

REASON FOR PUBLISHING DISPATCHES

An Explanation of the General Roberts Affair.

COLONEL DALGETY PENNED

Walter Hume Long States That the Country is Entitled to Receive All the Information That the Government Can Give—Having Published the Dispatches, the Government is Bound to Deal with Incompetent Generals at Once—News from the Front.

London, April 21.—A general war between the Boers and the British is now in progress. The Boers are moving over the sodden roads. Rain was still falling when they went into camp Thursday afternoon, 18 miles west of Downstroom. They hold the railway and the southern frontier of the Free State with 20,000 men.

How many are going with the generals who will engage the Boers at Wepener is not mentioned in the latest despatch from Orangeburg, where the British bivouacked Wednesday night. The night telegraph says that on Thursday the Boers still had Colonel Dalgety closely penned.

The government's reason for publishing Lord Roberts' Spion Kop despatches was explained last evening at Hull by Walter Hume Long, president of the board of agriculture, who said that the country was entitled to receive all the information the government could give.

"The government is told," continued Mr. Long, "that having published the despatches, it is bound to deal immediately with the generals affected, but in following such a course, the government might have to dismiss every general the moment he made a mistake. Had such a policy been pursued in the past many most glorious deeds would not have been performed."

"The government used its discretion in publishing the despatches. From the beginning of the campaign Lord Roberts' ministers have not swerved from the rule of leaving the conduct of the operations to the discretion and judgment of the commander in chief."

General White, if not required in South Africa, will go as governor of Gibraltar toward the end of May. Boers Move Around Wepener. Maseru, Basutoland, April 19.—The Boers continue to move freely around Wepener, going in all directions, which relief of the Boers is expected. Desultory cannon fire and sniping have been going on all day, with scarcely any reply from Colonel Dalgety's force.

STRAINED RELATIONS WITH TURKEY

ALI FERROUH BEY EXPECTS TO SETTLE

He Insists That an Amicable Settlement Will Be Made and That Statement of Minister Strauss Was Not Warranted—The Tageblatt Does Not Believe That Europe Will Apply Monroe Doctrine to Turkey.

Washington, April 20.—Ali Ferrouh Bey, the Turkish minister, said today that he probably would hear from his government in a short time, concerning the American claims. He insists that an amicable settlement can be arranged, and repeats his statement, already published, that in view of the high esteem in which he was held by the sultan and the fact of his acting in a diplomatic capacity, Minister Strauss was not justified in making the assertion that the sultan had broken his promise in regard to the settlement of the claims.

St. Petersburg, April 20.—In discussing American-Turkish affairs, the Novoyevremya today says: "The Porte could easily avoid undesirable reprisals by asking for the friendly mediation of neighboring European states. In the recent international conflict friendly intervention is possible upon the basis of The Hague convention, and such intervention would both serve the cause of peace and save Turkey from troublesome complications."

Berlin, April 20.—The news regarding the friction between the United States and Turkey has caused little comment in Berlin. The Tageblatt says: "We do not believe the European powers would apply the Monroe doctrine to Turkey. Nevertheless, a large American naval demonstration in European waters would be a fact which continental powers could not regard without serious attention."

STRUGGLE OVER THE NAVAL BILL

Results Leave the Matter in Good Form for Endless Dispute—The Amendments Offered.

Washington, April 20.—As the result of a protracted struggle in the house today the provision of the naval appropriation bill to enable the secretary of the Treasury to contract for armor for the battleships Maine, Ohio and Missouri, now awaiting their armor equipment, at \$545 per ton, the price asked by Bethlehem, is out of the bill, as is the provision to repair the \$100 limitation placed upon the price of armor by the current law. The fight came at the end of the consideration of the bill, although the provision was objectionable to them all, the minority members of the committee had agreed to it, but today when the majority declined to allow the discussion of a proposition for the establishment of an armor plant factory, they retaliated by raising a point of order against the two provisions and when the exact effect of the action of the house today is disputed.

WELCOME TO THE PRINCE

The Royal Party Greeted with Manifestations of Pleasure by All London—King Oscar Also Receives an Ovation.

London, April 20.—The Prince of Wales arrived at Southampton today, and was met by a large number of persons who thronged the railway station and its approaches, waiting patiently to show their gladness at the sight of the prince. The prince's arrival at Southampton was a great event, and the prince was met by a large number of persons who thronged the railway station and its approaches, waiting patiently to show their gladness at the sight of the prince.

