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SCRANTON, PA., THURSDAY MORNING, APRIL 19, 1900.

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BLOCKADE AT WEPENER CONTINUES

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EMBARGO ON WAR NEWS

Two Thousand Sick in the Field Hospitals—With Exception of Reports of Their Condition, the Embargo is Complete—Correspondents Send Statements Which Obscure, Rather Than Explain, the Situation—Adventurers Flock into the Transvaal.

London, April 19.—4.19 a. m.—Heavy rains impede the movements of the British columns. The blockade of Wepener continues, although relief is near. Large quantities of stores are being moved southward from Bloemfontein, which is a reversal of the course of freight for the last six weeks. These shipments are made necessary by the operations in the southeast of the Free State.

There are two thousand sick in the field hospitals, most of the cases being dysentery and enteric fever. With the exception of these facts, the embargo upon war intelligence is almost complete. The special correspondents send trivialities or statements which obscure rather than explain the situation, in their efforts to prepare matter that will pass the censor. Here and there a phrase indicates an expectancy that large things are about to happen.

What is to be done with Sir Redvers Buller and Sir Charles Warren occupies everybody's attention. The papers continue to comment earnestly upon Lord Roberts' censure of these commanders. They ask if more errors are not likely to occur, together with fruitless waste of life, in the event that men who have been declared incompetent by their superior continue to command 60,000 troops. It is now generally accepted that the government had a purpose in the publication of Lord Roberts' dispatch, and that the recall of General Buller and General Warren has probably been decided upon.

According to Boer reports, there is a steady flow of foreign volunteers to the Transvaal. Hitherto these adventurers have been attached to the various commandos. Now it is said they are to be formed into a special legion, with continental officers, and there is a rumor that the command will be given to a distinguished French soldier, lately retired, who is now in the Transvaal, or is nearing the end of the journey there.

Tore Off Red Cross Banners. London, April 19.—According to a dispatch to the Daily Mail from Lourenço Marques, nearly half the members of the Chicago ambulance corps, when offered Mausers on their arrival at Pretoria, tore off their Red Cross banners, Adolbert S. Hay, United States consul, notified the Transvaal government that he must report the circumstance to Washington.

British at Brabant's. Pretoria, April 17.—The latest official reports from the Orange Free State are to the effect that General De Wet is still surrounding Brabant's (Dalgely's) forces, though the British are strongly entrenched in Coleraba.

Commandant Fromemann reports that he chased four hundred troops across the river in the direction of Alwal North, capturing several prisoners. It is said that Bethulle bridge has been blown up.

EASTERN BALL LEAGUE.

Neither Washington Nor Baltimore Will Be Represented.

New York, April 18.—At the meeting today of the Eastern Base Ball League the announcement was made that no change would be made in the franchise to Washington nor Baltimore will be represented in the league. The circuit will be composed of Montreal, Toronto, Springfield, Hartford, Worcester, Providence, Syracuse and Rochester.

WANTS DIVORCE FROM RUSIE.

The Wife of the Big Ball Player Charges Mistreatment.

Indianapolis, April 18.—Mrs. Susan Rusie, wife of the big New York pitcher, brought suit this afternoon for divorce, here she charges that Rusie has mistreated her and that he has been drinking. The action followed the departure of Rusie for New York by only a few hours, his attempt at reconciliation, having failed.

Steamship Arrivals.

New York, April 18.—Arrived: Steamers Bremen from Bremen and Southampton; Amsterdam from Rotterdam; Teutonic, Liverpool; Salsburgh, New York; Liverpool; New York; Southampton; Westland, Antwerp; Cleared: Steamers La Gascoigne, Havre; Erlin, Bremen via Southampton; Southampton—Sailed: Steamer Salsburgh, from Bremen, New York; Arrived: Steamer St. Louis, New York; Arrived: Steamer Kaiser Wilhelm II, Genoa and Naples, for New York.

Asking for Revision of Faith.

Irwin, Pa., April 18.—Blairville Presbyterian, one of the largest bodies of Presbyterians in Pennsylvania, today unanimously adopted an address to the annual assembly asking for a revision of the constitution of faith.

