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THE MARCH TAKENUP

Roberts' Army Is on the Way to Pretoria.

BOERS OFFER LITTLE RESISTANCE

British Troops Are at the Crossing of the Vet-Encounter With the Irish-American Brigade.

LONDON, May 5, 4:06 A. M.—The Mounted Infantry with Lord Roberts, among which are the Canadians, have ploketed their horses on the south bank of the Vet River, 18 miles north of Brandfort. The head of Lord Roberts' columns has thus advanced 22 miles from Karee. has thus advanced 22 miles from Karee Siding in two days, or 53 miles north of Bloemfontein. Little powder was spent, The British work was hard marching, the

Boers retiring out of the reach of the British in the hills. The War Office issued the following from Lord Boberts, dated Brandfort, Friday, May 4:

"The Mounted Infantry have gone on to the Vet River. The rest of the force will march there tomorrow. The railway has been repaired to this point, "Hunter reports very satisfactory news—that the passage of the Vani has been carried at Windsorton without opposi-

then."

The correspondents supplement Lord Roberts' plain statement with a few details. As General Hutton, with the first Mounted Infantry brigade, drew near Brandfort, he saw a khaki-clad body of troops ahead of him. He was surprised, but thought they must be the British. Soon, however, they opened fire upon the British, who replied heavily. They were the Irish-American brigade from Lourence Marques, and it is reported that the Irish lost heavily.

The Boer flag was flying over Brandfort as the British entered the town. Several British wounded were found in the hospital. The Boer Postmaster gave up the keys of the public buildings to Cap-

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Lord Kitchener arrived at Brandfort at noon, and Lord Roberts at dusk. General French's cavalry are sweeping the country northward. The expectation is that the infantry will be continued to-ward Kronstrad.

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Although no prisoners were taken, and although no hot pursuit was attempted, the news greatly cheers London. Never-theless, it has not been received with the fine rapture that attended the first suc-cesses of Lord Roberts.

General Hunter's crossing of the Vacil

cesses of Lord Roberts.

General Hunter's crossing of the Vaai at Windsorton brings the relief of Mafeking, 125 miles beyond, almost within a calculable interval. It is now regarded as quite possible that Mafeking may be succored before the Queen's birthday.

The debate in Parliament on the Spionkop dispatches proved a disappointment to the supporters of the government. The Ministerialist papers confess to a certain amount of inconsistency and weakness in the statements of the spokesmen of the government. On the other hand, as the Standard points out, the opposition profess to be satisfied with the debate, as they believe it has rendered Lord Landowne's continuance at the War Office difficult.

Wepener is to be garrisoned with a strong force from General Chermside's division.

ACCURATE SHELLING.

Forced the Boers to Retreat.

WARRENTON, Cape Colony, May 4-WARRENTON, Cape Colony, May 4.— The British six-inch wire gun opened un-expectedly on the Boor langer yesterday at a distance of 7½ miles, throwing 180-pound shells with wonderful accuracy, and causing the hasty retreat of the burghers. The hombardment was con tinued today at all points, with Howitzers and field guns, supported by two companies of the Munster Regiment, the Boers being driven from shelter and their guns ing put out of action

With Brabant's Division.

BRABANT'S CAMP. Tuesday, May 1.—
(By runner to Mafeteng.)—Brabant's division now occupies a strong position on a range of hills on the Ladybrand road, about 20 miles from Wepener. The troops are confronted by a large force of Boers, who recently occupied Wepener and who have now been located in the mountains known as Zwartlapberg.

Natal Boers Shift Their Guns. LADYSMITH, May 4.—The Boers have shifted their guns on the range of hills facing the British front at Eland's Langte. and have posted a "Long Tom" on a hill in the direction of Wesselsnek.

THE CULTON TRIAL.

Telegraph Company Forced to Pro-duce Copies of Messages.