THE MIDDLE JUDICIAL DISTRICT

House Committee Reports Favorably on Mr. Connell's Bill.

THE NEW COURT ASSURED

A Measure of Much Importance in Pennsylvania Will Probably Go Through—The Grand Army Bill Also Reported—Senate Considers the Conference Report on the Hawaiian Civil Government Measure. Report Subject to Much Sharp Criticism.

Washington, April 20.—The house committee on judiciary today favorably reported a bill creating a middle judicial district in Pennsylvania in addition to the two present districts, and authorizing the president to appoint a district judge and other officers for the new court. The new district will be attached to the Third United States circuit.

This was the bill introduced by Representative Connell, who is the first congressman of the many who have championed this measure to secure a favorable report.

Grand Army Bill. After extended conference the house committee on invalid pensions, of which Representative Sulloway, of New Hampshire, is chairman, finally determined today to report to the house, senate bill 1477, which has attracted widespread attention in Grand Army circles, and is known as the "Grand Army Bill." The final draft of the bill aggregates the disabilities under which application may be made for pension under the act of June 27, 1890.

In the Senate. The senate had under consideration during the greater part of today's session the conference report on the Hawaiian civil government measure. Mr. Cullum made an extended explanation of the changes in the bill. The report was the subject of sharp criticism. Final action upon it was postponed until tomorrow.

The Alaskan civil code bill was considered for a brief time. Mr. Bates, Tenn., delivering a speech in opposition to the pending Haysborough amendment relating to the rights of alien miners. Mr. Beveridge (D.) pronounced an address upon it which was postponed until tomorrow.

John Kusba Exonerated. A coroner's jury last night exonerated John Kusba from any responsibility regarding the death of Joseph Mahler, who died under peculiar circumstances last Wednesday at the blast furnace. Several eye-witnesses of the affair were examined. A coroner's jury last night exonerated John Kusba from any responsibility regarding the death of Joseph Mahler, who died under peculiar circumstances last Wednesday at the blast furnace.

CROTON DAM STRIKE

Three Hundred and Twelve Men Return to Work.

Croton, N. Y., April 20.—The same men who reported for work yesterday reported again today, bringing a clean bill of health. At the quarry 132 men appeared for work. This was 82 more than yesterday. In all 312 men went to work this morning and at noon this number was increased to about 330. There is about half the number at work today as yesterday.

The contractors announced yesterday that the places of the strikers would be left open until noon today and that all who wished to return to work this morning could do so. Accordingly after the noon hour it was announced no strikers would be taken back and it was said their places would be filled with new men. Today the contractors announced that in response to appeals from some of the Italian women the limit for going back to work had been extended until Monday morning. The women said their husbands, sons and relatives had gone to New York or other places so as not to be in any way mixed up in any more of the strike.

It is reported that there are three anarchists in the camp of the Italian strikers and that they have been urging the men to keep up the fight. An Italian deputy has been at work among the strikers trying to identify them and arrest them, if possible. The seven Italians who were arrested last night without warrants were arrested today before Justice of the Peace Baber, at Croton Landing. They were charged with carrying concealed weapons and threatening life and property. Two of the prisoners, Joseph Parosola and Dominick Marchi, were examined and were sent to the White Plains jail to await the action of the grand jury. The five other prisoners insisted upon having the examination and their cases were set down for a hearing tomorrow.

