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POWER OF BOERS IS DECREASING

Roberts Has Spread His Net Far and Wide.

THE ENEMY IS RETREATING

Rapid Advance on Pretoria Will Be Impossible, Owing to the Lack of Horses, the Enormous Demand for Which Cannot Be Filled.

LONDON, April 17, 4:15 a. m.-Lord wide to catch the adventurous commandos that have been making misthe power of the Boers is decreasing. Evidently the feeling at Bloemfon- dential contest. tein is that the disposition of Lord Roberts' forces are such as to enable him to concentrate a large force rapidly at any point. The Boers, being aware of this, are presumed to be thinking now chiefly of retreat.

The investment of Wepener, according to a special dispatch from Bloemfontein, has absolutely been aban-

Diverse reports come from Natal, one sserting that the Boers have retired other saying that some of them are close to Ladysmith.

London waits confidently for the abmost immediate announcement of news favorable to the British.

Distrust exists, however, as to any rapid, continuous advance toward Preof the long voyage. Letters from the Cape say that the three days' journey by rail is made in open trucks. that arrangements for feeding and watering are inadequate and that the unfortunate animals break down rapidly in consequence of these hardships. Despite the energy of its buyers abroad, the war office forsees much difficulty in supplying the enormous

BOERS RETREAT AT WEFENER.

number of horses required.

LONDON, April 16 .- A Bloemfontein rrespondent of the Standard, telegraphing Monday, says.

The Boers are in full retreat from Wepener, hugging the Basutoland bor-

MUST FOOT THE BILL

South African Miners and Other Capiitalists Will Have to Pay for the War.

NEW YORK, April 16.-A dispatch a the Tribune from London says: While there is a complete shrinkage f war news, there is much quiet discussion among South Africans in London respecting the future of mining industries after the close of hostilities, Mr. Rhodes has been conferring with Alfred Beit and other large enpitalists, but his views are not known. Mineowners are reticent from a good cause. for they know from the speeches of the chancellor of the exchequer and the tone of the press that there is a deliberate intention of bleefling the capitalists so far as possible in settling the bill of expenses for the war.

There are on, two interests in the Dutch republics which can be levied upon when the indemnities are passessed for the cost of the war and for damages to property in Natal and Cape Colony; these are the rallways and

The railway in the Free State is owned by a government, which, as General Roberts has declared, no longfall into his possession.

This state railway with its potential earnings and resources may be regarded as a valuable asset in possession of the British government. When the will also be seized, and these in time Presbytery at his request.

of peace were compelled to pay 80 SULZER AGAIN vaal government. South Africans assert that this 80 per cent will go hereafter to the British government,

The main resources for meeting a war indemnity will be the mines. Well informed South Africans state that the annual expenditures of the Transvaal He Creates Another Scene at government in tecent years have been about \$22,500,000 and under British administration at least \$7,500,000 can be saved. This margin will allow the payment of interest on an indemnity loan of \$200,000,000, but the total cost of the SOME SCANDALOUS CHARGES capital of over \$1,000, 00 or doing an MONSTER STEAMERS IN VIEW war cannot be less than \$500,000,000 Without these mines and railways

there would be no possible resource

WEBSTER AND BRYAN.

for meeting an indemnity.

Hope of the Transvaalers That They Will Involve America in the War.

LONDON, April 16.-A Lourence Roberts has spread his net far and Marques correspondent of the Daily Mail, telegraphing Sunday, says: The tone of the Standard and Digchief in the southeastern part of the gera News shows that the Transveal secretary o fwar from several hundred Free State. The net has not yet been government is relying strongly upon citizens of the Couer d'Alene district drawn in, but at the headquarters of American intervention. Great results asking for the retention of the fed-Lord Roberts the impression exists that are expected from the campaign of eral troops was presented in evidence. Webster Davis and from the presi-

THE PRESBYTERIAN FAITH.

Movement to Abolish the Westminster Confession.

CHICAGO, April 16.-Dr. W. C. Grey, ditor of the Interior, has prepared for this week's issue of that paper an editorial in which he announces that the Interior will advocate a movement beyond the Biggarsberg range and an- of the Presbyterian type of thought to substitute a brief evangelical creed and expression for the Westminster confession of faith. He gives five separifte reakons for that demand.

