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ENGLAND IS HOPEFUL

Lord Roberts Hints at an Early Advance.

BOER BANDS MAY BE ENTRAPPED

Buller's Force Far Outnumbers the Dutch in Natal—Sir Alfred Milner Talks of the Settlement.

LONDON, April 12, 4:59 A. M.—In a roundabout way London hears that Lord Roberts, when writing to the Prince of Wales, at Copenhagen, congratulated upon his escape from assassination, added two or three hopeful sentences portending an early advance with wide-reaching combinations. Quiet assurances are passed around among military men that Lord Roberts is employing his great army effectively, and that the adventurous Boer commandos are likely to be smashed. Scraps of news—a detail here and another there—have reached England to-night over comparatively idle cables, but they do not illumine the situation. The Colonials at Wepener still hold off the Boers. Lord Methuen has worked eastward until he is within 50 miles of Kroonstad. Boer scouts have gone around Ladysmith and have appeared at Deopsig and other places on General Buller's flanks and rear. The officers of Buller's irregular horse estimate the Boers in Natal at 10,000, but these figures are probably excessive. Sir Alfred Milner, when replying to a deputation of clergymen in Cape Town yesterday (Thursday), said: "Never again" must be the motto of all thinking and humane men, but not from lust of conquest or a desire to trample on the gallant, if misguided. There must be no compromise or patching up the settlement, and no opportunity for misunderstanding, intrigue, the revival of enormous ambitions, or the accumulation of the Boer's arms. The British will no longer tolerate dissimular and antagonistic political systems in a country which nature and history have declared to be one.

In these absolute utterances of Sir Alfred Milner he speaks for the Imperial Government.

It is calculated that Lord Roberts now has 24,000 effective troops, with 12,000 more on foot or under orders.

The War Office has instructed officers not to take any more expanding bullets to Africa for revolvers.

Hilyard Steyn, brother of President Steyn, in the course of an interview at Bloemfontein, said: "The original war plan of the Boers was to overrun all Cape Colony, but on becoming involved in the sieges of Kimberley and Ladysmith the burghers found the design despoiled. To this is attributed the Boer failure to conquer the British. I expect the war to last until Christmas."

The seventh month of the war is beginning with Easter tide, and the morning paper editorials expiate upon the need of sobriety.

MOVING THROUGH BASUTOLAND

Boer Base to Draw British From Wepener.

LONDON, April 12.—A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Lourenco Marques, dated Thursday, says: "It is reported from Pretoria that a Boer commando is moving through Basutoland. This is said to be a clever ruse to draw the British away from Wepener. About 2000 foreigners constitute the new foreign legion in Basutoland, which some Cosacks in uniform. Several fresh recruits left here for Pretoria today, including a French Captain, brother of the late General Dalgely, and the late General Dalgely's son. The Bloemfontein correspondent of the Daily Telegraph, telegraphing Wednesday, says: "Lord Roberts wisely declines to exhaust his men and horses in hunting the elusive Boers until his preparations are complete. He will leave to the enemy the barren comfort of the occupation of a few farms for a short time."

The Bloemfontein correspondent of the Times, telegraphing Thursday, says: "The latest news is that Colonel Dalgely's force occupies a position outside Wepener, while the Rouxville commando occupies the town itself. The pressure there should be partially relieved within the next 24 hours. Lieutenant Nix, the Dutch military attaché, who was wounded, died today under an operation."

THE SITUATION AT WEPENER

ALIWA NORTH, April 12, 6 P. M.—The Colonial troops are still holding their own splendidly at Wepener. Cannonading commenced this morning. The Boer attack yesterday was not very serious. The British are carefully husbanding their ammunition, and their guns are making excellent practice. The Boers are short of ammunition.

A patrol returning from Smithfield reports that small groups of Boers are visible.

News from a Boer source at Wepener, officially communicated, says four Boer guns have been disabled and four commandants killed or wounded. Tuesday night the British made a sortie, capturing a Boer gun and taking some prisoners.

QUEEN CONGRATULATES LAMBTON

LONDON, April 12.—The Queen has telegraphed to Captain Lambton, of the British first-class cruiser Powerful, which arrived at Portsmouth yesterday afternoon, as follows: "I sincerely welcome you all on your return home, and heartily congratulate you on the gallant and valuable services you have rendered in South Africa. I hope to see you all shortly after my return to England."

OLIVIER MOVING SOUTH

CAPE TOWN, April 12.—The Bloemfontein correspondent of the Cape Argus says: "Olivier's commando is moving in the direction of Smithfield. Five different laagers are located between Bethanien and the Kaffir River, lying parallel to the railway, 12 miles eastward."