LABOR LEADERS EXCLUDED.

Miners at Frostburg in Fair Way to Settle Strike.

Frostburg, Md., April 18.—An unexpected change came upon the strike situation today in the Georges Creek coal mining region. About two-thirds of the employees of the Elkhardt mine of the Consolidation Coal company met at noon in secret meeting and discussed the strike in its various phases. The labor leaders were excluded from the hall and the union and non-union employees of the particular mine looked themselves up in a hall and talked the matter over in their own way.

It was finally decided to appoint two delegates to wait upon President C. K. Lord, of the Consolidation company, for the purpose of discussing the strike and arranging to find what employees should return to work. One of each were elected for this office. Superintendent Randolph was notified and wired Mr. Lord in Baltimore the facts in the case and will endeavor to fix a date on which the delegates can meet him. Employees of the particular mine have followed in the footsteps of their co-laborers and have called a meeting for tomorrow, at which similar action, it is thought, will be taken.

THE SULTAN'S DANGER.

Vienna Correspondent Warns Him to Remember Spain.

London, April 18.—The Vienna correspondent of the Times writes: "By further resistance to the claims of the United States the sultan will expose himself to serious consequences which he probably has not foreseen. The United States government is not accustomed to indulge in empty threats. There is a strong probability for a moment's notice that he will find protection from any European power, let him remember Spain."

THE DEMOCRATIC LEADERS MEET

Police Are Obligated to Interfere to Prevent a Big Row—Proceedings of Meeting.

Harrisburg, April 18.—The Democratic state committee met this afternoon in the board of trade rooms and re-elected John S. Rilling, of Erie, chairman, by acclamation. Mr. Rilling immediately announced the reappointment of John Moyer, of Pottsville, as secretary. The contests from Allegheny and Dauphin counties were referred to a special committee of three, of which B. H. Ackerman, of Greensburg, was chairman. After hearing both sides, the committee reported in favor of Thomas B. Alcorn, of Pittsburg, whose seat as chairman of the Allegheny county committee was contested by Joseph Howley and Maxon John A. Fritchey, of Harrisburg, chairman of the Dauphin county committee. Fritchey's seat was contested by Oliver P. Baskins. The committee also reported in favor of unseating W. T. McDaxit and Jere Doherty, of Allegheny county, against whom a contest was made by George S. Fleming, and Frank P. Jams. The report was adopted by an overwhelming majority.

The state committee then took up the report of the executive committee on reports from the committee to inquire into the falling off in the party vote in Philadelphia and Allegheny county. The two reports were read, and then Mr. Ulrich, of Schuylkill county, moved to lay them on the table. This motion failed, and after a short discussion the majority report as agreed upon by the executive committee was adopted. After the committee adjourned, Martin Howley, of Pittsburg, requested that he be furnished with the affidavits submitted to the committee on contest in the Allegheny case. When he was refused the papers, Howley attempted to take them by force from C. J. Boyd, of Pottsville, assistant secretary of the state committee. The police interfered and prevented what might have culminated in a serious row.

COL. PETTIT COURT-MARTIALED

He Turned a Prisoner of War Over to the President of Zamboanga.

New York, April 18.—A dispatch from Manila announces that Colonel James S. Pettit, of the Thirty-first volunteers, in command of Zamboanga, has been court-martialed for handing a prisoner of war over to President Mendoll, of Zamboanga, who killed the prisoner at once, without trial.

Barker-Donnelly Boom.

Kansas City, April 18.—The delegates to the Cincinnati convention were instructed to vote for Wharton Barker for president and Ignatius Donnelly for vice president. Three or four delegates from the Cincinnati convention of Tom Watson, of Georgia, for president, but they were unable to bring out many Watson votes.

Democratic Press Association.

Harrisburg, April 18.—The Democratic Press association of Pennsylvania met here today at the Commonwealth Hotel and re-organized by the election of the following officers: President, F. Gray Moxley, of Bellefonte; vice-presidents, Jere Zeamer, of Carlisle; W. G. Ashland, secretary, W. P. Hastings, of Milton.

