



RELATIONS WITH TURKEY CRITICAL

Strained Conditions Growing Out of the Sultan's Bad Faith.

ABDUL HAMID IS TRICKY

He Has Made Promises Regarding Settlement of Claims of American Missionaries That Have Never Been Fulfilled.

Washington, April 17.—There is no longer a question that the diplomatic relations between the United States and Turkey are in a critical condition...

DIPLOMACY EXHAUSTED.

Secretary Hamilton held a long conference with the reporters who made the charges and secured permission to utilize the evidence in their possession...

AN ALBUM FOR DEWEY.

Washington, April 17.—A unique souvenir album was today presented to Admiral Dewey by the New York Commercial as a testimonial of his heroic deed in Manila bay.

BIG LEGACY TAX.

Philadelphia, April 17.—A check for \$280,033 was paid today by the Pennsylvania company for the insurance of lives and granting annuities to Penrose A. McClain, collector of internal revenue...

FIVE NOW DEAD.

Johnstown, Pa., April 17.—The dead, as a result of the unknown Italian's skull welding of a shaft at Windsor on Sunday night, now number five.

ROBERTS BLAMES HIS GENERALS

CENSURE PRONOUNCED UPON BULLER AND WARREN.

Despatch in Hands of War Office for Five Weeks—A Revelation of Their Incapacity Must Have the Effect of Undermining Confidence in the Army—Wepener Is Still Surrounded.

London, April 18, 4 a. m.—The government has chosen this as the moment to publish a despatch from Lord Roberts pronouncing censure upon Sir



ABDUL HAMID II, SULTAN OF TURKEY.

Roll, and is not accused of complicity in the crime, but is held as a witness. An effort is being made to raise funds by popular subscription to be offered as a reward for the arrest of the murderer...

OLEO INVESTIGATION.

Food Commissioner Gathering Evidence Concerning Charges of Corruption—Charges Against Little. Philadelphia, April 17.—John Hamilton, state secretary of agriculture, and Major Levi Wells, dairy and food commissioner, are in this city today gathering evidence concerning the charges of corruption made by a local newspaper in connection with the enforcement of the oleomargarine law...

THE MYSTERY SOLVED.

Billy Smith Is Sent to the Land of Dreams by Matty Matthews. New York, April 17.—At the Athlete club tonight the whereabouts of the world changed hands from Mysterious Billy Smith to Matty Matthews, of New York. The New Yorker solved the historic unsolvable mystery with a right hand punch on the jaw in the nineteenth round...

WEPENER SURROUNDED.

London, April 17, 11.10 p. m.—The war office has received the following despatch from Lord Roberts, dated Bloemfontein, Tuesday, April 17. "Our force at Wepener is still surrounded, but it is reported that the enemy are attacking in a very half-hearted manner and are anxious about their communications, hearing that forces are approaching Wepener from two directions—one under General Buller, under Reddersburg, and another under General Buller, with General Hart's brigade in support, via Rouxville."

HANNA NOT A DELEGATE.

Washington, April 17.—The Post tomorrow will publish the following: Senator Hanna will not be a delegate to the Republican national convention. He will be at the convention anyway as the chairman of the national committee, and as the honor of being a delegate at large is one numerously coveted, he will not ask it this year.

R. W. TAYLOR NOMINATED.

Alliance, O., April 17.—The Republicans of the Eighteenth Ohio district today re-nominated Hon. R. W. Taylor for congress by acclamation.

BASE BALL.

At Washington—Georgetown, 6; Yale, 5. At Charlottesville, Va.—Princeton, 9; University of Virginia, 5.

INDICTMENTS SECURED.

Ten Persons Are Charged with Complicity in the Murder of William Goebel.

Frankfort, Ky., April 17.—The Frankfort county grand jury this afternoon returned indictments against ten persons, charging them with complicity in the murder of William Goebel. The principals named are Henry E. Youtsey, James Howard, Berry Howard, Harlan Whitaker and "Palmer Dick" Combs (colored). Those indicted as accessories before the fact are Secretary of State Caleb Powers, Captain John T. Powers, ex-Secretary of State Charles Finley, W. H. Coulter and F. Wharton Golden.

CONTRACTORS CLAIM IT WILL SOON BE OVER.

