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DALGETY IS STILL HARD PRESSED

Dutch Have Met With Heavy Losses
 There-Skirmishers Are Out Looking for Approaching Column.

Diavoy's Reconnaissance.

BRANDFORD, Ore., April 20.—General Diavoy, who returned from a reconnaissance in force east of the railroad to the Modder River, reports that he met only a few scouts, but saw a few British fortifications all along the hills.

In Succession to Joubert.

PRETORIA, April 20.—Major-General Schalkburg has been gazetted Vice-President in succession to the late General Joubert, and Gen. Louis Botha has been gazetted active Commandant-General, succeeding General Joubert in command of the Transvaal forces.

NORTH DAKOTA TOWN BURNED

Two Lives Lost in a Bad Fire at Edinburg.

GRAND FORKS, N. Dak., April 20.—Word was received here this afternoon of the burning of Edinburg, in the northern part of Walsh County. The fire started at 2 P. M. in the rear of a drug store, standing at the south end of its business portion of the town. A strong wind aided the flames in quickly spreading, and before any one was aware of what had happened the whole town was ablaze. It was impossible to learn how the fire originated. Several persons attempted to save their personal belongings, but were compelled to abandon the attempt and flee for their lives. Two ladies, Mrs. Lindahl and Mrs. J. B. Orson, perished in the flames, and one child barely escaped. The residence portion of the city was uninjured. The chemists, business men and the people who occupied apartments above stores. Twenty buildings were destroyed, and two elevators.

Boers Have Had Heavy Losses, but Still Hang On.

ALIWAL NORTH, April 20.—Captain Little, of Brabant's Horse, Lieutenant Hockbeek and Mr. Miller, a Reuters correspondent, fell into the hands of the enemy while they were trying to reach Wepener a week ago. Everything was taken from the prisoners, who were sent to Pretoria. Their native servants, who escaped from the Boer laager, near Wepener, say that four guns were disabled and that the Boers had lost 100 in killed alone. It is also ascertained that the Boers made a night attack April 11, but were discovered while creeping along a deep ditch by the Cape Mounted Rifles, with Maxims, who fired into them at a distance of 300 yards, with the result that the Boers were killed and wounded. A simultaneous attack in other quarters was repulsed by the British, who used their bayonets. The Boers are still surrounded, but there has been little firing lately.

Explosion at Dynamite Works.

BAY CITY, Mich., April 20.—The packing-house at the Ajax dynamite works, near the Village of Kawawit, in this county, was blown up this afternoon, killing three men, William Weaver, Edward Hamilton and William Van Vliet. All left serious injuries, and other bodies were found to be shreds, only enough being found to fill a bushel basket. Great trees were uprooted or torn to splinters, and the building was completely wrecked by the force of the explosion. H. H. Thomas, of Bay City, is the owner of the works. It is believed the explosion, which is the fourth in seven years, was caused by a carelessly stored pile of dynamite on the floor. The financial loss is slight.

Breaking of a Scaffold.

DENVER, April 20.—A special to the Republican, Pueblo, Colo., says: By the breaking of a scaffold, five feet high, on the dome of the new "stove" being erected at the steel works of the Colorado Fuel & Iron Company, five men were hurt to the earth. One man, F. D. Curtis, was instantly killed, and J. W. Stanton, a fellow-worker, had both legs broken and his skull crushed, and will probably die.

Killed at a Church Fire.

MUSKIEGON, Mich., April 20.—The Immanuel Holland Reformed Church burned today. Fireman Carey was killed and Fireman Peterson seriously injured by a falling wall. It is believed the fire was incendiary.

IN THE BIGGARSBERG.

Boers Anxious to Take Up a Position at Majuba.

ELAND'S LAAGTE, Thursday, April 19.—Yesterday the British patrols discovered another party of Boers on the British left, in the same position from which the enemy recently fired on the South African Horse. In this instance, however, there was no firing.

PROGRESS IMPOSSIBLE.

Bad Roads Prevent Roberts from Advancing.

LONDON, April 21.—The Bloemfontein correspondent of the Morning Post, telegraphing Thursday, April 13, says: "There is already a 30-foot flood of the Caledon River, which is reported to be still rising. All the drifts on the Modder River are impassable. Traffic is temporarily interrupted southward, the water having washed the ballast from the line of the railway. The country about Bloemfontein is so deep in mud that the farmers' carts are unable to reach the town. We had a heavy rain last night. Today the weather is improving, but progress will be impossible until the roads are better. Strenuous efforts are being made to arrange the transport to meet the demands of the enlarged army. In view of the impending advance, anxiety increases among the troops concerning the future of the garrison at Bloemfontein, every one having the thought of being left there. There has been no increase of sickness."

THE ROUTINE REPORT.

