EVENTS OF THE DAY

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TERSE TICKS FROM THE WIRES

An Interesting Collection of Items From the Two Hemispheres Presented in a Condensed Form.

W. J. Bryan addressed 10,000 people

War tax will not be reduced at this

session of congress. The Puerto Rican bill passed the senate by a vote of 40 to 31.

The public debt decreased \$6,000,000 during the month of March.

A bill was passed to throw oper Idaho and Oklahoma Indian lands.

The journeymen plumbers of Indianapolis have struck, demanding an in crease in pay.

The legislative council of Trinidad has ratified the reciprocity treaty with the United States.

Aguinaldo is in Singapore. Singapore papers mention the fact and pub-lish short interviews with him.

The plasterers of Minneapolis have been locked out, pending the settlement of their dispute as to hours.

Pearl harbor, in the Hawsiian islands, will be improved and fortified and made available for naval purposes.

Mexico's army convicts will be abolished by the new secretary of war. Volunteer service is to be encouraged.

The marine hospital service has sent an urgent request to congress for an appropriation of \$500,000 to fight plague in various scaport towns.

The casualties in the Philippine war since January 1, have been: Americans, 88 killed, 163 wounded; insurgents, 1,426 killed; 1,453 captured.

Great preparations for war are going on in Russia. All messages in regard to movements of troops are censored and all officers are denied leaves of

The Illinois Brick Company, of Chicage, the brick combine of that city, has filed with the secretary of state a certificate of increase of capital stock

from \$10,000 to \$9,000,000. The party of scientists under Pro fessor A. Agassiz, who left San Frantion to the South Seas, has returned. This scientific expedition went first to the Pomotos, exploring the northern part of those islands, a region never better to \$20,000. fore examined by scientists. After refitting the vessel at Tahiti, the re-mainder of the Society islands, as well as the Cook, Savage and the islands of the Tonga group were explored. After refitting at Suva, the Ellice, Gilbert and Marshall islands were explored and the island of Guam wa

Republicans elected their entire ticket

Democrats made several striking gains in Michigan.

Plumbers of Cleveland are on a strike for higher wages.

Fire at Newport, Ark., destroye property to the amount of \$500,000. Roberts' communication with Kim

berley has been cut off by the Boers. No Puerto Rican franchises will be granted until government is estab

Two small boys of Astoria, Or., wer drowned in the Columbia while out in

Boers captured seven guns and 350 men in an engagement 17 miles from Bloemfontein.

Painters and carpenters of St. Loui are on a strike, pending adjustment of their demand for higher wages.

Beri-beri, small-pox and buboniplague are prevalent at Manila, establishing a death rate of over 40 per 1,000

Webster Davis, assistant secretary of the interior, has resigned to go on the lecture platform in the interest of the Governor Roosevelt, of New York

has signed the bill repealing the Horton boxing law. It will go into effect There is a general desire among al

classes in the Philippines for a speedy establishment of some form of perman Joe Pete, an Indian, under sentence

of death for murder at Carson, Nev. has escaped from custody. He was to have been hanged May 4. Diamonds, jewelry and money to th

value of \$16,000 was stolen from a Philadelphia residence, and suspicion rests on the coachman, who is missing A British steam launch was captured

by pirates near the Check Heung Shar district, the pilot of the boat murdered and the launch and lighter, which it had in tow, locted.

In a severe engagement near Bolivar Venezuela, General Hernandez was de feated by General Penalosa, command The revo ing the government troops. lutionists lost 223 killed.

vate locomotive. It is fitted with luxurious accommodations for eight pas-

There is a scheme to construct a di rect railroad from New York to Chicago, saving 300 miles and making the distance in 16 hours.

As chairman of the board of direc tors of the New York Central Railroad, Chauncey Depew draws the snug salary 1866. LATER NEWS.

Emily Coghlan, the actress, died at Stamford, Conn., aged 35 years.

Half the village of Proctorville, Ohio, was destroyed by fire. Loss \$200,000. A German scientist has invented a compound which melts iron in five

Boers in Natal are becoming active, and an engagement with Buller is im-

The German flag has been mised over the Samoan islands of Upolu, Manono, Apolima and Saru.

