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the Report. LONDON, April II, 5 A. M.-But that the War Office has issued no news from Lord Roberts during the last three days there would be little disposition to place any credence in the Boer reports of an-other British disaster. The unexpected rallying of the Free State commandos, however, leaves the public in a nervous condition, fearing everything. Dispatches from Pretoria as late as Monday did not mention any further Boer victory. Os the contrary, they said all the comman-dos were quiet and, as Lord Roberts had hitherto never failed promptly to report mischances, as well as successes, or to

attention never failed promptly to report mischances, as well as successes, or to allow the newspaper correspondents to report them until some confirmation is re-ceived there is justification for regarding the Merkatafontein rumor as only an ex-aggerated account of the Reddersburg afso often proved correct that the greatest anxiety will be felt. fair. At the same time, Boer reports have No further news has been received of fighting, either at Wepener or in Natal. Beer reports stem to indicate that Lord Methuen is advancing from Boshof toward Hoopstad. It is a bold and apparently a dangerous move, since, although it turns the right flank of the Boer position at Brandfort, it puts Lord Methuen's force between whatever garrison there may be at Bloemfhoef, in the Transvasi, and the

trols.

Prisoners Reach St. Helens ISLAND OF ST. HELENA, April 3.-The Niobe and the Milwaukee have ar-rived here with the Boer prisoners. Their

W. VanDyke, H. L. Truax by F. W. VanDyke, F. W. Chausse, R. A. Booth, W. H. Hampton by F. W. VanDyke, R. for the purpose of embarrassing the leading candidate. They simply adopted the device of placing the nominations before the reading of the resolutions. The vote G. Smith by R. A. Booth.

Mr. Pillsbury, counsel for the Pacific Coast jobbers, who examined the wit-nesses, brought out the points that the St. Paul differentials are favorable to the Middle West and hostile to the Pacific Coast; that they give the Middle West an advantage to which it is not entitled and which ignores the geographical po-tion of the Coast and the ocean comp cal port tion it has always had and will have; and that graded rates must be based upon water competition. Mr. Christie's defense, in the cross-examination for the Middle In the cross-examination for the Middle West jobbers, was that the competition from his section gives the Coast retailers and jobbers the benefit of lower prices and opportunity for dealing in a larger mar-ket. He set up, also, that if the railroads considered the differentials they had made effective fair compensation for the service rendered, there was no reason why they should increase rates to protect Coast jobrendered, there was no reason why they should increase rates to protect Coast job-bers. This position may be fairly inferred from the questions which he asked. He made as good a case as his material af-forded, but the fabric crumbled under the weight of the answers of the jobbers that the jobbing interests of the Pacific Coast are sufficiently large in capital and stocks and extensive in operation to guarantee retailers and consumers competition and reasonable prices; that for these reasons the market at the command of retailers and consumers is abundantly large; and that the railroads, if they wanted to reduce something, could have let the differ-entials stand and cut the carload rates. It is not the competition of the Middle West that causes complaint among Pa-cific Coast jobbers. The Middle West sys-tem of doing business is the root of the trouble. The Pacific Coast jobber is here with his big store, filled with goods, rep-resenting large capital. He is a citizen, a resenting large capital. He is a citizen, a taxpayer, a man vitally interested in the welfare of his town, of his state, and of the entire Coast. The Middle West jobber lives 1500 to 2000 miles away, has no house on the Coast, no stock, no capital invested here, and his interest in the Coast is summed up in the number of orders he may get. He does business through trav-eling men who so about the country taxheing wet, he does business through that ing orders and on a system that is more akin to downright pedding than to legiti-mate trading. The Middle West jobber would be welcomed were he to come to the Coast and locate, but he is not welcome when he works through pedders. when he works through peddlers. The hearing began at 10 o'clock before a representative gathering of merchants, E. S. Pillsbury, of San Francisco, ap-peared for the Pacific Coast jobbers, and W. F. Herrin for the Southern Pacific a. Wright, and A. W. Severance, Tongue W. F. Herrin for the Southern Pacific is opposing the Mid-for Congress, report of the committee on delegates to the Middle West fobbers. Other Mid-for congress, report of the committee on delegates of the Middle West fobbers. Other Mid-de West representatives were: F. N. Johnson, of St. Louis; J. J. Wait, of Chi-common D. C. Black of St. Louis; J. J. Wait, of Chi-common D. C. St. Louis; J. J. Wait, of Chicago; D. G. Black, of St. Louis, and F. W. Hurty, of St. Paul. These gentlemen are employed by jobbing houses of their home towns.

