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## TRANSPORTS RETURNED

### Canada Will Repeal Law Aimed at American Miners.

## MIDDLE-ROADERS FOR DEWEY.

### The Sultan of Turkey Must Settle at Once for Outrages on American Missionaries.

WASHINGTON, April 15.—Orders have been given to turn the transports Tartar and Westminister over to the owners, the government having no longer need for their service.

## Mining Law Repealed.

NEW YORK, April 18.—A Montreal dispatch says: Hon. Smith-Corbin, Minister of Mines in the British Columbia Cabinet, announces that the alien labor law which was passed by the British Columbia Legislature at its last session, to exclude American miners from the Atlin District, will be repealed at the July session of the Legislature.

To allow Americans to work placer mines in the meantime the government has decided to grant free miners' certificates to companies incorporated under the laws of British Columbia. As the expense of incorporation is small, the Americans holding claims or deciding to do so, can follow out their inclinations with little more trouble than British subjects. After the law is repealed all will be on the same footing.

## Middle-Roader for Dewey.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 18.—Carl Brown addressed the Middle-road Populists this morning, and created consternation among the Wharton Barker adherents by advocating Dewey for the head of the ticket and Barker or Donnelly for vice president.

"With such a ticket," said he, "we will stand some show of knocking out both tickets dominated by the money power and headed by McKibley and Bryan." After deciding to elect 25 delegates to the Cincinnati convention a recess was taken.

## Sultan Must Pay Up.

NEW YORK, April 18.—A special dispatch to the Tribune from Washington says:

The United States charge d'affaires at Constantinople will be directed to inform the Sultan that this government insists upon the payment without further delay of \$100,000 indemnity for outrages on American missionaries and the destruction of property. Unless prompt action is taken on the Sultan's part this anticipates an ultimatum that the debt may be discharged before resort is made to drastic measures.

## HEATH FOR CHAIRMAN.

### Mark Hanna Will Not Direct the Republican Campaign This Year.

NEW YORK, April 17.—A special to the Herald from Washington says: It is very generally understood by leading Republican politicians that Senator Hanna will not be chairman of the Republican National Committee during the coming campaign. There is no one whom the President or the party leaders would have more confidence in than Senator Hanna, but the state of his health is such that he does not feel equal to assuming the responsibility for the management of the campaign.

First Assistant Postmaster-General Heath has not resigned to devote himself to the work of the National Republican Committee, as has been stated. Mr. Heath has no present intention of resigning. What he may do after the campaign opens is a matter about which he will not talk at present.

Mr. Heath is the one most talked of as Senator Hanna's successor. Representative Dick, of Ohio, who is at present secretary of the National committee, is also spoken of for the place.

## FROM THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

### A Few Facts About the "Puerto Rico Outrage." Other News.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 11, 1900. So much ado has been made about the so-called "Puerto Rico outrage" that we will see what is proposed. That island is suffering from the devastating hurricane that destroyed crops and homes and left it mostly destitute. Tens of thousands would starve only that we are sending them food to keep them alive. They have no money to pay taxes, to make roads or to support schools and maintain local government. The intention was to give them free trade, as the president recommended, but prevented by the necessity for meeting these expenses. The last sugar and tobacco crops have been bought and are held for the trusts who will profit by free trade as they bought subject to the full tariff. The small tariff of 15 per cent to be collected together with all that has been collected since we owned the island is to be returned as a fund to pay expenses for two years at most, until they can raise crops and free trade may come sooner if the island government shall meantime be established. Congress is acting fairly and kindly by Puerto Rico but the trusts won't even consent to have one-seventh of the tariff deducted from the purchase price, that deducted the existing tariff. This is what democracy is trying to make capital out of.

Congress has recently paid a high compliment to Commissioner Hermann by ordering the re-publication of his interesting book on the Louisiana Purchase, that was published last year. The motion introduced in the House by Mr. Jones, of Washington, was favorably reported by Platt of Connecticut and passed without dissent.

The country will greet with approbation the decision of the Senate against the admission of W. A. Clark, as senator from Montana. The use of money in senatorial elections will hereafter be solidly "set down on" by the Senate. At the same time there is much personal good feeling toward Mr. Clark; the senators who refuse him admission will not regret to see him legally returned in the near future.

There is tacit agreement that no River and Harbor bill shall pass at this term but the Oregon delegation feel the need to have the improvements at the mouth of the Columbia kept in order and extended to preserve what has so greatly aided navigation. On Tuesday, April 10, Senator McBride and Representative Moody appeared before the River and Harbor Committee of the House, of which Mr. Tongue is a member, when Mr. McBride addressed the committee as to the importance of the proposed amendment to the sundry civil bill, to appropriate \$2,500,000 for the Columbia River work. It may not be possible to get that amount now, but they hope for something substantial.