MONITORS WILL BE LAID UP

WASHINGTON, April 12.—The Navy Department has practically decided to put out of commission in the harbor of Manila the monitors Monterey and Monadnock, releasing the crews for service on other vessels, where the money collected will be needed. An alternative proposition is to send one of the monitors north to Nagasaki, which will serve as a base of operations while the monitor does duty as a training-ship for gunners.

BUILDING COLLAPSED

Three Persons Killed and a Number Injured in a Pittsburgh Accident.

WORK TRAIN WRECKED

REDDING, Cal., April 12.—In the wreck of a Southern Pacific work train, five miles below Cottonwood, tonight, three railroad employes were killed and three injured, two probably fatally. The killed: C. W. Green, Frank Richards, Frank Roberts.

THE RAILROADS

BELLEFONT, Pa., April 12.—Three men were killed today on the Bellefont and Snow-shoe Railroad, three miles east of Snow-shoe. The train was carrying a passenger car, an engine and a dozen cars were thrown over an embankment. The dead are: Harry Temple, fireman; Calvin Temple, brakeman; Al Beamer, hostler.

ELIEN WERE DROWNED

LONDON, April 12.—As the result of the wreck of a fishing boat on the North Cornish coast this morning, three fishermen and eight lifeboats were drowned. The lifeboat went to the rescue of the fishermen, and was upset attempting to save their lives.

BURLINGTON'S PLANS

Beginning of the Extension From Billings to Portland.

CHICAGO, April 12.—Activity which the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad is displaying in relation to Portland, has led to the rumor, partly authenticated, that the road is heading for Portland and the Pacific Coast. While the officials of the road will not admit that they are aiming for a through train service on their route from Chicago to Portland, they have announced the proposed building of a line from Billings, Mont., to the Yellowstone Park. The new line will start at Toluca, which is about 45 miles west of Billings, and will run to the east side of the park, a distance of about 200 miles. Most of the territory has been acquired, contracts for grading will soon be let, and it is proposed to have the line in operation by the last of the year. The completion of the new road to the public surprise the Queen To-luca the road will run south through the Big Horn Canyon and Big Horn Basin, and thence west along the Stinking Water River to the park, tapping one of the most fertile grazing sections in the West.

SAW MORE CHILDREN

Another Review by the Queen in the Vice Regal Grounds at Dublin.

DUBLIN, April 12.—The Queen, after starting to drive to the zoological gardens in her donkey carriage, abandoned her proposed visit to that place, and instead remained driving in the Vice Regal grounds, where she reviewed 1000 children who had arrived too late to take part in the children's demonstration in honor of Her Majesty, held Saturday in Phoenix Park.

REVENUE COLLECTIONS

WASHINGTON, April 12.—The March statement of the collections of Internal Revenue shows that the total receipts for the month were \$24,326,677, an increase, as compared with March, 1899, of \$1,588,228. For the nine months of the present fiscal year the total receipts were \$219,925,354, an increase over the corresponding period of last year of \$18,412,412.

TEXAS BRIDGE SWEEP AWAY

COLUMBUS, Tex., April 12.—The big Southern Pacific bridge at this place was swept away by the flood last night. The loss is about \$100,000. All wagon bridges are gone, and the only outlet is by rail to the west. No lives were lost. The river has fallen 18 inches.

ITS FIRST GOVERNOR

Charles H. Allen Will Be the Head Man in Puerto Rico.

OFFERED THE PLACE AND ACCEPTED

Present Assistant Secretary of the Navy a Member of the Executive Committee of the National Convention.

WASHINGTON, April 12.—Charles H. Allen, present assistant secretary of the Navy, will be the first Civil Governor of Puerto Rico, under the provisions of the bill passed yesterday by the House of Representatives.

In the selection of Mr. Allen, the President has in mind the appointment of a man of affairs, and of sound business experience, qualities which are deemed essential in the administration of the affairs of an entirely new government, such as is to be created in Puerto Rico. Mr. Allen is no lawyer, but legal advice will be had, even in Puerto Rico, when the occasion arises, and in fact the organic act provides for a well-paid Attorney-General as a member of the Governor-General's Cabinet.

Mr. Allen was born in Lowell, Mass., in 1848, and graduated at Amherst. He has had, in addition to his business experience, a great deal of legislative training. He is practically the head of a firm manufacturing wood preservative, and is largely interested in the manufacture of high-grade papers. Great interest is felt by military circles in the personality of Mr. Allen's successor as Assistant Secretary of the Navy.

