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SCRANTON, PA., TUESDAY MORNING, JUNE 5, 1900.

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GRAVE REPORTS FROM CHINA

A Despatch from United States Minister at Peking.

SERIOUS INTELLIGENCE

Boxer Atrocities Increasing-All Foreigners Have Fled-Imperial Government Unwilling or Unable to Suppress the Trouble-Report of Dissension in the Palace-Rev. Charles Tracy Pitkin Safe.

Washington, June 4.-The following cable message has been received at the state department from United States Minister Conger at Peking...

Crisis Exists at the Palace. Peking, Sunday, June 3.-The most alarming reports are constantly arriving from the country, especially from Pao-Ting-Fu...

It is impossible to confirm or deny the report of the crisis, but significant indications of the feeling of the government toward foreigners are contained in the attempt to arrest Lin, Chinese manager of the Peking syndicate...

Cossacks Fight the Boxers. Tien-Tsin, June 4.-The Cossacks returned this evening. They report that they had a fight with the Boxers at Tull, killed sixteen and wounded many...

Buffalo Strike Over. Buffalo, June 4.-This morning between 2,000 and 2,500 men, yardmen and freight handlers of the Erie, Lehigh Valley, Delaware, Lackawanna and Western, New York and Pennsylvania railroads, who quit work six weeks ago...

Gen. Palmer a Candidate. Wilkes-Barre, June 4.-Ex-Attorney General Palmer today announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination for congress in the Lehigh district...

Deaths of a Day. Philadelphia, June 4.-John Winter, one of the leading iron masters of the state, died today at his home in Germantown, aged 70 years...

COEUR D'ALENE AFFAIR.

Minority Report on the Investigation is Given Out. Washington, June 2.-The minority report on the Coeur d'Alene investigation was given out today by Representatives Lenth, of Ohio, and Hay, of Virginia, who drafted it...

Shooting Affray in Texas Court House. Three prominent men lose their lives as the result of an old feud-Governor requested to call out troops...

Democracy in New York Will Endorse Chicago Platform. New York, June 4.-If the proceedings of the state convention of the Democratic party tomorrow are harmoniously conducted as was the meeting of the state committee to-night...

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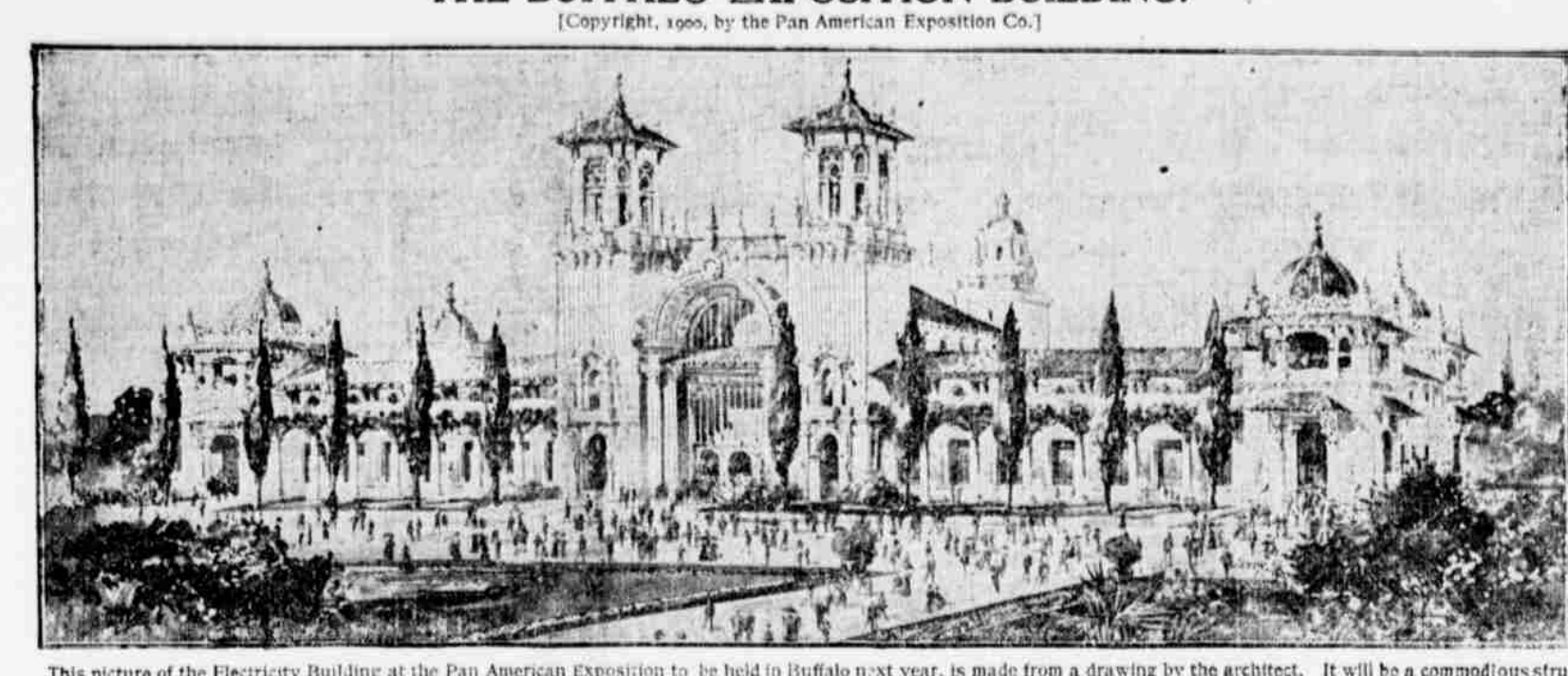
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THE BUFFALO EXPOSITION BUILDING.