Captain John Codman, the famous advocate of free ships and free trade, is dead at Boston, aged 86.

The statue of Maud Adams wil- not be admitted to the Paris expositon because it is a personal exhibit. At Pittsburg, Pa., a big eight-story

causing a loss of over a \$1,000,000. Another brother of President Steyn,

of Orange Free State, was captured at Karee Siding, and is now at Bloem-The squadron of the United States navy, recently formed in Chinese waters, is to have its headquarters at

Forty people lost their lives at Austin, Texas, due to an overflow of the Colorado river. Property destroyed ex-

ceeds \$3,000,000 Walter E. Groffe, the defaulting cashier of the Adams Express Company at Dayton, Ohio, who left the city October 8 last, taking with him \$3,000

of the corporation's money, has been The sitution in Ashantee is unchang-A Coomassie runner reports that all the Ashantee tribes are in arms, the king of Bekwal alone remaining loyal. It is believed that the Ashantee golden stool has been found and that the rising is due to the endeavor of the governor of the colony, Sir Frederic Mitchell Hodgson, to take possession of it.

The American Plate Mirror Company was chartered at Harrisburg, Pa., with a capital of \$50,000,000. This company is composed of well-known plate glass men, and is looked upon as the beginning of a determined move on the part of the American plate-glass men to wrest the trade in this country for plate mirrors from foreign manu-

Senator Tillman, from the committee on mines and mining, reported she bill providing for the utilization of a part of the proceeds of the sales of publie lands in support of schools for mincisco several months ago on an expedi- ing in the public land states. It provides for the appropriation of \$10,000

> The Republicans elected 19 out of 85 aldermen in Chicago.

> Admiral Dewey has announced himself as a candidate for president.

> Genreal French has given up his chase after the retreating Boers.

Boston is agitating the question of prohibition of ringing church bells. The United States building at the

Paris exposition will be closed on Sun-Queen Victoria landed at Dublin,

Ireland, her first visit to the island in A temperance movement has been inaugurated in Mexico, owing to the

increase of drunkenness. Admiral Dewey's collection of curios

and trophies, at his request, will be placed in the Smithsonian Institute. Turkish tower at the Paris exposition

obstructs the view of the United States building and Commissioner Peck has protested against it. The Vanderbilts and Morgans now have plans almost perfected which

will give them absolute control of the coal supply of America. Forty-four young men of Thurston, Or, have petitioned the military board

for the organization of a company of the National Guard at that place. The mammoth auditorium in which the Democratic National convention

was to have been held on July 4, was burned to the ground, entailing a loss

At Logansport, Ind., 150 masked men blew up two bridges and burned two toll houses on the Logansport and Burlington pike at midnight. The road is the only pike in the county, and protests have been directed against high tell and the alleged bad condition of the pike.

Michael J. Dady, the Brooklyn contractor who obtained from the Spanish city government of Havana a \$12,000,-000 contract for sewering and paving, has received a letter from Governor-General Wood, informing him that his plans for the construction of sewers and the paving of the city of Havana are disapproved and rejected.

The newly organized American Match Machine Company, a New Jersey corporation, is about to enter into competition with the Diamond Match Company, known as the match trust. The new company does not intend to confine its attention to the trade of the United States, but will make a vigorous fight for European trade, through the sale of rights.

A national congress of mothers is to be held at Des Moines, Ia., May 21-25. The department of agriculture will plant 100,000 rubber trees in the Hawalian islands.

At Lady Lansdowne's concert in London, Mme. Patti is said to have worn diamonds worth over \$1,000,000. Gen. John J. Elwell, a hero of the

NEARING MAFEKING

Relief Force Unable to Reach Besieged Town.

BOERS REPULSED TWO ATTACKS

Roberts Saving His Cavalry and Trans port Animals for the Forward March.