Croton Landing, N. Y., April 17.—The strike of the Italian laborers on the New Cornell dam in the Croton Valley is still on, but the contractors claim that it will soon be over. Everything points to either a speedy settlement of the difficulties, with many of the strikers going back to work, or else a prolonged session of wearisome and fruitless days, if not worse.

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The killing of Sergeant Douglas last night has changed the aspect of affairs very much to the disadvantage of the laborers who are clamoring for an increased scale of wages. The contractors, as far as reliable information pointed tonight, have decided to put new men to work in the morning.

RUSSIAN AGGRESSION IN AFGHANISTAN MUST BE CHECKED.

Lahore, Punjab, April 17.—That Great Britain's attitude toward Afghanistan in connection with Russian designs on Herat does not meet with approval at Kabul, the capital of Afghanistan, is proved by an autograph letter, published in the Indian press, in which, after referring to the various rumors, he adds: "Now, when Afghanistan is overwhelmed on all sides, the British government does not seem to take any interest, but enjoys the price of aloofness and reserve. Whenever I had suggested a check to Russian aggression I had no response from the government, but, except the suggestion that Afghanistan might consent to the construction of railways and telegraphs, this is impossible, as the Afghans consider that such a step would mean their ruin. Notwithstanding all these troubles I have proved for the past twenty-one years the firm ally of Great Britain. But now, at the last moment, I must inform you, that the government of India, that is the present is the time for deeds and not for talk."

AN APOLOGY FROM MR. STORER.

Madrid, April 17.—The United States minister, Belmont Storer, visited Premier Silveira today and apologized for the action of the mayor of Chicago, Carter H. Harrison, in sending an invitation to the Duke of Arcos, the Spanish minister at Washington, to attend the Denver day celebration there. Mr. Storer said the United States government regretted the incident, which he explained was the result of an error committed by a municipal clerk and promised it should be repeated.

SUGAR REFINERIES RE-OPENED.

New York, April 17.—The American Sugar Refining company's refineries in Brooklyn re-opened today. Five hundred men, about 15 per cent. of whom are expert sugar makers, machinists and teamsters, were put to work, and 300 laborers were taken on tonight. The refineries shut down about six weeks ago. It is said that there are 15,000 barrels of sugar ready for distribution in Greater New York.

READING PRIZE WINNERS.

Reading, Pa., April 17.—In the confusion attending the award of prizes at yesterday's reading of the "Mercurio" prize, it was discovered that the Lotus Glee club, of Pottsville, had won the \$200 award made for male choruses. This is incorrect. The winner was the Gwent Glee society, of Edwardsville, Luzerne county.

WAR IN COLOMBIA.

Two Big Battles Have Been Fought. Rebel Forces Routed. Kingston, Jamaica, April 17.—News received from Colombia says two big battles have been fought at Miraflores and Pradera, where the rebel forces under Generals Rosa, Banez and Calcedo were completely routed, a large number being killed, wounded or taken prisoners.

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Chicago, April 17.—The loss of his position and a disagreement with a young woman to whom he is said to have been attached, is thought to have led Charles W. Parker to shoot himself in the presence of the woman, Miss Josephine Delaney, this evening. Parker had until Saturday been employed as a salesman but was discharged. He has a slight chance for recovery, Parker is said to be the son of a wealthy York, Pa., merchant, and has been in Chicago two years.

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REPUBLICANS OF NEW YORK MEET

LIVELY SESSIONS HELD AT FIFTH AVENUE HOTEL.

Mention of McKinley and Roosevelt Arouses Great Enthusiasm—Timothy Woodruff Is Grieved at Present State of Affairs—Roosevelt's Administration Endorsed—Delegates Selected.

New York, April 17.—The Republican state convention, after its brief preliminary session and recess, resumed this session at the Fifth avenue hotel at 4.15 o'clock. The committee on permanent organization reported the names of Congressman and four-year Sherman, of Oneida, for permanent chairman.

INDEPENDENCE OF CUBA.

The independence of Cuba, pledged to Cuba and proclaimed in the world in the declaration of war has been secured and advanced by every public act. The American military force in Cuba has been reduced. Local government has been established and steps are now being taken for popular elections in Cuba to erect there a free government of the Cuban people preparatory to the complete withdrawal of American authority.

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THE NEWS THIS MORNING

Weather indications today: SHOWERS; COOLER.