FRANKFORT, Ky.. May 4-Hearing of evidence in the case of W. H. Cu.ton, charged with complicity in the Goebel ascharged with complicity in the Goebel assassination, was resumed today. Captain
J. F. Howe, a Barboursville military officer, testified that Caleb and John Powers
came to him 10 days before the assassination and tried to get him to bring his
company to Frankfort, disguised as citizens. He declined to do so unless ordered by Governor Taylor, and no orders
came until after the assassination of Goebel, on January 39,
Colonei Jack Chinn, who was walking
with Goebel when the latter was shot,
stated that he was sure the shot was fired
from the Executive building.
Ed Steffe, who was standing on the portico in front of the statehouse, saw Goebel fall. Immediately after the shot, he
looked toward the executive building and
thought he saw the barrel of a rifle pointing offi of the window of the office of the
Secretary of State. The rifle was drawn
in and the window closed.

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In cross-examination, Steffe said that after the shot was fired he thought he saw a little smoke rising above the window at which he saw the rifle. In the afternoon, the question of com-

pelling the telegraph companies to produce copies of telegrams sent or received by the accused was argued, the companies buying pleaded that such telegrams were privileged. Arguments were heard from attorneys for the telegraph companies as well as counsel in the case. The court ruled that the writ should be amended so as to apply only to messages bearing on the Goebel assassination. Mrs. Anderson,

WHOLE TOWN BURNED

sey at the Governor's office several times. He did not know Jim or Berry Howard. He saw armed men around the Governor's office the day of the mountaineer excursion. Asked if he saw any guns in the office of the Secretary of State, the witness said he saw two, there Saturday prior to the assassination. Youtsey was in the room and later picked up one of the guns and took a position near the winness and took a position near the winness. Slocan Country. guns and took a position near the win-dow. He asked Youtsey what he was going to do. Youtsey said he thought there was trouble in the legislative build-ing, and that "If it started he wanted to be prepared." Youtsey said he would not

LOSS EXCEEDS HALF A MILLION

be prepared." Youtsey said he would not start any trouble, but would be prepared to protect the building if it did start.

"I was in the reception-room of the Governor's office at the time of the assassination." said Todd. "The shots seemed to come from the west end of the building. I did not know that Goebel had been killed until John Davis ran in and told us. I went with Davis to his house and got a gun. We came back immediately. The door to the office of the Secretary of State was opened while we were gone." fater Supply Failed and the Fire Burned Itself Out-Aid Sent and More Needed.

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Private Dudley Williamson, who was with the soldiers in the arsenal, testified that they got marching orders one hour before the assassination and were uniformed and armed at the time of the trag-

FRANCIS JOSEPH IN BERLIN Royal Welcome Given the Austrian

edy. The soldiers did not know what had happened till they got almost to the State-

BERLIN, May 4.—Emperor Francis Joseph, of Austria, has appointed Emperor William Field Marshal-General of the Austrian army. The standard of the Emperor of Austria waves from the Royal Palace in Berlin this afternoon, signifying that the ruler of the dual monarchy has taken up his residence there.

ing that the ruler of the dual monarchy has taken up his residence there.

Emperor Francis Joseph reached Potsdam station punctually at 10 A. M. His Majesty's reception was strictly according to programme. The weather was ideally Springlike. The whole city was in festal garb, the verdure of the trees and shrubs contrasting gratefully with the trivial colors of the description. the vivid colors of the flags, bunting and garlands strung from pillar to pillar. The climax of decorative art was natural-ly reached on the route from the depot through Bellevue Strasse, where Knuen-stlerheim showed a splendid colorsal bust thence to the Siege Alle, which evoked the keen interest of the Austrian Emperthe keen interest of the Austrian Emperor, who closely questioned Emperor Willir m. who was sitting by his side, as to
the points of interest; thence to the Brandenburg Gate and the Pariser Platz, just
behind where a triumphal arch 75 feet in
height and with a green background enlivened with gilt laurel leaves and heavy
gold cords and tassels formed the center
of attraction. The arch was flanked on
both sides by towers bearing large living
laurel trees. The center of the arch was laurel trees. The center of the arch was surmounted by a handsome draped pavil-ion, in which men in medieval costumes sounded inspiring fanfares on long silver trumpets as the Emperors approached, and which played the Austrian National bymn as they proceeded onward.

