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British Army Captures a Boer Stronghold.

A GREAT FLANKING MOVEMENT

trict Intended to Cut Off the Dutch Retreat to the North.

LONDON, May 4.-It is announced that he British have captured Brandfort.

Boers Taken by Surprise.

BRANDFORT, Thursday, May 3, Morning.-Brandfort was captured by a combined movement of Colonel Tucker's and east and center, and General Hutton's Mounted infantry on the west. The British surprised the Boers, who retreated Four thousand of the enemy moved here yesterday evening in order to oppose our advance. Colonel Tucker's artillery had a sharp duel with the enemy's guns, and put two of them out of ac

IN THABANCHU DISTRICT.

British Are Operating Along a Front of Forty Miles.

LONDON, May 4, 4:15 A. M.-General Broadwood's cavalry brigade has reached Isabelfontein, 28 miles north of Thaban-chu. General Ian Hamilton is bivouacking at Jacobsruhl, 15 miles north of Thainchu. General Tucker's division is oving eastward from Karee Siding. The divisions of General French and General Rundle are in and near Thabanchu. Thus Lord Roberts has 50,000 men operating clear of the rallway slong a front of 40 miles. He is advancing slowly with some successes, but nothing decisive. Yet, at all points of concentration, the Boers appear in force sufficient to compel the British to proceed with caution. Their wide front in a rugged country makes

they are driving northward.

Observers at headquarters in Bloem-fontein seem to think that the Boers are preparing to evacuate Ladybrand. The Boers still holding Thabanchu district are estimated at 400. They have among their guns a 40-pounder. One correspondent wiring from Bloemfontein Wednesday at 11:55 P. M., said the British hoped to cut off the whole commando.

The correspondents at Kimberley have been forbidden to communicate for sev-eral days, the deduction being that a forward movement is under way there. The Boera in Natal are resiless. Two hundred crossed Sunday's River Wednes-day and tried to engage the Littlet out-

The Bloemfontein correspondent of the The Bloemfontein correspondent of the Standard, telegraphing May 2, says.

"I have just ridden hither from Thabanchu, along the line of our advance east of Bloemfontein. The distance is fully 40 miles, and yet almost every point of concentration is contested by the enemy.

"General Rundle, with the Eighth Division, is posted on our right flank, with orders to guard a strong and building out.

orders to guard a strong and boldly out-lined frontal position in a country of a decidedly difficult nature. There the Boers have posted a number of guns of superior weight and range to our own. However, they show no disposition to do more than keep in touch with us and to

harnes our advance.
"Further, on the west, General Ian
Hamilton, with his division of mounted infantry, is pressing northward, encoun-tering only a desultory fire. The High-land Brigade, from Val Krantz, has been angaged, while General Tucker, commanding the Seventh Division, has moved eastward from Karee Siding and has returned aouth, followed by the Boers. Nevertheless, the cavalry, owing to the greater numbers of the enemy, have been prevented from completing the movement that was intended to encircle the Boers on the march to Brandfort, and the enemy on the march to Brandfort, and the enem are now prepared to offer stubborn oppos tion on an entrenched hill to the east of Kroonsatd. They will probably abandon that position as soon as their stores have been moved north of Vani

"General Tucker's attempt to advance on Brandfort showed the enemy in con-siderable strength. The Colonial Cavalry were engaged, and they lost 20 horses while under fire from pom-no Boers were, however, driven from their

The Daily News has the following from Thabanchu, dated Wednesday:

"In yesterday's flanking movement Cap-tain Towse and 50 Gordon Highlanders were surrounded by 250 Boers, who de-manded their surrender. Captain Towse ordered his men to fix bayonets and charge. With a wild cheer the Gordons rushed at the enemy and swept them away with great slaughter. Captain Towse was blinded in both eyes by the enemy's fire. and throughout behaved most heroically.

SPIONKOP DISPATCHES.

