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THE BOERS ARE STILL RUNNING

They Will Probably Concentrate at Ladybrand.

THE BRITISH ARE PURSUING

Every Effort Will Be Made by Roberts Generals to Bring On a Decisive Engagement, But Such Prospect Is Now Considered Very Doubtfht.

LONDON, April 29, 3:30 a. m. - The total absence of news from the seat of war in Nouth Africa during he last 24 hours indicates, it is presumed, that operations are progressing which it is leemed prudent to keep secret.

So far as the situation in the southastern part of the Free State can be worked out from the latest dispatches, the main body of the Boers, composed of the forces recently holding Thabanchu, Leuw Kop and Dewetsdorp, is retiring, probably with a view to joining in the neighborhood of Ladybrand the commandos from the vicinity of Wepener who, according to a dispatch from Aliway North, dated April 28, have made good their retreat to Lady-

The main body of the Boers is being followed by Generals Hamilton, Brabant, French and Hart, while General Rundle also is on the spot. The Britsh thus have an overwhelmingly superior force and ought to wipe out the Boers, if they succeed in overtaking them and bringing them to bay.

It may be assumed that the Boers are o the eastward of the line drawn from Thabanchu to Wepener. The retreat t seems, is being sarried out without fighting, which indicates that the general from Joseph Chamberlain: Boers have a good start, and the dispatches say that they are not hampered much by their transports and leave and forced to a conclusive action.

While it is possible that the news of such a battle may come at any moretreating commandes may get away can furnish. without being forced to fight.

CONFIDENCE IN ROBERTS.

In Spite of the Lack of Definite News It Is Believed His Movements Have Produced Good Re-

NEW YORK, April 28 .- A dispatch to the Tribune from London says:

The rigorous censorship has excluded press news from the Free State for 24 hours. The war correspondents, owing Shock of the Cut Announced by Steel to the extensive deployment of five divisions and two cavalry brigades, have, with one or two exceptions, returned to beadquarters at Bloemfontein, and their conjectures respecting the direction of the lines of the Boer retreat and British operations have not been in accord.

General Roberts, in a midnight dispatch, presented a brief summary of the situation as he understood it at 3 o'clock Friday afternoon, but left several points in doubt. General Hamilton, with the mounted infantry and one brigade of the north division, had reached Thabanchu, where General French joined him with his cavalry brigades yesterday morning, Rundle's division being a few miles south. The Boers were still holding the castern outlet of the town, and French and Hamilton were preparing to turn them

Both Hamilton and French had made fine forced marches, but it was not clear whether the main body of the Dewet's Dorp, or had gone across the country towards Constia, to effect a junction with Olivier's forces retreatwas more probable, but even in that remained in force or had left a rear guard in the town.

Chermside's division was still halt- middle of August.

ing. Pole-Carew's division was :narching toward Thabanchu. There was nothing from Wepener and no other official news except a few casualties and a report of an outpost affair near

General Roberts' operations are now conducted on so large a scale that the public here is dazed by them and requires some definite result, like another Paardeburg, in order to be convinced that he is making progress. The experts regard his maneuvers as masterly.

RESUMPTION OF PARLIAMENT. Overshadowed by the War, It Arouses Little Attention or Comment

in London.

(Correspondence of Associated Press.) LONDON, April 28 .- Though the event of the week in England has been the resumption of the session of par-Hament, it has scarcely justified even a passing comment. Lethargy has marked, and probably will continue to

mark, the debates. Talk of dissolution is in the air but edinmons now seem to realize that their happy release from Westminster depends entirely upon the progress of the war in South Africa, although, as campaign to a climax, the government home measures that might engender a serious controversy and holding back journed. any announcement of any permanent policy in regard to South Africa until the issue pending at arms simplifies the multitudious problems involved.

THE QUEEN'S SYMPATHIES.

Chamberlain Cables Her Condolence and Offer of Assistance to Mayor of Ottawa.