The square fronting the arch where the

The square fronting the arch where the welcome ceremonies took place was flanked by two grandstands filled with women in the gayest Spring costumes, the space between the grandstands being occupied by the municipal authorities and other officials. Behind these were double rows of obelisks, respectively & and & feet high, with masses of choice flowers, the obelisks being connected by garlands, masts between them bearing Hungarian and Austrian streamers. The Brandenburg Gate was richly decorated, and presented a magnificent spectacle. The houses fronting the Platz were thronged with spectators, many of them armed with spectators, many of them armed with spectators, many of them armed with koduks. The route, especially Unter den Linden, was crowded from daybreak with eager and most good-natured sightseers. There were no disturbances, the police arrangements being comprehensive in enforcing order and preventing dangerous crowding. Arriving spectators after was doubly flanked from the Siege Alle their property. They reported that the to the Brandenburg Gate by the Berlin Veterans' Associations, many gray-bearded men wearing the fron cross. The route from the Gate to the castle was

Ined with troops.

Emperor William was clad in a gorgeous Austrian Field Marshal's uniform, with cream-colored coat, scarlet trousers with broad gold lace, and a black chapeau with green feathers, and wore Austrian decorations. He drove down Unter den Linden to the station at 7:40 A. M., accompanied by his brother, Prince Henry, who wore the uniform of an Austrian Admiral, His Majesty was cheered by the crowds all the way. The train bearing Emperor Francis Joseph arrived promptly on time. Francis Joseph arrived promptly on time. The greetings between the two Emper-ors were most cordial, the monarchs em-bracing and kissing each other on both cheeks. The Austrian Emperor wore the uniform of the Prussian footguards, and across his breast was a broad orange rib-bon with the Prussian Order of the Black

The procession passed through the Bran-denburg gate in the following order: A squadron of the Garde du Corps, in black ulrasses and helmets tipped with silver eagles, preceding an open carriage with magnificently attired outriders, in which sat the two Emperors, flanked by aldes-de-camp. Then followed Prince Henry de-camp. Then followed Prince Henry and the Prussian Crown Prince, and next to them were the younger Prussian princes. Then came the Generals and state dignitaries. At the triumphal arch the procession halted and Mayor Kirchner delivered a speech of welcome, in which he referred to Emperor Francis Joseph as the "trusty ally of the the first three rulers of the newly created German Empire." and as the venerable Prince of Peace, who had ceaselessly, zealously and successfully striven to preserve to the nations of the world the blessings of nations of the world the blessings of peace. The Austrian Emperor replied with a few conventional words, and the Mayor's daughter recited "Wildenbruch's Ode of Welcome" and presented a bouquet of flowers to Emperor Francis Joseph, who shook the young girl's hand and thanked her. There was a loud outburst of cheering as the Emperor drove away. A short distance further the cortege nassed several embasalea which were handsgmely decorated. As Emperor William's eye met a large star-snangled banner floating from the United States embassy, and caught sight of the United ner floating from the United States em-bassy, and caucht sight of the United States Ambassador, Andrew White, at the window, with a number of distinguished Americans. His Malesty courteously bowed, and then, turning to his aid-de-camp. Count Von Moltke, he ordered the escort to proceed at a canter. Arriving in front of the castle, the Emperors re-viewed three of the finest Prussian resi-ments. Emperor Francis Joseph compli-mented Emperor William upon their ap-pearance, and then entered the palace, where the Empress and the Princesses were waiting to receive him.

the Goebel assassination. Mrs. Anderson, manager of the Western Union at Bar-boursville, read a lot of telegrams to abd from the defendants, all relating to the excursionists of last January.

At the night sitting of court, ex-State Auditor L. C. Norman testified that prior to the assassination he overheard Judge George Denny, of Lexington, say: "Some-body ought to kill Goebel, and Governor Taylor ought to pardon the man that did save the lives of other people. Winess communicated the remark to Goebel.

