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## WEPENER STILL IS INVESTED

But It is Believed the Relief Force Has Now Reached There.

NO PARTICULARS RECEIVED

All News From the Seat of War is Vague and Unsatisfactory in View of the Renewed Activity Reported at All Points.

LONDON, April 22.—Dispatches arriving from the seat of war, though meagre and unsatisfactory, clearly indicate renewed activity at all points where the British and Boer forces are in striking distance of each other.

Interest for the moment centers at Dewetsdorp and Wepener, where fighting evidently is in progress. A dispatch received from Alwal North, dated April 21, says that there was heavy firing on the previous day between Dewetsdorp and Wepener and around Wepener on Saturday, but that no particulars have been received.

A special from Maseru, dated Saturday, says: "The investment of Wepener continues. The Boers seem determined to do their utmost to capture the garrison there before relief arrives. Severe fighting appears imminent. The activity of the Boers at Elands Laagte apparently has failed to draw General Buller, if that was its object, into doing more than to repel the attack on his advance posts."

### THE BOERS REPULSED.

Attack a British Convoy Near Boshof and Are Driven Back.

LONDON, April 22.—A special dispatch from Swartskop, Johannesburg, dated April 21, says:

"This morning 15,000 Boers made a determined attack on a convoy returning to Boshof. The British succeeded in repulsing the attack and their fire became so heavy and so well sustained that the Boers fell back with considerable loss."

The British casualties were 16 killed and wounded. The convoy reached Boshof safely.

### CROKER'S DEATH ANNOUNCED.

Friends of the Tammany Chieftain in London Discredit the Report.

LONDON, April 22.—A rumor of the death of Richard Croker, the origin of which cannot be traced, was the sole topic of conversation in the places where Americans most congregate last night.

J. P. Andrew, of the Irish Granite Company, of which Croker is a director, said to the Associated Press representative that he had heard the report. He added:

"If it is true, Mr. Croker must have died suddenly late on Saturday, otherwise I would know."

### TWEEN DEVIL AND DEEP SEA.

Dewey Beset by Conflicting Advice From His Friends Concerning His Political Statement.

NEW YORK, April 21.—A special dispatch to the Herald from Washington says:

Admiral Dewey is hesitating about issuing his political statement. Men close to the admiral are urging him to speak and to speak promptly while others are impressing upon him the value of the rule "Silence is golden."

Admiral Dewey is inclined to regard this rule with favor and to believe this is not the time for him to talk. His mail and his callers assure him that his candidacy is progressing favorably. What is there for him to gain, he asks himself, by issuing a statement.

Admiral Dewey thinks the time to act is when an emergency arises. He is closely watching political developments in the several states. His friends are keeping him advised of the situation and are actively trying to break the Bryan forces in his behalf. The

admiral is particularly interested in Georgia and Texas.

If the delegates in those states can be sent to Kansas City without instructions or with instructions to vote for the admiral, the latter believes the Bryan south will be transformed into the Dewey south.

Admiral Dewey's friends are somewhat disappointed over the failure of former President Cleveland to mention him either directly or indirectly in his letter of regret to the Thomas Jefferson dinner of the Brooklyn Democratic Club. Mr. Cleveland is recognized as favorable to the admiral's candidacy and some of the Dewey men think he might have given impetus to the Dewey boom by inserting some reference to the admiral's candidacy.

There is reason to believe that had Mr. Cleveland made some pleasant reference to the admiral's candidacy, the statement of Dewey's political views would have been immediately forthcoming.

The admiral's friends are anxious if it be determined to make the statement that it shall be issued at a happy moment.

### THE WIRE MILL SHUT DOWN.

Reduction in Price Will Not Result in Immediate Opening of the Works.

NEW YORK, April 21.—Referring to the action taken by the directors of the American Wire and Steel Company, at the special meeting, Mr. John W. Gates, according to the Herald, said:

"Well, you see I was right. The directors saw it too, and every one of them voted that I was right. The vote of the directors was unanimous—a vindication I am proud of. What the directors admit now, by their action in authorizing the reduction in prices, others will also admit within a fortnight. I told the truth in Wall street and they thought I was lying. I said the steel business had reached its height and was going back and Wall street attacked me in every way."