London, April 7.—A special dispatch from Lurenco Marques says sharp fighting occurred April 2, in the neighborhood of Mafeking. The garrison made a sortie, while Colonel Plumer's cavalry times. A continuous firing was kept up attacked the Boers at Ramatlabama. Both attacks were repulsed. Twenty of Colonel Plumer's men were found dead on the field, and six others were made prisoners. The federal losses

Gaberones, Bechuanaland, April 7. —Colonel Plumer, with a force of Brit-ish mounted infantry, started on a dar-ing march, March 25, with the object of threatening the Boer lines of commu nication. After rapid night marches through the Transvaal territory, they arrived at dawn, March 27, within 12 miles of Zecrust, and distinctly heard the bombardment of Mafeking.

Having reconnoitered the country with the view of future operations without sighting a single white man. Colonel Plumber crossed the railroad south of Lobstski, which he found in possession of a Boer force, and returned. Then, finding the railroad hence damaged by General Snyman's main force he returned to the vicinity of Male-king. Rumors reached here that a re-lief column is approaching Maleking

Roberts' inactivity. London, April 7 .- Detached bodies of Boer horse, numbering from 500 to 1,000 each, have appeared at several Bloemfontein, threatening the railroad, but communication by wire and rail is not in the least affected. One of these forces is near East Springfontein, on the Bloemfontein railroad, and General Gatacre's forces are reported to be about

Lord Roberts, except to safeguard the railroad, seemingly declines to send columns chasing the Boer bands. He is reserving his cavalry and transport animals for the forward march. Explanations at the war office as to why Roberts is inactive is that there has been a lack of horses for remounts, but now horses are arriving by train loads hourly. The pressure on the railroad is so great that private parcels and the officers' newspapers have not been for-warded from Cape Town for three weeks. The situation in the Free State remains far from clear and is unsatis factory to British observers.

The sickness among the Boer prisoners at Simonstown continue to increase

WRECK CAUGHT FIRE.

Serious Accident on the Fort Worth &

th, Tex., April 7 the most serious wrecks in the history of the Fort Worth & Denver City road occurred this morning at a point south of Magenta, 376 miles north of this city. As a result, two men are known to be dead, and several others injured. The dead are: John F. Dane, mail clerk ,of Denver; John J. Kuntz, passenger, residence unknown. injured are: A. M. Scroggin, Indeendence, Ia., slightly; Frank Lane, Fort Worth, face cut, not seriously; James French, injuries unknown; Herbert Bonebreak, brakeman, El Reno, O. T., fractured ribs; Engineer McNeil, slightly injured; Fireman

Dubbe, slightly injured.

At the time of the accident the train was running at [ull speed, when it struck a defect in the track, caused by a partial washout. The entire train was ditched, the cars being pited in a promiscuous heap. To add to the horrors of the wreck, a fire started in the debris, consuming the entire mass of wrecked cars. Many passengers who managed to extricate themselves were badly injured. Mail Clerk John F. Dane, of Denver. was buried beneath the mass of wreckage, and was burned to death. It was reported that Ex-press Messenger J. B. Chapman was killed, but later reports say he is safe. The loss to the railroad company will be heavy, as the entire train was

New York, April 7 -The annual re port of the Sloss Iron & Steel Company, which is now owned by the Sloss Sheffield Iron & Steel Company, shows earnings for the year ended January 30, 1900, of \$802,667, which, after deducting \$263,753 for interest and taxes, deperciation and renewal fund, leaves \$538,914 net profits. Out of this a dividend of 1% per cent was declared in March. Practically all of this dividend goes to the Sloss-Sheffield Company, as the latter now owns all but 30 shares of the 50,000 shares of the

Mrs. Grant Allen, the widow of the novelist, is about to open a bookshop

Snow in Colorado.

Denver, April 7.-Snow has been snow so soft that it clings to trees and electric wires, breaking them down cluding the losses of firms occupy Much trouble has been experienced in the block, is estimated at \$200,000. this city. Telephone, light and trolley wires are down in various parts of the city; many telegraph and long-distance civil war, died at Cleveland, O. His telephone lines have been disabled, military service extended from 1861 to lines in this city.

AMBUSHED BY OUTLAWS.