This picture of the Electricity Building at the Pan American Exposition to be held in Buffalo next year, is made from a drawing by the architect. It will be a commodious structure, 300 feet long and 150 feet wide, and of marked architectural beauty. The south facade will front the mall and the north the midway.

DAIRYMEN MEET GOVERNOR STONE

Demand Dismissal of Hamilton and Hutchinson. Resolutions Presented Condemning the Work of the Dairy and Food Commission-Mr. Hill States That the Oleo Law is Enforced in New York State and That but 2,000,000 lbs Were Sold Annually, While the Sale in Pennsylvania Was 11,300,000 Pounds.

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PORTO RICO OFFICIALS.

President McKinley Sends Names of Candidates. Washington, June 4.-The president today sent the senate a number of nominations for Porto Rico. Jose Severo Quinones, of Porto Rico, is nominated to be chief justice of the Supreme court of Porto Rico, and Louis Sulzberger, of Missouri, Jose O. Hernandez Lopez, of San Juan, Porto Rico, to be members of the commission to compile and revise the laws of Porto Rico; and Martin Grove Brumbaugh, of Pennsylvania, to be commissioner of education...

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THE OTHER WILL OF MRS. AMERMAN

Ten Thousand Dollars Left to Rev. Joseph Dixon to be Used Taking Care of Horses and a Dog. Worcester, Mass., June 4.-The will of Mrs. Ella Amerman, widow of ex-Congressman Amerman, of Pennsylvania, was filed for probate today. The sum of \$10,000 is left in trust, the income to be used in taking care of her horses and a dog. Rev. Joseph K. Dixon, former pastor of the Warren Avenue Baptist church, Boston, is named as custodian of the animals and he is directed to look after their welfare.

Base Ball Union. An Opinion on the Subject by John I. Rogers of the Philadelphia Club. Philadelphia, June 4.-John I. Rogers, of the Philadelphia base ball club, in an interview today, said he will not oppose his players joining the projected union of players, if they desire to, or to their affiliation with the American Federation of Labor, but he ridiculed the idea that any advantage would accrue to the players by such union. He said: "Base ball is not a trade or industry that can be classified under the head of labor. It is merely a sport, and has no place in a federation of labor. When the players band themselves together in an effort to dictate to the manager in which we shall conduct our business it will then be time for the manager to retire. Under such circumstances I shall like to know where the players will find capital willing to take a resumption of the enterprise."

