are 7,000 Boers in Natal and 25,000 in the Free State."

Adopting New Tactics.

London, April 14.—The Bloemfontein correspondent of the Morning Post, telegraphing Thursday, says:

"The enemy have evidently determined to adopt entirely new tactics."

**SENATOR CLARK
WILL NOT RESIGN****PLANS FOR RETAINING HIS
SEAT IN THE SENATE.**

Reliance on Friends on Both Sides of the House—Democrats Inclined to Make It a Party Matter—Mr. Clark Has the Assurance of Support from Several Leading Democratic Senators.

Washington, April 13.—Senator Clark, of Montana, has decided to make a fight to retain his seat in the senate. He has assurance of support from several leading Democratic senators, and he has some friends on the Republican side, notably Handberg, Wolcott and Mason. It is probable that Senator Bacon, of Georgia, will undertake the management of the fight, and the division will be almost entirely on party lines.

Immediately after the announcement of the decision of the committee on privileges and elections it was assumed generally that Clark would submit to overwhelming odds in view of the fact that the four Democrats on the committee united with the Republicans in the opinion that his seat ought to be declared vacant. But after consultation with his counsel Clark came to the conclusion that he had a fighting chance, and that he could at least defer the result. He has been active in the last twenty-four hours buttonholing senators, and has tried to considerable support and no little sympathy for him is personally well liked, and there are several senators who will vote against him reluctantly by reason of their friendly relations with him.

No Sentiment.

There is no little sentiment on the Democratic side in making a party matter of it. It is understood that one reason for this is a liberal contribution from the Montana millionaire to the Democratic campaign fund. The political experts on the Democratic side criticize severely the conduct of the Democrats on the committee. They say that Caffery, Turley and Pettus are political accidents, no one of whom has ever had any practical experience in politics, and no one of whom understands what it means to conduct an active campaign for a senator. That they were appalled by the thought of expenditures which seemed to them out of reason, but which were really not extraordinary, that Clark to spend \$150,000 in advancing his own political career was not in any way reprehensible, and that if Caffery, Turley and Pettus had not been children in politics they would not have attached any special importance to it. The Democrats who are going to make the fight do not expect that they can command a majority of the senate. They will direct their efforts to opposing the idea that a senator can be unseated by a majority vote, holding that to declare Clark not legally elected amounts to expulsion, and that a two-thirds vote will be necessary to accomplish that. It is impossible, they say, that friends of Senator Clark are engaged in an arrangement with the Quay people. The two cases are closely allied in their political bearings.

At Kimberley.

Kimberley, April 13.—The town guard has been mobilized and guns have been repositioned at the forts, owing to the fears of the populace that the Boers will again attempt a siege. A battalion of the Scottish rifles has arrived and the redoubts around the town are manned with regular troops.

The military authorities, however, regard these fears as groundless.

PARIS EXPOSITION.**Authorities Making Strenuous Efforts to Prepare the Show for the Inauguration Today—The Ceremonies.**

Paris, April 13.—The exposition authorities are making a strenuous effort to prepare the show for the inauguration tomorrow, but an examination of the grounds and buildings today shows that it is impossible. The buildings are filled with debris and the exhibits are only partially installed. The Salle des Fetes, in which the inaugural ceremonies are planned today to take place, tomorrow, had an army of men clearing the floor space and arranging the seats. The task is enormous, and will be vigorously rushed up to the hour when the invited guests arrive. The hall is a magnificent structure, beautifully decorated, and is a great tribute to French architecture and decorative art.

In order to facilitate the labor of clearing the grounds, thousands of soldiers have been utilized.

The ceremonies are timed to begin at 2 o'clock, when M. Millerand, the minister of commerce, will make the inaugural address, to which President Loubet will reply. The president will then walk a portion of the grounds and afterwards, embarking on a river craft, he will go down the river Seine to the new Alexander III bridge, which he will formally declare open. The exposition grounds will then be closed for the remainder of the day, the formal opening to the public taking place on Sunday.

Much space is devoted this morning by the Paris papers to the opening of the exposition, in the way of anticipatory illustrations and plans in special supplements. The Figaro gives prominence to the statement that "delicate homage" will be rendered President Loubet by the United States when he passes the United States pavilion and the American guard of sixty men will salute the chief, "thus symbolizing the unity of the two great republics."

The dominant tone of the press is that the exhibition will inaugurate a period of six months peace, all parties forgetting their quarrels.