"With this cut in the price of products the mills closed down the other day will be re-opened soon, will they not?" was asked.

"No," replied Mr. Gates. "This will have no immediate effect on the mills. I cannot say when they will open up but not in the immediate future anyway."

### HE WAS CORDIAL.

Suptan Has an Interview With the American Minister but Gave Him No Duties.

CONSTANTINOPLE, April 20.—Mr. Lloyd C. Griscom, United States charge d'affaires, today had a long private conference with the Sultan, who was very cordial. Such an audience with the American charge d'affaires is unprecedented and is, therefore, considered important in the present circumstances.

The United States legation is without information as to the state of the indemnity question at Washington, the Porte officials say they are unaware of the strained relations raised over this question.

### TAYLOR IS AN EXILE.

Has Fled to New York in Consequence of His Indictment for Murdering Goebel.

NEW YORK, April 21.—The World tomorrow will say:

W. S. Taylor, governor of Kentucky is in New York in consequence of the finding of an indictment against him by the grand jury of Frankfort, charging him with being accessory before the fact of the murder of William Goebel. He appealed to Governor Roosevelt yesterday morning, asking that any demand for his extradition be denied.

### COALS ON HIS HEAD.

McKinley Highly Praises Dewey but Prefers Not to Detract From His Chicago Glory.

CHICAGO, April 21.—The reception committee of the Dewey celebration has received a formal notice from President McKinley of his declination of the invitation to come to Chicago during the festivities in honor of the admiral.

President McKinley expresses his regret at his inability to come and takes occasion to highly praise Admiral Dewey.

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## ROBERTS' CENSURE THE SENSATION

All the Other Stirring News of Week Overlooked By British.

BULLER MUST COME HOME

Terrible Blunder at Spinakop Demands Expiation and Warren and Buller is the Sacrifice Demanded—Action Must Come From Government.

(Correspondence of Associated Press.)

LONDON, April 21.—The British governor of Ashanti, Sir Frederick M. Hodgson, stands in danger of being murdered and his rule swept out of remembrance, the United States is generally considered on the brink of war with Turkey; the Paris exhibition has been opened; Queen Victoria is returning from her remarkable visit to Ireland, yet "who cares?"

In England there is only one topic, and that is Lord Roberts' Spionkop censures and their possible results.

Even the commencement of the advance against Pretoria fails to detract the public interest from the all-absorbing sensation of the hour. The weeklies teem with comment that defies a cabled synopsis.

While there is multitudinous expression of opinion of such terrible indictments of British generals and officers, and while the authorities differ widely as to the causes of their inefficiency and the remedies therefor, one common verdict seems to have been reached, which is that Spionkop was a terrible blunder and that some one must be brought to book.

Though the cabinet itself appears scarcely decided upon what course to pursue, public opinion is pretty clearly defined and is unanimous in demanding the recall of General Buller and General Warren. The placing of Colonel Crofton on half pay has merely whetted the national appetite and the ravenous demand for action and for the punishment of the useless loss of loved ones cannot be satisfied with such a meagre bone as Crofton. Higher heads, it seems, must fall.

It is probable the government hopes that General Buller will apply for his own recall, but this seems unlikely to happen and now the country angrily waits for the act that all sections of the press declare must follow the extraordinary timid publication of Roberts' strictures.

A curious feature is that Lord Roberts apparently is not empowered to deal with General Buller, or even General Warren, both having been directly appointed by the government and, beyond reporting, Lord Roberts is unable to take any action.

### THE NORTH STAR SAFE.

She Declined Assistance and Probably Got Off at High Tide Last Night.

VICTORIA, B. C., April 21.—While making her way to Alaska with cannery supplies from Astoria last night, the steamer North Star ran on a flat rock, north of Ripple Point, at Trial Island, at the highest stage of the tide.

