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### THE BOERS AND BRITISH

BOTH SIDES STILL ACTIVE AND AGGRESSIVE.

A Full Summary of the Transvaal War News—Progress of the Conflict From Day to Day—The British Encouraged.

During the past three days there have been several attacks by the Boers on the British positions in the Free State, resulting in sharp but indecisive fighting. The attacks in several instances were repulsed and the Boers driven from their strongholds in the kopjes. The siege of Wepener garrison is still kept up, but reinforcements are near there, if they have not arrived. The general advance of Lord Roberts's forces has not yet begun.

It is reported in London that Sir Charles Warren is to be appointed Governor of the Free State. Nothing is known regarding Sir Redvers Buller, but there is little doubt regarding his removal, and rumor has it that Lord Kitchener will get an important independent command.

The Boer-Peace Commissioners are understood to have been disappointed by their visit to the Hague, but will visit Berlin and Paris before going to Washington.

A despatch from Durban says that General Sir Charles Warren has arrived there on the way to East London, and it is believed he is going to the Orange Free State to assume an important civil post.

General Carrington's forces have arrived at Belra, Portuguese East Africa, whence it is proposed to reach the South African Republic, but weeks will elapse before the troops can reach the border or approach Mafeking.

The Ladysmith correspondent of the Daily Telegraph in a despatch says the news of Lord Roberts to the War Office regarding the Spion Kop operations, has created much comment locally, but no resignations are mentioned.

A despatch from Kimberley says that Lord Methuen has issued a proclamation forbidding civilians to carry arms, and ordering rebels to surrender all serviceable modern arms by May 3.

The War Office has made public the report of Gen. Roberts on the Spion Kop disaster, in which he severely censures Gen. Buller, Gen. Warren, and others. The recall of the Generals named, it is believed in London, is certain to follow. Gen. Roberts reports that the Boers still surround the British forces at Wepener.

London awaits confidently for almost immediate announcement of news favorable to the British. Distrust exists, however, as to any rapid continuous advance toward Pretoria, chiefly on account of the lack of horses, many of which die in the case of the long voyages.

According to a cable despatch from Bloemfontein, Lord Roberts's plans for an invasion of the Transvaal have been seriously interfered with by a heavy rain storm.

Lieutenant Smith-Eman, a Rhodesian scout, who entered Mafeking through the Boer lines, has returned to Colonel Plumer's camp with despatches from Mafeking, saying that all was well there April 8.

A cablegram from Pretoria says that President Kruger keeps in excellent health. General Botha is there consulting with the Government.

The members of the Irish-American Ambulance Corps are treated as guests of the Boer Government at Pretoria.

### COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY.

Latest News From the Active Business World.

The Kansas Midland Railroad, running from Wichita to Ellsworth, a distance of 106 miles, has been transferred to the St. Louis and San Francisco Railway Company. The consideration is \$1,100,000 of Kansas Midland division 4 per cent. mortgage bonds and \$965,000 common stock trust certificates of the St. Louis and San Francisco Railway.

At a meeting of the Western and Southern Associations of stove manufacturers, held at Chicago it was decided to advance the selling price of all stoves 5 per cent.

The miners of Brazil, Indiana, have voted to accept the operators' proposition, with semi-monthly payment of wages. A contract for a year was signed.

The strike in the Kentucky coal fields has been settled, at 13 2-3 per cent. advance and semi-monthly pay days. Several thousand men were on strike.

The appraised value of Cornelius Vanderbilt's estate is about \$60,000,000, a shrinkage from Chauncey M. Depew's estimate of \$70,000,000.

A banquet was given by the Democratic Club of Brooklyn, April 18, at which a letter from ex-President Cleveland was read denouncing false leadership and pointing out the present duty of Democrats.

### ECUMENICAL COUNCIL.

A Great Gathering of Religious People in New York.

The Ecumenical Council of Missionaries, which assembled in New York on Saturday, is a gathering of the highest dignity and importance. President McKinley recognized its international character and the value of the work done by those whom it represents by welcoming the delegates on behalf of the nation. The Council is one for conference only; it can pass no laws nor bind any one to a particular line of action; but it is hoped that as a result of an interchange of views, mission work may be consolidated and extended, so that it may be made to yield greater results than heretofore. Missions, and especially foreign missions, are sometimes ridiculed because the results in conversions that can be traced to any individual effort are so small, and yet their great value in advancing civilization and morality, as well as Christianity is easily recognized by those who take the broad view.

Every Protestant evangelical denomination is represented by many of its leading clergymen and laymen. Moreover, every country and distant mission field was represented, and the gathering is one of the most notable and important religious conferences ever held in this city. There are 1666 general delegates present and 750 missionaries. The missionary societies represented number 104, which spend \$15,000,000 a year in foreign missions. Such a congress is bound to command the attention of the entire Christian world.

Ex-President Harrison and President McKinley each made eloquent addresses on Saturday as did Gov. Roosevelt.

### KILLED AT CHURCH.

A Wife Murder and Attempted Suicide at Syracuse.

John Hughes, aged 60 years, shot and killed his wife, Hannah Hughes, and seriously wounded Elizabeth Lyons, aged 16 years, as the women were leaving St. Vincent de Paul's Church, Syracuse, N. Y., Sunday. He then went to the house of a friend a mile distant and attempted to commit suicide by stabbing himself near the breast with a pair of shears. He was found there by the police and arrested. He and Mrs. Hughes were married about a year ago, but their married life was unhappy and they separated six months ago.

Elizabeth Lyons was struck in the leg by a stray bullet, while walking on the opposite side of the street. Her injury is not serious. She is the daughter of John H. Lyons, a prominent box manufacturer.

