

STERN IN THE WAY

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BUT THE FREE STATER HELD OUT

Lord Roberts Continued His Account of the Battle East of Pretoria—More Fighting Expected.

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NOT ALL ENCOURAGING.

Artificial Optimism Induced by Roberts' Dispatches.

NEW YORK, June 15.—A dispatch to the Tribune from London says:

"The optimism induced by General Roberts' dispatches is artificial. General Methuen's success in restoring communication with the Free State raiders has taken over 1000 prisoners at Lindley and Roodewal and retreated with them and their guns, and that the raids may be repeated.

Dewet's commandos have not been dispersed, and whatever precautions may be taken, there will be danger of another raid, since the railway cannot be absolutely protected by infantry battalions nor by artillery trained all along the line from Bloemfontein to Pretoria. The conquest of the northeastern section of the Free State has not yet been effected, and operators by the columns from Heilbron, Lindley, Senekal and Ficksburg are rendered difficult by the transport problem.

General Buller has cleared Laing's Nek, and General Lytton has received the submission of the Walkerstrom district, but the Boer army has not been captured. It has retreated with all its guns and supplies and will fight again in the mountainous district remote from the railway. Botha's army has also withdrawn from the position which it held for two days against General Roberts' forces east of Pretoria, but it has not been dispersed, nor have the British taken either prisoners or prisoners. Boer commandos at Ermelo and Middleburg are mutually helpful and can be concentrated in the Lydenburg districts, and an extra division can co-operate with them effectively in the Free State.

The most encouraging feature of yesterday's news for the British side was evidence that the Boer government had advised the Free State to open negotiations for peace north of Kroonstad and not serious and that both lines of communication would be kept open by the transport problem. Unimpeded supplies for two large armies operating in the Transvaal, there ought not to be a long halt toward Lydenburg, either from the west or from the south, and the resistance of Dewet's raiders ought to be speedily overcome by the British forces under Buller, with help from Hunter.

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British Gain an Important Strategic Position.

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NO SECOND PLACE FOR HIM

Dewey Declines to Be Bryan's Running Mate.

WASHINGTON, June 15.—Admiral Dewey, who returned from his Western trip Wednesday, was seen today by an Associated Press representative, and asked whether or not he would decline to be Bryan's running mate in the Presidential nomination. He replied that, inasmuch as he had not been offered the nomination, it would perhaps be presumptuous in him to say he would not accept it.

"But," it was suggested, "many Democrats throughout the country are discussing the desirability of placing you on the ticket with Bryan." Dewey replied: "I have never contemplated being a candidate for Vice-President," replied the Admiral. "I am not a candidate for the Presidency, and I would not accept of being nominated as President if I were asked to do so."

The above statement was submitted to and approved by Admiral Dewey.

POLITICS AND CHINA.

Interview With Dewey on Questions of the Day.

NEW YORK, June 15.—The Herald's Washington correspondent sends a report of an interview with Admiral Dewey, in which he is represented as giving his Presidential prospects are not good. He said:

"Some time ago the leaders, or those who had been regarded as the leaders, asked me if I would allow my name to be used in connection with the Presidency. After thinking this proposition over several weeks I said 'yes,' and accordingly accepted the nomination. I stand now where I have stood for the past three months."

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"But I think God they do not appear to want me. In these days the people do not seem to have any interest in the matter. It is a few political leaders, who put their heads together and fix up their slate before the convention assemblies."

Admiral Dewey is entirely familiar with the situation in China. When asked the direct question: "What is likely to be the outcome of the present complications in China?" the Admiral shook his head as if uncertain about venturing an opinion.

"The situation in China," he said, "is a very serious one—very serious, indeed. I can only see but one outcome as a result of the conflict now in progress in China, and that is the addition of the American policy in favor of open ports for American commerce on equal terms with all the other commercial nations of the world. It must come to that eventually, and it is fortunate that we are in a position to say to the nations of Europe: 'We are in the lead, gentlemen.'"

"This would not have been possible," continued the Admiral, "had it not been for the result of the Spanish War. It seems that God is with us in making it possible to have at the moment the largest army of men and the most formidable fleet of ships right on the spot to enforce our rights and see that American interests are protected."