There she was held half out of the water, but uninjured, and was resting easily today, declining the proffered assistance of the D. G. S. Quatra and expecting to accomplish her own release at high tide tonight.

The intense darkness and the absence of shore lights, together with Captain Hansen's unfamiliarity with this part of the coast, explains the grounding.

### PLAGUE IN AUSTRALIA.

Its Ravages Continue Unabated—Some of Its Remarkable Effects.

VANCOUVER, B. C., April 21.—It is the opinion of Dr. Thompson, president of the Sydney board of health, that there is no hope of an early cessation of the plague and that the epidemic can hardly be suppressed under eight or nine months. The steamer Mowera from Sydney yesterday brought news of the spread of the plague in Australia and of the ineffectual efforts of the colonial government to stamp it out.

Thousands have been inoculated, the premiers and members of his cabinet presenting themselves for voluntary inoculation to make more easy the efforts of the health officers in the lower parts of the city. Continual and thorough work has been done in the way of cleaning the city, and war has been waged relentlessly against rats.

A peculiar feature of the epidemic has been the death of thousands of fish, their dead bodies covering the surface of some portions of the harbor. It is the theory of the plague experts that the disease has been communicated to the fish by dead rats. Even prawns, which, being a hardy

species of crustacean would not ordinarily be affected by foul marine botanisms or carrion, have died in immense numbers.

Under the direction of the health authorities the entire steamer traffic of Sydney has been rearranged.

Wharves have been isolated, ferries removed and jetties disinfected, torn down and rebuilt. All the Australian towns, especially those upon the coast, have been taking extraordinary precautions against the plague.

Wharf laborers have gone on strike, demanding three shillings an hour, owing to the risk of the plague. They have been receiving one shilling.

The inhabitants of Norfolk Island are in a state of dire distress on account of drought lasting almost a year, resulting in the total failure of successive crops and the death of almost all the live stock in the island.

New Britain has had a series of severe earthquakes, the trembles being of daily occurrence for a considerable period. Dwellings have been shaken down and great fissures in the earth caused by the shocks, which have been the cause of especial uneasiness on account of the close proximity of the still active volcano at Matupiti.

In a mining disaster at Balmain, on March 15, five men were killed by being precipitated to the bottom of an 1,800-foot perpendicular shaft.

### SHINGLE MILL WAR.

Washington Manufacturers Will Withdraw From the Association and Cut Prices.

SEATTLE, April 21.—The gravest crisis that has ever confronted the shingle manufacturers of this state is facing them now. There is a strong probability that enough of the mills will not carry out the request of their association to close down for two weeks, beginning April 23, to make it effective, and if this materializes, several of the largest mills say they will withdraw from the association, cut prices and fight their battles alone.

The result will be, officials of the association say, that many of the mills will be forced out of business and the wages of all employes will be reduced 25 per cent, besides the general demoralization of shingle affairs. Telegrams received from Eastern authorities say that price cutting has already commenced.

### THE FINE WAS REMITTED.

Penalty Imposed on Steamship Milo by Collector of Vancouver Held Illegal.

VICTORIA, B. C., April 21.—The detention of the German steamship Milo was ended today when, having paid the fine of \$500, the debarkation of Japanese was permitted and her clearance to Puget sound granted.

Later in the day a telegram was received from Ottawa holding the decision of the collector to be not well based and remitting the fine, so that the detention and consequent loss of time and money constitute the only indirect penalty upon the ship.

### ANOTHER GREAT GOLD STRIKE.

The Transportation Companies Now Booming Another Discovery Near Cape Nome Alaska.

SEATTLE, April 21.—A big strike in which gold running as high as \$40 to the pan has been found, is reported 100 miles east of Nome.

This information was brought to this city today by three men who arrived on the steamer Cottage City from Nome. They are J. D. Morgan, J. H. Fredericks and E. Erickson. These three left Cape Nome on January 8.

The strike was made on a creek. The first several pans ran from about \$5 to \$35.

As bed-rock was scraped, the amount reached \$40. Great excitement followed. A stampede has taken place from Nome, but only those who were footloose took part in it, the rest believing that they had as good prospects as they wanted.