Tom Johnson a Delegate.

Cleveland, O., April 18.—The Democrats of the Twenty-first district (Cleveland) today elected Hon. Tom L. Johnson and Harry Wilson delegates to the Kansas City convention. The resolutions adopted pledged the delegates to Bryan, first, last and all the time, and the Chicago platform.

Death Penalty Abolished.

Boston, April 18.—A joint committee on judiciary of the Massachusetts legislature reported in the house today a bill abolishing the death penalty. The bill provides that who ever is guilty of murder shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for life.

Pennsylvania Editorial Association.

Harrisburg, April 18.—The executive committee of the Pennsylvania State Editorial association, at a meeting here today, decided to hold its annual meeting at Wilkes-Barre, June 26.

Will Inspect Pittsburg Gas.

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DEATHS OF A DAY.

Bethlehem, Pa., April 18.—Robert W. Feyrer, for a score of years leader of the Republicans in the Lehigh Valley, and only supplanted when Senator Cameron resigned, and who was postmaster at Bethlehem under Lincoln and Grant, and custom inspector for fifteen years afterwards, died today, of Bright's disease, aged 70 years.

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OPENING SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE

BISHOP FOSS IS THE PRESIDING OFFICER.

In Opening the Conference Yesterday the Bishop Delivered an Address in Which He Said if Revivals Had Been More General the World Would Not Have Gone Up—Temperance Anniversary Was Held in the Afternoon.

Special to the Scranton Tribune.

Owego, N. Y., April 18.—The forty-ninth annual session of the Wyoming conference opened in the First Methodist church of Owego this morning. This is a pretty town, which nestles down confidentially on the banks of the Susquehanna, and now a turbid, swift, hastening current. There are many fine old residences in Owego. They are stately and reserved with their massive, high Corinthian pillars, which are usually recognized as colonial, and they are oddly fascinating to one accustomed to modern, nondescript architecture, from the outside of which, with the multitudinous bay windows, nothing is left to the imagination as to the arrangement of the interior.

The Owego homes impress you with a persistent desire to peep within to see if behind the heavy lace curtains some proud old madame of Revolutionary days sits not amid her old-time employments, surrounded by the breath of rose leaves and lavender.

The church in which conference is held is a large, brick structure, whose existence dates back many years. Rev. Dr. M. D. Fuller, the popular pastor, must leave a devoted congregation this year under the time limit. He has made ample provision for the entertainment of a throng of clergymen, many of whom are most comfortably domiciled at the Ahwaga house.

Bishop Foss Presides.

Bishop Foss is an excellent presiding officer. He is thoroughly business-like and quick in making decisions. He made a brilliant address to the ministers yesterday morning at the opening of the session. Following the communion service, he spoke of the fact that eleven years ago he presided over this conference at West Pittston, and then referred to the appeal of the board of bishops, which he heartily commended, and he spoke earnestly of the great revivals which have swept over various districts, and said that if they had been more general, the world would not have gone up because of a depletion in numbers. The great source of Methodism's success is that the fundamental doctrine is all right.

John Wesley took old doctrine out of the dust, kindled them by his zeal and pressed them into the eyes of men like blazing torches, and all England was on fire. He preached salvation, heaven, hell as real, and men believed because they felt the truth. These doctrines we have to-day, and they are an age of change. The Presbyterian church, a great and honored denomination, is disturbed just now because some of its most prominent ministers and leaders deprecate the doctrine of particular election, and probation of sinners. They are not in favor of a certain number of people. They are in favor of a larger conception of the love of God. Probably not one in ten of their ministers believe just what that election theory teaches. I say this not in any sense of boasting, but simply in praise of a general soundness of evangelical doctrine.

Liberty of Thought.