Middle West Position Answ





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at Bloemfhoef, in the Transvaal, and the Brandfort force. The Boer Peace Commissioners at Na-ples do not conceal the fact that they have hope of obtaining peace, with inde-pendence for the Republice, but they will endeavor to save their amour propre or to secure a true for further negotiations.

Mr. Fischer says the present Boer strength at the front is 38,000. In connection with the resumption of hostilities in Natal, an interesting rumor is current that General Buller has ob-tained command of one of the Drakkenstained command of one of the Drakkens-berg passes, whereby he hopes to take the Boers in the rear. In the event of this being successful, General Buller has enough troops to leave 20,000 men to hold Natal while he advances by way of Har-rismith, whence he would be able to threaten the Boer position at Bethlehem and Kroenstad.

# The officials of the Foreign Office here ridicule the statement made in a dispatch from St. Petersburg, published in the Aftenbladt of Stockholm, saying the Czar Aftenbladt of Stockholm, saying the Czar is "extremely agitated" over the Anglo-Portuguese arrangement in regard to land-ing British troops and supplies at Beira, and that he intends to issue a proclama-tion protesting against it in the course of his forthcoming visit to Moscow, and say there is no bas's for the statement that the Foreign Office has received letters on the subject. The British Foreign Office officials consider that it is entirely out of the province of Russia to interfere with the Anglo-Portuguese arrangements. The Boer War Office evidently regarded the

Boer War Office evidently regarded the Foreign Office here as being in the nature of a rebellion and quite outside the cate-gory of what was provided for by The Hague conference, so intervention of any kind under The Hague convention is re-carded as immostible. 64 garded as impossible.

### SCOUT BURNHAM'S STORT.

Description of the Boer Trek From Karee Spruit.

LONDON, April 11.—A dispatch to the Morning Post from Bloemfontein, dated April 9, gives a description by F. R. Burn-ham, the American scout with General Roberts, of the Boer trek from Karee

Roberts, of the Boer trek from Karee Spruit. Mr. Burnham says: "Owing to a report that the British had occupied Brandfort and were moving to Winburg, the course of the convoy was altered and the Boers pushed forward with increased speed toward Winburg. They expected cavalry pursuit every hour, and the convoy was protected with the great-est care and subtlety, the road being taken between kopjes held and evacuated in succession by rear guards. The trek

in succession by rear guards. The trek proceeded throughout Sunday, and Mon-day morning the convoy was 16 miles from urg.' Mr. Burnham, explaining the Boer meth-

ods of obtaining the range for rifle-fire, BRYS:

"One man fired successive shots and watched the dust raised by the builets un-til accuracy was obtained, and he then communicated the range to his comrades."

health is good, with the Boer prisoners. Their health is good, with the exception of four cases of measies, necessitating the Mil-waukes being quarantined. The prisoners are quiet and well behaved. They will probably land tomorrow. The Governor has been notified of the desire of the au-thorities that the prisoners be treated with every courtesy and consideration.

Mafeking Wants Food, Not Plumer.

Matching Wants Food, Not Plamer. LONDON, April 11.—The Daily Mail has the following from Lady Barah Wilson, dated Mafeking. March 30: "Colonel Plumer's column is now within 20 miles of us, but its advent is unde-strable, unless accompanied by food sup-plies. The opinion prevails here that young Cronje has returned to the ranks of the investing Boers, and is-trying to avenge Paarderberg."

#### Methnen Moving North.

ZWARTKOPFONTEIN, O. F. S., Monday, April 8.-Lord Me huen's force is en-camped here, 10 mi'es east of Boshof. Since the Boshof affair, Lord Chesham, h Yeomanry, and the Kimberley unted corps, has reconnoitered eastwith ward, but he only encountered a small body of Boers, who fied.

#### Intrenching at Bloemfontein.

LONDON, April 11.-The Bloemfontein corre pondent of the Morning Post says: "The water supply continues satisfactory. Intrenching is proceeding vigorous ly on the hills commanding Bloemfontein fontein. Civilian labor is to be utilized. Sickness among the troops is somewhat diminish

#### Kipling Sails for England.

CAPE TOWN, April 10.-The remainder of the Boer prisoners that were on board the transport off Simonstown, about 2000 have been forwarded to the main land. Rudyard Kipling and Sir John Henry de Villiers, Chief Justice of Cape Colony, will call for England tomorrow.

Ambulance Corps at Delagos Bay. LOURENCO MARQUES, April 10.-The French steamer Caravella, Captain La Bourhie, from Havre February 25, has ar-rived here with 105 passengers, including the Chicago Ambulance Corps, A majority of the passengers will proceed by train to the Transvaal.