Correspondence Relating to Them Issued to Parliament. LONDON, May 4.- The telegraphic cor-

respondence relating to the Spionkop dis-patches was issued to Parliament just before midnight Thursday. Lord Lana-downe, Secretary of State for War, wired March 28, asking the advice of Lord Rob-March 2. asking the advice of Lord Rob-erts about publishing the dispatches, sey-ing: "We cannot publish all the docu-ments enclosed with your dispatch of February 13," and suggesting certain dis-patches, which, in Lord Lanndowne's opin-ion, might be published. Lord Lanngowne added: "But I would not feel justified in thus editing the papers unless you concur; and you may perhaps think it well to refer to Buller. I suggest, as an alternative, that we should treat your alternative, that we should treat your dispatch of February 13 and all its emclos-ures as confidential, and that Buliet should send through a full narrative of the operations. This you could forward to me with any observations you desire to

make for publication."

Lord Roberts replied to Lord Lansdowne, in a dispatch dated Bloomfontein. March II, that he had suggested to Str Redvers Buller to prepare a full narrative, but that Sir Redvers answered as follows: "I do not at all like the idea of rewriting a dispatch for publication. I must prefet to leave it in the hands of the Commander-

Lord Roberts answered under date of

dispatches referred to in Lord Lana-downe's dispatch of March S. The first is from Lord Lanadowne to General Bul-ler, dated January 5, representing the im-possibility of publishing his dispatches, which "contain views of the situation and forecasts of his intentions," and empha-sizing the advisability of sending dis-patches descriptive of the operations for presentation to Parliament. The second is from Lord Woiseley to Lord Roberts, dated February 6, saying: "You will, I feel sure, agree with me that Methuen's feel sure, agree with me that Methuen's dispatch regarding Magersfontein could not be published as sent. There are mes-sages in it inappropriate to such docu-ments, and it also gives information of importance to the enemy. If he likes, I will revise the dispatch, but I prefer not to undertake this responsibility. I suggest that you should ask him to cancel this dispatch and to write another." The ience does not indicate whether

Pleaded the Briton's Cause. CHICAGO, May 3. — Bishop Hartnell deaded the case of the Briton in the pleaded the case of the Briton in the Transvaal tonight before an audience that almost filled the Auditorium. He spoke from impressions gained by personal observations in South Africa; from personal acquaintance with President Kruger and from close study of laws and the administration of laws by the government. Bishop Hartzell made his argument in behalf of the English. The audience was pro-British in its sympathies.

Lord Methuen rewrote the dispatch as suggested. The Spion kop dispatch as published was exactly the selections sug-

gested in Lord Lansdowne's dispatch of March 28.

DEMANDS AN EXPLANATION. Choate Takes Up the Sea Witch Case

With Salisbury. LONDON, May 2.—It has been learned by a representative of the Associated Press that United States Ambassador Choate has asked Lord Sailsbury for an explanation as to the alleged abuse of international right in the case of the American ship Sea Witch which second. clear of the railway along a front of 49 miles. He is advancing slowly with some successes, but nothing decisive. Yet, at all points of concentration, the Boers appear in force sufficient to compel the British to proceed with caution. Their wide front in a rugged country makes turning movements off-hand difficult.

The Boers, Winston Churchill says, have enormous herds of cattle and flocks of sheep gathered in the southeast. These they are driving northward.

Observers at headquarters in Bloem-

cation to the Premier hardly amounts to a protest, and serious complications are not likely to ensue. The case, as trans-mitted by Secretary Hay to London, con-sists of the captain's allegation that, sists of the captain's allegation that, while the Sea Witch was off Delagon Bay, he signailed to the Wasp, which was patrolling, and the Wasp sent a boat to her. The captain of the Sea Witch complains that the visit resembled a warlike boarding party, and that his manifest was examined against his will, when palpably within neutral waters. If the latter statement is true, a serious offense has been committed by the Wasp, which will call for an ample appleacy from Great Britain. But it is pointed out that the fact that the Sea Witch signailed the Wasp, before the warship noticed her, invests the case with a curious uncertainty. vests the case with a curious uncertainty, Apparently both Mr. Choate and Lord Ballsbury are inclined to believe that there is some mistake, perhaps on both sides. The Premier has referred the matter to the Admiralty, which has no record of the occurrence, but has cabled to South Africa for the Wasp's version of the af-fair, and it is possible that some time may clapse before the British reply is ready. In the meantime, the incident does not interfere in the slightest degree with the cordiality existing between the represent-atives of the two nations interested.