"Not only have we an army of over 50,000 trained soldiers at the very gate of the Orient, but we are also in possession of the harbors on the Yang-tze-Kiang River. It seems like a special dispensation of Providence for us to have two of our submarines which are capable of navigating these waters on the spot undergoing minor repairs."

"Why," exclaimed the Admiral, "in many parts of China the Chinese are taking an interest in preference to fighting and all kinds of American products are a ready market throughout the Empire. Our commerce is increasing wonderfully all the time, and now that we have the Philippines, we have the very door of this rich field of commerce."

"Then you sincerely believe in our retention of the Philippines?" the Admiral was asked.

"Most assuredly I do," was the prompt reply. "Had it not been for our acquisition of those islands, it would not have been possible to have the fighting force in those waters today, and we would have been ignored by the deliberators now daily held by the representatives of the great nations of Europe relating to China, the same as we were of the smaller countries of South America."

"Not only am I interested in the subject of an American citizen, but I have a number of dear, warm personal friends actively engaged in the conflict. One of these is Vice-Admiral Dewey, who is in personal command of the British fleet. I pray that they are not going to massacre him. He was with me when I saw Aguinaldo, and Seymour advised the Filipino chief to tie up the Americans."

"Kemp's knowledge of the German language enables him to participate in the consultations which the commanders of the respective forces held daily, and he is able to keep the government advised of what occurs without the aid of an interpreter. He is fortunate in having with him Captain McCalla, who is one of the most daring and brilliant officers in the Navy."

Revolution in Water Travel.

Experiments have proven that vessels fitted with propellers which imitate the fish's are the best cause of propelling power. It will cause a revolution in water travel. Men gradually learn that Nature's success of Hottel's Stomach Bitters springs from the fact that it is a natural, pure, strengthening herb. It is a sure cure for constipation, indigestion, dyspepsia, biliousness or weak kidneys.

HOTEL MEN'S PROFITS

THE DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEEMEN PROMISE TO KEEP THEM DOWN.

Meeting Held at Kansas City—Convention Hall Will Be Completed in Time.

KANSAS CITY, June 15.—Six members of the Democratic National Committee's sub-committee on arrangements for the Kansas City convention held a large meeting today. The members came especially to investigate the oft-repeated charges that the Kansas City hotelkeepers are demanding extortionate rates for the entertainment of convention guests.

Before the sub-committee left Kansas City this evening National Chairman James K. Jones issued a statement to the press, in which he gives assurances that not only

will there be no assault permitted upon Governor Roosevelt at the Philadelphia convention, but that there will be no stampede for any candidate for Vice-President. Republican National Conventions do not stampede. I have attended every National Convention since 1880, when Mr. Lincoln was nominated, and I have never seen a stampede. After the nomination for President is made, it is the custom to adjourn to look over the situation. I understand that Mr. Bliss is not willing to be a candidate. I am in favor of Mr. Doilver for Vice-President."

TEN LIVES LOST.

New York Tenement-House Fire Worse Than First Reported.

NEW YORK, June 15.—Ten lives were lost and seven people badly injured during the fire which totally destroyed a tenement-house at 44 Jackson street early today. The official list of the dead is: William Cotter, 40 years of age; Mrs. Kate Cotter, 37; Maria Cotter, 21; Joseph

Cotter, 12; Kate Cotter, 9; John Cotter, 3; James Cotter, 1; Louis Marion, 40; Mary Marion, 37; Elsie Marion, 6; Injured—Mamie Marion, 15 years of age; Margaret Marion, 14; Frank Marion, 32; Emma Marion, 2; a boy baby, 30 months old, supposed to be of Mulhain family; Patrick Burns, 23; unknown boy, 11.

Of the injured, Burns will surely die, it is said. The fire started in the kitchen, but is not in a serious condition. The fire appears to have started in the rear of a hallway on the second floor. It is said that the fire started in the house were awakened to their peril. The Cotter family lived on the fourth floor. The fire started in the kitchen, but is not in a serious condition.

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After the investigation the Fire Department officials announced that they did not support the theory of incendiaryism, but believe that the fire was carelessly knocked some ashes from his pipe or threw a cigar stump on the stairs.

RAILROAD NEWS.

Eastern Route Situation.