Speaking of the subject, Dr. Grey said last night that the edurches in Scotland relieved themselves of objectoria, chiefly on account of the lack of by adopting a supplementary and an explanitory statement, which thus became their working creed. The Presbyterian church of England set the confession saids and formulated a new, brief code which is now the doctrinal symbol of the church. Dr. Grey spoke of the ineffectual steps taken ten years ago by the Northern Presbyterian church to revise the confession, and declared that people now demand brekity, clearness and simplicity in dectrinal statements.

"While the Hillis' incident did not create a demand for a brief creed," he continued, "it revealed a degree of misunderstanding and confusion that needs clearing up."

WHEE MILLS SHUT DOWN.

Twelve Factories Close on Account of Over-Production.

NEW YORK, April 16.-John W. Bates, president of the American Steel Wire Company today confirmed the statement that twelve mills had been shut down. They are located at Pitts-Burg, Cleveland, Joliet, Waukegan, Ill., Dekalb, Ill., Newcastle, Ind., and An-

Gates said the cause of the closing down of the mills was over produczion. It is said 4,000 empleyes are affected by the shut down,

derson, find.

NEW YORK'S GREAT LOSS.

Bo More Prize Fight Permits Can Re Olgained in That State.

NEW YORK, April 16.-The woard of police commissioners today refused the application of the Coney Island sporting club for a permit from May 1 to September I, when the anti-boxing law will go into effect. It is probable all minitar applications

will be refused.

ANOTHER FILIPINO REPULSE.

MANILA. April 16.-General Young eports that 300 insurgent riflemen er exists. A portion of it, with rolling and Besomen attacked the American stock, has been seized by the British garrison at Batoo, in the province of army and as General Roberts' advances North Blocos, yesterday but were reto the Vani the remainder of it will pulsed, lessing 506 men. The Americans had no casualties.

DR. BILLIS IS QUT.

CHICAGO, April 16.- The name of Transvaal is invaded, the railways be- Dr. Hillis, of Brooklyn, was today longing to the Netherlands company, erased from the rolls of the Chicago

IN EVIDENCE

Couer d'Alene Hearing.

Democratic Governor Charged With Forging Names to Petition for Federal Troops' Retention--Important Witness Gives Testingny.

WASHINGTON, April 16.-An exciting controversy occurred at the afternooth session of the Couer d'Alene Investigation, when the petition to the

Representative Suizer denounced the petition as "bogus and fraudulent." declaring that many of the signatures were forgeries and that other names had been secured by intimidation. He asked to introduce affidavits attacking the petition, but after an animated controversy, these were ruled out, the vote being on party lines.

A motion by Sulzer, calling on the president for the affidavits bearing on the petition, was similarly voted down by the committee. Sulzer sharply commented on the course of the majority and his exchanges with Acting Chairman Marsh were at times personal and emphatic. Messes. Sulzer and Capron also had several words

of colloquy. Dr. Hugh France, who is regarded as an important witness, since he acted as coroner when the Bunker hill mill was blown up, and shared with Bartlett Sinclair in the direction of the affairs following that event, was put on the stand.

Dr. France said he was graduated from Believue hospital, New York, and he denied being in the employ of the Bunker Hill mine, as had been alleged, and said he was chosen by the miners as their physician and surgeon, receiving his pay from them He described the warfare between

the union and non-union men, culminating with the march on Bunker Hill and the dynamiting of the concentra-Dr. France defended the work of the

coroner's jury against the criticisms anade during the testimony, and exsteps taken.

LATE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

Statement of Their Pay and Expenses Submitted to Congress.

WASHINGTON, April 16 .- Complying with a resolution of inquiry, the president sent to the senate today an itemized statement of the expenditures of the Philippine commission. The statement includes the following items: Compensation of \$18,000 each to Commissioners Schurman, Worcester and Denby, \$30,000; per diem allowance to the commisioners after their return to the United States, \$5,285; secretary of the commision (compensation, \$8,500, per diem, \$3,860) \$12,160; transportation, \$13,687; household expenses in Manils, \$9,252: clerical services, \$31,701; Miscelleaneous, \$14,998; total, \$117,185,

The president also transmited with his ndorsement a recommendation from Secretary Hay that provision be made for the payment to the naval and military members of the commission (Admiral Dewey and General Otis) ompensation at the same rate as that paid to the other members.