RUMOR OF FENIAN INVASION. Unusual Activity in Canadian Militia

Circles. DETROIT, May 3.-Local papers today

print the following:
"Window, Ont., May 2.—Colonel Holmes, commanding officer of No. 1 military district, has received instructions from Ottone tawa to have the Twenty-first Essex Fu-siliers, Seventh London Fusiliers, the Twenty-sixth Middlesex, Twenty-seventh Lambton and Twenty-fifth Elgin Battalions ready to march at two hours notice.
This step flus been deemed advisable by
the Military Department owing to information that bands of Fenians intend inrading Canada at some point along the River St. Clair or Detroit River, for the purpose of destroying some of the rail-way lines. Arrangements have been ac far completed that the battallon is preparing for marching orders at any time. Local military authorities claim an inva-sion is not feared, but that the battalions named will be mobilized at some point ou the frontier for tactical exercise only."

OTTAWA, Ontario, May 3.-Hon. Dr. Sorden, Minister of Militia, said tonight, in regard to the dispatch from Windsor Station, that Colonel Holmes received from Ottawa instructions to have the militia ready to march at two hours' notice to repel a Fenian invasion, that there was not a word of truth in it. Colonel Holmes had apparently been carrying out some tactical scheme, of which General Uttin was the father, and Dr. Borden has demanded an explanation from Colonel Holmes of the reports published concerning him. Nothing is known of the matter

STATUS OF PORTO RICO.

ention Made It American Territory.

ST. PAUL, May 1.-United States Disjury. His application for a writ of hab when the murder was committed, and turisdiction. After reviewing the facts to leave it in the hands to leave it in the hands to leave it in the hands to in-Chief. Let him select for publication whatever he thinks proper."

To this Lord Roberts appended that he would not himself object to publication of a paper edited as Lord Lansdowne had suggested by Lord Lansdowne. He asked Lord Lansdowne to wire a reply. This Lord Lansdowne to wire a reply. This Lord Lansdowne, dated April for the island at all, because it has no authority to legislate for any except terrischich the Constitution has ex-

SILVER WAS IGNORED

No Sixteen-to-One for Iowa Democrats.

STATE CONVENTION AT DES MOINES

Bryan Strongly Indorsed-Delegates Contributed to a Fund in Aid of the Boers.

DES MOINES, Ia., May 2.—The Demo-cratic State Convention selected four dele-gates-at-large to the Kansas City conven-tion: Cato Sells, of Vinton: Charles A. Walsh, of Ottumwa; John S. Murphy, of Dubuque, and George Baker, of Daven-port

Third District Republican Congressional Convention elected M. J. Whittall, of Webster, delegate to the National conven-tion. Secretary John D. Long was in-dersed for Vice-President.

INSTRUCTED FOR M'KINLEY.

Michigan Republican Conventio Elected Delegates.

DETRIOT, Mich., May 3.—The state convention, which today elected delegates at-large to the National Republican Conven-tion, transacted its business quickly and dously. The four delegates-at-large who had been slated, were elected without division, with the exception of William McPherson, whose candidacy was opposed by Frank W. Gilchrist. The former was chosen, however. The following platform was adopted:

"We, the Republicans of the State of Michigan, in convention assembled, hereby reaffirm and renew our alleginnce to the time-honored principles of the Republican tion: Cato Selis, of Vinton: Charles A. party. We unqualifiedly and unequivowalsh, of Ottumwa; John S. Murphy, of
Dubuque, and George Baker, of Davenport.