McKinsie Tod, private secretary to Governor Taylor, said he saw Culton and Yout.

Bearance, and then entered the palace, where the Empress and the Princesses where the Empress and the Princesses in the Princesses where the Empress and the Princesses in the Cabinet in discussing the new Hawalia acts. Although the treaty under which Hawali was annexed to the United States provided that the United States assumes the debt of the Unit

Second Mining Camp in the

SPOKANE, May 4.-A special to the pokesman-Review from Kaslo, B. C.

Spokesman-Review from Kaslo, B. C., says:

Sandon, the second mining town in importance in the Slocan, has been completely destroyed by fire and nearly all its of the diplomatic sirife a bit ahead, with 1200 people are homeless and ruined. Kas.

the Postmaster-General to extend the postal laws to the Islands under the terms of the act, and remedial legislation will be asked in this case.
Secretary Root read a letter from General Otis, in which he stated that he would sail from Manila to the United States May 5.

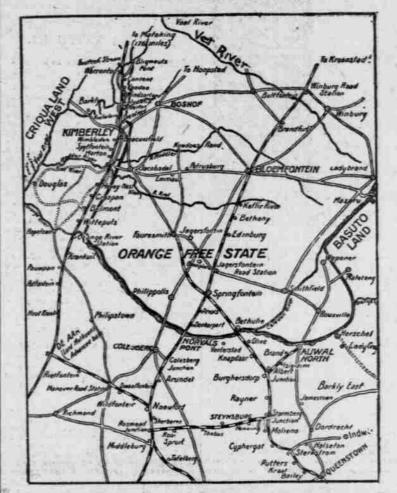
The appointments that are to be made in Hawaii and Porto Rico were discussed and it is likely that several nominations will be sent to the Senate soon.

GAINED HER POINT.

in Corea.

YOKOHAMA, April 17 .- (Via San Fran cisco, May 0.—With the entire subsidence of the immediate war scare, the Japanese press and people are busy speculating upon possible reasons for the frequency

MAP OF THE SEAT OF WAR.



The above map shows the crossing of the Vet River, north of Brandfort, where Roberts' advance guard is now located. This point is 32 mlies north of Bioemfon-tein. Roberts and Kitchener and the main body of the army are at Brandfort, 18 miles south of the Vet, but will reach the river today. Methuen's column, which is advancing northward from Kimberiey, is at Windsorton, near Warrenton, where they have captured the passage of the Vanl.

le is 23 miles from Sandon, but about mid-night large clouds of smoke came rolling over this town from Sandon. At once word went out that Sandon was destroyed, but no news could be had from the deso-late town, as all wires had been burned. At 4 P. M. a train came in from Sandon 8 were excluded from the routs, which bringing a number of those who lost all

flames. By this time all the lower part of town, including the tenderloin and many business places, were gone. Then the firemen blew up the Echo Hotel, one of the finest buildings in the Kootenay country, the Canadian Pacific Railroad station and other buildings in order to save the valuable stores of H. Gelgerich and H. Byers & Co. This was accomplished Half a dozen other building at the extreme ends of the town were saved including the of the town were saved, including the electric power-house. The rest of the town was drawn into the maelstrom of

flame.

Relief measures were taken quickly.

The officials of Sandon donated \$60, and mining men there contributed \$300. Kasio mised \$1500 and sent up a special train with large supplies of food, tents and clothing. More relief is needed.

TEXAS POPULISTS. Anti-Fusionists Controlled the State

Convention. FORT WORTH, Tex., May 4.—The Populist State Convention met here today and held a very stormy session. About 350 delegates were present, but only 85 of the 242 counties in the state were represented. The Cincinnati faction, or anti-fusionest element, was invelve in the majority. element, was largely in the majority. Those who favored the Sloux Falls convention walked out of the convention. They did not hold a separate convention, as they were too few in number, but they issued a statement, in which it was asserted that only one-fourth of the coun-ties were represented, and that the delo-gates had come determined to ignore the regularly constituted National convention. The anti-fusionists adopted resolutions recognizing the Cincinnati convention "as the only regular and authorized Populist convention," and instructed delegates 10 attend it. Samuel Evans, of Fort Worth, and J. M. Malette, of Johnson County, were elected delegates at large. They were instructed to vote for no man for President and Vice-President who is not a straight Populist.