NEW YORK, June 15.—The Erie Railroad Company, through its general passenger agent, D. E. Roberts, has given formal notice that because of violations of the joint passenger agreement by other lines, it considers itself absolved from obligations of the agreement.

This trouble has been brewing for some time, and it reached the critical stage at the recent meeting of the joint passenger committee in the city. At the meeting the Erie and other differential lines demanded that the excess fare rule which is applied to West-bound trains in trunk-line territory also be applied to east-bound trains running between Chicago and New York, but the demand was objected to by the general passenger agents of the Western connections of the trunk-line roads.

Chicago is the opinion is expressed that passenger rates have advanced so far that no hope for a readjustment could be entertained before the end of the summer tourist season.

Southern Pacific Changes.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 15.—Information has been received at Southern Pacific headquarters here that H. E. Huntington has been named Vice-President of the company, taking the place of the late Charles H. Tweed, the New York director of the company, and its general counsel.

The changes follow the closing of an option on the Seaboard stock by C. P. Huntington and an extra dividend of 1 percent on all common stock of the company, and its general counsel.

Northern Pacific Dividend.

NEW YORK, June 15.—The directors of the Northern Pacific declared a dividend today of 1 percent on the common stock for the past six months. The last dividend was the regular one of 1 percent for the past six months, and an extra dividend of 1 percent. An extra dividend was declared today.

The usual quarterly dividend of 1 percent was declared on the preferred stock.

The Stockyard Fee.

CHICAGO, June 15.—The United States Circuit Court of Appeals, in a decision delivered today, affirms the decision of the lower court in holding that an excess charge of 25 cents per car on cars entering the stockyards is not excessive.

Printers' Fraternity.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., June 15.—The International Printers' Protective Fraternity, at its ninth annual convention, held in this city, adopted resolutions favoring the repeal of all union label laws and ordinances. The fraternity claims a membership of 300,000 printers. The following officers were elected: President, J. F. Shultz, Pittsburg, Pa.; vice-president, J. F. Pittsburg, Pa.; secretary, D. P. Druckmiller, Kansas City; treasurer, Eugene Bassett, Los Angeles, Cal.

Contributions to Monument Fund.

Previously reported \$721 48
June 15, Jas. Meyers & Co. 12 90
Total \$734 38

tion in Philadelphia until the delegation got together for a discussion of candidates. The delegation will not meet until Monday evening. The talk about Charles O'Dell of the Republican State Campaign Committee, being put forward as a candidate, Senator Platt said, was not taken seriously by Mr. O'Dell or by other leaders. The Senator was asked if he thought Cornelius N. Bliss would accept a nomination for the Vice-Presidency.

"Would a duck swim?" he asked in reply.

Then he said he did not believe Mr. Bliss could get the support of the New York delegation. "I think," he said, "that Mr. Woodruff would get more votes than Mr. Bliss could in the delegation. If Mr. O'Dell would take the nomination he could have the support of the delegation. Mr. O'Dell is not an excellent speaker, as Mr. Hobart was, and if he were elected Vice-President he would fill the place as well as Mr. Hobart did."

Senator Allison was at the Albany Hotel last night, but he declined to give interviews to newspaper men who sent their cards to him. He did not see Senator Platt.

General Charles H. Grosvenor, of Ohio,

TALK OF THE CAMPAIGN

GOLD DEMOCRATS WILL NOT SWALLOW BRYAN'S NOMINATION.

Want a Man Who Will Represent Anti-Expansion as Well as Sound-Money Policy.

WASHINGTON, June 15.—It seems to be well understood that the Gold Democratic Convention is to be held some time after Bryan is nominated at Kansas City. The determination of the Democrats to have Bryan shall be named has left a number of Gold Democrats without any place to go and they are now considering the advisability of doing as they did four years ago, holding a convention to elect a President, or of waiting until they will have an opportunity to vote for a Democrat, or at least a ticket which they can support during the campaign.

As it is the Gold Democrats will be able to make a strong and ardent support of the Gold Democratic ticket, and when the time comes, may do as they did in 1896, vote for the only practical gold ticket, that nominated by the Republicans. Another reason why the Gold Democrats will be able to make a strong and ardent support of the Gold Democratic ticket is because there are a large number of ardent anti-expansionists, or men who call themselves well-imperialists, who are at the same time ardent gold men, and are Democrats in everything else save the silver issue.

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