Toward the close of the afternoon, Mr. Allen was summoned to the White House by the President, and the informal tender of the post was made. Mr. Allen returned a practical acceptance. Then the President and the next Governor of Puerto Rico spent an hour in close conference respecting matters to be arranged in the immediate future.

Owing to the fact that little more than two weeks' time intervenes before the civil government must go into operation, according to the terms of the act of Congress, it was decided that it would not be practical to complete the Cabinet of the Governor in that time. Therefore, Mr. Allen will go alone to San Juan at the earliest possible moment, after Secretary Long's return to Washington, which is expected to take place in the next few days. He will put himself in touch with General Davis, now Military Governor of the island, and spend a short time in acquainting himself with the insular affairs, and in studying the character of the men who present themselves to him as prospective material for membership in the new Cabinet.

While the actual appointment of these officials will devolve upon the President, Mr. Allen's observations while in Puerto Rico are expected to assist materially in the selection. As soon as he shall have established himself and acquired the knowledge he seeks, Governor Allen will return to the United States. He may leave General Davis in charge during his absence, but in any case, it has been found impossible to complete the formation of the Cabinet, or even if only one member shall have been appointed then, that person will act as temporary Governor.

PUERTO RICO BILL

Provisions for the Government of the Island.

WASHINGTON, April 12.—The following is a summary of the governmental provisions of the Puerto Rico bill: It applies to the island of Puerto Rico and to the adjacent islands lying west of the 64th meridian, which are designated Puerto Rico. The capital shall be at San Juan. Persons who are Spanish subjects April 1, 1899, and who have not elected to become citizens of the United States, shall be citizens of Puerto Rico, and entitled to the protection of the United States. The designation of the body politic shall be "The People of the United States of Puerto Rico."

The laws and ordinances of Puerto Rico now in force shall continue in full force and effect, except as altered by this act or by military orders, and which are not inconsistent with the laws of the United States. The old law forbidding the marriage of priests and ministers is repealed. The vessels of Puerto Rico are to be marked and admitted to the benefits of the United States flag. Quarantine stations are to be established. Puerto Rican coin is to be rated, the peso being rated at 60 cents in the exchange. The duties on imports are to be effect. Puerto Rico coins are not to be legal tender. Property usually under the control of the United States will so continue, and other properties acquired from Spain will be administered by the Puerto Rican Government.

The Governor is to be appointed by the President and hold his office for four years, having the powers conferred on the Governor of territories of the United States, but is to make his reports through the Secretary of State to the President. An Executive Council is to be appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate, consisting of a Secretary, Attorney-General, Treasurer, Auditor, Commissioners of the Interior and Education, and five other persons, to hold office for four years. The Council is the upper branch of the executive, and whom shall be natives of Puerto Rico. The other branch is a House of Delegates, to consist of 35 members elected biennially by the qualified electors.

Puerto Rico is divided into seven districts, each with five delegates. The qualifications for voters are: "At such election all citizens of Puerto Rico shall be allowed to vote who have been bona fide residents for one year and who possess other qualifications of voters under the laws and military orders in force on March 1, 1900, subject to such modifications and additional qualifications and restrictions as may be prescribed by the Executive Council."

"No person shall be eligible to membership in the House of Delegates who is not 25 years of age and able to read and write either the Spanish or the English language, or who is not possessed in his own right of taxable property, real or personal, situated in Puerto Rico."

Provision is made for enacting legislation similar to that in other territories. The judicial power is vested in courts already established, the Chief Justice and Associate Justices and Marshal to be appointed by the President; Judges of the District Courts and other officers by the Governor of Puerto Rico. There is also a United States District Court established, similar to that in other territories.

The salaries of all officers appointed by the President are: Governor, \$5000; Secretary, Attorney-General, Auditor, Commissioner of the Interior, \$4000 each; Treasurer, \$3000; Commissioner of Education, \$3000; Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and United States District Judge, \$5000 each; Associate Justices, \$4500 each.

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May Surprise the Kansas City Convention.

M'LEAN STEERING THE MOVEMENT

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WASHINGTON, April 12.—While Bryan is out in the West rallying up delegates for his support at Kansas City, a movement has been started in Ohio which may make him a great deal of trouble. Ohio is McLean's state, and McLean will, no doubt, try to carry it by his brother-in-law, Adlai Stevenson. A report reached here today that a movement is going forward under the direction of the Democratic machine, which is controlled by McLean, to throw the election against Bryan, and in favor of Dewey. The call for the Democratic convention to elect delegates to Kansas City will not be held until late, so that all the Dewey forces possible may be brought to bear. It is declared that the rank and file in Ohio is for Bryan, but that McLean can control the convention. In this connection, the owner of a Democratic paper at Columbus has come out squarely in favor of Dewey, and has made a speech saying that to adopt a free-soil plank now would tie a millstone around the neck of the Democratic party and they believe that neither party would remember. It was believed in the first place that McLean was behind Dewey's candidacy, and the movement is gradually uncovering it. A few Eastern states, with Ohio, could make Dewey's success improbable.

DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION

New Kansas City Hall Will Be Ready on Date Originally Fixed.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 12.—There will be no change in date or place of holding the Democratic National Convention, previously set for Kansas City, July 4. The subcommittee of the National committee met the local committee of arrangements here today, and after going over the situation thoroughly, drafted and signed the following statement: "Kansas City, Mo., April 12.—Hon. Jas. K. Jones, Chairman of the Democratic National Committee, Washington: Sir—The special committee appointed by you to arrange all details incident to the holding of the National Convention on July 4, met in Kansas City today in special session. This meeting was called on account of the destruction of Convention Hall, the reason being to determine whether this calamity would necessitate any change in the time or place for holding the convention. The committee conferred fully with the directors of the Convention Hall Company, and with the executive committee of citizens having the arrangements for the convention in charge.

"We find that the people of Kansas City are determined to rebuild the hall and hold the convention on July 4, and that the committee in charge of this matter has now in hand, in cash available for rebuilding purposes, a larger sum of money than was expended in the reconstruction of the building which has just been destroyed. The directors of the hall company have entered into contracts with responsible firms and corporations for the reconstruction of the building, the contracts requiring the work to be completed prior to the date of the convention. In each instance the contractors have entered into heavy bonds with penalties for the literal fulfillment of their several engagements. We examined these contracts, and after full conference with the directors and architects of the building, we are satisfied the hall will be rebuilt so as to fully accommodate the convention in accordance with the original contract of Kansas City and that no necessity will arise for any change in the time or place of holding the convention. We do not consider that there is any necessity at this time to trouble the full committee with the further consideration of this subject. We make this report so that this matter may be set at rest.

"William J. Stone, chairman; C. A. Walsh, secretary; J. G. Johnson, Adlai Wilson, John S. Rilling."

WILLIAMS FOR VICE-PRESIDENT

BOSTON, April 12.—George Fred Williams, of Massachusetts, was formally named as a Vice-Pridential possibility by the Bryan Club of Massachusetts, at a banquet in the Quincy House tonight. His sponsor was George F. Washburn, member of the Populist National committee. The plan, as outlined by the Populists, is to have a party convention name Bryan for President, and not to name at that time a Vice-Pridential candidate; in lieu thereof to send to the Democratic convention the names of four men who are acceptable to the Populists, the selection from these names by the Democrats to be the Populists' nominee for second place.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA DEMOCRATS

WASHINGTON, April 12.—The District Democrats, at their convention today, elected James L. Norris, John A. Clark, William F. Hart, J. F. Kelley, W. T. Whelan and W. J. Donovan as delegates to the National Democratic Convention at Kansas City. The delegates are directed and instructed to vote for the "renomination of William J. Bryan as long as his nomination is possible, and for the ratification of the Chicago platform of 1892."

OHIO DEMOCRATIC LEAGUE

COLUMBUS, O., April 12.—The Ohio Association of Democratic Clubs elected Dr. R. H. Remelin, of Cincinnati, president. The resolutions reaffirmed the Chicago platform; denounced imperialism, the Puerto Rico tariff, trusts and railroad combinations; expressed sympathy for the Boers, and demanded a solid delegation from Ohio for William J. Bryan.

NOT IN A HURRY

FRANKFURT, April 12.—Attorneys for the Republican officials, this afternoon declined to sign the agreement to hasten litigation for the possession of minor state offices through the state courts, so that the Supreme Court can hear it with that for Governor. No reason is assigned.

FUSION IN NEVADA

RENO, Nev., April 12.—The Silver party state central committee today voted for fusion with the Populists and Democrats.

PLAGUE RIOTS IN INDIA

BOMBAY, April 12.—Plague riots have taken place at Cawnpore, where the segregation camp has been destroyed and 19 persons killed. The riots were caused by five constables and three bodies into the burning camp. Order is now restored, but all business is suspended and the populace is wild. Troops and volunteers are patrolling the city, guarding the mills and factories.

VANDERBILT INHERITANCE TAX

NEW YORK, April 12.—The appellate division of the Supreme Court today handed down a decision in the matter of the estate of the late William Vanderbilt, K. Vanderbilt. An order of Surrogate Fitzgerald, declaring a certain fund subject to the inheritance tax law was affirmed. This was a fund of \$5,000,000 held in trust for the benefit of the late Cornelius Vanderbilt.

