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BOERS CAPTURE FIVE COMPANIES

Irish Fusiliers and Mounted Infantry Were Surrounded by Strong Force of Burghers on Tuesday.

CAPTURED SMALL FORCE OF BOERS

Methuen's Loss, Two Captains and Two Men Killed, Seven Wounded; Boer Loss, Eight Killed, Eight Wounded, Fifty Captured.

LONDON, April 5.—Lord Roberts reports that five companies of British troops have been captured by Boers near Bethany. The following is the text of his dispatch to the war office announcing the capture:

BLOEMFONTEIN, April 5.—Another unfortunate occurrence has occurred, resulting, I fear, in the capture of a party of infantry, consisting of three companies of the Royal Irish Fusiliers and two companies of the Ninth Regiment of mounted infantry, near Reddersburg, a little eastward of the Bethany railway station, within a few miles of this place. They were surrounded by a strong force of the enemy, with four or five guns.

"The detachment held out from noon of April 3 until April 4 at 9 a. m., and then apparently surrendered, for it is reported that the firing ceased at that time. Immediately after I heard the news, during the afternoon of April 3, I ordered Gatacre to proceed from Springfontein, his present headquarters, to Reddersburg with all possible speed, and I dispatched the Cameron Highlanders hence to Bethany. He arrived at Reddersburg at 10:30 a. m., without opposition, but could get no news of the missing detachment. There can be no doubt that the whole party has been made prisoners."

LONDON, April 6.—The war office has received the following dispatch from Lord Roberts, dated Bloemfontein, April 5:

"Methuen telegraphed from Boshof in the Orange Free State, a little north-east of Kimberley, as follows:

"Surrounded General Villebois Mareuil and a body of Boers today, and they could not escape. Villebois and seven Boers were killed, eight wounded and fifty are prisoners. Our losses were:

"Killed—Captains Boyle and Williams, both of the Yeomanry, and two men of the Yeomanry."

"Wounded—About seven men."

"The attack lasted four hours. The corps behaved well. Our forces were composed of Yeomanry, the Kimberley Mounted Corps and the Fourth Battery of Artillery."

General Villebois Mareuil was the Chief of Staff of the Boers army. He was about fifty years old, and is said to have been responsible for many Boer successes in Natal and later in Cape Colony and the southern part of the Orange Free State. It is said he entered the Boer service merely because it was his trade. He went through a number of campaigns in the French army.

None of the Republicans who voted against the original house bill was present at the caucus tonight. As soon as the Republicans absent from Washington can be summoned here, as early as Monday, if possible, the matter will be brought before the house under a special rule. Previous to the caucus the seven Republicans who opposed the original bill (McCall of Massachusetts, Littlefield of Maine, Lorimer of Illinois, Crumpacker of Indiana, Heatwole of Minnesota, Lane of Iowa, and Warner of Illinois) held a conference and decided not to recede from their former position. Consequently, they considered it useless to attend the conference tonight.

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THE NEW YORK GOLD DEMOCRATS

Are Generally Friendly To Admiral Dewey.

NEW YORK, April 5.—Gold Democratic leaders of this city, discussing Admiral Dewey's candidacy for the Presidency, are generally friendly to him. Abram S. Hewitt says:

"It seems to me doubtful whether the Bryanites can now be deluged. On a good platform Dewey would certainly get my vote."

"What I am concerned about," said W. Bourke Cockran, "is the platform Admiral Dewey may run on. To my mind, that's the whole question at present. He would make a good president if he stands for the right thing, and has the backing of a good platform. With a sound platform I should not only be willing to see Dewey the Democratic

nominee—I would support him enthusiastically."

"Then you prefer him to Mr. Bryan?"

"I do not not make any issue between the two men personally. As I have just said, I think the platform is the main thing, with the nominee standing squarely upon it."

Edward M. Sheppard believes that if Admiral Dewey stood firmly against the colonial policy of the present Administration, his candidacy would be both acceptable and successful.

General D. E. Sickles said that Admiral Dewey's declaration creates a very interesting opportunity, which the Democratic convention can scarcely refuse to profit by. John DeWitt Warner said there are points in the Admiral's political belief which will have to be cleared up before the people can take his candidacy seriously.

C. B. HOPKINS IS LEFT OUT

Spokane's Candidate is Ditched at Ellensburg—Eight Anti-Wilson Delegates—Republican Convention Ignores King County's Plea for Two.

