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DOUBT AS TO THE RESULT

Conditions Favorable for Rearguard Defense—General French as Well as Infantry in Pursuit—Commandant S. Cronje Reported Killed. Lord Rosslyn a Prisoner—General Hamilton at Thaba N'Chu.

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London, April 26.—All the interest in the South African war is now centered in the running fight in progress between the burghers retreating from the southern portion of the Orange Free state and General French's horsemen, and infantry of Generals Buller, Carew, Chermide and Ruddle. But the British hope of conclusive results is slim at present, the Boers having escaped unharmed, after doing an immense amount of damage. They cling to their positions as long as it was safe to do so, and they have now slipped off to hold the next commanding ridge through a broken country admirably suited for a rear guard defense. Despatches from Alwal North, under date of Wednesday, April 25, says the Boers left Wepener so hurriedly that many of the dead were left in the trenches unburied.

HAMILTON'S MARCH

London, April 27, 5 a. m.—Israeloport, which is not marked on the map, lies between Sanna's post and Thaba N'Chu. General Hamilton has probably by this time arrived at Thaba N'Chu, and he is using his utmost endeavors to cut off the Boers who are retreating from Dewetsdorp.

HANNA DENIES IT

Says He Never Promised to Vote for Quay.

INDIANA REPUBLICANS

Nominated a State Ticket at Indianapolis. Indianapolis, April 26.—After a contest that lasted from 9 o'clock till 3 in the afternoon, Colonel W. T. Durbin, of Anderson, was nominated for governor by the Republican state convention. The first ballot showed that Durbin and J. L. Griffiths were close leaders. The succeeding ballots steadily narrowed the margins until the seventh, when Durbin and Griffiths had the field to themselves.

ROOSEVELT OUT OF THE RACE

Would Rather Be in Private Life Than Be Vice-President. Chicago, April 26.—Theodore Roosevelt, governor of New York, declared today he would rather be in private life than be vice-president of the United States. He said that his position in regard to the Republican nomination for this office was absolutely unalterable.

JOHN D. LONG NAMED

Massachusetts Republicans in Session—Secretary of the Navy Urged for Vice-President at State Convention—Senator Hoar's Anti-Expansion Doctrines Repudiated.

Boston, April 26.—The Republicans of Massachusetts met here today to select delegates and alternates to the National Republican convention in Philadelphia next June. The assembly of delegates at the Music Hall was fully as large as the average attendance at state conventions in Massachusetts. The choice of members of the legislature as delegates had been so general that the morning session of the house was postponed.

MOTORS ON THE TOWPATH

Automobiles Will Soon Succeed the Mules on Canals. Trenton, April 26.—The first of the electric motors to be used on the Delaware and Raritan canal for the propulsion of boats, arrived here today. The motor is in the form of an automobile and will travel along the towpath propelling the boat with a tow line.

McKINLEY LEAVES CANTON

Pittsburg, April 26.—President McKinley and party left Canton for Washington, passed through this city tonight. A stop of thirty-five minutes was made and at 8:30 the president's car was attached to the second section of the regular train on the Pennsylvania for the capital. The president did not get out of his car and received no visitors during the short stop.

Mrs. Adams Acquitted

Cincinnati, O., April 26.—Mrs. Jessie Adams was today acquitted of the charge of murdering her husband, who was agent in this city of the Ohio Pacific Railroad company. The tragedy occurred in the presence of two children of the couple. Evidence was introduced showing that Mrs. Adams had suffered greatly from cruel treatment and killed her husband in self defense.

Mrs. Grant at Pittsburg

Pittsburg, April 26.—Mrs. U. S. Grant, who will be the honorary guest of the Amoskeag club at its annual event dinner tomorrow night, arrived tonight and was driven directly to the home of Mrs. C. L. Moore, whose guest she will be while in the city.

Mr. Small Reappointed

Harrisburg, April 26.—Governor Small today reappointed Samuel S. Smith, of York, and Charles H. Mullin, of Carlisle, trustees of the Harrisburg House hospital.