OLEOMARGARINE TRADE.**Secretary of Agriculture Reports 417 Licenses.**

Harrisburg, April 13.—Secretary of Agriculture Hamilton reports to Governor Stone that 417 licenses to sell oleomargarine and one to manufacture it have been issued by the dairy and food bureau since Jan. 1, 1900. If a favorable decision is handed down by the supreme court in the contest over the color clause of the law enacted by the last legislature, Secretary Hamilton says, the way will be clear for a vigorous enforcement of the law. The total number of samples taken by the bureau of the bureau last year, including oleomargarine was 1,169. Of these 1,026 were analyzed and a large number of suits were brought.

Telegraph Operators Win.

Ottawa, Ont., April 13.—The demands of the telegraph operators on the International railway for recognition of the Order of Railway Telegraphers and the granting of fifteen days holiday to each operator during the year, have been granted by the minister of railways and endorsed by the government.

Deaths from Plague.

Sidney, N. S. W., April 13.—It was officially announced today that 131 cases and 36 deaths from bubonic plague have occurred here.

BRITISH ADVANCING ON PRETORIA.**TO ELECT
SENATORS BY
DIRECT VOTE****House Adopts Resolution
by Vote of 240
to 15.****COMPLEXION OF BALLOT**

Fourteen Republicans and One Democrat Voted Against the Measure. Text of the Resolution—The Remainder of the Day Devoted to the Private Pension Bills—Attack on Mr. Talbert.

Washington, April 13.—The house today, by a vote of 240 to 15, adopted a resolution for a constitutional amendment providing for the election of United States senators by direct vote of the people. Fourteen Republicans and one Democrat voted against it.

By the terms of the resolution the amendment to be submitted to the legislatures is as follows:

"The senate of the United States shall be composed of two senators from each state, who shall be elected by a direct vote of the people thereof for a term of six years and each senator shall have one vote. A plurality of the votes cast for candidates for senator shall be sufficient to elect. The electors in each state shall have the qualifications requisite for electors of the most numerous branch of the state legislatures, respectively.

"When a vacancy happens by death, resignation, or otherwise, in the representation of any state in the senate the same shall be filled for the unexpired term thereof in the same manner as is provided for the election of senators in paragraph 1. Provided that the executive thereof may make temporary appointment until the next general or special election, in accordance with the statutes or constitution of such state."

The remainder of the day was devoted to the consideration of private pension bills. During the course of the debate there were several sharp attacks upon Mr. Talbert (Dem., S. C.) for his course in delaying action on bills.

COLD DAY AT FROSTBURG.**Strike Among 7,000 Miners in
George's Creek District Continues.**

Frostburg, Md., April 13.—The strike among the 7,000 coal miners in the George's Creek district, which began on Wednesday, continues in full force, with no indications of an intention to yield upon the part of either the miners or the owners. The men profess to be able to hold out almost indefinitely, while the owners appear indifferent and profess to care very little whether the mines are worked or not. An attempt has been made to hire outside labor, in this event there is no doubt that a repetition of the scenes of 1894, when the militia of the state were called out, will be re-enacted.

CREED FOR PRESBYTERIANS.**Will Be Urged by The Interior, an
Organ of the Church.**

Chicago, April 13.—The Interior, the Presbyterian organ, will contain a strong editorial Monday advocating the setting aside of the confession of faith and the adoption of a short evangelized creed. Dr. Gray, the editor who has defended Dr. Hille, repeats what he said when Dr. Hille was first attacked—fourthly, the ministers and members of the church should be Presbyterian church reject the clause in the confession which Hille attacked and for which he was denounced by certain theologians and religious newspapers.

Dr. Gray has no doubt that the church will take an early opportunity to vote on a new creed, and that it will be carried by a large majority.

Arrested as Counterfeiters.

New York, April 13.—Upon the arrival of the steamship Trojan Prince, an immigration inspector arrested two Sicilian men, Marconi, Sicily, who are suspected of being counterfeiters. They are Giovanni Marconi, Giovanni Marconi, his wife, Antonio Marconi and Archangelo Marconi.

Miners Demand Increase.

Wilkes-Barre, April 13.—The 800 miners employed by the Temple Coal company at Forty Fort collected today a demand yesterday for an increase of wages which was refused. The men held a meeting last night and resolved not to go to work until their demands were acceded to. The mines were idle today.

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Steamship Arrivals.

New York, April 13.—Arrived: Rialto, from Bremen; Cleland, from Liverpool; Rotterdam, from Rotterdam; Plymouth, from Plymouth; Victoria, from New York for Cherbourg and London; Havre-Arrived: La Bretagne, New York; Quebec-Arrived: Lancia, New York; and preceded: Bremen-Arrived: Siala, New York.

BASE BALL.

At Washington—Boston, 15; Princeton, 5. At Baltimore—Yale defeated the University of Maryland team today by a score of 19 to 8.