The proceedings were characterized by
harmony throughout. The convention was
the largest held by the Democrats of this

policies to the affairs of Government, and

DEAD IN THE SENATE

Nicaragua Canal Is Again a

ADMINISTRATION ALSO HOSTILE Repburn Bill, as Passed, Is in Line With Hay-Pauncefote Treaty-Objectionable to Senate.

WASHINGTON, May 1 .- The Senate will not abandon its amendment to the Hay-Pauncefote treaty, and the Hepburn amendments to the Nicaragua Canal treaty are considered practically in line with the treaty. The canal bill will not pass the Senate, however, because the amended treaty is not satisfactory to the parties negotiating it, nor is the bill in its present form satisfactory to the Administration. The Walker Commission report,

to be submitted later, will serve as a pretext to put over the canel bill, although the treaty is the important element. Marine Hospital at Dutch Harbor, Surgeon-General Wyman, of the Marine Hospital Service, today stated that arrangements have been made with the North American Commercial Company for North American Commercial Company for the rental of buildings at Dutch Harbor, Alaska, which are being placed in condi-tion for the reception of patients. The company promises to have the buildings in readiness by July 1. An experienced offi-cer of the Marine Hospital Service will be placed in command, and the work of equipping will commence at once. In response to a letter from Governor Geor. Representative Moudy today called

Geer, Representative Moody today called on the Commissioner of Indian Affairs concerning diseased horses now running loose in the Umatilla reservation. The Commissioner assured him that an inves-tigation will be made by the Secretary of Agriculture at once, and if the disease cannot be cured the animals will be or-

Salem Public Building.

Representative Tongue today called on the supervising architect to hasten action on the construction of the Salem public building. The preliminary sketch was to-day submitted for approval, and in two or three days permanent plans will be prepared, if the sketch is satisfactory. He thinks the additional appropriation for this building in the sundry civil bill in-sures the use of Oregon stone in the build-

Senator Shoup today offered amendments senator Shoup tonay oncrea amendments to the sundry civil bill appropriating \$10,-200 for a fishery station at Henry's Lake, Idaho, and \$4752 for paying claims of those Indians who served in General Howard's command in the war with Chief Joseph.

Port Townsend Hydrographic Office. It has been repeatedly stated that the branch hydrographic office at Port Townsend would be discontinued. During the past year the office was practically dis-continued for a time, there being no and in charge. During the past week, Sen-ator Foster has asked the Navy Department to continue the branch office at Port Townsend under the appropriation provided for the legislative and judicial bill which has been before Congress the present session. Under this bill, ample provision is made for maintaining the branch office at Port Townsend, and the Senator has secured an assurance from Secured at has secured an assurance from Secretary Long that the office will not be discon-

Special Census Agents.

The Director of the Census has notified the various delegations and supervisors that the names of special agents to collect commanant Onlyer, who will probably have direct initiary authority over the two Boer armies—his own and that of Dewet—after they shall have formed a junction at Ladysrand, is conceded to be, next to Louis Botha, the foremost of the Afrikander leaders, now that Joubert and Cronje are out of the field. His retreat north to Winburg about the time of General Joubert's death, March 25, was highly praised as one of the cleverest maneuvers of the war. Olivier, as was Joubert, manufacturing statistics must be sub-mitted before May 15. The delegation from Washington has given this question attention during the past few days, and among those to be named will probably be the following: Tacoma. George H. Boardman and C. W. Billings; Seattle, William M. Ingils and one other; Spekane, Adam Beilingham: Dayton and Walla Walla, J. G. Miller, of Dayton: Everett and Snohomish. Sam H. Nichols, of Everett: New Whatcom and Fairhaven, Super-visor McMillan will collect the desired sta-tistics. The compensation allowed for this work will be practically that allowed for