OTTAWA, Ont, April 28.-The folowing cable dispatches have been received by Lord Minto, the governor-"London, April 28 .- Her majesty has

heard with deep regret of the great fire at Ottawa, and has commanded me no visible whee! tracks behind them on to desire you to convey to the immedithe veldt. This milliates against the ate sufferers and to her people in Canprobability of their being overtaken ada an expression of heartfelt sympathy in the calamity which has befallen them. She trusts that there has been no loss of life, and would be glad ment, the chance seems even that the to have any further particulars you

"LONDON, April 28.—I have received with the deepest concern your message reporting the disastrous fire at Ottawa. I am sure the people of the nother country would be glad to have an opportunity of contributing to the relief of the misery and destitution caused to their fellow-subjects in Canada by this calamity, and I propose to ask the lord mayor to open a fund for this pur-

THE STOCK MARKET.

Wire Company Is About Over.

NEW YORK, April 28.-The stock market has shown some recuperation from the shock of the deep cut in prices announced by the American Steel & Wire Company.

The over-extended short interest had much to do with the range in prices, especially in sugar, which dominated the tone of the whole market for several days. The apparently unanimous testimony of authorities in the iron trade that prosperous conditions have undergone no change, has served to offset to some extent the influence of the steel and wire episode

Railroad earnings continued at a very high level, and the failure of predictions of large exports of gold and continued ease of money counteracted the efforts of the bears for reaction.

COMING TO OREGON.

Boers had retired to Thabanchu from California Scientists to Gather Fossils in the John Day Fields.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 28.-The ing from Wepener. The former theory University of California will send an expedition into Oregon this summer to case it was uncertain that the Boers gather fossils in the famous John Day

The party, which will consist of Dr. General Roberts reported that Gen- J. C. Merriam, assistant professor of eral Drubazon, with the Yeomary cav- palaeontology and historical geology, alry, had gone as far as Wepener and and four students, will leave Berkeley returned to Dewet's Dorp, where May 9 and will not return until the

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PETTIGREW TRIES ANOTHER TRICK

While Senate Slumbers Calls Up His Boer Resolutions.

LODGE WAS ON

Hoves Its Reference to Foreign Relations Committee, But While It Prevents De. bate, the Resolution is Left on the Calendar.

WASHINGTON, April 28.-Quite untion to extend its sympathy to the Boers in their war with Great Britain. all of the members of the house of It was in the shape of a resolution offered by Pettigrew.

Without a word of debate the vote was taken on Lodge's motion to refer dency. the resolution to the committee on forwas announced weeks ago in these dis- eign relations, thirty-one senators voting in favor of the reference and eleven against it. As the vote diswill continue to kill time, adopting a closed the absence of a quorum, an non-committal attitude towards any effort was made to secure one, but it was unsuccessful and the senate ad-

Party lines were not drawn in the vote to refer. While all those who voted against reference are in favor of the adoption of the resolution, several senators on both sides of the chamber who are known to be favorable to the resolution voted to send it to the committee.

As a quorum was not present and voting, the resolution retains its place and is subject to call at any time.

DOLE IS THE FAVORITE.

McKinley Considering the Question of Appointments Under the Hawalian Government Bill.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 28.-In anticipation of the final enactment of the Hawaiian government bill, the president is devoting some attention to the selection of the various officials of to executive appointment.

It is his intention to make these ap- \$7,733,628. ntments very soon, in order tha there may be no delay in the inauguration of the new government and to secure a speedy relief from the embarrassments of the present anomalous condition of affairs.

For governorship there are no less than four candidates in the field. The name of President Dole leads the list; Harold Sewell, late minister at Honolulu and now United States agent in the islands, is making a formidable canvass and there are two persons of Hawaiian birth, prominent in the affairs of the island, whose names also are under consideration. There is ground for the belief that of all these candidates, President Dole is looked upon most favorably.

SPANISH WAR CLAIMS.

Referred by Senate to Court of Claims -Revenue Cutter Officers and Men Rewarded for Their Cuban Services.

WASHINGTON, April 28.-The house passed a number of bills of importance today, and the major portion of the session was devoted to the senate bill to create a commission to adjudicate the claims of citizens of the United States against Spain assumed by this country by the treaty of Paris.