DUN'S REVIEW OF TRADE**Supplies of Money Are Abundant
and Commercial Demands Narrow.**

New York, April 13.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade will say tomorrow:

Iron furnaces in blast April 1, produced 28,482 tons weekly, again 292,643 March 1, but unsold stocks increased 2,230 tons. A mistaken inference, possibly fatal to many in its consequences, is that stocks held by consumers have for several weeks been running down. As they contract for their supplies months ahead and such supplies whether delivered or not consumed or waiting their orders at furnaces would not be reckoned in unsold stocks, the surplus owned by consumers may be heavy. For iron business, the outlook is reported to the Iron Age from Pittsburgh as "frankly small," owing to the belief that high prices cannot be maintained and no better report comes from Philadelphia. With No. 1 anthracite \$2 lower, refined bars at 80 and pig iron at 81 per ton lower than in December it can hardly be called impossible for prices to yield, though many are so firmly held. Pittsburgh reports a number of the plate mills shut down, and five Pennsylvania and Ohio furnaces have stopped, perhaps for several weeks. But the question now is whether retail distribution will justify it. As yet returns are not satisfactory. There is increase, but not enough to warrant the buying from mills.

In spite of the heavy balance due this country on merchandise export accounts, there has been a large increase in exports, and a small amount has gone to Buenos Ayres on European account. Supplies of money are abundant here, the banks have again gained largely, rates are low and commercial demands narrow and the interior is better prepared to do with the situation.

The exports of wheat from both coasts continue larger than last year, though much of the gain is at Pacific ports, not directly affecting Atlantic supplies. Flour included, Pacific exports in two weeks have been 1,548,254 bushels, against 5,861,097 last year, but Atlantic exports have been 3,192,875 bushels, against 3,960,280 last year. In spite of all reports of exhaustion of supply and injury to growing wheat, western receipts continue larger than last year in two weeks, 6,764,640 bushels, against 5,861,097 last year, corn receipts also continue heavy, 8,917,267, against 4,577,413 last year.

Failures for the week have been 112 in the United States against 188 last year, and 41 in Canada against 22 last year.

PLEA FOR PORK.**An Effort Will Be Made to Have It
Admitted in Turkey.**

Washington, April 13.—No response has yet been received from the Turkish government to the strong protest lodged by the American consul at Constantinople by the declaration of the state department against the proposed decree excluding American pork from importation into Turkey, and it is not known here whether the decree will be actually executed.

Meanwhile, the department of agriculture is preparing an elaborate presentation of the reasons why American pork should be admitted in this fashion, and it probably will be the purpose to make the defense of our meat products, as embodied in this statement, sufficiently comprehensive to meet not only this proposed Turkish decree, but like hostile orders and engagements by other European governments.

Pennsylvania Pensions.

Washington, April 13.—Pensions: Increase—Zona Bonds, Unimpaired, Pennsylvania, \$1 to \$2; James Nichols, Thompson, Pennsylvania, \$1 to \$10; Reissner-Simons Magraws, Picture Rock, Lycoming, \$12; Reissner and Increase—James Lindsay, Waymart, Wayne, \$6 to \$8; Jackson H. Barber, Equinunk, Wayne, \$6 to \$12.

Fire at Mauch Chunk.

Mauch Chunk, Pa., April 13.—P. F. Murray's shoe store on Susquehanna street was completely gutted by the early this morning. Z. B. Murray's photographic studio on the second floor of the building was also ruined. Total loss, \$8,000; insurance, \$4,000.

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COUER D'ALENE INQUIRY.**Conner Malott, Reporter, Continues
His Testimony.**

Washington, April 13.—Conner Malott, the reporter, who was in the Coeur d'Alene district at the time of the riots, continued his testimony before the Coeur d'Alene investigation committee today. He was cross-examined at much length as to the authenticity of the various articles written by him on the subject. One of these gave the result of an interview between Bartlett Sinclair, the representative of Governor Steunenberg, and President McKinley, in which the president was alleged to have said that he approved what the Idaho authorities had done in dealing with the disorder.

The article also quoted Mr. Sinclair as referring to certain members of the investigating committee as "congressional dupes" of the "dynamiters" in the Coeur d'Alene district. The witness testified to the authenticity of these and many other reports. His cross-examination will be continued tomorrow.

DEATH OF A JOURNALIST.

San Diego, Cal., April 13.—George H. Scripps died at Miramonte, the ranch of his brother, E. W. Scripps, today, of pernicious anemia, after an illness of several months. The remains will be cremated at Los Angeles. Interment will be at Rushville, Ills., May 1.

George H. Scripps was sixty-six years of age, born in England, and came to this country when four years old. He was reared on an Illinois farm, and when the war broke out he and his brother John enlisted. John lost his life and George his health. He entered on his journalistic career twenty-five years ago with the Detroit Evening News. He helped to found the Cleveland Press. He soon after became interested in the Cincinnati Post, Kentucky Post, St. Louis Chronicle, Kansas City World, and Omaha News, and his journalistic possessions extended to the Pacific coast.