Maryland is a sound-money state, but even at that it is a doubtful state at the present time. In the last campaign, when It elected a Governor and nearly all the members of the Legislature, the Demo-eratic platform did not mention the money question at all, and the nominees were all Democratic sound-money men. This year there is more or less defection. Senator Wellington, opposing the policy of the Ad-ministration, not only on the subject of the Porto Rican tariff, but also on ex-He Belleves the Mass of the People pansion, has gone over to the Democrata practically, and will take with him quite a following, in spite of the fact that he is not a very popular man personally just now. Some Republican members of Congress have indicated a desire not to run for re-election. This is said to be beto meet defeat. The indications are Gorman is pretty thoroughly in the raddle, and during Gorman's career he has gen-erally been able to control the Democracy or Maryland. Of course he realizes what an uphill job it would be to carry this attact if Bryan were nominated, yet the Democrats still have hope. The Republiton stripe say that his defection will amount to very little, and that he does not represent much in the way of Republican strength that he can carry over to the Democracy. There is no doubt, however, of quite a strong element against expansion that was for McKinger tous ever, of quite a strong element against expansion that was for McKiniey four years ago. It is the old Cleveland element, he gold-standard element of the Den erate party in Maryland, which made it possible for the Republicans to carry the state by botting Bryan and deserting Gor-man. This element is no doubt anti-expansion, and if it is more opposed to ex-pansion than to Bryan, it is possible that even Bryan could carry the state. This independent vote will decide it.

REPLY TO THE PORTE'S NOTE Action of Ambassadors in Relation to Proposed Tariff Increase.

CONSTA TINOPLE, May 1.-The Ambaseadors met yesterday and decided to reply to the Porte's note of April 29 regarding the increase of duties, as follows:
"The embassies note the Porte's declaration that it does not intend to introduce any unflateral measures, and will hasten

to inform their governments of this."

The Ambassadors have decided to make their consent to an increase conditional on the removal of the abuses of the chemical analysis, the suppression of warehouse dis-ties and the abelition of the stipulation whereby articles not specified in the tariffs may be interdicted, confiscated or de-stroyed. The Ambussadors have decided to make the payment of indemnities to foreigners a separate question and to deal therewith at a later date. The Porte has not replied to the Amer-

ican note regarding the indemnity claims

Federal Judge Holds Trenty Ratifi-

ST. PAUL, May 1.—United States Dis-trict Judge Lochren today, in this city, decided that the ratification of the treaty of peace between the United States and Spain made Porto Rico American terri-tory and subject to the Constitution of the United States, without any further act of Congress. The decision was given in the case of Raphael Ortiz, a Porto Pican who is seeking release from the Rican, who is seeking release from the state prison at Stillwater, on the ground that his trial for murder by a military court was unlawful, because, as an Amer-ican citizen, he was entitled to a trial by corpus is denied, however, on the nd that the island was in a state of before the ratification of the treaty that, therefore, the military court had the case, the court said that, according to the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States, a military commission

of the platform the more conservative eleent prevailed. The Chickgo platform is indorsed, and the gold standard denounced, but the ratio of 15 to 1 does not appear in the resolutions. The selection of John S. Murphy, editor of the Dubuque Tele-

spense to his denunciation of trusts and imperialism and his indersement of W. J. Bryan for President. Nowhere in his speech did he mention 16 to 1. He said in

"The declaration of independence announced at Chicago in 1896 will never die. The Democratic party stands for bimetal-ism and ever will. It is opposed to a money trust as much as it is to a sugar The trusts must go, and there is but one party that can and will accomplish it, and that is the Democratic party. You cannot hope the Republican party will crush the trusts. Do you expect a father to cast off his most obedient son?