He says they have received nothing for their services in excess of their negular salaries.

PROCEEDINGS TO BE SECRET. New Naval Policy Board Will Not Hold

Open Sessions. WASHINGTON, April 16.-The New naval policy board held its first meeting at the navy department today,

Admiral Dewey is presiednt of the

The board decided that the character of the work to be undertaken inthe schemes of defense of the country as well as offensive campaigns, renders it absolutely necessary that secreey shall surround its proceedings.

CONGRESS AFTER TRUSTS.

Drastic Measures Agreed on by Sub-Committee of the House Yesterday.

WASHINGTON, April 16.- Two measures directed against trusts were determined upon today by the special sub-committee on trusts of the house judiciary committee.

agreed upon, the remedy is two fold, on Sundays and holidays,

giving congres full power to deal with HILL'S BOAST TO trusts and a new anti-trust law makng the following extensions to the therman act:

1-Requiring the branding or marking of trust-made goods shiped cut of a state, so as to be easily identified as the product of a trust.

2-Prohibiting the inter-state traffic of trust-made goods not so branded and making them subject to seizure and condemnation. 3-Requiring corporations having a

annual business of \$1,000,000 to file a report of their affairs with the secretary of state. i-Providing the process of injunction against combinations sending

trust-made goods from state to state or to foreign countries. 5-Prohibiting the use of the mails to concerns and their officials proven to be trusts.

NAVAL POLICY BOARD. First Meeting Held at Washington Yesterday.

NEW YORK, April 16.-A special to the Hernid from Washington says: The policy board, of which Admiral Dewey is chairman, was assembled tocuss the strategical matters which displacement. have been placed in its charge. This ingness to serve on the board and will under forced draught. be its permanent chairman unless he should be selected to the presidency, in which event he will retire and Rear-Admiral A. S. Crowninshield will

succeed him as chairman, Secretary Long sald Sunday that the battleship Texas and the cruiser New Lork will not be placed out of commission on their arrivel at Hampton assigned to Admiral Farquhar's combe adopted by the policy board.

WATCHING THE JAPANESE.

Their Immigration to Pacific Coast hands to his stomach and said: Giving Concern at Washington,

WASHINGTON, April 16.-Up to this point nothing has been done by the Washington authorities looking toward the restriction of the immigration of Japanese into this country, beyond the application of the contract labor laws. The figures of the immigration bureaus on the Pacific coast are, howplained the regularity of the various ever, being closely watched, for upon their showing may depend important recommendations upon the subject.

FIVE PER CENT DIVIDEND.

WASHINGTON, April 16 .- The controller of the currency has declared a five per cent dividend in favor of the creditors of the insolvent Merchants' National Bank of Seattle.

ALASKAN CODE RILL

WASHINGTON, April 16.-During almost the entire session today the senate had under consideration the Alaskan civil code bill. An amendment providing for the mining of the gold along the beach in the district was perfected,

GOVERNOR OF PUERTO RICO.

WASHINGTON, April 16.-The president today nominated Charles H. Allen, of Massachusetts, to be governor of Puerto Rico.

FUSION IN WASHINGTON.

All the Enemies of Peace and Prosperity Will Fight the Republicans in One Body.

SPOKANE, April 16.-The democrate state central committee today fixed May 19 as the date and Spokane as the place of the state convention to select delegates to the national conven-

Thomas Malony, the former secretary, was elected chairman, vice H. T. Jones, resigned; C. H. Goddard of Dayton was elected secretary.

A conference with the populist state central committee developed a disposition for fusion and it was agreed by both bodies that the fixing of the volving, as it does, the preparation of state convention should be postponed until after the democratic national convention, when the two bodies will meet at Seattle and arrange the basis of the fusion, which will probably be one onvention of 600 members with 250 lemocrats, 250 populists and 100 sliver republicans.