AMERICAN CLAIMS WILL BE PRESSED

TURKISH MINISTERS TO CONSIDER FRESH DEMAND

The Sultan Apparently Thought That Action Could Be Postponed. To Send One of His Admirals Here to Study Our Battleships—Now Note Not an Ultimatum. Constantinople, Wednesday, April 26.—The negotiations between the United States and the Porte regarding the American indemnity claims have again been transferred here. United States Affairs, Greek minister yesterday handed to Turkish Foreign minister of foreign affairs, a note based upon instructions he had received from Washington, the tenor of which has not yet been made public. It is understood, however, that it demands prompt payment of the indemnity. The note will be discussed at the council of ministers today. Similar steps by the other powers are regarded as imminent. Mr. Grisco, in the present circumstances, declines to express his views.

ANTHRACITE COAL ROAD

President Thorne States That It Will Be Completed in a Year. New York, April 26.—President Thorne, of the Pennsylvania Coal company, said today that his plans for building the new independent anthracite coal road to Tidewater would not be delayed by the appeal taken by the opposing anthracite roads from the decision of the railroad commissioners, authorizing the building of the new line.

INSURGENTS AGAIN ATTACK AMERICANS

THREE THOUSAND FILIPINOS KILLED NEAR ILOCOS. Six or Seven Hundred Rebels Make a Determined Attack Upon the American Troops, Charging Their Quarters and Fighting Desperately—The Insurgents Generally Aggressive in the Province. Manila, April 26, 6:15 p. m.—About three hundred of the enemy have been killed recently in North Ilocos, including Dodd's fight and the attack on Batoc (7) April 16, when from six to seven hundred rebels, a quarter of whom were armed with rifles, determinedly attacked the Americans, charging their positions and fighting at close quarters. The engagement lasted all the afternoon, the enemy burning the town; but they were repulsed after the arrival of the American reinforcements. The insurgents generally are aggressive in that province. They captured an American provision wagon near Lapo.

BIG STRIKE AT BUFFALO

Employees of the New York Central Shops Quit Work—2200 Men Are Now Idle. Buffalo, April 26.—The employees of the New York Central shops, about 2,200 men in all, went on strike this afternoon. An increase in wages and the reinstatement of certain men alleged to have been unjustly discharged is demanded by the men. The determination to strike was reached at a meeting held last night. It is claimed that 200 men have been laid off as a result of a demand some time ago for an increase in wages. The repair men are getting 15 cents an hour and they want 16; the painters are getting 17 cents an hour, and they want 18; the carpenters want 22 cents instead of 20; mill hands are getting 20, and want a flat rate of 22; blacksmith helpers are getting 15, and want 17; machinists are getting 20, and want 22; and the lumbermen and gangs are getting 14 and want 15. Superintendent McBeth, of the Central shops, says the company on March 16 voluntarily made a general advance of wages amounting to 12 per cent. Two weeks ago the men asked for another increase amounting to 10 per cent. This was referred to the New York officials and committee who waited on them was informed that the company could not make a further advance at present. Mr. McBeth claims that the men were laid off owing to the decrease in the business. He believed a majority of the men were contented and willing to work.

IN SENATE AND HOUSE

Doings of a Day in Congress—Majority in House Stands by Bill in Interest of Letter Carriers. Washington, April 26.—Almost the entire session of the senate today was devoted to considering the bill of Nathan B. Scott, of West Virginia, to retain his seat in the senate. Mr. Pettus (Ala.), who alone of the members of the committee on privileges and elections is opposed to the claim of Mr. Scott to a seat, made an elaborate argument to sustain his views. Mr. Morgan, Ala., spoke in favor of his colleague's contention. Mr. McComas, Ark., Mr. Allen (Tenn.), Mr. Chandler (N. H.), Mr. Teller (Colo.), and Mr. Allen (Neb.) spoke in favor of the resolution declaring Mr. Scott entitled to a seat. The case went over without action.

ODD FELLOWS CELEBRATE

The 81st Annual Gathering of Members of the Order at Renovo. Renovo, Pa., April 26.—The eighty-first annual gathering of the Odd Fellows was celebrated here today by the Central Pennsylvania Odd Fellows' Anniversary association. About 1,300 Odd Fellows, including the Fourth regiment, Patricia M. Miller, central command of Major General Ed C. Deans and staff are in town.

Knights of the Soil

Albion, Kan., April 26.—The first lodge in Kansas of the "Knights of the Soil," was organized today with Samuel Linnis as local farmer. Similar lodges are to be established outside the state and it is intended to finally form the farmers' trust to control the price of grain by limiting the acreage and controlling the quantity placed on the market at any one time.