Casualties at DeWet's Dorp. PRETORIA, April 9, via Lourenco Mar-ques.-The British casualities in the fight at DeWet's Dorp were 100 killed and wounded, and 450 captured. The Transvaal Volksraad has been sum-moned to meet in ordinary session May

#### Remounts and Wastage.

BLOEMFONTEIN, Monday, April 9,-Remounts are continually arriving, but competent authorities estimate that the wasiage of horses monih y by the British forces in South Africa must be calculated at not less than 5000.

Reichmann, the Boer Leader. LONDON, April 11.—The Berlin corre-spondent of the Daily News asserts that the Reichmann who is credited with hav-ing led the Boers at Kornsprit is certainly the American military attache, Captain Carl Reichmann.

Cannounding at Fourteen Streams.

PRETORIA. Monday, April 9, via Lou-renco Marques. April 10.-Heavy cannon-ading is reported at Fourteen Streams. The British are using a naval gun. Lord Methuen is moving in the direction of

on establishing the order of business on establishing the order of business proved a test between the Tongue and anti-Tongue forces, and resulted in a decis-ids victory for the normer, and clearly foreshadowed his nomination. Neverthe-less, in his nominating speech for Gatch, McNary of Marion made several broad allusions to 'the Congressman's attitude on allusions to the Congressman's attitude on the Puerto Rico question, and eulogized his own candidate as a man "to his backhis own cannuate as a man to his oack-bone, a Republican; but if the time ever comes when he is called upon to act in-dependent of his party, he has the courage to say. 'My country first; then my party.'' The sentiment was noisily

The dominant Tongue men this morning changed the slate, and decided to make I. A. Macrim, of Washington, chairman, in-stead of Booth of Josephine. They feared complications over Booth's campaign for Joint Senator for Douglas, Josephine and Lane. Besides, Mr. Macrum had special personal claims on the consideration of the ongue managers. The convention manifested a good spirit

throughout, and conducted its proceedings with much expedition. After the nomina-tion the issues between the candidates were buried, and much hearty good-will own toward the successful candidate

#### THE CONVENTION IN DETAIL.

## But One Ballot Required to Name

Mr. Tongue. M'MINNVILLE, Or., April 10.-The County Courthouse was prettily decorated for the convention, and the seating arfor the convention, and the scaling ar-rangements reflected much credit on the judgment and taste of the local commit-tee. The delegates came to the conven-tion with the usual dilatoriness, and it was 10:20 before Chairman Hendricks, of the Congressional District Committee, memod for order. The call way read by rapped for order. The call was read by the scoretary, R. A. Booth, of Josephine, and then I. A. Macrum, of Washington, was unanimously chosen as temporary chairman. Mr. Macrum made some ap-propriate remarks, referring to the convention as a happy family of Republicans, who would get in and work for the elec-tion of their candidate, whoever he was.

C. F. Huriburt, of Lane, was named for secretary, and George Love, of Jackson assistant secretary.

assistant secretary. The following committees were named: Credentials—Captain Henry Ankeny, Jackson: J. P. Tamiesie, Washington; Rufus Moore, Klamath; T. W. Harris, Lane; O. V. Hurt, Benton.

Permanent organization-Dr. J. N. Smith, Marion; L. F. Conn, Lake; S. A. Dawson, Linn; A. W. Severance, Tilla-mook; G. S. Wright, Yamhill, Basebitions

Resolutions-Lot Pearce, Marion: R. Scott, Clackamas; A. H. Crook, Curry; R. A. Booth, Josephine; T. W. Riddle,

An interesting illustration of the panicky An interview of the Tongue men for fear of a Puerto Rico resolution against their can-didate was found in the naming of the resolutions committee. The motion for the appointment of this committee was

made by Lot Pearce, of Marion, a warm Gatch partisan, but the chairman disre-Gatch partisan, but the chairman disre-garded the usual parliamentary courtesles and left Pearce off the committee alto-gether, naming J. B. Eddy, of Washing-ton, in his stead, with three other Tongue delegates and one Browngli man. A smile of amusement stole over the faces of the opposition. It penetrated the sensitive feelings of the Tongue contingent, so that Mr. Eddy, to whom the appointment, by the way, appeared to be a surprise, went the way, appeared to be a surprise, went to the chairman, and asked that his name be withdrawn and Mr. Pearce's substitut-

ed. The chairman was persuaded to make the change during the recess, and it was not announced to the convention at all. Chairman Macrum told Mr. Pearce in a loud whisper that the convention "didn't

HF Klamath Murdock, W. L. Arant, L. F. Willits, by R. S. Moore.

