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KRUGER HAS NOT SUED FOR PEACE

Oom Paul Will Exhaust Every Resource Before Surrender.

PEOPLE LEAVING PRETORIA

Evidently Expect the City to Be Soon Besieged—Baden-Powell Made a Major-General—Will Be Given Further Promotions—March to Mafeking.

LONDON, May 21.—British horsemen, according to a dispatch from Lourenco Marques, are now close to the Vaal river within forty miles of Johannesburg.

Migration from Pretoria has begun. Women and children are being sent in trains to Mafeking on the way to Lydenburg. Trains are arriving at Lourenco Marques filled with passengers, among whom are many Germans who are bound for Europe.

Some details of Colonel Mahon's Mafeking relief expedition are now coming through from wayside points. It was one long rush to Mafeking. Twenty-one war correspondents have been killed or have died of disease during the war. In this respect the Daily Mail has been unfortunate, ten of its representatives having been put out of service by death or illness.

The war office announces that eleven vessels will leave home ports during the next 30 days, with 2,369 officers and men and 2,385 horses.

The promotion of Colonel Baden-Powell is generally expected to be followed by further honors, probably an important command with the temporary rank of lieutenant-general. He only got his colonelcy in 1897 and he now goes ahead of a long list of seniors.

LONDON, May 21.—The Associated Press is able to say that no message from President Kruger, direct or indirect, has been received by Lord Salisbury or by any department of the British government. The proximity of peace, according to the government point of view, will remain a matter of military progress. How soon the latter may bring about the former is still too suppositious for a serious forecast on the part of any government official.

The consensus of opinion, as gleaned by the Associated Press and the government officers, is that the Boer delegates will exhaust every effort in the United States before resting. It is announced that Colonel Baden-Powell will be made a major-general. Mafeking was actually relieved by Colonel Mahon.

A dispatch from Kromstadt, dated May 20, says a British convoy on its way to Londley was attacked by Boers and obliged to halt. The result of the attack is not known, but it is evident that the Boers facing the main British army are alert and aggressive.

NEW YORK, May 21.—A dispatch to the Tribune from London says: The first rumor of peace has come from Kromstadt, where Commandant De Wet is reported by a news agency to have offered to surrender with his entire Free State force.

There are similar reports from Lourenco Marques, where President Kruger is alleged to have asked General Roberts to grant an armistice. De Wet's proposal is described as conditional, and Kruger's offer is said to be accompanied by threats against Johannesburg and the mines. It is not likely that Lord Roberts will consider any terms short of unconditional surrender, nor can President Kruger expect to dictate terms with a club in his hand and cases of dynamite and blasting gelatine behind him.

The Dutch have made too gallant a fight against the resources of a mighty empire to accept the only terms on which Lord Salisbury can offer peace. The rumors are premature and are designed to strengthen the hands of the delegates in Washington, who are knocking at the door of the state department. There is no probability that Kruger and Steyn can propose any terms of peace which will be acceptable to England. They will not suggest annexation, and that is the only practical basis of peace.

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M'KINLEY WILL REMAIN NEUTRAL

Tells Boer Delegates Uncle Sam Will Not Interfere.

BOERS REFUSE TO TALK

Secretary Hay Receives Them and Listens to All Their Arguments, But Says He Can Do Nothing—Denied the Floor of the Senate.

WASHINGTON, May 21.—The state department has met the issue raised by the coming to Washington of the Boer delegation, by declining to interfere in behalf of the South African republic in the present struggle.

In view of this announced decision, all questions as to the character of the recognition to be extended to the delegates and the sufficiency of their credentials, dropped at once into the background.

It was, after all, of little moment whether or not the Boers were received as diplomatic agents or ministers, so long as they were powerless to promote the prime object of their mission, namely, to cause the United States government to intervene to bring about peace.

The meeting between the delegates and Secretary Hay was brought about in the simplest manner. The Boers, in departing, stated to a number of newspaper men that they had and would have nothing to say as to what happened.

The secretary of state gave out, through his secretary, the following statement: "Messrs. A. Fischer, C. Wessels and Dr. A. D. Wolmarans, delegates in this country of the South African republics, called today by appointment at the state department. They were cordially received and remained with the secretary of state for more than an hour. They laid before the secretary, at much length and with great energy and eloquence the merits of the controversy in South Africa and the desire of the Boer republics that the United States should intervene in the interests of peace and use its efforts to that end with the British government."

A resolution offered on Saturday by Allen, of Nebraska, extending to the Boer delegates, now in Washington, the privileges of the floor of the senate, was laid on the table today by a vote of 38 to 21.

EXCEEDED THE ESTIMATES.

