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ADVANCE OF THE BRITISH

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Will Defend Johannesburg—Calls on All Boers to Stay Until the Bitter End—British Troops in the Form of a Crescent with Horns Thirty Miles Apart—The Movements of Boers Are Difficult to Determine. The Plague Threatens.

London, May 25 (3.35 a. m.).—Lord Roberts' infantry advance is delayed at the Rhenoster river for a day or two by the depth of the stream which is not fordable. The banks, which are precipitous, are forty feet high. A pontoon and temporary bridge constructions are under way. The railway has not been damaged to any extent between Kroonstad and Rhenoster. The Transvaals have offered the Free States by destroying their splendid bridges and retreating to Kroonstad. They refrained from doing this on the retreat to Rhenoster, but now they are destroying the railway and bridges almost completely north of Rhenoster.

Mystery of the Boers.

What the Boers are doing is an absolute mystery. The embargo of news out of Pretoria for the last twenty-four hours has been complete. Such shreds of information as the correspondents at Lorenzo Marques have picked up do not indicate the Boer designs and dispositions further than that the movement toward Lydenburg continues, and that a referendum on the question of continuing the war is going on among the Boer fighting men. It may be a fortnight before the results of this referendum are known before the Transvaal government. If the English view of Boer discouragement is one-half right, the Boers will vote to quit.

Kruger Full of Fight.

Cape Town, May 24.—President Kruger, it is announced here, has issued a proclamation saying he will defend Johannesburg, and calling upon all the Boers to fight to the bitter end.

NEWS FROM BRAZIL.

Publications Hostile to Great Britain and the United States. Rio de Janeiro, May 1.—It is asserted that considerable money is being spent here by agents of the Spanish, French and German governments to cause to be published articles against the governments of the great Britain and the United States.

ICE TRUST UNLAWFUL.

Decision of Attorney General Davies of New York. New York, May 24.—Attorney General Davies today announced his decision in the proceedings against the American Ice company. He decides that the American Ice company is an unlawful combination, conducting its business in restraint of violation of law and against public policy, and will commence proceedings against the American Ice company to prohibit it from doing business in this state.

Jeffries Barred Out.

Trenton, N. J., May 24.—Champion James J. Jeffries will not umpire the base ball game between the Cuban Giants and the Princeton Giants, scheduled to be played Monday. Secretary Pierce, of the local Young Men's Christian association, which controls the grounds where the game will be played, refused to accede to Jeffries' appearance as umpire of the game.

Great Britain Denounced.

New York, May 24.—The United Irish societies of New York met tonight and by resolution denounced Great Britain declared that Irishmen must fight for their liberty and freedom when war is likely. Great Britain has another war for her life on her hands.

THE TURKISH INDEMNITY.

Call by the Turkish Minister Upon Secretary Hay. Washington, May 24.—All Ferrouh Bey, the Turkish minister here, called at the state department today for the first time in several weeks, and spent about fifteen minutes in conference with Secretary Hay. His call was said to be in the usual routine of diplomatic day, and it is gathered that he was in quest of information as to the tenor of Mr. Grisco's note presented yesterday to the porte in connection with the American indemnity claims.

AGUINALDOITES HOLD A SESSION.

Anti-Imperialists Hold a Meeting in Cooper Union—Inflammatory Speeches Made. New York, May 24.—A mass meeting to advocate "an American policy in the Philippines" was held tonight in Cooper Union, under the auspices of the Anti-Imperialist League of New York. The speakers were George S. Boutwell, of Massachusetts; Carl Schurz and Captain Patrick O'Farrell, of Washington. Mr. Crosby said, in opening the meeting: "In Cuba one of our fellow citizens, a gentleman is accused of taking all the postal funds he could lay his hands on. Better the island be robbed by Spain than by an American and a friend of Senator Beveridge. Were Washington alive today he would find himself more at home in the camp of Aguinaldo than in the camp of Otis. We cannot but admire the courage of Aguinaldo and his men who have been fighting for a year against tremendous odds."

HEATED DISCUSSION IN THE SENATE ON SUBJECT OF DUTY TO "ISLAND POSSESSIONS."

In Concluding His Speech Mr. Spooner, of Wisconsin, Arouses Debate That Takes a Political Turn—He Charges Anti-Imperialists with Creating an Issue Not Legitimate—House Devotes Time to Consideration of Alaskan Bill. Washington, May 24.—The duty of the United States towards its "island possessions" was the subject of heated discussion in the senate today. Soon after the senate convened Mr. Bacon, of Georgia, began an extended reply to the speech Mr. Platt delivered yesterday. His speech was largely supplemental to that which he delivered several days ago demanding an investigation of Cuban financial affairs. His resolution, to which there is little or no opposition, went under the rules, to the committee on constitutional expenses.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING

Weather Indications Today: CLEAR; WARMER. 1 General-British Are Delayed at Rhenoster River. Elections and Lively Debate at the Conference. Our Island Possessions Create Heated Discussion in the Senate. Prominent Brokers Fail for \$13,000,000.