N. Y. CARPENTERS STRIKE.

They Demand Less Hours and Highest Wages Ever Known.

NEW YORK, April 16 .- All the carpenters on Staten Island went on a strike today. They demand an eight-The special sub-committee has spent hour day for five days of the week many days examining the various and a four-hour day on Saturday, the remedies proposed and conferences minimum rate of wages demanded is were not concluded until today. As forty cents an hour, with double pay

BE MADE GOOD.

The Ground Is Clearing for His Connecticut Shipyard.

Largest in the World for Trans-Pacific Commerce Will Be Begun in Three Months-Will Be Too Deep for the Portland Channel.

NEW LONDON, Conn., April 16 .-The Eastern Shipbuilding Company today took possession of the land at Croton, on which will be established its plant, and at once set a gang of

men at work clearing the land. Within three months the keels of two steamers, the largest in the world, will be laid. The steamers are for the trans-Pacific fleet of the Great Northday at the navy department to dis- ern railway and are to be of 24,000 tons

Their dimensions will be: Length, will be the first meeting of the board. | 630 feet; width, 73 feet; depth, 56 feet. Adrifral Dewey has signified his will- They will attain from 12 to 14 knots

THOSE PEACEFUL ITALIANS.

First Bloodshed at Cornell Dam Results in Death of Sergeant

Douglass. CROTON LANDING, N. Y., April 16. -The first bloodshed as the outcome of Roads. Orders will be given to the the strike at the Cornell dam occurbattleship Kearsarge to join the flag red tonight at 8:50, when Sergeant and when the Kentucky has completed Robert Douglass, of the Eleventh sepher trial next month she will also be arate company of Mount Vernou, was shot dead by an unknown assassin mand. It is expected by the depart- while he was relieving guard. The ment that some important maneuvers wildest excitement prevailed throughwill occur this summer in accordance out the camp as soon as the news of with a program which probably will the assassination spread and the sol-

diers are frantic over the crime. Donglass was talking to Corporal McDowell and other members of the guard, when he suddenly glasped his

"Lord, boys, I'm shot," and immediately fell to the ground It was pitch dark at the time, but McDowell and others fixed a volley into the clump of bushes nearby without hitting any one. No one saw the flash or heard the sound of the shot

most mysterious affair, MUST STAY OUT OF POLITICS.

which killed Douglass, and it was a

Assumptionist Fathers Must Cease Publishing Papers of the La Croix Type and Other Cath- . olic Orders.

PARIS, April 16 .- The Rome correspondent of Temps, in a dispatch that has an almost official significance,

"The Papal decision prohibiting the assumptionists from continuing the editorial management of La Croix was arrived at after a colemn conclave of

bishops and cardinals. "Hereafter no religious congregation will be permitted to take any part in politics. This decision is binding upon Catholics all over the world, including the American Paulists."

DECLARED UNCONSTITUTIONAL.

Anti-Lynching Law Giving Heirs Hightof Action Against County Affairs Is Illegal.

COLUMBUS, O., April 16.-The supreme court today declared that the helrs of any person who is Jynched may collect \$5,000 from the commissioners in the county in which the atfair occurs. The decision was rendered in the

case of Mitchell, hanged by a mob at Urbana, and J. W. Caldwell, who was shot and beaten by strikers at Cleveland.

HOKE SMITH'S LUCK.

His Interest in Atlanta Journal Sold for \$159,000.

ATLANTA, Ga., April 16.-Hon. Hoke Smith today sold his interest in the anti-lynching law is unconstituional. The law provides that the Atlanta Journal for \$159,000. The amount involved in the entire transaction is \$276,500. George H. Dickinson, formerly of the New York Herald, will be the new publisher.

AN ORIGINAL SENTIMENT. Telegraphed All the Way From

Washington City. WASHINGTON, April 16.-in presenting the naval appropriation bill today in the house, Foss said: "The Nation which is armed and ready to fight is least likely to be

conference is the strong and most efficient mavy." STRIKE AT KANSAS CITY.

called upon to do so. The best peace

KANSAS CITY, April 16.-Four bun dred union carpenters went out on a strike today for an increase in wages

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