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EXCITING SCENES IN CONGRESS

**Kentucky Members Face Each
Other on the Floor.**

STATE FIGHT THE CAUSE

**Cool Judgment Prevents a Personal En-
counter—The Quay Case Finally Set
for a Hearing—Senator Wol-
cott Apologizes.**

WASHINGTON, April 4.—It was an exciting scene in the house today as the climax of the discussion of the Kentucky situation, when Wheeler, a Kentucky democrat, and Pugh, a Kentucky republican, faced each other from opposite sides of the main aisle and indulged in a wordy duel. Pugh charged Wheeler with misrepresenting certain facts. He was laboring under great excitement. Wheeler showed admirable temper, and though quick to resent the fancied insult, awaited the explanation of Pugh in which he disclaimed any intention of imputing to Wheeler personally any desire to distort the facts. Throughout the debate, which was precipitated by the speech of Boering, the other republican member from Kentucky, there was an air of suppressed excitement. It was the first time the subject had been broached in the house, and much interest was manifested. Lacey of Iowa concluded the debate with a general denunciation of the Goebel election law. This incident overshadowed the other speeches today which were on the Hawaiian bill. In the senate peace was restored before the body convened and during the session there was only a reminder of the harsh language used just before the adjournment yesterday. The session opened with a lively and interesting discussion of the status of the Quay case. In the course of which Wolcott apologized for the language he used yesterday, disclaiming any intention of being offensive to anybody. The Colorado senator made a vehement and eloquent appeal for early action upon the Quay case. It was decided finally to take up the case tomorrow under the unanimous consent agreement made on March 16 last. In accordance, also, with that agreement, the Spooner bill was made unfinished business, thereby bringing the Philippine question to a direct issue in the senate.

IMPORTANT OPINION.

Consent Does Not Extend to New Possessions Without Act of Congress.

WASHINGTON, April 4.—Solicitor-General Richards, of the department of justice, has filed a brief in the supreme court which fixes the attitude of this government on the question whether the constitution extends to the new possessions of the United States. The department of justice says it does not without an act of congress.

BRYAN AT PORTLAND.

Declines to Discuss Admiral Dewey's Candidacy—His Talking Tour Resumed.

PORTLAND, April 4.—William Jennings Bryan spoke to an audience of 6,000 people at the exposition building tonight. He was in better voice than he has been for several days and he spoke for over two hours. During the day he spoke at McMinnville, Forest Grove and Hillsboro. Tomorrow he will leave for a tour through the Willamette valley and Southern Oregon. When asked tonight for his opinion on the candidacy of Admiral Dewey for the presidency, Mr. Bryan said: "I do not wish to discuss the subject."

FAMOUS PROHIBITIONIST DEAD.

CHICO, Cal., April 4.—General John Bidwell, prohibition candidate for president in 1892, died at his home near this city today from heart failure. General Bidwell was a pioneer of 1841 and the founder of Chico. He was 89 years of age, a native of Chautauque county, New York. He leaves an estate valued at one million dollars.

ADMIRAL DEWEY'S TROPHIES.

Will Be Placed on Exhibition in the National Museum.

NEW YORK, April 4.—A special to the Tribune from Washington says: Admiral Dewey's decision to deposit his trophies in the Hall of History in the Smithsonian institution is attributed to his recognition of the disappointment manifested by the great crowds of sightseers visiting Washington who were compelled to forego the pleasure of seeing the collection which for lack of space cannot well be displayed in

his own home, and which is really too valuable to be properly cared for in a private house.

He also has been influenced by the fact that the articles which aggregate in intrinsic value about \$100,000, will not be safe when his home is closed this summer. Under the circumstances he has readily accepted the offer of Secretary Langley of the National Museum to become responsible for the safety of the collection.

The officials are having two cases especially prepared for the collection to be placed on the right and left sides of the main entrance of the museum in so prominent a position that they will not escape the eye of the most casual visitor. They will be surrounded by the cases containing relics of George Washington, General Hancock and other famous American statesmen and soldiers, and directly in front of the case assigned for the uniforms and relics of General Grant.

Admiral Dewey will have the distinction of being the only living American to whom a historical case in the museum will be deposited in accordance with an unwritten rule of the museum that no contribution can be accepted for less than two years, so that it will be on exhibition for at least that time, with likelihood of never being removed. The exhibition will be in place by the end of this week.

DEWEY'S CANDIDACY.

Will Not Say Whether He Is a Democrat or a Republican.

NEW YORK, April 4.—A Washington dispatch to the Astorian says: It has developed that the announcement of Admiral Dewey's candidacy is a part of a well laid plan of Eastern democrats to head off Bryan's renomination.