PROMINENT STOCK BROKERS FAIL.

PRICE, McCORMICK & COMPANY OWE \$13,000,000. Failure Is Ascribed to the Fact That the Firm "Went Long" on Cotton in the Face of a Fast Falling Market—Action of the Firm Stimulated the Bears—Many Dealers Will Suffer. New York, May 24.—Price, McCormick & Co., one of the largest brokerage houses in the city, failed today, with liabilities estimated at \$13,000,000. The firm is a member of the stock, cotton and produce exchanges and of the Chicago stock exchange, and has branch offices in about thirty cities throughout the United States. The failure is ascribed to the fact that the firm was long in cotton in the face of a fast falling market. The assignees are William J. Curtis and William N. Cromwell. Mr. Cromwell said today that it was impossible to make any statement at this hour concerning the condition of the firm; that its business is very extensive and covers several branch agencies. The total liabilities, he said, are about \$13,000,000, nearly all of which was secured.

ST. LOUIS TROUBLE DUE TO POLITICS.

Opinion of Governor Stephens, of Missouri, Regarding the Street Car Strike—Will Perform His Duty. St. Louis, May 24.—Governor Stephens was quoted this afternoon as saying: "I am satisfied that the trouble along the street car lines, and the whole spirit of anarchy which I find prevailing largely in the city of St. Louis at present, is being fomented and abetted by the machinations of a certain coterie of Democratic politicians, who hope by their course to in some manner make gains in the approaching party primaries. This element is sending speakers to meetings held to excite sympathy for the strikers all over the city, and if not counseling disorder it is at least materially encouraging it."

MURDERER OF PROF. WHITE.

Police Think They Have Captured Him in the Person of Amos Stirling, a Negro Tramp. Philadelphia, May 24.—Superintendent of Police Quirk tonight announced that the accomplice of Henry Ivory, colored, of Wilmington, Del., in the murder of Professor White, was among the well-known Chicago family of agricultural implement fame, and Mr. Stewart-Wortley is a son-in-law of Rear Admiral Schley. The firm was organized January 2, 1897. Prior to the formal announcement of the failure, the cotton market had broken over twenty points under terrific selling for both accounts from all directions. The firm has long been regarded as the leading supporter of the market, and at one time it was said they were going to put August cotton up to ten cents. The decline of the market, however, was not to be deterred, and, despite their efforts, they could not hold the market up. Consequently today's development did not come as a total surprise, though they had sufficient force to temporarily demoralize the trade.

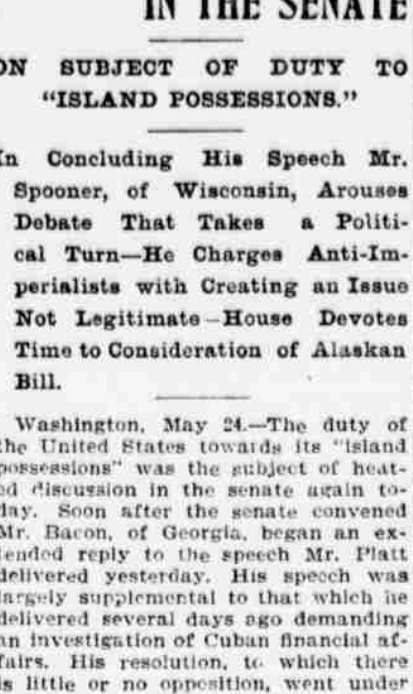
Will Manufacture Manifold.

Harrisburg, May 24.—The secretary of the commonwealth granted a charter today to General Manifold company of Franklin. The capital stock is \$4,000,000, divided into 40,000 shares, of the par value of \$100. General Charles Miller, of Franklin, is president; Joseph C. Miller, of Harrisburg, is secretary; and Joseph C. Miller, of Harrisburg, is treasurer. The company will manufacture carbon paper and manifold paper.

White Falls Three Stories.

Wilkes-Barre, May 24.—Clarence White, of Reading, Pa., who has been in the city this past week decorating for the Knights Templar convention, fell from a three-story building tonight. Both legs were broken and it is feared he is fatally injured internally.

ITALY'S BUILDING AT PARIS EXPOSITION.



The Italian building at the Paris Exposition is the most important of all in its dimensions. It is a beautiful combination of various styles of architecture, and is surmounted by five grand domes, one in golden bronze. These domes and the magnificent rosette windows give a cathedral character to the edifice.

FOR EXTRADITION OF NEELY.