Our church allows liberty of thinking in everything that is not fundamental. In this active time there has been some propositions of change, but there is anybody proposing to change the creed. Our articles of faith are not so stated as to mislead us or confuse others. Another thing the world expects of us is a real Gospel experience; that as ministers we shall have the witness of the Spirit and that our people have the same experience. It expects us to reach the masses. Whoever ever in this generation got at the poor and lowly in great masses in the next generation will have all the millions and men of culture. It that can be picked out. The church or the state isn't built on the prisons or slums, the unsightly fringe of society. It is built on the wide, open country. In these ranks Methodism always has had a grip and always will have. We have not altogether lost our hold on the bottom, as some critics would say. In Philadelphia there are 130 Methodist churches in which, despite Zeamer and the very class conference the chief part, the spirit of Wesley is not dead in the church.

Rev. J. B. Sweet, of Scranton, was elected secretary by acclamation. He appointed as assistants, J. W. Nicholson and T. M. Flory; statisticians, C. M. Olmstead, A. O. Austin, G. M. Bell, T. D. Connel, G. O. Heers, L. D. Palmer, E. B. Singer, C. V. Sordam was elected treasurer. C. M. Surdum, as was his custom, moved to have the bar of the conference fixed. A business session followed and committees were appointed.

Dr. Bushnell's Address.

The afternoon was devoted to a temperance anniversary. Rev. Dr. Bushnell, of Elmira, giving a brilliant address, in the course of which he urged united church work and the abandoning of attempts at political supremacy.

Rev. L. T. Smith spoke at the evening session on missionary work and gave many interesting statistics. The election of delegates will take place Friday.

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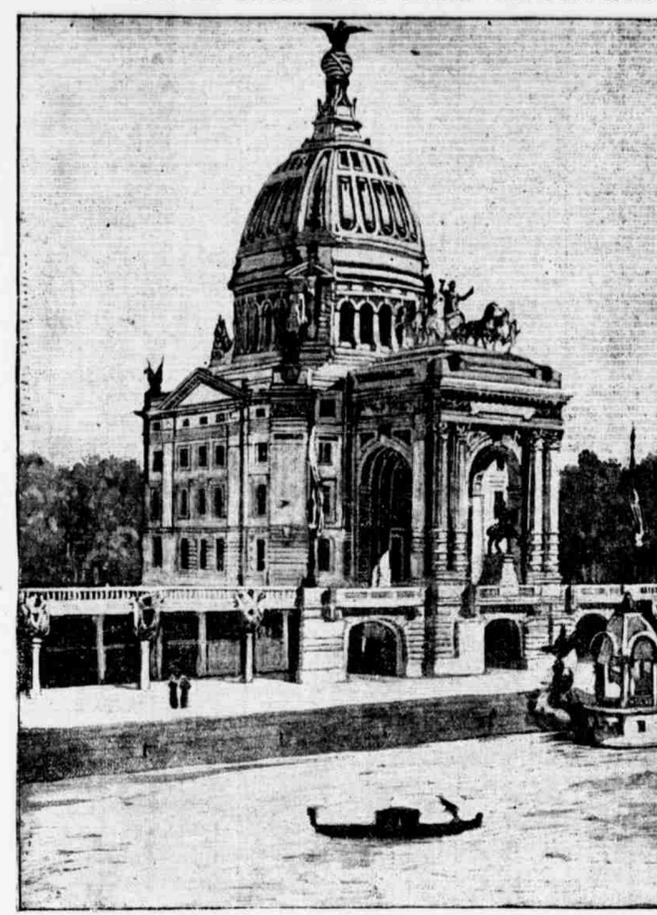
Shooting Tournament.

Lincoln, Neb., April 18.—The annual shooting tournament of the Lincoln Gun club of this city, opened here today and will continue until the 24th. Added money to the amount of \$1,000 has been offered.

Pennsylvania Pensions.

Washington, April 18.—Pensions: Additional, \$1 Eastman, Hume, Susquehanna, \$2 1/2; Restoration and increase, James H. Campbell, Canton, Bradford, \$5 to \$12.

UNITED STATES AT PARIS EXPOSITION.



This beautiful pavilion which represents our government at the Paris Exposition, is one of the most striking of the various national buildings. It recalls, distantly, the Administration Building at Chicago, and is being praised by Paris visitors for its pleasing and harmonious architecture.