ELLENSBURG, Wash., April 5.—The State Republican Convention today elected eight delegates to the National Republican Convention at Philadelphia, and instructed them to vote for the re-nomination of President McKinley. A platform was adopted and the course of the Republican Congressmen for this state was endorsed. The only issue before the convention was the fight for party supremacy between the Wilson and the anti-Wilson forces, and the result was overwhelming defeat for the former. The convention was completely in the hands of the opposition to the Spokane ex-Senator, and it carried its hostility to that former leader so far as to deny Spokane county any representative whatever on the delegation. C. B. Hopkins, of Spokane, who had been endorsed by his convention for delegate, found the tide running so strongly against him that he withdrew his name before the balloting began.

The delegates, who were chosen without contest in the convention, as the result of combinations between the anti-Wilson forces, are as follows:

Levi Ankeny, Walla Walla; Dr. L. M. Sims, Cowlitz; E. C. Neufelder, King; G. H. Baker, Klickitat; J. M. Ashton, Pierce; N. B. Coffman, Lewis; H. S. Connor, Skagit; F. J. Hayfield, Whitman. Alternates—J. W. Bean, Kittitas; L. A. Kenney, Adams; G. E. Coon, Jefferson; J. S. Meire, Ferry; S. G. Cosgrove, Garfield; E. Baumerster, Asotin; M. E. Hay, Lincoln; A. S. Lindsay, Chelan.

Railroading the Bill.

WASHINGTON, April 5.—The Republicans of the house in caucus tonight decided to take the shortest possible route to a termination of the Puerto Rican tariff problem by concurring in all the senate amendments and sending the bill directly to the president. There was a feeble protest from Cooper, of Wisconsin, chairman of the insular committee, and Moody of Massachusetts, who favored standing out against some features of the civil government scheme attached to the bill by the senate. They objected, especially, to the senate provision making all the members of the upper council of the Puerto Rican legislature appointees of the president and clothing them with the power to grant franchises, but the sentiment of the caucus was overwhelmingly against them.

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THE CHILDREN OF IRELAND

Remarkable Demonstration Before the Queen in Phoenix Park, Dublin.

DUBLIN, April 7.—Pleasant weather prevailed today. After breakfast, the Queen drove out in a donkey carriage. The streets were full of pictures and processions of boys and girls, all the children carrying small union jacks, probably for the first time in their lives. They were in charge of priests, Sisters and teachers. During the afternoon, Her Majesty drove from the Vice-Regal Lodge to Phoenix Park and reviewed the children. There was a remarkable demonstration. After driving up and down the line several times amid ever-increasing cheering, Her Majesty returned to the Vice-Regal Lodge.

The children's demonstration, which closed the Queen's week in Ireland, was probably one of the most glad days either the Queen or Dublin has known in years. Certain it is that the Queen is making fresh conquests daily, and Her Majesty's many acts of personal self-sacrifice have completely won the hearts of the people of Ireland. Today's demonstration had elements of joy which the Queen has experienced but seldom in the recent gloomy months. There were miles of cheering children under a continuous canopy of fluttering flags, with a background of thousands of holiday-making elders who accompanied them. The charming weather tended to make the celebration in every way delightful not only to the Queen but to the little Princess who followed in the royal procession. The genuineness and spontaneity of the children's welcome kept Her Majesty in continual good humor, and yet visibly affected her deeper feelings as well.

The fact that 50,000 children arrived and departed from this city without serious accident, so far as known, is not the least remarkable feature of the day. Monday the Queen will pay another visit to Dublin, and the event promises to be quite the equal of her first entrance into the city.

Commenting upon the seizure of the United Irishman, the Dublin Independent condemns the action of the authorities as "stupid and inopportune." It says: "Looking through the issue we find many coarse and insolent references to the Queen and Lord-Lieutenant, which no one with the instincts of a gentleman could attempt to defend, but abusively offensive as they are they afford no justification for suppression."

The Freeman's Journal remarks: "The castle has again acted with its usual stupidity. Such unwarrantable interference with the press without a trial or warning would never be attempted or tolerated in England. The castle authorities deem the Queen's visit an auspicious moment to emphasize the difference between the two countries."

The "Q" Coming to Oregon.

BAKER CITY, Or., April 7.—A well-known railroad man who has just returned from New York and passed through here to Portland, is authority for the statement that the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy will make a transcontinental connection with the Columbia Southern Railway at Ontario. It is said that the "Q" will build either from Billings or the Black Hills to the Oregon state line. The new route will shorten the distance to Portland 125 miles, and will have in Oregon only one mountain range to cross instead of three. The Columbia Southern has already filed new incorporation papers extending its line from Shanko to Burns, Canyon City, Prairie City, Granite and Ontario. Chief Engineer Anderson is now on the ground, and will complete the surveys between Granite and the main line. On the strength of his visit, the new town-site of Prairie City, just incorporated, has taken a boom and town lots there are selling in Baker City today. The new road, whether made a transcontinental connection or not, will open a wonderfully rich country in Grant, Malheur and Harney counties. Not only is it rich in agriculture, but the greatest mines known to modern times, it is predicted by experts, are now being developed there, and already the Eastern capitalists are headed for the Strawberry Butte district.