Lake County-J. E. McGarrey, P. J. Lake County-J. E. McGarrey, P. J. Brattain, by L. F. Conn, Charles Ton-ningsen, L. D. Drakes, by E. M. Brattain. Lane County-C. F. Hulbert, H. B. Mil-ler, L. E. Park, O. A. Campbell, J. F. Kelly, C. J. Howard, George T. Hall, T. W. Harris, C. P. Burkholder, by C. J. Howard, J. C. Brattain, A. D. Hyland, by William Preston, E. F. Chapman, by William Preston, R. F. Scott, by William Preston, L. E. Bean, by T. W. Harris, Lincoln County-J. R. Mays, T. J. Bu-ford, P. R. Sturtevant, T. W. Gorman, by P. R. Sturtevant. R. Sturtevant.

County-M. H. Wilds, S. E. Young, W. W. Francis, by P. R. Kelly, C. L. Morrist, by H. H. Hewitt, J. S. Van Win-kle, Dr. W. H. Booth, by S. A. Dawson, M. F. Dawson, by S. A. Dawson, R. W. Fisher, C. E. Sox, P. R. Kelly, M. Acheson, by R. A. B. Veal, W. W. Balley, by George W. Wright, George Wheeler, by P. R. Kelly, E. E. Larimore. Marton County-W. S. Hurst, J. D. Sim-

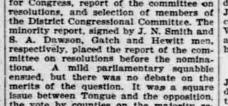
Marion County-W. S. Hurst, J. D. Sim-mons, by J. P. Shuck, J. J. Murphy, T. C. Smith, L. J. Adams, N. W. Silver, W. J. Irwin, George P. Hughes, Lot R. Pearce, J. H. McNary, J. N. Smith, John Knight, A. S. Auterson, J. E. Zeigler, by McKinley Mitchell, H. H. Humphreys, by Walter Tooze, T. B. Jones, A. Gesner, W. T. Whitlock, T. B. Patton, G. W. Youngren,

William Armstrong.
Polk County-R. E. L. Steiner, A. F.
Toner, Thomas Wann, Samuel Phillips, B.
Trullinger, Ira Smith, F. A. Patterson,
Frank Gibson, G. L. Kelty.
Tillamook County-A. W. Severance, W.
H. Conger, W. C. Klue, C. F. Barnolis,

H. Cooper, W. C. King, C. E. Reynolds, F. R. Beals.

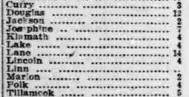
Washington County-Benjamin Schofield. J. B. Eddy, I. A. Macrum, W. N. Barrett, Dr. J. P. Tamicele, G. H. Wilcox, John Connell, J. C. Moore, Brice Wilcon, J. J.

 Connell, J. C. Moore, Brice Wilson, J. J.
Kruatil, by W. N. Barrett, C. Lystrop, F.
W. Cady, John Winters, Yamhill County-A. E. McKern, Jesse
Edwards, G. S. Wright, Isaac Daugherty, J. T. Gowdy, O. P. Johnson, J. G. Eck-man, J. E. Hubbard, Ivan Danleis, by Days Stout J. B. Format, by F. Mittla Dave Stout, J. R. Forrest, by E. V. Little-field, Sam Laughlan, W. H. Harrison. Two reports from the committee on per-manent organization were submitted. The majority report, eigned by L. F. Conn. G. S. Wright, and A. W. Severance, Tongue men, named the following order of busi-ness: Making temporary organization permanent nomination of two delegates to

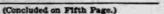


the vote by counties on the majority re-port resulting as follows:

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#### Territory Cut Down

W. J. Van Schuyver, of the firm of W. J. Van Schuyver & Co., wholesale liquor dealers, was the first witness. He said that his firm got the bulk of its whiskles from Cincinnati by way of the Atlantic seahoard and Cape Horn. The goods are either brought direct to Portland by sail either brought Greet to Forthand by sail or by sail to San Francisco, thence by steamer to Portland. Spirits come from Peoria, Ill., in carload lots by rail. The firm imports beer and mineral waters in carload lots, and two or three kinds of bitters in small lots. Continuing, Mr. Van Schuyver said: "Our trade extends as far east as Bolse,

Lewiston and Spokane, and to some cities in the northern part of California. We have lost territory in the past five years because of Eastern competition, for the reason that it is difficult to ship at a prolit east of Baker City. Eastern dealers have been enabled to get into our country through reductions in freight rates. This 63 competition is put up by traveling men

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