HAWAII'S DEBT. Gage May Not Have Authority to Pay

her compliance in receding from her initial claims. In the most recent instance, starting with her usual impossible de-mand, her final compromise is the ob-taining from Corea of a guarantee that no part of the Island of Koche shall be allenated at any time in the future. It is noted that the terms of this guarantee are identical with those by which the Yang-tse Valley became England's acknowledged "sphere of influence," so that Russia now has gained her point and has an acknowledged "sphere of in-fluence" in the Straits of Corea, and has gained a coveted foothold for a naval station where she can plant herself as a direct menace to Japan.

According to the latest reports, Marquis Ito is losing his faith in the possibility of preserving the integrity of China. This of preserving the integrity founded on his belief in his old time friend. Li Hung Chang. But the day of the latter has passed. The Manchu Government seems bent upon its own destruction, and it appears as if nothing can now save it. This abandonment of hope on the part of Japan's greatest statesman is looked upon as one of the most significant features in the present situation,

The empire will be the scene of in-other notable spectacle on the occasion of the wedding of the Prince Imperial, which is now fixed for May 6. Every town and village will participate, and from everyone contributions have for a long time been coming in as expres-sions of the locality and love of the insions of the loyalty and love of the inhabitants. An entirely new feature of these sifts has been the almost universal desire on the part of the donors that they take the form of benefactions for the pubtake the form of benefactions for the pub-lic use, a desire which has been counten-anced and stimulated by the Prince him-self and by the public authorities. As a result, innumerable public institutions in the shape of libraries, schools, monu-ments, parks, etc., will be established throughout the length and breadth of the empire. This is notable as an entirely new development of Japanese life, as pub-lic spirit has heretofore been almost enlic spirit has heretofore been almost entirely lacking. In this regard it is en-tirely possible that the recent accounts of public benefactions by wealthy individ-uals in America have had an effect here In the far off Orient. They have certhe press, and have attracted great at-

In national politics since the adjournment of the Diet there has been little to note, save the apasmodic attempts of the Liberal party to obtain cabinet port-folios in return for the support given by it to government measures at the late session. Its manifest purpose being to break down the civil service rules to this end, it is the part of the government to preserve its integrity, and it is, there-fore, a matter of great satisfaction that there has not been and it not likely to be any yielding to the demands of the spoils-

GOVERNOR OF HAWAII.

THE SECOND PLACE

Search for Republican Vice-Presidential Timber.

GOVERNOR ROOSEVELT'S REFUSAL

Root, Long and Emory Smith as Possibilities-New England Behind the Secretary of the Navy.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 4.—It is said that a definite arrangement has been reached that the Vice-Presidential nomination is not to be forced upon Governor Roosevelt, especially in view of the fact that he has declared that such action will meet a declination from him. The nomination seems to be drifting towards some member of McKinley's cabinet. Root, Long and Postmaster-General Emory Smith are those mentioned. Root is unsatisfactory to Platt in New York and Smith to the Quay people in Pennsylvania, and neither is considered available on that account. Long's personality is somewhat against him, but New England is getting in behind him for the place.

The Iowa Platform.

Silver Democratic leaders here do not attach any importance to the fact that attach any importance to the fact that 15-to-1 was not mentioned in the Iowa platform, saying that the endorsement of Bryan and the Chicago platform in its entirety is sufficient to place the state on record in favor of silver without repeating the language or the magic words "sixteen-to-one."

Consul-General at Yokohama. The President has sent to the Senate the appointment of E. C. Bellows, of Vancouver, as consul-general at Yoke-

A Prune Investigation.