DAILY TREASURY STATEMENT

WASHINGTON, April 12.—Today's statement of the Treasury balance in the general fund, exclusive of the \$150,000,000 gold reserve, shows: Available cash balance.....\$43,507,587 Gold 32,443,246

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THE VICE-PRESIDENCY

The determination of Blaine not to be the Republican candidate for Vice-President, and the hostility with which his name and candidacy is met, has resulted in another determined effort to make Governor Roosevelt take the place, whether he wants it or not. The fact is that Blaine would like to get rid of Roosevelt in New York and have a man for Governor who would be more pliant in his hands, and the Administration would very much like to have a man in Roosevelt's aggressive record and well-known as a man who would not be so much connected with the Spanish War ought to be selected, because the Democrats may find some man like Schley with a war record to be a running mate for Bryan. Inside information from New York shows very conclusively that Roosevelt has determined not to be sidetracked, but to serve his term as Governor, if he can be elected.

CANAL BILL PROSPECTS

A number of Republicans voted against taking up the Nicaragua canal bill today, not because they are opposed to it, but simply because they do not want to displace the Philippine resolution. Senators Simon and McBridge are very much interested in having the Philippine resolution passed, so as to establish the status of the islands at the present time, and they are equally interested in having the Nicaragua canal bill taken up if possible. They did not vote on the proposition today, as they believe that neither measure could be forwarded by the tangle in which the Senate found itself, friends of both the Philippine and Nicaragua canal being on opposite sides. In fact, it is not believed possible to get the Nicaragua bill through this session, as a general understanding seems to have been reached that the bill cannot pass until the treaty is ratified, and the Senate is well understood the treaty cannot be ratified. It is almost useless for Senator Morgan to press the canal bill, as, in addition to the treaty being in the way, it is well known that the President does not intend to approve the bill until the Clayton-Duliver treaty is abrogated. He would scarcely refuse, however, to approve the bill if it once got through, and the Senate will be placed in a peculiar position if the Hepburn bill is pushed through the House at an early date.

DALEZEL'S SHIP

Official Washington is laughing at Representative Dalezel, of Pennsylvania, who, in his ardent, spoke of the large opposition to the Puerto Rican tariff bill as "the unbridled Republican press," and was afterwards forced to change the word "unbridled" to "misguided," because of the strong criticism he provoked. The class of Republican papers that are pushing the Puerto Rican bill, Mr. Dalezel thinks was mistaken. Even the most rampant protectionists believe that language of that kind uttered by a well respected leader would do a great deal of harm. Mr. Dalezel is one of those men who are sent to Congress by the highly protected interests of Pittsburg, and is retained here because he is of such sterling value to them.

CAMPAIGN LITERATURE

The Republican National Committee is laying in a goodly supply of campaign material in the way of speeches this year, and members are being literally flooded with sacks of this material, intended for general distribution. Chairman Babcock and Secretary Overstreet have gathered together a large number of speeches on the Puerto Rican tariff bill, as well as on the financial measure, and many millions of copies of the tariff speeches of Representatives Cannon, Dooliver and Grosvenor, and Senators Dewey, Spooner, Lodge and Fairbanks have been ordered by the committee. The Republican leaders are in the hopes of changing public sentiment on the Puerto Rican tariff question, using the speeches in support of the measure as the medium. The speeches of Spooner, Lodge and Dewey are considered very forcible and convincing arguments on that side, and by getting those speeches pretty thoroughly circulated it is hoped to offset the influence "which the press of the country has exercised on the people in arraying them against the action of the Republican party in Congress."

AT THE SAME TIME

The Democratic committee is very busy sending out literature, and their speeches so far are almost all on the Puerto Rican question. The remarkable thing about it is that among the speeches being used by the Democrats are several delivered by Republicans in Congress. The speech of Littlefield in the House, and of Davis, Proctor and other anti-tariff Senators, are regarded as the best kind of Democratic campaign documents, and are being eagerly sought after.

THE DEWEYS AT A DINNER

WASHINGTON, April 12.—John R. McLean and Mrs. McLean entertained at dinner tonight Admiral and Mrs. Dewey and Mrs. Perry Belmont, of New York; Mrs. Adams Brooke and Mrs. Meisener, of New York.

NEAR RELATIVE OF WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, April 12.—Ebeneser Burgh Ball, the nearest surviving relative of George Washington, died this morning, aged 84 years.

MONEY-ORDER SYSTEM FOR NOME

WASHINGTON, April 12.—The Postoffice Department has arranged to provide a first-class money-order system for Nome, Alaska.