Steamship Arrivals

New York, April 26.—Arrived: Sault, from Bremen; Sailed: La Touraine, Havre; Hamburg, Sailed: Kaiser Friedrich, New York; Rotterdam, New York; Bremen—Arrived: Lahn, New York.

Canadian Horse Show

Toronto, Ont., April 26.—The Toronto horse show opened here today and will continue until the 29th. A very attractive polo field, especially in the hunting and jumping classes, has been arranged.

LORD ROBERTS' PRESENT HEADQUARTERS.



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DEWEY DAY BOYCOTT

Union Laborers Are Endeavoring to Frighten Away the Chorus Singers of the Celebration. Chicago, April 26.—The long talked of boycott of the Dewey celebration by organized labor took form today. The executive committee of District No. 8 of the International Association of Machinists issued an edict today, declaring the promoters of the celebration antagonistic to union labor and ordering members of the union to take no part in it.

MR. NEILSON INDIGNANT

Objects to Charges Made Concerning the Tube Company. New York, April 26.—Charles Neilson, second assistant postmaster general under Cleveland, against whom it was charged by Mr. Moody, of Massachusetts, in the house of representatives yesterday, that he had sustained improper relations with the pneumatic Tube company, of this city, today made reply to these allegations.

JUNK DEALER MURDERED

Body Thrown Into a Mine Hole and Burned. Hazleton, Pa., April 26.—Joseph Moran, aged 43 years, an Italian junk dealer, was murdered today on the public road between Lervale and Drifton. After killing him his murderers threw the remains in a mine hole and left the body lying in the open. The body was discovered by two men who passed along the highway. There was a bullet hole in Moran's head and his throat was cut. His left hand was found with a knife and a pair of pliers in his pocket which he expected to pay out during the day.

FLY WHEEL BURST

Three Men Injured at the Trenton Hat Cloth Works. Trenton, April 26.—Three men were injured by the bursting of a fly wheel at the Trenton Hat Cloth Works. Two of the men are likely to die from their injuries. They are now at St. Francis hospital and their names are James Campbell and John Gromley. Harry Wolf was also injured. The wheel was revolving at a terrific rate when the accident happened. One of the pieces crashed through two floors to the third story of the building.

Alabama by Bryan

Montgomery, Ala., April 26.—The Democratic state convention assembled today and completed the state ticket as follows: For governor, W. J. Sanford; secretary of state, Robert P. McDavid; attorney general, Charles G. Brown; superintendent of public education, J. W. Abernethy; treasurer, J. Craigmont; auditor, W. H. Matthews; commissioner of agriculture, R. B. Poole. The platform calls for a state constitutional convention and endorses Bryan for president.

Big Horse Fair

St. Paul, Minn., April 26.—A horse fair opened here today and will continue tomorrow. This promises to be one of the best horse fairs ever held in the west. Ten thousand horses are on hand.

DEATHS OF A DAY

Pottsville, Pa., April 26.—Major Levi Haber died suddenly today, aged 82 years. He was major of the 10th cavalry regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and prominent in Masonic and other fraternal organizations.

TERRIBLE FIRE IN QUEBEC

The City of Hull Almost Entirely Consumed by the Flames.

12,000 ARE HOMELESS

The Business Portion of the City Including Court House, Postoffice, Public Buildings and Newspaper Office is a Mass of Ruins—A Large Area of the City of Ottawa is Also Swept—The Firemen Unable to Check the Flames—Change in the Wind Saves the City from Destruction.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING

- Weather Indications Today: Fair; North to Northeast Winds. 1 General—Filipino Insurgents Attack Americans. Quebec Town Almost Consumed by Flames. America to Press Her Claims on Turkey. Boers Retreating in South Africa. 2 General—Northwestern Pennsylvania. Financial and Commercial. 3 General—Governor of Georgia Signs Executive Order Granting New Road Right of Way in New York State. 4 Editorial. Speech of Senator Penrose (Concluded). 5 General—Interesting Records of Our Presidents. 6 Local—Buy Day in the Lactawanna Courts. 7 Local—Library Resolution Declared Illegal. Brilliant Lecture of Professor Griggs. 8 Local—West Scranton and Suburban. 9 Round About the County. 10 Local—Live Industrial News. New Street Railway Asks Councils for a Franchise.

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WEATHER FORECAST

Washington, April 26.—Forecast for Friday and Saturday: Eastern Pennsylvania, fair Friday; partly cloudy Saturday; fresh north to southwest winds.