"Imperialism, militarism and trusts are one. They mean a gigantic consolidation, and woe to the common people when they are united. Imperialism cannot be a success without a standing army. A stand-ing army bodes no good to a free people; if maintained it will lend to but one end-

dictatorship,
"We 'cannot have colonies under our
present system of Government. We cannot hold territory in any other capacity. Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippines are become a part of the United States, s they not? If they are, then say so, they are not, then the people of this untry are in bondage, and the fing of the Republic floats over slaves."

Cato Sells and Charles A. Waish had no appreciable opposition for deegates-at-large. The contest for the other two places on the delegation was spirited and se, resulting in the selection of Murphy close, resulting in the selection of Murphy and Baker. Frederick E. White candi-date for Governor in 1897 and 1899, who had been strongly urged for delegate, withdrew his name, and earnestly advised the nomination of Mr. Murphy.

The convention adopted a resolution of-fered by ex-Congressman Waiter Butler, providing that the delegates contribute to a fund in aid of the Boers. The platform reaffirms unqualified alle-

glance to the principles set forth in the Democratic National platform adopted at Chicago in 1886, recognizing W. J. Bryan as the greatest living exponent of those principles and demands his nomination as principles and demands his nomination as the standard-bearer of Democracy. It opposes the single gold standard; denounces trusts and combinations in restraint of trade and the protective policy of the Republican party, upon which it alleges they are founded; deplores the adoption of the recent Porto Rico measure as a violation of American pledges, and of the Constitution, and a stain upon American honor; condemns what it calls the importalistic policy or this Administhe imperialistic policy of this Adminis-tration; extends sympathy to the Sun h African republics, and favors the election of United States Senators by direct vote of the people.

Long for Vice-President. WORCESTER, Mass. May 2

state in recent years, nearly 1000 delegates being present. The prevailing sentiment was overwhelmingly for Bryan, and the delegates were instructed to vote as a unit delegates chosen by this convention to for him at Kansas City. In the framing represent us at the National convention represent us at the National convention at Philadelphia be, and hereby are, in-structed to east the vote of Michigan for William McKinley for President of the United States."

The names of Presidential electors and

Commandant Olivier, who will probably have direct military authority over the

members of the State Central Committee graph, was a concession to the radical advocates of free allver.

Temporary Chairman Jeremiah B. Sullivan received tremendous applause in reors-at-large,

Are With Him This Year. TOLEDO, O., May 3.-W. J. Bryan arrived in Toledo from Detroit this afternoon and was received by a large delega-tion of citizens, headed by bands of music and a special committee, composed of representative Democrats from all

Northern Ohio. The meeting had been especially designed for Northern Ohio and Southern Michigan, and there were thousands of outsidess in the city from morning until midnight. At the hotel where an informal reception was held, Mr. Bryan shook hands steadily for over three hours, after which he spoke briefly. During the latter portion of the day another informal reception was held in the parlors of the hotel, which was attended by a great many ladies.

Mr. Bryan spoke tonight at the Armory.

after which he was escorted to Memorial Hall, where he was tendered a reception by the Modern Woodmen of America, of which he is a member. From Memorial Hall he was escorted to Elks' Hall, where elaborate arrangements had been made to receive this distinguished member of that fraternity. It is estimated that fully 25,6% people heard Mr. Bryan at the various

points where he spoke in the city.

While here he submitted to an interview, and took occasion to express himself very decidedly regarding the coming National election, which he declared surely result in an overwhelming Demo-

atic victory.

'The Democratic party is sure to win.' he said, without the slightest hesitation The people are with us this year, and they are in sympathy with the principles which shall be embodied in the Kansas City platform and which represent the

Shaw Is Not a Candidate. CHICAGO, May 1.—Governor Shaw, of Iowa, who is here attending the Methodist Conference, declared in an interview that he was not a candidate for the Vice-Presidency on the Republican ticket, nor did he know that Congressman Hepburn was.

Daily Treasury Statement.

WASHINGTON, May 3.-Today's state-

Plugue at Sunkin.

SUAKIN, May 3.—Three cases of bu-poulc plugue and one death from the dis-man are reported here.