Morgan said today: "Cape Nome and the contiguous country is richer than people have estimated. It will be this summer the greatest mining camp the world has ever seen."

The Morgan party is credited with having \$95,000 among them, all being Cape Nome gold.

C. P. Dam, well known in Seattle, also returned today from Nome. He says that other new discoveries of gold have been made at Bonanza, 22 miles north of Nome, which promise, to out-rival that great gold camp. He says that boats can hardly reach Nome before June 10 on account of the ice.

The weather when he left was 40 degrees below zero. No winter prospecting has been done. The stampede took place to Norton Bay in December. Nome is quiet and orderly.

### COLSON WAS ACQUITTED.

FRANKFORT, Ky., April 21.—Ex-Congressman Colson was acquitted tonight. The jury was out but 18 minutes. There was great cheering when the verdict was announced.

## ALL THE WORLD IS REPRESENTED

The Great Ecumenical Conference Convened on Yesterday.

MANY NOTABLES PRESENT

Ex-President Harrison Occupied the Chair as Honorary President—Speeches by Himself, President McKinley and Governor Roosevelt.

NEW YORK, April 21.—Nearly every nation in the world is represented at the Ecumenical conference on foreign missions, which began its session here this afternoon, and Carnegie hall, which will be the scene of the conference until May 1, was crowded to its greatest capacity.

Ex-President Benjamin Harrison occupied the opening session, and tonight the delegates were addressed by President McKinley and Governor Roosevelt.

There were representatives present from every branch of the Christian church except the Roman Catholic, Greek and that branch of the Anglican church known as the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel.

President Harrison delivered a brief address on taking the chair and calling the conference to order.

Said Mr. Harrison: "The gigantic engines that are driving forward a material development are being speeded as never before. The din of the hammer and the axe, and the hum of wheels have permeated the abodes of solitude—the world has now few quiet places. Life is strenuous—the boy is started in his school upon the run and the pace is not often slackened until the panting man falls into his grave."

"It is to a generation thus intent—to a generation that has wrought wondrously in the realms of applied science—that God in his word and by the preacher says: All these are worthy only, and in proportion, as they contribute to the regeneration of mankind. Every invention, every work, every man, every nation must one day come to this weighing platform and be appraised."

"To what other end is all this strife among men—this increased knowledge? That these great agencies may be put in livery and lined up in the halls of wealth to make life brilliant and soft; or become the docile messengers of a counting house or a stock exchange, or the swift couriers of contending armies; or the couriers who wait in the halls of science to give glory to the man into whose hand God has given the key to one of his mysteries. Do all these great inventions, these rushing intellectual developments exhaust their ministry in the making of men rich and the reinforcing of armies and fleets? No. These are servants, prophets, forerunners. They will find a herald's voice; they will be an announcement and a coronation."

### COME TO THEIR SENSES.

The Democrats Let the Naval Appropriation Bill Go Through.

WASHINGTON, April 21.—The animated controversy over the naval appropriation bill which began yesterday was not resumed today, and after a brief consideration the important bill was passed.

As finally adopted the measure provides for two battleships, three armored cruisers and three protected cruisers.

The \$45 figure on armor plate is stricken out.

### WARDNER, IDAHO, REPUBLICANS

Endorse McKinley and Favor the Retention of Federal Troops.

WALLACE, Ida., April 21.—Shoshone county republican convention at Wardner today elected delegates to the state convention. The resolutions approve the course of President McKinley, uphold all lawful efforts to punish crime in this country and favor the permanent military post here.

### FUSION AT SPOKANE

The Populists Will Unite With the Democratic Primaries.

SPOKANE, April 21.—The populist county convention here today elected Fred Merrill a delegate to the national convention and instructed him for Bryan.

An invitation from the democratic county central committee to join in the democratic primaries was accepted.

### U. OF C. WINNER.

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Calif., April 21.—The ninth annual intercollegiate meet was won by the University of California. The score was: University of California 90; Stanford 37.