The admiral will not admit that there is any organization behind his candidacy or state whether he would like the republican or democratic nomination. He said today that he was in the hands of the American people and was as willing to obey orders from them as he has been from his superiors in the navy. He added:

"I have every reason to believe that there is a popular demand for my nomination. I decline to say whether I am a democrat or a republican. I want to be the people's candidate."

DETROIT, Mich., April 4.—Daniel B. Campau, of Michigan, a member of the national democratic committee, wires the New York World today in response to an inquiry as to whether Dewey would not be a stronger candidate than Bryan, as follows:

"Proud as the democrats may be that Dewey is among those who desire the downfall of imperialism, I think it would be a grave mistake not to place in nomination William J. Bryan, whose vote of 1896 was larger than had ever been before required to elect and whose following today is larger by far."

BRILLIANT DASH.

English Prisoners Recaptured From the Boers—An Audacious Plan of Campaign.

LONDON, April 5, 5 a. m.—It looks today as though the Boers had conceived the audacious plan of attempting to invest Lord Roberts at Bloemfontein, or at least to endeavor to delay his northward advance by harassing the British lines of communication. On his side Lord Roberts is concentrating his forces and preparing to take every advantage of the bold but risky tactics of the enemy. He is not likely to strike at any of their forces until he is certain of delivering a crushing blow. There is little doubt that Lord Roberts is hampered by the necessity for remounts and transports and the loss of his convoy guns and all of Colonel Broadway's baggage was a serious matter. The Boers are now trusting to what they believe to be their superior mobility. They still hold Thabachau and the water-works. The Daily Mail has the following from Bloemfontein:

"Colonel Porter, with 99 carbineers and the Scots Greys and two guns, performed a brilliant deed Sunday. He charged a large body of Boers and rescued 90 British prisoners, including 11 officers, who were captured the previous day."

THE PARIS EXHIBIT.

NEW YORK, April 4.—A special to the Herald from Washington says: Commissioner-General Peck has suggested to Secretary Hay the advisability of excluding the American dependencies from participation in the American exhibit at the Paris exposition. Mr. Peck bases the exclusion upon the prospective delay in the installation of exhibits from these several islands and in the case of Hawaii and the Philippines, intimates that fear of the bubonic plague may cause the French government some uneasiness. It is likely that the department will concur in Mr. Peck's suggestion.

EVERYTHING QUIET.

BLOEMFONTEIN, Monday, April 2.—General Colville's division and French's cavalry have returned here. Everything is quiet.

CONVENTION HALL BURNED

**Magnificent Structure in Kansas
City Totally Destroyed.**

WILL BE REBUILT AT ONCE

**Funds for the Rebuilding Were Solicited
From the People Who Were
Watching the Fire—Insurance
Companies Waive Time.**

KANSAS CITY, April 4.—The mammoth and superb auditorium in which the democratic convention was to have been held on July 4, was burned to the ground by a fire that started at 1:10 p. m. Within a few minutes after it caught the whole structure, taking in a half block, was a mass of flames, and 20 minutes after the first alarm was turned in the mammoth roof fell in with a crash.

The fire started over the furnace room in the rear of the building. Before the first engine had arrived, it was beyond control. Every engine in the city was at the scene, but the work of the firemen proved of no avail and efforts were directed to saving the surrounding property.

At 1:30 p. m. the fire jumped two ways, attacking a half block of three-story residences in the rear of the hall, where it first caught the First Presbyterian church, one of the finest edifices in the city, and then the Lathrop public school, which was partially destroyed by the tornado in 1888. The residences on Twelfth street, together with the church and school, are a total loss. At 2:25 p. m. the fire was pronounced under control, the flames having been confined to three or four small residences, outside the hall, church, school and the Twelfth street row. The total loss is roughly estimated at from \$250,000 to \$450,000, with insurance for about half of the loss.

The Convention Hall is well insured. Plans are on foot to rebuild the Convention hall immediately and make it ready for the convention on July 4.

While the fire was still in progress members of the Commercial Club, through whose efforts the hall was conceived and built, mingled in the crowd of spectators and began soliciting funds for a new structure. This evening \$25,000 had been subscribed and Secretary E. M. Clendenning of the club has called a mass meeting of citizens for tomorrow night to devise ways and means of raising the additional \$50,000 needed. The Hall Association has \$10,000 in the bank and will have the \$155,000 insurance for immediate use, the insurance companies having agreed to waive the 90 days limit and make payment on demand.