End For the River.

WASHINGTON, April 7.—Senator McBride today introduced an amendment, which he intends to offer to the sundry civil appropriation bill, providing for the expenditure of the full amount recommended by the engineers for the improvement of the mouth of the Columbia River. The senator says that Senator

Simon and the Oregon members of the House were consulted on the subject, and all will do what they can to have this amendment placed in the bill, and also to keep it there with the hope that at least a contract for the improvement may be authorized in the present bill. All the members of the delegation realize the difficulty there is in trying to get legislation of this kind, and Chairman Allison, of the appropriations committee, says that if this is once begun it will mean that the sundry civil bill will become a river and harbor bill.

A THOUSAND MEN WERE LOST

However, Four Thousand New Men Have Been Landed at Cape Town in That Time, Thus Making Him Relatively Much Stronger Than Before.

LONDON, April 7.—The army and people at Bloemfontein are depending on water drawn from the wells. The afternoon papers are unsparing in their criticism of the military disposition permitting 600 men to be isolated and captured. A small contingent of gunners from the British battleship Monarch left Cape Town for Bloemfontein Friday.

Though Roberts lost nearly a thousand men this week, he is stronger relatively, as four times as many were landed at the Cape.

LONDON, April 7.—Lord Roberts reports to the war office as follows:

"Bloemfontein, April 5.—The casualties at Reddersburg were:

"Officers killed: Captain Casson and Lieutenant Barclay, both of the Northumberland.

"Wounded: Two; captured eight.

"Non-commissioned officers and men killed: Eight; wounded, 33. The rest were captured.

"Our strength, was 167 mounted infantry and 429 infantry. The enemy was said to be 3200 strong, with five guns."

CARNAVON, Cape Colony, April 6.—It is reported that 200 insurgents who were not aware that Sir Charles Parsons had occupied Kenhardt rode into that place and were captured by the British troops.

Columbia Southern Activity.

BAKER CITY, April 9.—A private letter received from Portland announces the appointment as chief engineer of the Columbia Southern Railway of the brother of President Mohler, of the O. R. & N. Co., and states that he has already taken the field with several gangs of men for the purpose of surveying lines to control all the passes south of the Columbia River. Engineer Anderson, of the same company, has recovered sufficiently to take the field again, and will leave Sumpter in the morning with Dr. Lon Cleaver and go over the line of the proposed extension between Prairie City and Granite.

There is every evidence that the construction of the Columbia Southern extensions will be commenced this season. Transportation means the development of tremendous copper, iron and gold mines in the Strawberry Butte Range.

Americans Want Japanese Excluded.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 7.—The San Francisco Labor Council has declared against any amendment of the Chinese exclusion act that will make it less stringent than at present. They also urged congress to re-enact this law at the proper time, with amendments which will prevent its evasion.

Congress is also asked to immediately pass a law for the total and perpetual exclusion from the United States of all Japanese other than those accredited by their government on its diplomatic staff. The California congressmen are requested to take prompt action in the matter.

Miles is Willing.

NEW YORK, April 7.—The World says:

"General Nelson A. Miles is willing to be the Democratic nominee for President. He has so stated to his friends, and ten days ago he visited William C. Whitney to talk with him about the possibility of his being nominated. Mr. Whitney told the general that all of the leading Gold Democrats were as much opposed to the nomination of Bryan now as they were when he was nominated four years ago, but he did not commit himself to the support of the general. He merely took the matter under advisement, and said he would consult with his friends."

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BOER ACTIVITY IN FREE STATE

They Have Now Succeeded in Cutting Off General Brabant's Two or Three Thousand Troops.

NEWSPAPERS CRITICISING AFFAIRS

Boer Raiders Are Said to Number About Ten Thousand, and They Are Re-occupying All Towns Evacuated by British.

LONDON, April 9.—The amazing activity of the Boers southeast and southwest of Bloemfontein continues, the Boer commands seemingly coming and going throughout as wide a region as they please, but taking good care not to throw themselves against strong bodies of British.