Boers are Baffled. The news from minor theaters of hostilities is less cryptic. The Boer operations to break Lord Roberts' communications have been completely baffled and the Boer columns are in danger of being surrounded by the British forces at Ficksburg, Senekal, Heilbron and Lindley. General Buller, instead of throwing himself against the Boers entrenched at Heilbron, moved toward Ficksburg and established communication with General Buller. The Boers marched parallel with Buller, intending to seize a strong position on the Ficksburg road, but General Buller got there first. The 1,500 Boers who were in his movement are now reported to be going elsewhere.

Boers at Cleveland. Cleveland, June 4.-The Boer camp arrived today and attended a mass meeting tonight tendered in their honor. The hall was taxed to its capacity. All three commissioners made speeches and addresses were delivered also by several local orators. Resolutions were adopted denouncing the British government.

Potter Gets a Divorce. Newport, R. I., June 4.-James Brown Potter was granted an absolute divorce from his wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Potter, at New Haven, today, and given the custody of his daughter.

Weather Forecast. Wednesday, June 4.-Forecast for Tuesday and Wednesday. Eastern Pennsylvania, partly cloudy Tuesday with moderate temperature; showers and wind Wednesday; fresh northwesterly winds.

CONFLICTING NEWS FROM PRETORIA

Announcement That the City is Preparing to Surrender. London, June 5, 3.20 a. m.-Of official intelligence regarding what is transpiring outside Pretoria there is little or nothing today. Lord Roberts is silent. Nevertheless, by piecing together items from various correspondents, it would seem that Lord Roberts' immense army, except one brigade, which is at Johannesburg, and that six columns are converging on Pretoria. An undated news agency message from Pretoria, via Lourenzo Marques, June 4, says: "Pretoria is now invested by the British. No resistance will be offered. The city will be surrendered by the burghers as soon as a formal demand is made."

KRUGER GOES EASTWARD

But Is in Constant Wire Communication with the Leaders at Lourenzo Marques-Lord Roberts is Silent, but It is Known That Some Great British Movement is in Progress Outside of Pretoria-The City Full of Strange Burghers. This message purports to come in cipher. President Kruger commands the telegraph eastward from Pretoria to Lourenzo Marques has ceased, but the messengers of newspaper correspondents continue to pass to and fro on the railway. The latest to arrive at Lourenzo Marques bring events at the Boer capital down to a late hour Friday night. At that time, according to these sources of information, the military leaders had quite recovered from the panic and had determined to defend the town. One message, which is dated June 1, says: "Pretoria is full of strange burghers, but most of the commandos are languered outside. A great war council of generals has just concluded its deliberations. The decision as to the future military course has not been made known. Louis Botha and Delarey sat in council."

Another dispatch, brought to Lourenzo Marques by messenger and dated at Pretoria, Friday at midnight, says: "The war council assumes the powers of the government. Its members declare that the capital may still be successfully defended. One commander declared: "With the help of God the hour will still come when Great Britain will acknowledge the independence of the two republics. A tremendous change will yet come over the situation."

General Delarey said that Pretoria would be defended to the utmost, adding: "There is every chance that we will yet beat the enemy out of the country."

President Kruger is somewhere to the eastward, but is in constant wire communication with the leaders here. There is, however, a deep feeling of anger against him on account of what is now called his unnecessary flight, and because he has not returned all the gold and left his subordinates unpaid. The latest phase of public opinion is a marvelous revival of courage.

From Lourenzo Marques comes a dispatch, dated June 1, saying: "It is known that some great British movement is in progress outside Pretoria. The mysterious movements of President Kruger's secretary and physician, particularly their secret visits to the British officers, which is in the harbor here, has aroused suspicions that important persons are expected."

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Mrs. Sherman III. Mansfield, O., June 4.-Mrs. John Sherman grew worse rapidly today and at 10 o'clock was unconscious. Her physician thought she could not live until morning. General and Mrs. Nelson A. Miles have been telegraphed to.