The bill developed considerable opto the committee on war claims, with instructions to report back a bill to refer the claims to the court of claims. Senate bills to recognize the service of Lieutenant Newcomb and the officers and men of the revenue cutter Hudson, which rescued the torpedo boat Winslow at Cardenas, Cuba, by conerring gold and silver medals upon them and to retire Captain Hodgson of the revenue cutter Hugh Mc-Cullock for meritorous services were

TURKEY'S QUEER PROPOSITION.

Wants to Cover Up Payment of American Claims in the Guise of Building a Cruiser.

WASHINGTON, April 28. - Ferrouh Bey, the Turkish minister, called at the state department this afternoon and pent half an hour in conversation with Secretary Hay. It is gathered that the Turkish effort is still in the direction of finding some other means of escape from the present situation than a cash settlement.

Thus, there is believed to be more talk of the old proposition to build a Turkish cruiser here and settle the claims under cover of such a trans-

TAYLOR'S BRIEF FILED.

WASHINGTON, April 28.-The coun-

Marshall, in the contest in the supreme court over the offices of govrnor and lieutenant governor of Kentucky, today filed their brief.

THE ONEIDA OIL SWINDLER.

Arrested Yesterday in San Francisco -His Plan of Operations Explained.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 28.-John Barstow, alias James Buckner, alias James B. Blair, alias Robert Deuprey, GUARD was arrested today on a charge of using the mails for fraudulent purposes He posed as the Oneida Oil Company, incorporated for \$256,000, with alleged offices in this city.

He had a contract with a clipping sureau to furnish him all the death notices that occurred in California, Oregen and Washington. Some weeks after the leath of an adult male, Barstow or Buckner woul send a notice to the address of the deceased, asking for expectedly today the senate was the last payment on stock of the Onebrought face to face with a proposi- ida Oil Company which deceased had purchased and paid for, except that ne payment. The notices were invariably accompanied by a letter telling Eight thousand Paris washerwomen of the value of the stock, which was have struck for higher wages and selling at par, with an upward ten-

> The balance the swindler asked for as cill due on this valuable stock was usually small, \$1 share, and amounting to from \$5 to \$15 in each case. It is from \$25 to \$40 a day.

NOTHING FOR FORT STEVENS.

Senate Committee Has Decided on the Fortifications Appropriations,

WASHINGTON, April 28.-The sente committe on appropriations has empleted consideration of the fortifications appropriation bill and made the following additions to the bill: Two hundred and fifty thousand dol-

ars for the purchase of land on Cushing's island, Portland harbor, Maine, on which to erect additional batteries and buildings for troops; \$135,000 for building sites on Sullivan's island, Charleston, S. C.; \$115,140 for the completion of field and seige batteries; \$40, 000 additional for the A. H. Emory, Elevating Carriage; \$190,000 for the purchase of the right to manufacture and use the Isham high explosive shell

and Tuttle's high explosive thorite. The additions made by the committee the new government who are subject aggregate \$640,140, bringing the total appropriation made by the bill up to

CHICAGO IS AROUSED.

Mayor Harrison Perced to Make an Appeal for the Settlement of the Industrial Troubles.

CHICAGO, April 28 .- Mayor Harrison today issued an appeal to the citizens of Chicago to use their influence in settling the labor troubles, which involve practically every branch of industry. The city administration, be says, has done all in its power to bring about a settlement by arbitration but has failed, owing to the refusal of the contractors' association to appear before the arbitration board appointed by the city council.

The mayor strongly recommends that every justice of the peace impose the maximum fine of \$100 in every case of assault of non-union workmen brought before them and heavier punishment, if possible.

AN IMPLORABLE RUMOR.

Chinese Consul Wildman Said to Be Coming Home to Run for Vice-President.

NEW YORK, April 28.-A dispatch from Hong Konk says it is reported here that Rounseville Wildman, the American consul general, is leaving for position and was finally recommitted the United States on a political mis-

> Wildman, it is said, has been asked by the republican leaders in the West to become a candidate for the vicepresidential nomination.

U. OF P.'S RELAY CARNIVAL. Preparations for That Important Athletic Event in Philadelphia.

PHILADELUHIA, April : 3.-The University of Pennsylvania's annual relay carnival, in many respects the most important event in track athletise of the year, will be held on Franklin field, Philadelphia, this afternoon.