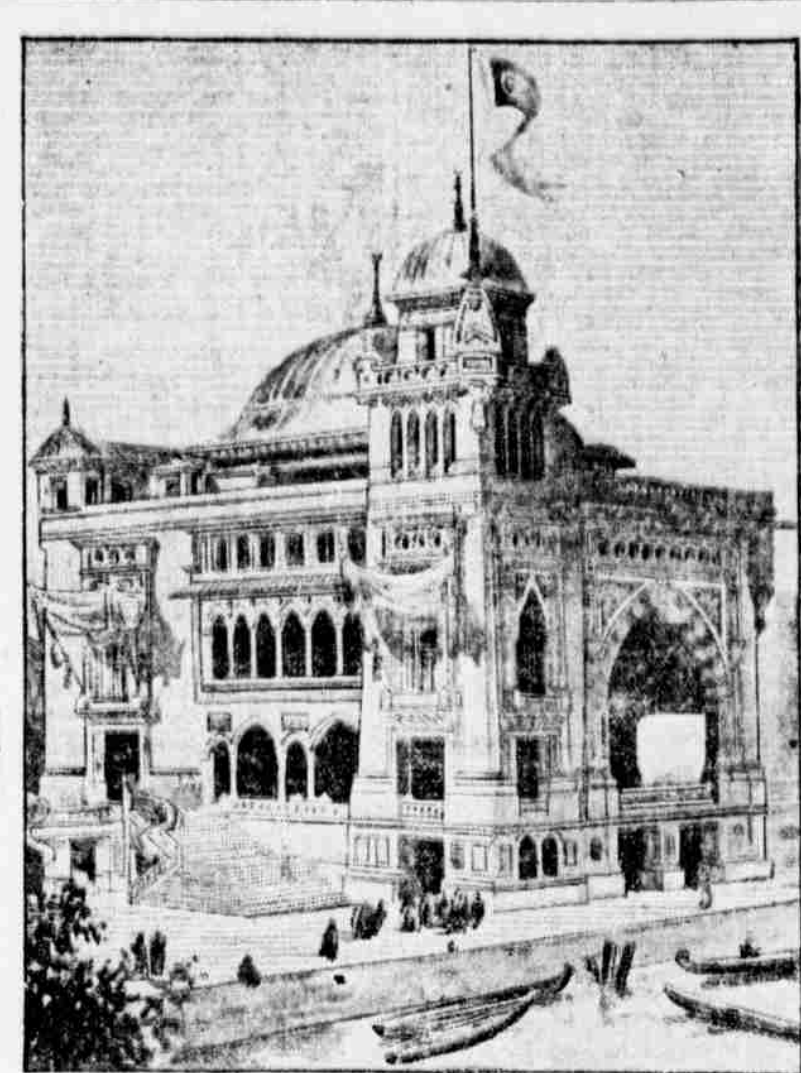
The contractors' paymaster arrived here tonight and tomorrow will pay out about \$30,000 due the men. General Roe said tonight that from the present indications the troops would not have to stay here much longer. The soldiers will probably remain until Tuesday or Wednesday, however, to see that the new workmen are not interfered with. The places of the strikers not filled on Monday will be filled on Tuesday by men from New York.

DUN'S REVIEW OF TRADE

Reduction of \$5 Per Ton in Prices of Pines and Bars—Industries in General.

New York, April 20.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade tomorrow will say: "Formal reduction of \$5 per ton in prices of pines and bars and wire companies have all the week with surprise. In the stock market and in the market for iron and steel products changes have been the rule of the week. The iron and steel industry has been produced a measure of distrust regarding prices that are maintained by the great construction industry. In the iron business the formal reductions were almost wholly anticipated in actual sales. Some urgent and important contracts have been made for the New York market, requiring 20,000 tons of pines not stated, but it is known that many others have been deferred until the price is clearer.

There is a slightly better demand for hides at Chicago, attributed to their improving condition but the distribution of boots and shoes does not keep all the factories busy. The leather industry has large orders yet to be filled which keep many of the mills busy, but there are many others less fortunate, and their work is irregularly irregular, regard for prices causing irregularity in the line of their work. The staple woolen and worsted goods hold steadily as the makers need no more contracts, but in the lower grades the business is by no means satisfactory. Wool has been inactive without change in price. Cotton goods are by some considered to be in a state of depression, but all realize that present prices will not long control the cost of production. Raw cotton held at 9 1/2 cents with all the more ease because there seems to be a steady and increasing demand for it in the textile industry. The increase in the price of cotton has been a fraction, but markets being congested with goods, the price of the remaining foreign requirements will be easily met. Atlantic exports in three weeks, four included, have been 5,708,506 bushels against 5,622,714 last year, and Pacific exports, 5,347,927 bushels against 5,209,267 last year. The increase in exports of corn continues surprisingly strong in three weeks having been 9,301,702 bushels against 9,148,000 last year.



PARIS EXPOSITION. Our picture shows the Turkish building, the Pavilion of the Ottoman Empire.

LIVELY DAY AT THE CONFERENCE

DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE WERE CHOSEN.

Rev. Dr. W. H. Pearce, of Wilkes-Barre, Who Did Such Magnificent Work in Raising Money for the Twentieth Century Offering, Was Chosen to Lead the Ministerial Delegation—G. F. Reynolds, of This City, a Lay Delegate—Report for the Wyoming District.