Secretary Wilson, of the Agricultural Department, is very anxious to do every-thing possible to improve the prune in-dustry of Oregon and Washington and Icaho, and with that view in mind is Ioaho, and with that view in mind is endeavoring to have an appropriation made to enable Professor Lake, of the Oregon Agricultural station, to be sent to France to gather information about the varieties of prunes used there, and the manner of picking and drying the fruit. It is a well-known fact that the three states named now have a prune industry worth \$1,500,000. The experience of the past two or three years indicates that this industry is in a precarious situation, and to obtain the best results some varieties of prunes will have to be found which will avoid the Autumn rains, which are not subject to certain diseases, and which not subject to certain diseases, and which will withstand the cold season better. It will withstand the cold season better. It is necessary also that the entire question of harvesting, drying and preparing the prunes for market be investigated, as as to secure uniform grades such as are demanded in the world's markets. Secretary Wilson thinks that if the contemplated investigation could have been made two years ago, the improvement in curing and marketing alone would have increased the value of the prune crop of Oregon, Washington and Idaho by several hundred thousand dollars. The item of loss from Autumn rains is to be avoided chiefly by securing an earlier maturing chiefly by securing an earlier maturing variety. A difference of 19 days in some seasons is said to mean a loss of perhaps 30 per cent of the entire crop. Not alone Scoretary Wilson, but the delegations from the three states, are deeply inter-ested in this provision of the bill, and will use their best efforts to have the appropriation passed.

Grazing on Reserves.

Gifford Pinchot, Porester of the Depart-ment of Agriculture, and F. V. Coville, Botanist of the same department, will leave Washington for the West about May 15, to make a personal investigation of the problem of grazing in the forest reserves. The restriction of sheep grazor the problem of grazing in the forest reserves. The restriction of sheep grazing in these areas has raised a storm of protest from the wool growers, and public feeling in the West has become divided and intense. A plan for ah exhaustive investigation by the Government was published a few weeks ago; but the tour of these officials will be the first actual work in the field.

They will be met at Holbrook, Ariz, by a committee consisting of A. E. Potter,

a committee consisting of A. E. Potter, of that city, who is secretary of the Arizona Wool Growers' Association, and J. E. Bark of Phoenix, who represents the cattle and irrigation interests. They will spend thee weeks in the Black Mosa reserve and then visit others in Arizona. The examination will be extended to other Western reserves later in the Summer.

NO PLAGUE IN HONOLULU.

No New Cases for Twenty-five Days -Quarantine Lifted.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 4.—The steamer Copile, which has arrived from the Orient, via Honolulu, is in quarantine. Last Friday, when the vessel salled from Hon-olulu, there had been no new cases of plague for 25 days, and the quarantine that has been on the ports since the middle of last December was to have been raised last Monday by the Honolulus Board of Health, provided no more cases of plague appeared.

Native Party in Hawaii.

HONOLULU, April M.-Via San Fran-sco, May 4.-The Board of Health has decided that if no further outbreak of plague occurs in Honolulu before April 20 all quarantine will be raised on the morn-ing of that date. The council of state adjourned sine die on the 23d inst. The most important happening of the session was the adoption of a resolution, the principal idea of which was a request to President McKinley to instruct the Hawalian Executive to appoint a new court of claims to consider all losses occasioned by the

burning of infected premises.
Although there has been no actual organization of a native party in Honolulu, everything is tending in that direction. The native element favorable to the mon-archy are the leaders in this movement. At the same time a very large number of Hawalians who favored the republic and cast their fortunes with it, are inclined to join this new movement and will probably do so. The central plank in the platform of this party will be to protect native in-terests. In other words, it will be anti-Republican, Democratic or anything else

in the field. in the field.

The Philippine Commissioners, who arrived here April 24, are enjoying their few days in Honolulu. The Hancock will probably sail Saturday afternoon or Sunday morning. Meanwhile the Commissioners will see as much as they can of the Island of Oahu, and they are receiving many invitations to enjoy local hospitality.

The Macey Floated.

LOURENCO MARQUES, May 4.—The American ship William H. Macey, Captain Groth, from Vancouver, before reported ashors at Cockburn Shoal and to whose assistance the British warship Forte was sent, has been floated and has entered the harbor.