Two intercollegiate relay champion ships will be decided in the one and two-mile events. In addition to these, many minor races will be run, in which more than 100 colleges and schools will participate, while the pick of college track and field athletes will contest in the special individual events.

In all about 500 athletes will be enered in the many competitions.

WORKMAN INSTANTLY KILLED.

ST. PAUL, April 28.-One man was instantly kiled and another seriously injured in an accident at the new state capitol yesterday. Alfred Swansen, a mold caster, was killed by the breaking of a scaffold on which he was working.

Frank Thiery, working with Swansel for Hon Wm. Taylor and John left leg above the knee.

PARIS VISITORS ARE UNWASHED

Washerwomen On a Strike for Higher Wages and Less Hours.

SITUATION REALLY SERIOUS

Hotel Managers, Restaurant Kerpers and Private Families Are All Sufferers-Other Labor Troubles Threatened on Com. pletion of Exposition Buildings.

(Correspondence of Associated Press.) PARIS, April 28.-The famine of lean linen is more disturbing to Parisians than the incomplete condition of the exposition grounds, shorter hours, and a serious inconvenence has already been caused.

Hotel managers and keepers of restaurants bitterly complain that half their linen is not returned from the wash, and private families are also estimated that Buckner's receipts were feeling the pinch. The hundry-workpeople around Paris number 20,000 and 20,000, and if the strikers succeed in securing their adhesion, the mass of Parislans and exposition visitors will

have to go unwashed. This ebuilition of labor difficulties calls attention to the serious possibility of much graver disturbances when the thousands of workmen will becomt idle by the completion of the exhibition. The problem the government has now to face is the dispersal of these men through the country to avoid a great labor crisis in Paris, the consequent of which it would be difficult to fore-

It is estimated that 40,000 laborers wil be idle.

CONGER'S RENEWED DEMANDS. American Missionaries in China Must Be protected-Marines Will Be Landed in Nicaragua.

NEW YORK, April 28.-A special to he Herald from Washington, says: Minister Conger has Informed the state department that he is making renewed demands upon Tsung Li Ya-

The department's advices are to the effect that the hostility of the Chinese to the missionaries has now extended to all foreigners and Minister Conger's latest representations deal with the protection of American salesmen who are travelling in the empire.

Commander Burwell, commanding the gunboat Wheeling, which is at Taku, has reported her presence there to Minister Conger and will cooperate with the latter in protecting American interests. It is the expectation of adioinistration officials that Rear-Admiral Remey will place a sufficient force under Rear-Admiral Kenpff's command adequately to protect American interests in China. Admiral Kempif will probably be charged with matters relating to American Interests in Asia, while Admiral Remey will devote his attention more especially to the Philippines.

It is the belief of the officials that Rear-Almiral Kempff will proceed with his flagship to Chinese waters, and the presence of a flag officer and several American vessels at Taku will undoubtedly have a good effect upon the Tsung Li Yamen.

PNEUMATIC MAIL SERVICE. company Gives Notice That It Will

Discontinue Its Operation at Once.

NEW YORK, April 28.-The first effect in this city of the action of congress in refusing to appropriate money to continue the pneumatic mail tube service, is the stoppage of the service by the Tubular Dispatch Company. General Manager Bogardus, of the company, has notified Postmaster Van Cott that the service for transporting mail from the lower part of the city to the uptown stations will be discontinned at once. Mr. Bogardue said:

"Our contract with the government does not expire till July 1, 1900, but there seems no recourse for us except to submit. With the appropriation for the service shut off, the contract is repudiated. We cannot carry on the service without compensation. Postmaster Van Cott, when ap-

proached on the matter said: "I am not here to criticise congress. but I hope something can be done in this matter. I suppose we will be forced to send the mali from this office to the uptown stations by the Third Avenue railway, as formerly. It only takes seven minutes to get a letter to

station H at present, where it will take

an hour if the service is discontinued.'

COAST RECORD BROKEN

SAN FRANCISCO, April 18 -- M Bibsy today broke the record of the coast for a mile and a quarter, making sen, fell and suffered a fracture of the the distance in 205%, and beating Hop-