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The feature of today's session of the Wyoming conference was the election of delegates to the general conference. Those who are unfamiliar with the workings of the Methodist church have small idea of what an importance is attached to the honor of being a representative at this great quadrennial convention of the church in America. The feeling regarding it is intense. In fact the disappointment which a candidate experiences in failing to make the election would be surprising unless the conditions were properly understood. It means a great deal to have a voice in the deliberations of that mighty body, and Methodists appreciate its advantages.

Surprise of Day. The great surprise of the day was the election of Rev. Dr. W. H. Pearce, of the First church, Wilkes-Barre, to lead the ministerial delegation. He had a great vote, 155, when 101 was necessary to a choice, and more than all in a transferred man, and the Wyoming conference like other conferences does not look with any too much favor on the clergymen brought in from outside, a method which often they consider as reflecting on their own ability.

The other day when Dr. Pearce's success in receiving \$5,000 for the Twentieth Century offering was announced, Dr. John Bradshaw and others whispered to those in the vicinity, "We ought to send him to the general conference." The whisper spread and the result was seen yesterday, when it was shown that prejudice can be laid aside and work for the church can be appreciated. Three ballots were taken for the ministerial delegates. The first resulted in electing Rev. Dr. Pearce with 154 votes; Rev. George Forsyth, 74; Rev. Dr. Austin Griffin, 112. The second ballot resulted in receiving \$5,000 for the Twentieth Century offering was announced, Dr. John Bradshaw and others whispered to those in the vicinity, "We ought to send him to the general conference."

THE NEWS THIS MORNING

- Weather Indications To-day: SHOWERS. 1. General—House Committee Reports Favorably the Middle Judicial District Bill, South African War Situation, Wyoming Conference Proceedings, Our Relations with Turkey. 2. General—Northwestern Pennsylvania, Financial and Commercial. 3. General—The World of Sport. 4. Editorial. News and Comment. 5. Local—Social and Personal. 6. Local—Day's Work in Quarter Sessions Court, Poor Board Auditors' Report. 7. Local—Glance Over the Political Field, Thousands of Bad Votes. 8. Local—West Scranton and Suburban. 9. Round About the County. 10. Story—A Matter of Signs. Immense Scope of the Armour Packing Industry. 11. Local—Sunday School Lesson for Tomorrow, Religious News of the Week. 12. Local—Live Industrial News. J. S. Lane's Lecture on Britain vs. Boer.

WANT CLEANER STREETS.

Household Economic Section of the Green Ridge Women's Club to Bring Matter to the Council.

At the meeting of the Household Economic section of the Green Ridge Women's club yesterday afternoon, the question of the discarding of garbage was brought up, and caused considerable comment, all of the members speaking in strong terms against the custom of carting it away in neglecting to remove it, and as breeding disease. Attorney Arthur Dunn addressed the club on the subject, and spoke of the difference between the comparatively slovenly roads of Scranton and the almost spotless ones of the New England states. He told how in Syracuse, N. Y., the city pays annually about \$50,000 to keep the roads in good condition, and suggested that in Scranton it would be a good idea if the contract could be given to reliable parties to keep the streets in condition for a stipulated time at a stipulated price. This created much discussion, and a general talk of bringing the matter before the council, and it is very likely that before long the ladies of the club will have entered into a crusade against uncleanly roads and streets, with the same energy and spirit which characterized their recent successful fight for pure water for the Green Ridge section.

Beside this, the mere routine business was transacted, with the exception of a letter, which was received and read. It was from Mrs. Larned, president of the National Women's association, and who recently lectured in the city before the local branch. In it she requested that the secretary draw up and send her a report of the work accomplished so far. This will be embodied in a report which she will read at the Paris exposition, next month.

MAHER INQUEST.

Coroner's Jury Decided That Death Was Due to Accident.

Coroner Roberts Thursday night held an inquest in the case of William Mahler, of Sand Banks, who Monday, died at the Lackawanna hospital, as the result of injuries received by being run into by a horse driven by Charles A. Stark and Eugene Tannerson Lackawanna avenue. The jury found that they were guilty of no negligence, and had done all in their power to restrain the runaway animal. The verdict concluded as follows: "We further believe that in cases of this nature the police should obtain the names and addresses of people supposedly at fault, and report same to the coroner or police authorities."

BASE BALL.

Philadelphia, St. Boston, New York, St. Brooklyn, St. St. Louis-Pittsburg, etc. Cincinnati-Chicago, etc.

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WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, April 20.—Forecast for Sat. & Sunday and Monday: Eastern, Pennsylvania, cloudy, showers, Saturday and probably Sunday; fresh easterly winds.