MR. CLEVELAND TO JEFFERSONIANS

Letter of Regret Sent to the Brooklyn Democratic Club on the 157th Anniversary of the Birth of Jefferson.

New York, April 17.—The Brooklyn Democratic club gave a dinner tonight at the Germania club to commemorate the 157th anniversary of the birth of Thomas Jefferson. About 150 persons were present. At the guests' table were ex-Governor James E. Campbell, of Ohio; Joseph J. Willett, of Alabama, and other prominent men. Former President Grover Cleveland sent a letter regretting his inability to be present and expressing his opinions on the present Democracy. The letter was as follows:

To Louis F. Burchard, Dear Sir: I regret that I am unable to accept your invitation to attend the dinner to be given by the Brooklyn Democratic club on the 157th anniversary of the birth of Thomas Jefferson. When those who profess the Democratic faith meet to celebrate the birth of the man who first gave to faith a distinct formulation, it is not only a duty but a privilege to do so. It is not only a duty but a privilege to do so. It is not only a duty but a privilege to do so.

DEMOCRACY'S BLIGHT.

More Effort Made to Determine the Cause of Shrinkage in the Pennsylvania Vote.

Harrisburg, April 18.—The committee appointed by the Democratic state executive committee last November to inquire into the falling off in the party vote in Philadelphia and Allegheny counties, filed its report today with the executive committee. A majority report was presented by William R. Brinton, of Lancaster, and John F. Ancona, of Reading, and a minority report by John Cavanaugh, of West Chester. The majority report was adopted. The state committee adopted a uniform set of rules governing primary elections throughout the state, and further recommends a change in the rules authorizing and permitting an appeal to be taken in all contested cases affecting the organization in the various counties to the executive committee, whose decision on appeals shall be final, unless approved by the state committee. The report states further that in the judgment of the signers the best results can be achieved in Philadelphia by the state committee, assisting Chairman Charles P. Donnelly in his work, and recommends that a committee of Democrats of the state be appointed by the state chairman to be known as the Philadelphia committee, and that the Philadelphia organization superintending the adoption and execution of such measures as may be desired expedient in bringing about an increased vote in the coming campaign.

In order that the Democratic party of Allegheny county may become united and strengthened, the committee believes that County Chairman Joseph Howley, of Pittsburg, having the best interests of the party at heart, should retire.

The minority report recommends that the seats of the Philadelphia members of the state committee be declared vacant and that steps be taken by the state committee to form an organization that will have the confidence and respect not only of the honest Democrats of Philadelphia, but will inspire hope and vigor in organized Democracy throughout the state. The executive committee is composed of George F. Brown, of Titusville; W. J. Brennan, of Pittsburg; Charles J. Reilly, of Williamsport; Herman Berg, of Carlisle; W. M. Henderson, of Huntingdon; J. M. Spangler, of Clearfield; James Mulhern, of Carbon; John M. Garman, of Nanticoke.

Coal Miners Return to Work.

Pittsburg, April 18.—The coal miners of the Pittsburg district all returned to work today, except those at the Bona Vista mine on the Youngslip. These men are expected to go in tomorrow. The committee appointed by the district convention yesterday to confer with the operators on the outside day wage scale will meet with the Consolidation people tomorrow. National President Mitchell, it is announced, will be present at the conference.

North Carolina Pops.

Raleigh, N. C., April 18.—The Populist state convention today nominated a full state ticket, headed by Cyrus Thompson for governor. The convention instructed its delegates to the national convention to vote for William J. Bryan for president. No reference is made in the platform to national issues, other than to reaffirm the platform adopted by the party at St. Louis in 1896.

Weather Forecast.

Washington, April 18.—Forecast for Thursday and Friday: Eastern Pennsylvania unsettled and moderate weather; Thursday and Friday, fresh southerly winds prevailing.

PERIL IN THE FAR EAST

Russia and Japan Apparently on the Verge of War.