WASHINGTON, April 4.—When told of the burning of the Convention hall at Kansas City Senator Jones, chairman of the national democratic committee, said the committee would take no action until he had further information concerning what Kansas City proposed to do. If it is true, as reported that the hall is to be rebuilt, there will be no necessity for making other arrangements.

THE QUEEN'S DECORATIONS.

**Dublin Streets a Mass of Color and
Brilliant Lights.**

NEW YORK, April 4.—The Tribune's Dublin correspondent, describing the decorations in the city, says:

There is a continuous line of bunting from the landing place at Kingstown to the gates of Phoenix Park. Every house on the road to Dublin makes a brave show of bunting. Stands for spectators have been erected at many points. Pembroke Hall is profusely decorated and the Clyde road and other highways are decked with red and green masts and festooned with streamers and rosettes.

The scenic artist of the Gaiety theater has improvised an Irish castle at Upper Leeson street where the lord mayor will meet the queen. It is a massive gateway or triumphal arch, surrounded by two castellated towers. From this entrance gate the queen will drive to Merrion Square through continuous lines of Venetian masts and gayly decorated houses.

At the southern corner of the square she will pass the house where Daniel O'Connell lived and there will be flags there as a token of welcome.

Thence she will go through a series of broad avenues, where the electric railway posts are boxed in red and masts opposite in blue and where the house lines are lighted up with a splendid blaze of color. Shabby Clare street will be transformed into loveliness by lines of streamers, festoons of artificial flowers and crimson and gold shields.

One of the queen's finest glimpses will be up Grattan street as she turns toward College Green, for the roadway is hung overhead with banners and the sides are festooned with a double line of streamers and flowers. Red and

green masts tipped with golden harps lead on to the impressive entrance of the college, where these words are emblazoned: "God Bless Our Queen." This is the center of Dublin, with Grattan's famous parliament chamber blocking the way toward Sackville street with its splendid monuments.

The queen will pass its colonnades with their fine architectural lines and drive by the statue of Grattan, which stands on the site once selected for a memorial to the Prince Consort.

Dame street is a magnificent blaze of color as far as the entrance to Dublin Castle and the city hall, whence the route of the procession leads westward across the Liffey to the north quay. The decorations are quieter during the remainder of the route along the river to the gate of Phoenix Park, but there are fine effects of color at Four Courts.

The queen will not drive through Sackville street, which is the pride of Dublin, nor will she pass either of the two Protestant cathedrals. She will not have even a distant view of Kilmalham, where Parnell once negotiated peace with the Gladstone government and she will be conducted to the Viceroyal Lodge without passing the spot where Lord Frederick Cavendish and Mr. Burke were assassinated.

The decorations of the city are as general as they are brilliant and tasteful. Red is the dominant color rather than green, but there is no lack of genuine Irish appreciation of the queen's character and virtues. The inscriptions on the house fronts are hearty and affectionate and the sincerity of the welcome which the queen will receive cannot be questioned.

QUEEN VICTORIA IN IRELAND.

**Given a Magnificent Reception—Not a
Sign of Disloyalty Shown—Her
Majesty Well.**

DUBLIN, April 4.—Queen Victoria landed in Ireland at 11:30 this morning for the first time in 39 years. The commander of the forces in Ireland, the Duke of Connaught, the Lord Lieutenant Earl Cadogan and their staffs, greeted her majesty, and the ride from Kingstown to Dublin commenced in splendid weather, and before huge and good-natured crowds.

It is understood the queen expressed herself as wonderfully pleased with her reception and as yet has suffered no fatigue.

Not one black flag or disloyal motto marked the line of march and popular enthusiasm buried all political feeling for the time. Before landing, the queen, who looked remarkably well asked for a bunch of shamrocks. They were secured and throughout the day she wore them pinned upon her breast.

The Duke of Abercorn, premier peer of Ireland, who with most of the castle party went to the Viceroyal lodge after the royal arrival, wrote his name in the visitors' book, saying to the correspondent of the Associated Press: "It is the most wonderful, chivalrous and spontaneous exhibition I have ever seen, and I am immensely proud of being an Irishman. The demonstrations show that despite all political differences, Ireland is a loyal portion of the empire." These sentiments are echoed by all the Irish nobility.

THE COREAN DISPUTE.

**Russia Denies Any Intention of Going
to War With Japan.**

NEW YORK, April 4.—A special to the Herald from Washington says: Officials of the Russian embassy are disposed to accept with great reserve the stories of prospective trouble between Russia and Japan over Corea. Ambassador Cassini stated that his information from Tokio respecting the feeling in Japan is entirely at variance with that published in the press reports.