The retirement of the Irish rifles from Rouxville to Alwal leaves General Brabant without communication with other British forces. He has 2000 or 3000 colonials holding a fine defensive country, but he is apparently invested, so far as London knows.

Telegraphic and railroad communications with Bloemfontein are kept up as usual, but nothing comes through for public consumption. Robert's last message was dated April 6, and the last unofficial message bore the date of April 8. The absence of news, as usual, disheartens the people and produces discouraging effects. The last unofficial message notes that good spirits prevail at Bloemfontein, and the continual arrival of animals, and two fresh cavalry regiments.

In the Orange Free State the situation is complex, with scanty material for forming a correct estimate of the situation, and the afternoon newspapers, not being in confidence of the managers, are criticising the condition of affairs as they see them.

MARIEBURG, Saturday, April 7.—The Boers who were massed last week near Ladybrand to the number of 10,000, after seizing Thabanchu, and the Modder River water works, broke up into strong divisions and they are now raiding in the south of the Free State, reoccupying the small towns which were evacuated by the British. The Boers' policy seems to be to make rapid movements, with little transport, looting English farmers and storekeepers freely for provisions and cutting the communications of the British forces.

General Brabant's colonials are now mostly at Wepener. They are a splendid force, capable of great striking power, and used to cross country riding, and are able to deal roughly with the Boer commandoes now roaming about the country.

A squadron of Brabant's Horse captured 400 rifles near Wepener. His outposts are reported to be in touch with the Boers, and a fight is regarded as imminent.

Persistent reports are being circulated that the Boers are repairing to flank the British position at Wepener, and thus to secure entrance into Basutoland. Such an attempt will be resisted by the Basutoland government, which, it is believed, has made quiet preparations.

Meanwhile the approach of the armies to Basutoland produces much excitement among the natives, necessitating the utmost vigilance on the part of the local officials.

THE MINES OF MOUNT SINAI

Evidence That Copper Was Taken From There 7,000 Years Ago.

Egyptians had mined the rugged sides of Mount Sinai for copper and turquoise thousands of years before Moses climbed the mountain to receive the tables of the law, and the Egyptians waged wars for the possession of these mines. M. de Morgan with a party of French engineers recently visited these abandoned workings, which are situated convenient to the Gulf of Suez, and explored two of the ancient deposits. He

found the mineral deposits in the sandstone region and not in the porphyries which constitutes the great mass of the mountains.

These deposits consist of copper and iron bearing minerals, especially hematite, and some gypsum. Among the cupiferous minerals the most valuable were the turquoise, many valuable specimens of which have been discovered from time to time in the tomb and treasures of the Egyptians, says the National Druggist. M. de Morgan brought back to France a collection of minerals, most of which were turned over to M. Berthelot, who made a most interesting report on the minerals, in which he stated that the copper-bearing specimens were poor in metal and not plentiful.

Making such ores must have been tedious and severe labor. The Egyptians were still using arms of wood and chipped or ground stones, and copper was a rare and precious metal, the possession of which was thought to repay the most severe labor. Later on wood and stone implements gave place to bronze, which was made possible by the importation of tin from remote regions.

These mines have been abandoned for at least 3,000 years, probably on account of a constantly growing scarcity in metal. The mines were probably worked from 3,500 to 4,000 years. It is thought that the working of the mines began nearly 7,000 years ago.—Chicago News.

REBEL CHIEF IS IN MANILA

Such is Report Made by Secret Service Officer—Hiding Among Tagals—General Otis Believes It, but Will Offer No Reward.

NEW YORK, April 9.—A special to the Tribune from Washington says: In the mail from Manila, which has just arrived at the war department, there were at least two communications expressing conviction that Aguinaldo is hiding in that city. One of these letters is from a United States Secret Service official, who has found conclusive evidence that the Tagal leader had been in Manila since the rebel armies in Luzon were dispersed, and who was satisfied that, as he had not escaped by water, he was probably still concealed in the native part of the town.

The other letter was from an army officer attached to headquarters, who voiced the opinion of all the higher military authorities that Aguinaldo was certainly not in any of the outlying districts on the island of Luzon, for American troops had too thoroughly overrun the entire country for the rebel chief to escape detection. Other officers recently returned from the Philippines confirm the impression that Aguinaldo would naturally seek safety in the Tagal quarter of Manila, where he probably finds greater seclusion and security than in any other place in the archipelago, especially as it is not frequented by American troops or natives who sympathize with the American rule.

General Otis is said to have no doubt that Aguinaldo has not been out of Manila since the first of this year, but he has refused to offer any reward for his apprehension, although the secret service men have every assurance that betrayal by natives would speedily follow the offer.

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