This was the day devoted under the rules to the consideration of war claims, but the naval committee desired to go ahead with the naval appropriation bill. Foss (Rep. Ill.), acting chairman of the committee, moved to proceed with its consideration, but the motion was contested by the committee on war claims, and the roll-call was forced. The Naval committee was victorious, 100 to 51, and consideration of the Naval bill was resumed.

Wepener's Situation.

With such Democrats as Senator Morgan of Alabama, Senator McClaurin, of South Carolina, and Judges Lurton and Wright, of Tennessee, indorsing the policy of the Administration on its treatment of the Administration by the Bryan followers, who are "in for war in times of peace, and in for peace in times of war."

Wepener's Situation.

The situation is the outcome of a bitter factional fight that has waged in the state for some time. The expected storm broke in the state convention when it met today. The Evans men broke and proceeded to Amusement Hall, where they held a convention of their own. The split came when the convention refused to accept the Evans men as delegates. The majority report of the committee on credentials recommended the seating of Evans delegates in each instance. When the motion to substitute was lost, W. S. Tipton, of Bradley County, called on Commissioner Evans' friends to follow him out. As the bolters fled out of the hall, there was much disorder. Finally order was restored and the majority report adopted.

Haverly's Debts Wiped Out.

NEW YORK, April 20.—A discharge in bankruptcy has been granted to John H. Haverly, the theatrical and minstrel manager, wiping out \$117,174 of debts.

ARMOR-PLATE ROW

Provision for Limitation Stricken From Naval Bill.

EFFECT OF THE CHANGE DOUBTFUL

Fillibustering by Democrats in the House Prevented Final Action on the Measure.

WASHINGTON, April 20.—As a result of a prolonged struggle in the House today, the provision of the naval appropriation bill to enable the Secretary of the Navy to contract for armor for the battleships Maine, Ohio and Missouri, now awaiting their armor equipment at \$45 per ton, was defeated.

GENERAL LESLIE RUNDLE



BRITISH DIVISION COMMANDER WHO IS MARCHING WITH A FORCE FROM BLOEMFONTEIN TO THE RELIEF OF WEPENER.

The price asked for Krupp armor, is out of the bill, as the provision to repeal the \$30 limitation placed upon the price of armor by the current law, the fire came at the end of the consideration of the bill. All the minority members of the committee were in opposition to the provisions, but today when the majority declined to allow the discussion of the appropriation for the establishment of an armor-plate factory, they retaliated by raising a point of order against the provisions, and they were ruled out.

The exact effect of the action of the House today is disputed. The appropriation of \$4,000,000, under the head of "armor and armament," remains in the bill, as well as the language of the proviso authorizing the Secretary of the Navy to contract for armor of the best quality for the Maine, Ohio and Missouri, which is contained by some that this empowers the Secretary to contract for armor plate without regard to cost. By others it is held that the provision will be ineffective unless the Senate inserts the price. So much bad feeling was aroused by the wrangle over the armor-plate provision that Underwood began a filibuster after the bill was reported to the House, and finally forced an adjournment without final action on the bill.

Before the armor-plate question came up, two amendments to modify the provision for the increase of the Navy, which authorizes two battleships and six cruisers, were defeated. One proposed to add a provision for six gunboats and the other to strike out the provision for six battleships. The question of building ships in Government yards did not reach a vote, as the amendment offered to this end was ruled out on a point of order.

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Canon (Rep. Ill.) asked unanimous consent for the modification of the language of the amendment accepted yesterday relative to the Naval Academy. The proposed modification made only one substantial change, authorizing the Secretary of the Navy, after the plans have been approved, to contract for all or part of the improvement at Annapolis within the \$5,000,000 limit agreed to.

Dismore (Dem. Ark.) made a point of order against the section to increase the active list of surgeons to 55 and of assistant surgeons to 110, and providing that assistant surgeons who served in the war with Spain, who are now in the Navy, might be given permanent commissions without limitation as to age. It also provided that assistant surgeons in the Navy should rank with assistant surgeons of the Army. Dismore criticized the latter provision, which, he said, would raise the old difficulty between the line and staff. It was an attempt to have one corps creep along at the expense of others.

Mozer (Dem. La.), a member of the committee, replied that young surgeons would not enter the service at the reduced rank. Dismore finally withdrew the point of order.

Fitzgerald (Dem. N. Y.) offered an amendment to build four of the ships authorized by the bill in Government yards. Foss raised a point of order against the amendment, which, after pro-

FATE OF CANAL BILL

House Will Pass It, But Senate May Not.

THE GROUNDS FOR DELAYING IT

Great Demand for Places in the Census Bureau—Effect of Conference Agreement on Hawaiian Bill.

WASHINGTON, April 20.—It is impossible to learn whether the action of the House committee today on the Nicaragua Canal bill means that the Senate will take up the measure as soon as it passes the House. The demand of 326 members for the consideration of the bill was more than Henderson could resist, and the result is the amended bill in conformity with practically every of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty provides. The Senate has a method of putting over legislation, which may be adopted to prevent action on the Nicaragua Canal bill at this session and from which the President and the Pacific Coast delegation it is understood that delay will be urged on the ground that the Walker commission has not yet reported, and the necessity for further information before any action is taken. Consideration in the House means the passage of the bill, but the Senate can defeat it under its rules.