The new financial act has already met with a most remarkable response from all parts of the nation. It provides for national banks with only half the amount capital before required, and on the bonds to be deposited notes for the full amount are to be issued. This will encourage the establishing of national banks where they could not organize before, will greatly increase circulation and facilitate business. Already there are hundreds of applications for charters. This will give confidence in republican policy. When it comes to practical business sense, the republican party has shown it always.

Dewey returned from the Philippines as near a popular idol as humanity often gets. The people were ready to do him honor and endowed him with their unmitigated delight; also with a home here in Washington. When he decided that home away—even to his wife, and she to his son, as an afterthought—small as the act was it let him down to common place. All resented that he should be willing to alienate their gift. So popularity left Dewey as suddenly as he had won it. He recovered somewhat when he declared that he knew nothing of politics and had no desire to be president. Since he had an ovation at the south he imagines he can command admiration and votes for anything he may wish. The announcement that he will run for president causes regret, for the people do not like to see their hero fall to be merely a politician. S. A. C.

## LATEST FROM WEPENER

### Dead Left Unburied On the Field Where They Fell.

## THE BOERS SOLICITING HELP

### Strike Ended at Cornell Dam. Indictments in Kentucky. Other News.

MANRUC, April 17.—Colonel Dalgety's casualties since he has been besieged at Wepener have been 20 killed and 100 wounded. The Boer losses are reported to have been considerably heavier. After the night attack on April 12, the dead were left on the field, where they still lie unburied.

There is a conflict of opinion among the leaders. Some want to attack again, while others refuse to do so. Desultory cannon firing and "sniping" continues.

The Caledon is rising, which alarms the Boers, who are now on both sides of the river, and might be cut off if the stream were to become flooded.

Five Boer guns are believed to be disabled.

## Boers Calling For Help.

CAPE TOWN, April 18.—The Boer governments are circulating the following manifesto among Afrikaners throughout Cape Colony:

"We feel that our fate and the fate of the whole of Afrikanedom is at stake, and we appeal to you to stand and fight shoulder to shoulder with us. You cannot, you may not, allow the tyrant to extinguish forever your finest traits of character as a nation.

"With you on our side the issue cannot be doubtful. We must conquer. God grant that love of your country and your liberty and the noble virtues of men truly free may induce you to join us in the hour of our supreme struggle."

## The Strikers Permit Work.

CROTON LANDING, N. Y., April 18.—Work was resumed today at Cornell dam. The strikers made no opposition. None of the men at work were strikers. As the men were assembling at the works two companies of troops made a demonstration on the hill to convince the strikers that the soldiers are ready for an emergency.

## Deaths From Plague.

SIMLA, April 18.—The deaths from plague throughout India during the past week aggregate upwards of 4,000.

## English Earl, Nevada Girl.

LONDON, April 18.—The announcement this morning of the wedding of Earl Russell to Mollie Cook at Reno, Nev., created a sensation as the earl, according to English law, is still legally married to the first Countess of Russell, now performing at a music hall.

## Indictments in Kentucky.

FRANKFORT, Ky., April 18.—The grand jury has reported indictments against Caleb Powers, John Powells, Chas. Finley, Wharton Golden and W. H. Coulton as accessories, and against Henry E. Yontsey, Berry Howard, Jim Howard, Harland Whitaker and Dick Coombs, charging them with the willful murder of Governor Goebel.

## An Editor in Luck.

St. LOUIS, Mo., April 18.—The Post dispatch today says: Harry B. Wandell, city editor of the Globe Democrat, and a sister of Mrs. Adam Weist, learned today that they are heirs to a fortune estimated at \$10,000,000.

## Kentucky Governorship.

WASHINGTON, April 16.—The supreme court today set April 20 as the date for hearing the Kentucky governorship case.

## THE MCKINLEY TRIAL.

### Defendant Exonerated of the Charge of Making False Affidavit.

ALBANY, ORE., April 17, 1900. Never before in the history of Oregon has there been such a rush for timber land. This is general and is not confined to the big railroads and syndicates operating here, but includes private citizens. The trial of H. G. McKinley here for subornation of perjury has brought out this fact in a striking manner, as well as the modus operandum resorted to to secure big tracts by the syndicates. The testimony showed it to be this:

Men are secured to file their claims, mostly men without any means, the expenses are paid entirely by the agent of the syndicate, who receives \$100 for his commission, and when the property is proved up on a mortgage is given covering the entire expense which amounts to about \$300, including the \$2.50 an acre that is paid the government. The claimant does not advance a cent. The property though is in his name, and he can sell it to any one or can turn it over to the syndicate with a slight advance for his trouble and the mortgage will be discharged. This of course is the object of the whole business, as the syndicate is after the timber land. This is the program in a nutshell. It is a roundabout way but is effective as carried out by the locators in the choice of claimants, etc.