A DISTRUST OF RUSSIA

Diplomatic Contest in Seoul Over Carr's Demands on Korea—Latter's Assurances Not Accepted—Russia's Naval Demonstration Fails to Overawe Mikado's Government. Whereabouts of the Fleet of Sixty Vessels.

San Francisco, April 18.—In mail advices from Yokohama it is said: If the quick and steady dispatch of messages from Korea means aught of a really serious nature, the inference would be that Japan and Russia are on the verge of war. Outwardly, however, there is absolute calm, and the tops of the press is but slightly bellicose.

The opinion of the community seems to be that, as the conflict is inevitable, the sooner it comes the better it will be for Japan. The latter, with her great fleet, far superior to that of her enemy in these waters, ought to make short work of Russia's naval force, and command the situation for the time at least, with all the advantages which an added prestige would confer. But, in view of what modern war is now known to entail, both governments are reluctant to take the decisive step.

If it were not for the deep-seated distrust of Russian methods of aggression, of which she has furnished so many object lessons of late, Japan would be strongly inclined to accept the "assurances" given that there is nothing in the demand upon Korea inimical to Japanese interests. But the Japanese are keen students of Russian history, and they know what she is gaining in the East. They are sure that the ultimate passing of the peninsula under Russian sway and Japan is a unit for fighting that entrenchment.

Other powers may ask Korea for concessions and leases of abutment, but Russia has too often shown her hand for Japan to trust to any of her "assurances." The question may, therefore, be put to the arbitration of war at any moment.

All that Russia demands now is a concession of territory near Masan, or an alternative, the Korean port of Kotoru. Either would be a standing menace to Japan, and a bitter diplomatic fight is now on at Seoul. Russia is making some attempts in the way of a naval demonstration, as she did at the close of the Japan-China war, but it is a sorry show, compared with the magnificent fleet which Japan has most opportunely assembled for the spring manoeuvres. Many deem it significant that the whereabouts and movements of that fleet of sixty vessels are veiled in the greatest secrecy. That they will be within easy distance of Korea may easily be surmised.

FATAL FIRE AT DUBOIS. Foul Play is Suspected in the Death of Nulton. Dubois, Pa., April 18.—A fire, which resulted in the loss of one life and is surrounded by circumstances pointing to a crime, occurred near Clear Creek last night. The fire destroyed a summer house on the farm of J. C. Amey, which was occupied by James Nulton and Charles Wanta, a lad about 16 years of age, who was killed in the ruins of the building.

PHILLIES ON THE ROAD.

Philadelphia, April 18.—The Philadelphia Base Ball team left here tonight for Boston, where they will tomorrow open the National league season. Delahanty and Lajoie, who had refused to sign contracts with the club because they could not come to terms and who said they would not play until the club had agreed to give them what they wanted, left with the other players, the difference between them and the management having been satisfactorily arranged.

Morrison Acquitted.

New York, April 18.—Alfred E. Morrison, who was accused of killing his bigamous wife, was acquitted today. Judge Marsden delivered a verdict of acquittal and the jury was out less than five minutes. Morrison, who is a well-to-do woman as she crossed the ocean. He has persistently claimed that he mistook her for a burglar.

Pittsburg District Convention.

Pittsburg, April 18.—The conference of the Twenty-fourth congressional district met in convention here and re-nominated Hon. E. F. Ahrens for the fourth term by acclamation. John W. Murdoch, of Washington county, and George M. Von Bembros, of Allegheny, were elected alternate delegates. Thomas S. Craig, of Greene, was named for presidential elector. The national delegates are instructed for McKinley.

Queen in Dublin.

Dublin, April 18.—The queen enjoyed a comparatively quiet day today, the only public function in which she took part being the reception of a number of addresses at the Vice Royal Lodge from the sheriffs and mayors of Dublin and Cork and various Irish counties. Later her majesty took a two hours' drive.

BASE BALL.

Easton, Pa., April 18.—Lafayette college vs. Columbia university, New York, game postponed on rain.

Carlisle, Pa., April 18.—State college-Dickinson college game postponed on rain.

WEATHER FORECAST.

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