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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 Roberts has spread his net far and wide to catch the adventurous commandos that have been making mischief in the southeastern part of the Free State. The net has not yet been drawn in, but at the headquarters of Lord Roberts the impression exists that the power of the Boers is decreasing.

Evidently the feeling at Bloemfontein 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 abandoned.

Diverse reports come from Natal, one asserting that the Boers have retired beyond the Biggarsberg range and another saying that some of them are close to Ladysmith.

London waits confidently for the 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 course of 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 foresees much difficulty in supplying the enormous number of horses required.

BOERS RETREAT AT WEPENER.

LONDON, April 16.—A Bloemfontein correspondent of the Standard, telegraphing Monday, says:

The Boers are in full retreat from Wepener, hugging the Basutoland border.

MUST FOOT THE BILL.

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

NEW YORK, April 16.—A dispatch to the Tribune from London says:

While there is a complete shrinkage of 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 capitalists, but his views are not known. Mine-owners 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 bleeding the capitalists so far as possible in settling the bill of expenses for the war.

There are often two interests in the Dutch republics which can be levied upon when the indemnities are assessed for the cost of the war and for damages to property in Natal and Cape Colony; these are the railways and mines.

The railway in the Free State is owned by a government, which, as General Roberts has declared, no longer exists. A portion of it, with rolling stock, has been seized by the British army and as General Roberts' advances to the Vaal the remainder of it will fall 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 Transvaal is invaded, the railways belonging to the Netherlands company, will also be seized, and these in time

WIRE 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 Pittsburg, Cleveland, Sollet, Washington, Ill., Dekalb, Ill., Newcastle, Ind., and Anderson, Ind.

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

NEW YORK'S GREAT LOSS.

850 More Prize-Fight Permits Can Be Obtained in That State.

NEW YORK, April 16.—The board of police commissioners today refused the application of the Coney Island sporting club for a permit from May 1 to September 1, when the anti-boxing law will go into effect.

It is probable all similar applications will be refused.

ANOTHER FILIPINO REPULSE.

MANILA, April 16.—General Young reports that 300 insurgent riflemen and Bolomen attacked the American garrison at Batoo, in the province of North Bacoos, yesterday but were repulsed, losing 500 men. The Americans had no casualties.

DR. HILLIS IS GOING.

CHICAGO, April 16.—The name of Dr. Hillis, of Brooklyn, was today erased from the rolls of the Chicago Presbytery at his request.

SULZER AGAIN IN EVIDENCE

He Creates Another Scene at Coeur d'Alene Hearing.

SOME SCANDALOUS CHARGES

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

WASHINGTON, April 16.—An exciting controversy occurred at the afternoon session of the Coeur d'Alene investigation, when the petition to the secretary of war from several hundred citizens of the Coeur d'Alene district asking for the retention of the federal troops was presented in evidence.

Representative Sulzer 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. Messrs. 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 Bellevue hospital, New York, and he decided 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 concentrator.

Dr. France defended the work of the coroner's jury against the criticisms made during the testimony, and explained the regularity of the various steps 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 12,000 each to Commissioners Schurman, Worcester and Denby, \$30,000; per diem allowance to the commissioners, \$1,200; secretary of the United States, \$1,200; secretary of the commission, \$1,200; transportation, \$1,200; household expenses in Manila, \$1,200; clerical services, \$1,200; Miscellaneous, \$1,200; total, \$117,152.

The president also transmitted with his endorsement 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) compensation at the same rate as that paid to the other members.

He says they have received nothing for their services in excess of their regular 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 president of the board.

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

CONGRESS AFTER TRUSTS.

Drastic Measures Agreed on by Subcommittee 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.

The special sub-committee has spent many days examining the various remedies proposed and conferences were not concluded until today. As agreed upon, the remedy is two fold,

WATCHING THE JAPANESE.

Their Immigration to Pacific Coast 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, however, being closely watched, for upon their showing may depend important recommendations upon the subject.

NEW NAVAL POLICY BOARD.

First Meeting Held at Washington Yesterday.

NEW YORK, April 16.—A special to the Herald from Washington says:

The policy board, of which Admiral Dewey is chairman, was assembled today at the navy department to discuss the strategic matters which will be the first meeting of the board. Admiral Dewey has signified his willingness to serve on the board and will 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 said Sunday that the battleship Texas and the cruiser New York will not be placed out of commission on their arrival at Hampton Roads. Orders will be given to the battleship Kearsarge to join the fleet and when the Kentucky has completed her trial next month she will also be assigned to Admiral Farquhar's command. It is expected by the department that some important maneuvers will occur this summer in accordance with a program which probably will be adopted by the policy board.

HILL'S BOAST TO BE MADE GOOD.

The Ground Is Clearing for His Connecticut Shipyard.

MONSTER STEAMERS IN VIEW

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 Northern railway and are to be of 24,000 tons displacement.

Their dimensions will be: Length, 620 feet; width, 73 feet; depth, 56 feet. They will attain from 12 to 14 knots under forced draught.

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 the strike at the Cornell dam occurred tonight at 8:50, when Sergeant Robert Douglass, of the Eleventh separate company of Mount Vernon, was shot dead by an unknown assassin while he was relieving guard. The wildest excitement prevailed throughout the camp as soon as the news of the assassination spread and the soldiers are frantic over the crime.

Douglass was talking to Corporal McDowell and other members of the guard, when he suddenly glimpsed his hands to his stomach and said:

"Lord, boys, I'm shot," and immediately fell to the ground.

It was pitch dark at the time, but McDowell and others fired a volley into the clump of bushes nearby without hitting any one. No one saw the flash or heard the sound of the shot which killed Douglass, and it was a most mysterious affair.

MUST STAY OUT OF POLITICS.

Assumptionist Fathers Must Cease Publishing Papers of the La Croix Type and Other Catholic Orders.

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

"The Papeal decision prohibiting the assumptionist fathers from continuing the editorial management of La Croix was arrived at after a solemn convocation 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 Right of Action Against County Affairs Is Illegal.

COLUMBUS, O., April 16.—The supreme court today declared that the heirs of any person who is lynched may collect \$5,000 from the commissioners in the county in which the affair 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 \$150,000.

ATLANTA, Ga., April 16.—Hon. Hoke Smith today sold his interest in the anti-lynching law is unconstitutional. The law provides that the Atlanta Journal for \$150,000. The amount involved in the entire transaction is \$270,000. 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 called upon to do so. The best peace conference is the strong and most efficient navy."

STRIKE AT KANSAS CITY.

KANSAS CITY, April 16.—Four hundred union carpenters went out on strike today for an increase in wages.

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