Thrilling Experience of Two New Mex

Phoenix, Ariz., April 7 .- The following details of the ambushing of Officers Scarborough, of Deming, N. M., and Birchfield, by outlwas in the Chirucusa mountains, have been re-

ceived here.

The outlaws discovered that they were being followed and laid a trap for the officers, who walked into it. As soon as they came within rifle range, the party of three bandits opened fire. The first volley wounded Scarborough and Birchfield, one shot striking Scar-borough in the leg badly shattering the bone; another struck Birchfield in the lef: arm. Both men were disabled. The wounded officers held the outlaws until dark.

In the meantime, Birchfield managed to build a rude rock fort in which he placed Scarborough, and as soon as darkness prevented his movements from being observed by the bandits, he slipped away, secured a horse and went for assistance. Returning at daybreak he found Scarborough still alive and holding the fort, but suffering intense pain from his wound and exposure, it having rained and snowed all through the night. The party arrived at San Simon at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon with Scarborough, and he was sent to his home in Deming. His wound will probably prove fatal.

A large posee has started in pursuit of the outlaws, who have evidently gone further back in the mountains, where it will be almost impossible to

NEWS FROM HAWAII.

Two Fresh Plague Cases Reported March 25. Honolulu, March 80, via San Francisco, April 7.—Two cases of plague were reported March 25. One was a Japanese fisherman, the other a white man named John Hurley. Since that

date no cases have appeared. Word has reached here that the disabled steamer Cleveland reached Hilo safely March 28. The distance of 400 miles was made under sail in 10 days.

Three hundred or more steerage pas-sengers will probably sail from here on the next steamer for San Francisco. Dr. Carmichael has decided that, in view of the recognition now given the prophylactic as a preventative remedy, effective for from 30 to 40 days, he will give permits for steerage passage to persons who take the prophylactic and are in good health, have their baggage disinfected and are otherwise unde sanitary conditions.

A riot occurred at Pauhaua plantation March 17. A captain of police and four officers arrested eight Japanese for gambling. About 200 Japanese, armd with cane knives and clubs, surrounded the officers and forced them to release their prisoners.

A disastrous cane fire swept over 530 arces on the Hawaiian Commercial & Sugar Company's plantation March 20. Combination of Jobbers.

San Francisco, April 7 .- The case o the St. Louis petitioners was taken up today before the interstate commerce commission, and considerable evidence and the Pacific coast. Hardware merchants from Petaluma, San Jese and Oakland were before the commisation to restain trade by shutting out Eastern and Middle West competition, such a combination existed

New York, April 7 .- A special to ances in Panama, Colombia, are serious, and the authorities are beginning to pay attention to them. ice has been interrupted in consequence of the operations of the troops, and it was reported today that there had been fighting in the streets of Panama. Inquiry at the department of state, how- and an apology. ever, failed to elicit any information

on this point. "A revolution in Colombia is of especial importance to the United States, because of the guranteee made by this government to preserve free transit between Colon and Panama."

New Cuban Railroad. New York, April 7 .- A strong syndicate has been formed for the purpose of miles, as soon as the necessary authority can be obtained. The full amount of capital required for this undertaking, it is understood, has already been of Japan from Yokohama today of a subscribed by the syndicate, which is headed by Sir William C. Van Horne.

Washington, April 7 .- The officers ation on the Nez Perce's settlement in Idaho. They will co-operate with the agents and inspectors of the Indian bureau, and will establish detention camps and do whatever else is necessry to stamp out the disease and prevent The scene of the battle was eight miles

Menominee, Mich., April 7 .- Fire teday destroyed the Spies building, the falling all over Colorado for the past 24 largest business block in the city. hours. The warm weather makes the The loss on the building is \$60,000; insurance, \$12,000. The total loss, including the losses of firms occupying

New York, April 7 .- The jury in the case of Olga Nethersole and others, accused of maintaining a nuisance in performing the play "Sappho," has returned a verdict of not guilty.

BOERS SANNAS POST AMBUSCADE. FLOOD Soors Captured Valuable Papers and

Roberts Loses Five Companies of Infantry.