A Hearing Before Governor Roosevelt at Oyster Bay. New York, May 24.—The hearing before Governor Roosevelt, at Oyster Bay, today of the application for the extradition of Charles F. W. Neely to Cuba was brief. After the short session, the governor made a brief statement to the newspaper men. He said that before he would take any final action in the matter he would confer with the state attorney general, probably on Saturday, on the questions of law raised by counsel as to his power to grant the requisition papers. This power, the governor said, it was conceded was vested by the constitution in the governor.

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QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY.

Celebrated Throughout England with Great Rejoicing. London, May 24.—Under the stimulus of the relief of Mafeking and Lord Roberts' rapid and successful progress the queen's birthday has been celebrated throughout the empire with a unique and almost unprecedented rejoicing. The twofold nature of the celebrations gave the occasion unusual brilliancy. The recent demonstrations which whetted the public appetite for displays of patriotic feelings and, consequently, today was chosen for all kinds of functions in connection with the war and its funds. In London and in the provincial towns there was a tricolor eruption. Every private house was decorated with miniature union jacks and a detestable carnival procession, a mile long of cars emblematic of the war paraded the northern suburbs of London. Torchlight processions and reviews in the garrison towns, etc., were witnessed throughout the country. The school children had a holiday and at many places there was a partial suspension of business. The west end of London tonight is brilliantly illuminated and thousands are crowding the streets, wearing patriotic colors.

STRIKE DECLARED OFF.

Peace Is Again Effected at the Buttonwood Mine. Wilkes-Barre, May 24.—The strike at the Buttonwood mine, which was once declared off and then resumed again, was again declared off tonight. The company officials said a committee of the strikers met and signed an amicable agreement. Anthony Yishnifski, whose discharge was the principal cause of the strike, will be given work in another mine of the company. The 500 strikers are expected to be back to work Monday.

FIVE MEN KILLED.

Covington, Ky., May 24.—A boiler at McFerrin sawmill, ten miles west of here, exploded today, killing five men and completely wrecking the plant. The dead, Captain James A. McFerrin, Moses Hunley, —Burket, —York, unknown negro.

Steamship Arrivals.

New York, May 24.—Arrived: Kaiser Wilhelm II. from Genoa; Saale, from Bremen; Germanic, Liverpool; Sailed: L'Aquitaine, Havre; August Victoria, Hamburg via Plymouth and Cleburne; Naples—Arrived: Ema, New York and sailed for Genoa; Queenstown—Sailed: Majestic (form Liverpool), New York.

The Boers at Dinner.

Washington, May 24.—Representative William Alden Smith, of Michigan, gave a dinner tonight at the Hotel Cecil to the Boer commissioners. Among the guests were a number of senators and congressmen. Each of the commissioners made brief address.

DEBATE AND ELECTIONS

Among the Features of Lively Conference Sessions at Chicago.

DR. LEWIS CURTIS RETIRED. His Management of the Chicago Book Office Has Been the Matter of Considerable Controversy—The Action Abolishing Additional Secretaries so Far as Freedmen's Aid Is Concerned Is Abolished—Adjournment Will Be Made on Tuesday Next.

Chicago, May 24.—This was a day of elections, attended by extremely lively debates in the Methodist general conference. Agents of the Eastern and Western Book Concerns were named, the election for western agents resulting in the retiring of Dr. Lewis Curtis, of Chicago, over whose management of the office considerable controversy has taken place. Samuel H. Pyc and A. C. Jennings were the successful candidates for the Chicago and Cincinnati offices, and Homer Eaton and George P. Maines were re-elected to the New York office.

MR. BRISTOW'S REFORMS.

Solicitor's Bureau Abolished in Havana—Investigations Continue. Havana, March 24.—Mr. Bristow, acting director general of postal, today abolished the solicitor's bureau, appointing in its place a law clerk, with one stenographer, and thus saving \$2,000 annually. Many other reforms are promised.

QUADRIENNIAL CONFERENCE.

Important Amendment Regarding Use of Tobacco. Atlantic City, N. J., May 24.—The principal feature of the quadriennial conference of the Methodist Protestant general conference was the adoption by a two-thirds vote of an amendment to the church discipline requiring all candidates for the ministry to fore-swear the use of tobacco in any form. There was weak opposition, but the sentiment was so strong in favor of the amendment that it did not provoke a debate. The revision of the discipline was agreed to as far as reported.

DEATHS OF A DAY.

Pittsburg, May 24.—The Rev. Dr. Richard Lee, the oldest Presbyterian minister in Pennsylvania and probably in the United States, died today in New Alexandria, Pa. He had been ill only a short time. He was 99 years of age and was ordained sixty-four years ago.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, May 24.—Forecast for Friday and Saturday: Eastern Pennsylvania, clearing Friday; Saturday, fair, and warmer; fresh northerly winds.