- 1 General—Our Relations with Turkey Not Promising. Senator Hoar's Forceful Speech in Opposition to Imperialism. Lord Roberts Censures Leading Generals. New York Republicans in Convention.
2 General—Northeastern Pennsylvania. Financial and Commercial.
3 Local—William Bowman Acquitted of Murder Charge. Second Day's Work of the Presbytery.
4 Editorial. News and Comment.
5 Local—Brilliant Masquerade at the Bicycle Club. Scrantonians Aid in Opening Trout Season.
6 Local—West Scranton and Suburban.
7 Round About the County.
8 Advertisements.
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10 Local—Good Attendance at City Institute. Ninetieth Anniversary of the R. R. Y. M. C. A. Local Industrial Notes.

OPENING OF THE WYOMING CONFERENCE

First Session Will Be Held This Morning at Owego, N. Y.—Bishop Cyrus D. Foss, of Philadelphia, Will Preside.

Owego, N. Y., April 17.—The annual Wyoming conference will open here tomorrow morning. Bishop Cyrus D. Foss, of Philadelphia, presiding. It is generally expected, as this year the delegates are elected to general conference, which will meet in Chicago in May. It is expected, also, that an interesting discussion will take place regarding equal lay representation. The lay convention for delegate election will take place on Friday afternoon.

DEBATE IN HOUSE.

The debate upon the naval appropriation in the house today was confined closely to the subject matter of the bill and was, as a rule, devoid of interesting features. The questions of armor plate and the building of warships in government yards, as on yesterday, attracted most attention. The speaker today were Messrs. Dayton, West Virginia; Lendenschlager, New Jersey; Adams, Louisiana; Vandiver, Missouri; Elliott, South Carolina; Rixey, Virginia; Fitzgerald, New York, and Wheeler, Kentucky. General debate was closed today, and tomorrow the bill will be read and amended under the five-minute rule.

CABINET MEETING.

The cabinet meeting today, which lasted until 1.30, was occupied almost entirely in a discussion of Puerto Rican affairs. The election to select members of the popular branch of the government is expected, will be held some time next fall. Governor Allen will not receive any specific instructions as to the administration of the island until his return from there early in May.

SHEEPSHEAD BAY JUNE STAKES CLOSE.

New York, April 17.—The following stakes closed today in the June meeting of the Colony Handicap club at Sheepshead Bay: The Verne, \$1,250 added, for fillies two years old, five furlongs; the Grass selling stakes, \$1,250 added, for three-year-olds and upward, one mile and a sixteenth on turf; the Bay Handicap race, \$800 added, handicap for four-year-olds and upward, two miles over eight furlongs on turf; the Hudson Produce stakes, \$1,250 added, handicap for four-year-olds and upward, half mile on turf.

DEATHS OF A DAY.

Butler, Pa., April 17.—Newton Black, a prominent lawyer and the independent Republican leader of Butler county, died suddenly of neuralgia of the heart while sitting in his office chair conversing with a brother attorney, A. B. C. McFarland, at 10 o'clock last evening. Mr. Black was well known throughout the state.

BERWIND-WHITE MINERS RETURN.

Altoona, Pa., April 17.—Today an amicable settlement of the strike at the Berwind-White mines at Altoona was reached. The 200 miners who have been out for several months agreed to return to work. The number of men engaged in the leadership of the strike were not taken back.

GREAT SPEECH BY MR. HOAR

An Interesting Address in Opposition to Imperialism.

Washington, April 17.—For more than three hours today Mr. Hoar, the senior senator from Massachusetts, occupied the attention of the senate with a speech in opposition to the policy of "imperialism" in which, he maintained, this government has embarked. As prepared, the address was 50,000 words in length, but Mr. Hoar omitted much of it owing to an incipient attack of grip from which he was suffering. He spoke for three hours and while it was a tremendous strain on him the more important passages of the arguments were delivered with force and vigor.

BURST OF BRIGHT ORATORY

The Fancied Roll Call of Distinguished Statesmen—Debate in the House—Naval Appropriation Measure Devoid of Many Interesting Features—Puerto Rican Affairs Discussed in the Cabinet Meeting. No Instructions for Governor Allen.

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WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, April 17.—Forecast for Wednesday and Thursday: For eastern Pennsylvania, showers; for western, light and cooler; Wednesday: Fairer; and for warmer, brisk southerly shift; and fair to wetter winds.