SURROUNDED BY A LARGE FORCE

General Villebois Marculi, a Frenchman in the Dutch Army, Killed in a Fight With Methuen's Forces.

London, April 9.—Lord Roberts re-ports that five companies of British troops have been captured by Boers near Bethanie. The following his the text of his dispatch to the war office, nouncing the capture: "Bloemfontein, April 9.-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 regi-ment of mounted infantry, near Red-dersburg, a little castward of the Bethanie railway station, within a few miles of this place. They were surrounded by a strong force of the ene-my, with four or five guns.

"The detachment held out from noon

of April 3 until April 4, at 9 . 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, I disparate to the Company of the Company I dispatched the Cameron Highlanders hence to Bethanie. He arrived at Red-dersburg 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."

The lost companies are probably a part of the force guarding the railroad at Bethanie, 30 miles south of Bloem-fontein. The Boers are evidently operating in force near the railroad, and there is a possibility of the lines being interrupted for a brief period at any As the captured British soldiers were in a position to defend them-selves for nearly 24 hours and were then forced to surrender, the fighting must have been severe.

The Boers were in force yesterday five miles from Jagersfontein, situated 60 miles up from Bloemfontein. They had a brush with British patrols.

Gen. Villehole Marcull Killed. London, April 9 .- The war office received the following dispatch from Lord Roberts, dated Bloemfoutein, April 9:

'Methuen -telegraphs from Boshof, in the Orange Free State, a little northeast of Kimberley, as follows: " 'Surrounded General Villebois Marcull and a body of Boers today, and

they could not escape. Villebois and seven Boers were killed, eight wounded and 50 are prisoners." WORK OF REVOLUTIONISTS

Record from Washington says: Edward plication for a smaller differential in Gottfried, of Wilkesbarre, Pa., late freight rates between the Middle West consular agent of this government at Truxillo, Peru, in a sworn statement which he has filed with the state department, asserts that in the summer of 1898 at Huamucho, 50 or 60 Pedirected to the allegation that Pacific ruvian revolutionsists dragged him coast jobbers have united in a combinwhere they demanded that he produce 5.000 sols (between \$3.000 and \$4.000) thereby forcing up prices. Several and 25 rifles within 15 minutes or sub-witnesses testified to their belief that and 25 rifles within 15 minutes or sub-

In Peru the "flying stocks." Gottfried says he protested that he was unable to comply with the demand and was immediately knocked down the Herald from Washington says: with a blow from a gun and overpow"It is now admitted that the diturbered. His thumbs were field treather ered. His thumbs were tied together with thongs and his hands twisted back of his head. Heavy rifles were inserted between the inverted elbows and his head and in that position he was strung up. In a short time the agonizing pains rendered him insensible. The administration will demand restitution

BURMAH FRONTIER FIGHT.

Battle Between Chinese Raiders and

the British Police. Vancouver, B. C., April 9 .- Oriental papers state that Chinese official enmity towards foreigners is being specially directed against British citizens in China. Instigated, it is said, by Russian suggestions, the Chinese have constructing a railroad extending the lately been especially troublesome on length of Cuba, a distance of about 800 the Burmah-Chinese frontier, where a medical officer and an assistant commissioner were murdered.

A story was brought by the Empres series of additional Chinese raids on the Burman boundary, culminating in a battle between 500 Chinese and 75 military police under District Superof the marine hospital service have Indian military police, with 50 Gurkhas, attacked the main body of Chinese. killing 84 and capturing their guns, jingals and banners. The Chinese leader was among the killed. Six of the British forces, including two off, cers, were wounded, only one seriously. on the Burmah side of the frontier.

> Lehigh Laboratory Burned. Bethlehem, Pa., April 9 .- The physical laboratory of Lebigh University, one of the largest in the country, was burned today, and all its scientific ap-paratus was destroyed. The loss on the building and contents is \$200,000;

St. Helena, Cal., April 9 .- W. H. Alexander, a farmer, shot and killed his wife today and then took his own life by cutting his throat with a razor.