Pressure for Census Jobs.

The Oregon delegation is under considerable pressure now for places in the Census Bureau, as the extra clerks will be appointed between now and August 1. The demand for these places is very great, especially as none of them are subject to civil service examination.

Hawaiian Shipping Regulations.

Considerable interest is aroused over the provision of the Hawaiian bill extending the coasting laws of the United States to the islands. Under the bill introduced in the House, the coasting laws were to be extended immediately, which would at once stop any carrying between the islands and the United States in foreign bottoms. An amendment was inserted, however, in the House, providing that this should not go into effect for a year. This is an amendment that has been retained by the conference, and will allow the coasting laws to remain in force until Hawaii for that period.

Representative Tongue's Interview.

Representative Tongue, in an interview published today, says that he is not fully informed regarding the fusion between the Populists and Democrats in Oregon, but says that there is no question about the re-election of Moody, and he thinks he, himself, will pull through, although his district is closer. It is also stated in the same paper that Tongue has engaged a letter to one of the newspapers on the coast, in which he sets forth arguments in favor of the recent Puerto Rican law.

PRINCE OF WALES AT HOME.

Lovers Showed Their Joy at His Escape From Assassination.

LONDON, April 20.—The Prince of Wales arrived at Dover this evening, on his return from a visit to Copenhagen. The return of the Prince was made the occasion for spontaneous demonstrations of enthusiasm by thousands of persons who thronged the Charing Cross station and its approaches, waiting patiently to show their gladness at the heir-apparent's escape from death. The whole route to Marlborough House, especially the Mall, was thick with people, and the police had the utmost difficulty in controlling the crowd. The Duke of York awaited his arrival on the platform of the station, and when the train bearing the Prince drew in, a mighty shout went up from the mass of spectators. By five to ten the King of Sweden, now on a visit to England, his white head several inches above the waiting crowd, had joined the Duke of York.

When the Prince of Wales stepped out of the train he was affectionately greeted and congratulated by his son and the visiting sovereign, and amid tremendous cheering he entered a carriage and drove off with the Duke of York. Behind his closed vehicle was an open carriage containing King Oscar, who received an ovation which almost equaled in enthusiasm that of the Prince of Wales, and to which His Majesty replied by vigorously waving his hat, which urged the crowd to still further enthusiasm. All along the route similar scenes were witnessed, the crowds around Marlborough House being particularly large. The spectators of the Prince's homecoming consisted chiefly of well-dressed and eminently respectable residents. From their comments it was evident how genuine and heartfelt was the gladness over the Prince's escape from Sipsala's bullet. King Oscar's unexpected appearance and democratically expressed enthusiasm created intense delight, and made that monarch quite the hero of the hour.

Exploring Slave Lake Country.

WINNIPEG, Manitoba, April 20.—The Tyrol exploring party, with whom the Arcadian Lofthouse, reached Fort Chippewa, on Lake Athabasca, March 25. They covered the 23 miles from Lake Athabasca to snowshoes in 17 days. Five teams of dogs were employed, all heavily laden with supplies. All were well. They hope to reach the ice cap of the great Slave Lake, and possibly Captain Golda Lake, before the ice breaks up.

Heavy Fighting Near Kumasse.

ACCRA, April 20.—Heavy fighting is reported in progress near Kumasse.

CHINESE EXCLUSION CASES.

Supreme Court Will Be Called Upon for Decisions.

WASHINGTON, April 20.—In the Supreme Court today, Attorney Richard Crowley filed an appeal from the decision of the Circuit Court of Appeals to bring two Chinese exclusion cases to this court, which raise several new points. The cases are those of Ping Quan and Ping Yik, two Chinamen engaged as merchants in Buffalo, N. Y. They were arrested 17 months after their arrival, on the strength of the ruling of Attorney-General Briggs that Chinese traders are "laborers" within the meaning of the exclusion laws. The soundness of this construction is called into question by the case. The question as to whether the exclusion act of 1882 as in operation will also probably be decided in passing upon the case. There are said to be a number of Chinese who will be affected by this decision.

Francis Truth's Mail.

BOSTON, April 20.—Twelve sacks of mail addressed to Francis Truth, the "Divine Healer," who was arrested recently charged with fraud, have been impounded by the United States Government under the usual "fraud order." What money is contained in these letters will be returned with the letters to the writers.

Daily Treasury Statement.

WASHINGTON, April 20.—Today's statement of the Treasury balance in the general fund, exclusive of the \$10,000,000 gold reserve in the Division of Redemption, shows:

Available cash balance.....	\$12,385,113
Gold	\$3,856,138