The Governing Board of the International League of Press Clubs has decided to hold the annual meeting of the League in New York, on July 17.

America's foreign trade for 1899 as shown by the report of the Chamber of Commerce showed an excess of exports over imports of \$465,800,256.

### MRS. DEWEY'S CONVERSION.

Statement of Father Burke on Her Religious Faith.

The priest who gave Mrs. Hazen, now Mrs. Dewey, her first communion when she was received into the Roman Catholic Church is the Rev. Richard Burke, at present pastor of St. Columbus's Church, Buffalo. He said yesterday that Archbishop Keane was credited with her conversion, but it had fallen to him to administer the sacrament of the holy eucharist.

Father Burke spent seven years in Washington and has served in two campaigns as chaplain in the English Army under Lord Roberts.

"I am afraid Mrs. Dewey was not well grounded in the faith," said Father Burke. "It has been reported to me that she ceased attending the Church nearly two years ago, in fact shortly after Dewey's victory at Manila. As I understand it, Commodore Dewey was engaged to Mrs. Hazen when he went to the Philippines. Mrs. Dewey realized that such a national hero might aspire to the Presidency. To a woman of such ambition the thought probably came before it occurred to Dewey himself. About that time Mrs. Hazen began to be remiss in her church attendance.

"Mrs. Leland Stanford and the wife of ex-Gov. Campbell, of Ohio, have told me they would have joined the Church only they feared the effect on the political careers of their husbands."

Mrs. Susan Rusie, wife of the New York baseball pitcher, brought suit for divorce. 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. Mrs. Rusie says that her action in leaving him so suddenly and coming to her home at Mullee was because of his conduct. Property rights are involved in the case. She asks \$5,000 alimony.

### STRIKE CAUSES DEATH.

FIRST BLOODSHED OF THE CROTON DAM TROUBLE.

Victim Was a Sergeant of the Militia  
—More Troops Sent to the Scene  
—Escape of the Assassin—An Unfortunate Affair.

There has been blood shed at the scene of the Italian labor strike at Croton Dam, N. Y.

Sergeant Robert Douglas, of the Eleventh Separate Company, of Mt. Vernon, was shot from ambush above the dam while calling to guard at 10 o'clock on the night of April 16, and died a few moments later in the hospital tent. The shooting was done by a hidden assassin. Post No. 10, where Sergeant Douglas was shot, is located at the entrance to the cluster of houses on the hills above the south side of the works, known as Larkinville, or Little Italy. This has been the scene of most of the rioting and turbulence during the strike, and as the cable anchorage is located there, a guard was stationed to watch the cables. Six men were detailed for guard duty as soon as the camp was arranged, and they were given two hour shifts.

Sergeant Douglas was the Sergeant of the guard and with ten men started from the camp to relieve the force on duty. He reached the cable anchorage carrying a lantern, which made him a conspicuous figure. Corporal McDowell was beside him when he suddenly doubled up and fell over on his face. "Load, boys, I'm shot," he cried, and Corporal McDowell, who, although he had heard no shot, realized that Sergeant Douglas was wounded, gave the order to his squad to fire, at the same time extinguishing the lantern, which had fallen from the wounded soldier's hand.

Sergeant Douglas was carried to the hospital tent. Dr. Eugene Smith, the regimental surgeon, was in attendance, and made an examination of the injured man. Two inches below the navel, in the stomach, he found a gaping wound, where the bullet had entered. Before anything could be done Sergeant Douglas expired.

The night was very dark, and a dismal rain was falling, but a squad of soldiers and fifty or sixty deputy sheriffs beat the woods and brush, but without finding any trace of the assassin.

Sergeant Robert Douglas was 28 years old, and lived at 225 North Sixth avenue, Mount Vernon. He was at one time a volunteer in the English army, and a member of the Queen's Foot Guards. He leaves a widow and two small children.

### A MYSTERIOUS DRUG.

By It a Man is Doomed to Slow Death.

Dr. E. H. Barker, who had been treating H. Grote, of Cumminsville, a suburb of Cincinnati, was puzzled and baffled by his patient's symptoms. Finally he told him plainly that something wrong was going on.

Grote then broke down and weepingly said he believed he was being slowly poisoned to death. His wife, whom he considered mentally irresponsible, was in control of an herb doctor. He said he overheard the herb doctor say to his wife that he had a slow poison that would make a weakened old man out of Grote in two months and finally kill him.

Dr. Barker said that whatever had been given to the man was acting in just that way. He treated Grote for poison, and soon there was a wonderful improvement. In the mean time Grote's servant girl found a box of white powder, which on being examined by a chemist, proved to be quinine, mixed with a foreign substance, whose character could not be determined. Mrs. Grote, who is apparently sixty years old, declared that the powder was baking soda, and said she had not seen the herb doctor for a month.

Grote told of three occasions on which after drinking coffee which had a bitter taste, his muscles had become rigid and symptoms of poisoning had developed. Dr. Barker says that whatever has been given to Grote it will kill him. "Six months ago," says the doctor, "Grote was a fine specimen of physical manhood; today there is not a sound organ in his body." The police are at work on the case.

### CRIMINAL.

Warrants have been sworn out for the thirty-one ringleaders of the Croton Dam, New York, strikers, but most of the men accused have fled to the mountains. Attempts were made to resume work with but little success.

Four men were murdered and one fatally wounded by an Italian at Windber, near Johnstown, Pa., April 16, in a drunken quarrel growing out of jealousy of a woman.

William F. Miller, the "get-rich-quick" banker, whose Franklin Syndicate promised 520 per cent. dividends per year, has been convicted in New York.