MUTINY ON THE ALPHA.

Three Hundred Miners Threaten to Take a Ship.

Seattle, Wash., April 13.—Advises received here today from Vancouver state that while the British steamer Alpha was at that port the captain demanded payment in advance for the delivery of freight at Cape Nome. Three hundred miners on board the vessel refused to comply with the demand. The captain said to have declared emphatically that he would proceed to some point on the north coast and drive the miners ashore unless they paid up. The miners agreed to mutiny if this is done and will put the captain ashore and steam to the Siberian coast. The miners are organized and armed, and there is a large stock of provisions on board the vessel.

Strike Threatened.

Cleveland, O., April 13.—Unless the tug companies grant the demands of firemen for more pay and shorter hours before Monday next the men declare they will go on strike and tie up all the harbor craft at all lower lake ports. They ask for \$50 per month and also that two firemen be employed on each tug instead of one at present. A conference will be held tomorrow between tug company officials and representatives of the firemen.

Watching the Strikes.

New York, April 13.—Application was today made to Sheriff Meloy at White Plains for one hundred deputies to go to the Cornell dam to prevent the strikers from destroying property. The strikers are said to have made threats and to have been of the destruction they would cause if their demands were not complied with. There are about 800 strikers in the disturbed district.

Attempt at Murder and Suicide.

Carbondale, Ill., April 13.—Gus Young, a prominent young man of Murphysboro, today shot and wounded Gus Van Cleave, and then blew out his brain in a fit of jealousy. Young was a real estate man and Miss Van Cleave is one of the best families of southern Illinois. She will recover.

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THE NEWS THIS MORNING**Weather Indications Today:**

FAIR, WARMER.

1 General—Lord Roberts Checks the Boer Advance.
2 Home—Vote to Elect Senators by Popular Vote.
3 Senator Clark Will Fight to Retain His Seat.
4 General—Northwestern Pennsylvania, Financial and Commercial.
5 Schedule of the Atlantic League.
6 Local—The World of Sport.
7 Editorial.
8 Pomeroy's Washington Letter.
9 Local—Opening of the Trent Season.
10 Local—Hon. John P. Kelly Appointed Additional Law Judge.
11 Landon's Fate in the Jury's Hands.
12 Local—West Scranton and Sullivan.
13 Round About the County.
14 Story—"The Captain's Story."
15 Local—Religious News of the Week.
16 Sunday School Lesson for Tomorrow.
17 General—War News Gathered by Consul Hamer.
18 Whitney's Weekly News Budget.
19 No Trespassing (Story).
20 Program of Easter Music in the Churches.
21 Advertisements.
22 General—History of Our First Exposition.
23 Local—Live Industrial News.

CABINET MEETING.

Puerto Rican Bill Is Discussed, Suggestions Made.

Washington, April 13.—The cabinet meeting today was occupied largely in a discussion of Puerto Rican affairs, and particularly the Puerto Rican bill, which was signed by the president yesterday. The provisions of the bill were carefully gone over, and suggestions were made as to the personnel of the new administration of the island.

Secretary of the Treasury Gage has already taken steps to assume charge of the collection of the customs duties, and very soon an expert will be designated to go over the island and inspect the present system with a view to making any changes either in methods or personnel that may seem necessary. Secretary Gage has decided that the customs of the island of Puerto Rican tariff and governmental bill shall go into operation on the first day of May, 1900. This decision was made necessary in view of a discrepancy in the bill as to the time the act should become operative.

BRYAN AND DEWEY TO MEET.

Will Be Entertained by a Chicago Club.

Chicago, April 13.—Admiral Dewey and William Jennings Bryan will meet Tuesday evening, May 1, for the first time since the hero of Manila announced that he was a presidential candidate. All doubt of Mr. Bryan's presence was dispelled today, when Max J. Riese, of the Lakeside club, received a telegram from him saying that he would cancel previous engagements in order to be present at that organization celebration, which is a part of the general programme.

Both the distinguished guests are aware of the prospective meeting. The officials of the club did not arrange that they should be present at the same event until each had been consulted. In reply Mr. Bryan and the admiral replied that, so far from being objectionable, the meeting would give them great pleasure.

NAILING A LIE.

Consul Hay Vindicates Captain Carl Reichman.

Washington, April 13.—The war department today received the following cablegram from Adelbert Hay, United States consul at Pretoria, relative to a published statement that Captain Carl Reichman, the United States military observer in the Transvaal, had been leading a Boer force:

Pretoria, April 13.—Rumor of Reichman's active participation is absolutely false. (Signed) Hay.

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