Russia is scrupulously observing the terms of the agreement made with the Japanese government in relation to Corea and has no intention of precipitating war.

In other quarters there is an impression that the reports respecting possible trouble between Russia and Japan are invented by persons friendly to the English government to distract attention from South Africa. According to this theory Great Britain will be benefited if the world would concentrate its gaze upon the East rather than South Africa.

Japan at this time is not in condition to go to war with Russia, and as to the assembling of Japanese fleet at Kobe it is reiterated that arrangements for this concentration were made months ago.

A BIG RAILROAD DEAL.

NEW YORK, April 4.—The Times says:

Control of the Reading railroad has been acquired by the Vanderbilts. Not only is the vast mileage with the extraordinary coal land holdings of the Reading company taken over by the Vanderbilts, but two other important railroads are incidentally absorbed. The Lehigh Valley and the Erie systems are to be merged into the Reading and the Reading, with these acquisitions, becomes the property of the Vanderbilts.

This assures the settlement of anthracite coal troubles—the unification of anthracite coal mining and transportation interests.

SHOT AT THE PRINCE OF WALES

**Brussels Anarchist Tries to Kill
Great Britain's Future Ruler.**

ASSASSIN ONLY SIXTEEN

**The Prince and Princess on Their Way to
Copenhagen to Celebrate King Christ-
ian's Birthday—No One Injured
—Anarchist Captured.**

BRUSSELS, April 4.—The Prince and Princess of Wales started from London for Copenhagen this morning for the purpose of attending the celebration of King Christian's birthday, which occurs on April 8. While at the railroad station here the prince was shot at but not hurt.

BRUSSELS, April 4.—The would-be assassin of the Prince of Wales is a tinsmith named Sipide, a resident of Brussels, 16 years of age. His pockets were found to be full of anarchistic literature. He fired two shots at the prince. The Princess of Wales and others were in the car but no one was touched.

When examined by the station officials Sipide declared he intended to kill the Prince of Wales and that he did not regret his action and was ready to do it again if given a chance.

Sipide subsequently said that he wanted to kill the prince "because he caused thousands of men to be slaughtered in South Africa."

Hearing the shots, the station master rushed to the scene and knocked down the would-be assassin's arm as he was preparing to fire a third shot and a number of persons threw themselves on the prince's assailant. In the confusion a second man who was quite innocent was seized, roughly handled and beaten.

SIGNING THE PLEDGE.

**Temperance Movement Successfully
Inaugurated in Mexico by An
American Woman.**

CITY OF MEXICO, April 4.—Government officials are taking interest in the newly inaugurated temperance movement and the board of health is giving encouragement to the temperance workers for the vice of alcoholism is reported to be growing here.

The mortality statistics in Mexico every year show more and more deaths from cerebral congestion, due to the abuse of alcohol and the government is alarmed at the results of the increased consumption of ardent spirits, declared by Mexican journalists to be the prime cause of four-fifths of the crimes and the most appalling poverty in this city.

Mrs. Field, an American woman, temperance worker, has issued a book in Spanish dealing with the drink evil, which will be used as text book here and in other Latin-American cities. President Diaz is known to be in cordial sympathy with the temperance movement and is himself most abstemious. Various members of the cabinet have expressed themselves as pleased with the work in behalf of practical temperance. The Mexican Herald says: "The old-fashioned Mexican liberals who have pinned their political faith on the United States as the great exemplar of democratic and popular institutions, will suffer in the conflict with the clerical party and monarchist conservatives if the United States fails to do ample justice to Puerto Rico and Cuba. Mexican liberals have suffered much for freedom and their proudest boast has been that they were copying the example of the great republic of Washington."

If they find the United States becoming imperious and tyrannical, yielding to sordid temptations, they will have no answer to make to the taunts of the clerical and Spanish organs here, which hold the United States up as a recreant to all its grand traditions."

CHICAGO GIRL MISSING.

CHICAGO, April 4.—The Tribune says:

Police Inspector Heidebrecht and the police of the East Chicago avenue police station are investigating what they assert are peculiar circumstances surrounding the disappearance of Melina Kuehn, the 15-year-old daughter of Otto Kuehn, 15 Wells street. Kuehn is a baker and lives with his wife at the address given. The girl disappeared three weeks ago and it is asserted that her absence from home was not reported to the police until a week later.

"We have found some peculiar evidence," said the inspector, "and I am not sure what the outcome of our investigation will be. It may be that the girl ran away from home. We will investigate the matter and find out. The fact that the girl has been missing for so long a time, in addition to the evidence we have secured, leads me to fear that she may have come to harm."