Plans From the British. Brandford, Orange Free State, April .-Burghers who are returning from the scene of the Sannas Post ambuscade (also referred to as Karre and Korn Spruit) furnish interesting details of he occurrence. It appears that when the first retreating British wagon en-tered the drift the ambuscaders shouted "Hands up," removed the officers and let the cart through. The process was repeated several times, until the wagons arrived in a bunch, when the ruse was discovered and a disorderly fight followed. In one cart were two officers, to whom Commandant Dewet shouted "Hands up." One of them obeyed, whereupon the ohter shot his comrade dead, refused to surrender, and was immediately shot. The surging through all the lower portion burghers lost three men killed and 110 of the town, having spread death and wounded, including a field cornet. wounded, including a field cornet. Among the wounded was Dutch Milli-

captured 389 prisoners throughout the day.

The significance of the battle must not be underrated. It was fought by s force of Free Staters, on a flat plain, and without shelter. The Free Staters are now desirous of marching on Bloemfonten, and the Transvaal officers are anxons to emulate the successes of letting loose a reservoir of water 30 their late allies. All the Southern Boer forces have now formed junctions with the main Boer army, and form a large force of veterans. The burghers, who were prevously short of food, now have plenty. Commandant Dewet sent the

tary Attache Nix, who received a bul-let in the chest. Altogether the Boers

British guns, wagons and prisoners to Winburg. Perhaps of greater importance than the victory is the capture of British secret papers, including ruaps and plans of 1897, 1898 and 1899, outlining elaborate schemes for the invasion of the Orange Free State and the Transthe Orange Free State and the Italia vaal, and giving a plan for reaching Johannesburg from Mafeking along Dr. Jamieson's route, amended so as to avoid mistakes. Another gives the avoid mistakes. Another gives the of water all along the watersheds of plan for a march from Bloeuffontein to the Colorado river rapidly swelled the Kroonstad. Advices from Vienters-berg, Priesks and Kenhardt show the colony is full of rebels. The Kenhardt ly since last evening, was a raging torrebels are marching on Calvinia, and rent, having risen 40 feet within 10 others are on their way to Fourteen hours.

A dispatch box was found at Sannas Post containing oaths signed by Free

APPEAL TO THE POWERS.

Free State but to throw in its lot with pressure. its sitser republic, in accordance with the terms of the treaty. The war, he American Consul Strung Up by the continued, was begun with the object of maintaining the independence secured Thumbs in Peru.

Chicago, April 9.—A special to the with the blood of the forefathers of like the roar of the ocean, a great that it had caused the greatest wonder

throughout the world, and even to the Boers themselves. After paying a tribute to the m of General Joubert, Steyn said the British, notwithstanding their overwhelming numbers, were violating the flag of truce and the Red Cross, and he compelled to report the matter to the The released water poured into the neutral powers. The president further remarked that the attempt to create dissension among the burghers by issu-ing proclamations had failed. Referring to the correspondence between the South African presidents and Lord

Salisbury, Steyn proceeded: "Not only were those efforts made but the republics dispatched deputa tions to Europe and America to bring the influence of the neutral powers in order to secure cessation of bloodshed, and I greatly desire that these efforts be crowned with success."

GOES TO CONFERENCE.

Havalian Territorial Bill Passed by

Washington, April 9 .- The house after four days of debate, today passed the substitute for the senate bill providing for a territorial form of government for Hawaii. The bill now goes

to conference. The most interesting feature of the days' proceedings was the attempt of Hill, of Connecticut, to secure adoption of two amendments, one prostead of a delegate in congress, and the other declaring that nothing in the act should be interpreted as a pledge o statehood. Both were overwhelmingly defeated.

Deboe, of Kentucky, today gave no tice that he would move to refer the credentials of ex-Senator J. C. S. Blackburn, as a senator from that state, to committee on privileges and elections. During the greater part of the session the senate had under consideration the Indian appropriation bill. Sullivan, of Mississippi, delivered a speech in favor of seating Hon. M. S.

Cripple Creek, Colo., April 9 .- Tw hundred miners have been laid off at the Portland mine on account of the high rates demanded by the smelters for the treatment of gold ores.