In the meantime the Northern Pacific is following close behind after this same land in lieu of some worthless desert land elsewhere. If the syndicate doesn't get it the Northern Pacific will, there's the rub. What's the odds.

In making the affidavit when filing upon the land the claimant swears that he has been upon the land and knows it, etc. The charge against McKinley is that he secured men to make the affidavit who did not see the land at all. In this case Whitney, the claimant, swore that he had never been upon the land though familiar with the location, and that he did not know the contents of the affidavit when read to him, claiming that McKinley attended to everything, but McKinley and Tarpley, his assistant swore that he was told before hand that he must see the land.

As the case was evidently going against the state the deputy district attorney last evening asked for an adjournment until this morning to get another witness from Roseburg, which was granted.

At 9 o'clock this forenoon the testimony of Walter Boon, of Roseburg, who arrived on the morning train, was taken on behalf of the state, but it proved to be entirely in favor of the defendant adding strength to the defense. The court held that there was no probable cause under the testimony of the defendant having tried to secure the making of a false affidavit and therefore discharged the defendant.

It is an interesting fact that the prosecution were unable to ascertain the syndicate for whom Mr. McKinley is working, though considerable of an effort was made in that line.

The other case in which W. J. Drinkard and Harry Barr figured as the settlers were upon motion of the district attorney dismissed. McKinley has located 157 claims in this county, and of these all are being contested by the Northern Pacific but nine. That company is after the whole shooting match and more too if they can secure it, and take so much interest in the matter that they had a special man on hand at this examination. —Albany Democrat.

## Gen. Montenegro Surrendered.

MANILA, April 17.—General Montenegro, who with General Macabulon has been trying to re-organize the Filipino army, discouraged by the impossibility of making the men stand against the Americans, has surrendered, Macabulon escaped.

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## ATTACKS HIS OFFICERS

### Lord Roberts Places Buller, Warren and Others in Bad Light

## MUCH EXCITEMENT IN ENGLAND.

### All the Papers Comment at Length Upon the Disclosures—Praise Roberts.

LONDON, April 18.—Lord Roberts' criticism of Buller, Warren and Thornycroft is the continued topic of interest. The afternoon papers praise Lord Roberts for his frankness. Some maintain that there is nothing left for Buller to do but to resign. The St. James Gazette, referring to Buller's report, said: "Never in the history of armies did it happen that generals scribbled their confessions of fault and defect, of the senseless deaths of men and discredit to the flag in such a manner."

The Globe declares: "A more pitiable record of indecision in plan and confusion in execution we have seldom read," and adds that what little reputation Buller had left has been scattered to the winds.

In a long editorial the Daily News speaks of the "somewhat appalling language" of the dispatch, and goes on to say:

"Upon the whole, these dispatches are disquieting and disheartening in no ordinary degree. Following immediately upon the recall of General Gatacre, they indicate a widespread feeling of uneasiness and anxiety."

The Standard, which is supposed to be in the confidence of the government, says:

"It is scarcely likely that the publication of Lord Roberts' dispatch is without a purpose. It irresistibly suggests whether it is not to be followed by further important changes in the South African commands. Painful as such measures may be, there must be no hesitation in carrying them out, if they are required in the public interest."

The Daily Telegraph compliments Lord Roberts upon "not hesitating, where great national interests are at stake, to wound private susceptibilities."

The Daily Chronicle confesses to "a feeling seeming like consternation when reading the extraordinary passage" of the dispatch.

The Times says: "Lord Roberts' severe condemnation is justified only too clearly by the official narratives of what took place. The story is painful, but it is well for the nation and for the army that it should be told clearly and simply, without concealment or exaggeration."

"It is not the least of the great services Lord Roberts is now rendering the country that he exposes with judicial impartiality and wise, wholesome severity, errors and omissions in high quarters which have cost us so very much."

Whether the government has any special purpose or not in publishing the dispatch, the way in which it has been received will make it most difficult to retain the censured commanders in active service.

## Got a 10-foot Panther.

COTTAGE GROVE, Ore., April 13.—Quite a sensation was created here by Felix Curran and Dave Mosby bringing in a large panther, which measured about 10 feet. The "varmint" had killed a sheep on Ed Jones' farm, seven miles from here, near a trail on which children passed to and from school. The sheep was seen by the children, partly eaten up. The panther ran when he heard the children coming but as soon as they passed it carried the sheep 200 yards.

The best dogs were soon assembled, and in five minutes had the beast tamed. He was shot twice through the body, and as he fell a dog grabbed him by the throat.

The panther held the dog by its paws, but was too sick to hurt the dog, and was shot in the head. In all, about 12 shots were fired. Some young hunters lent their assistance by running in the opposite direction.