Baxley, Ga., April 9 .- King and Louis Gossby, colored, who killed Daniel Mims, a farmer, and his young child near here the night of March 5 last, were executed here today.

Swollen Colorado River Carried Away the Great Dam.

THIRTY OR FORTY LIVES LOST

Similar to the Johnstown Disaster Great Loss to Property-Part of the City Inundated.

Austin, April 10 .- This city is tonight in pitch darkness, with a raging river, one mile wide, swollen far beyond its natural banks, roaring and to the vast loss to property interests, it is calculated that between 30 and 40 lives have been sacrificed, and the reports coming in from the tributary country tonight do not tend to improve matters. The flood is not unlike the disastrous Johnstown flood of some years ago, in that a raging river, already swollen far beyond its capacity, bore to heavily upon an im dam spanning a river, breaking it and miles long, half a mile wide and 60 feet deep, to aid in carrying destruction down the valleys of the Colorado river.

The great dam in the Colorado gave way at noon from the enormous pres-sure of water and debris, and with a roar and crash swept the valley below the city, wrecking the immense light and power plant and drowning eight

Last Wednesday night it began to rain very hard at this place, the storm extending north of here along the waterabeds of the Colorado river. The precipitation continued until this morning, the downfall averaging six inches within an hour. All this vast quantity current until at 8 o'clock this morning the river, which had been rising steadi-

After daylight this morning it became evident that the situation was serious. The river began to rise so Staters. The signers have been sent for in order that the ger all may explain the invalidity of oaths under compulsion.

Tapidly that it became evident that the dam, power house and contents, costing \$500,000, were in imminent danger. To add to the danger of the situation, small frame houses, trees and debris of every description commenced descending the river, and piled up President Steyn's Speech to the Free against the upper face of the dam.

State Raad.

This weight was augmented every moment until by 10 o'clock there was the opening of the Free State Raad, a mass of debris lodged against the President Steyn declared that, in spite dam which threatened the safety of the of the surrender of Bloemfontein, he structure. In addition, millions of had not lost the hope of the triumph of gallons of water, muddy from its long the republican cause. The war, he journey, was whirling and plunging to said, was forced upon the Transvaal, and nothing remained for the Orange no wall could withstand the immense

Breaking of the Dam.

The crisis came shortly after 11 o'clock, when suddenly, with a report wedge, 25 feet high, 500 feet wide, and about 8 feet thick, rolled out of the face of the 60-foot fall, deep into the river below. This left a hanging gap in the very middle of the dam, through which the debris and water fiercely poured, while the flood, already raging, was threatening everything in ite path. power house, catching eight employes at work there, drowning all of them.

to the south and west of Austin were filled to overflowing with water, and the southern portion of the city, tribu-Large crowds collected on the river banks, and several persons were swept all were saved by boatmen. A crowd of white people, numbering

tents, were seen at their habitations just before the dam broke and have not been accounted for since. It is generally believed that all of them were swept away.

A family of six negroes living in the

about 30, living just below the dam in

valley south of the city are known to have been drowned. It is estimated that more than 100 houses have been destroyed, and the ioss to property will be great. The breaking of the dam enguised the old water company's plant below the city, and it is tonight lying 15 feet under water, while the city is in darkness and without.

without water. Caused a Serious Train Wreck.

Laredo, Tex., April 10 .- The northbound passenger train which left here over the international & Great Northern railway this morning, was wrecked by the spreading of the rails near Twohig, about noon. The entire train, except the engine, went into the ditch. Mail Agent Sobright was seriously injured, and several others seriously hurt. Further details have not been received

at 36 feet, without damage to the bridges here, but the waterworks machinery is submerged, and the crops along the river have been destroyed.

Plane and Organ Factory Burned. Chicago, April 10 .- Fire today partly destroyed the plane and organ factory of the M. S. Schurz Copmany, corner Morgan and Superior streets, entailing a loss of \$50,000, covered by insurance. The cause is thought to have been spon-

Saratoga, N. Y., April 10 .- The Sans Soud Opera House block and the Schaffer building, at Ballston, were burned today. Less, \$150,000.