Six Miles of Military Railroad in Havana Cost the Government \$342,611.84.

NEW YORK, May 21.—A special to the Herald from Washington, says: Assistant Secretary of War McKeljohn has made an official statement in which he says that the total cost of the six miles of railroad built by the government to connect the piers in Havana harbor with the railroads of Havana was \$342,611.84. This is \$138,000 more than the cost as fixed by Colonel Helker, the president of the board which built the road.

Mr. McKeljohn says that the road was built as a military necessity in order that the troops could be transferred to the interior of the island without being conducted through the city of Havana. The work was done as expeditiously as possible and the government consequently had to pay for the haste.

Yet Mr. McKeljohn states that the cost of construction and equipment was \$264,617.47. The warehouse cost \$41,870.50; grading ballasting and other incidental expenses amounted to \$38,154.07, and the total cost was \$342,611.84. He states he figured the cost of the road was only \$32,000 per mile.

FRANKFORT, KY., Fire bells were rung and wild demonstrations followed on the streets on the part of the democrats when the news of the decision at Washington came.

The decision of the United States supreme court in favor of Governor Beckham means there will be the hottest election in Kentucky for governor next November that was ever known in this commonwealth. Beckham, as lieutenant-governor, can serve only till the election of his successor at the next election.

It is thought Beckham will be the democratic nominee and former governor Taylor the republican nominee. The main republican issue will be for a repeal of the Goebel law.

SENSATION IN A CHURCH.

Crazy Man at Rock Island Disturbs Catholic Funeral Ceremony.

ROCK ISLAND, Ill., May 21.—Patrick Cassidy, crazed over religion, caused a panic in St. Joseph's Catholic church yesterday by interrupting the priest, the Rev. Thomas Quinn, and ordering that the pallbearers remove the bier from the church.

When the pastor remonstrated with him, Cassidy drew a pocket knife, and threatened to kill him if he further interfered with him. He then endeavored to place his arms around the coffin and carry it from the church.

After a sensational dash through the church, the police succeeded in capturing Cassidy.

PRESIDENT M'KINLEY'S HEALTH.

An Important Factor in Selecting the Republican Vice-Presidential Candidate.

NEW YORK, May 21.—The Herald says: Republican members of congress who were in the city last night said the selection of a candidate for vice-president was as perplexing a problem as ever, and that the matter had taken a new phase. This is caused by the state of the president's health.

INNOCULATION PROVES FATAL

Chinese Dying From Injection of the Plague Serum.

HIGHBINDERS TAKE A HAND

San Francisco Board of Health Having a Hard Time of It—The Chinese Refuse to Submit to Treatment—One of Them Dying From Inoculation.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 21.—Chinese highbinders and the board of health have had a clash over the bubonic plague question and, up to the present time, the highbinders seem to be ahead. So far, by threats to assassinate any Chinese who submit to inoculation against the plague, they have prevented the Chinese from taking the treatment. There are 23,000 Chinese in the Chinese quarter and they are terrified at the prospect of vaccination with haffkin prophylactic.

At first the Chinese were willing to undergo the treatment but the high-binder element circulated the report that the whites had conspired to kill off Chinese and had adopted this means to do it.

This story had immediate effect and it will require force to make the Chinese submit. The Chinese merchants have closed their stores on account of the fear that they will be wrecked by ignorant Chinese masses who hold them responsible for the action of the board of health.

No new cases of the plague have been discovered. A Chinese clerk, in the employ of the Chinese consul, was compelled to submit to inoculation and has since been very sick, his life being despaired of.

CHICAGO, May 21.—Regarding the possibility of the plague making its appearance in Chicago, the commissioner of health was of the opinion that such a thing was not probable if the railroads running out of San Francisco have been instructed to refuse to sell tickets to Chinese residents wishing to leave the city.

JAPAN'S SPINNING TRUST.

Latest Quotations on Cotton Will Be Watched With the View of Holding Up Home Market Prices.

NEW YORK, May 21.—Further details have been received regarding the proposed spinners' trust at Osaka, Japan. According to a local authority, the head office is to be located at Osaka and a branch office in Tokyo, Nagaya, Okavama and Kyushu. The limit of time of the trust will extend to January, 1901.

The managers of the head office will arrange to receive daily by wire the latest quotations on cotton at Bombay, New York, Liverpool, and Shanghai, and proceeding on the basis of these reports and taking into account at the same time the cost of production, will fix the price, making it so that sales in home markets will bring a profit of seven yen a bale to the manufacturers.

BANKER RICHARDSON MISSING.

Many Detectives Seeking the Large Rewards Being Offered by Relatives.

NEW YORK, May 21.—Charles A. Richardson, of Worcester, Mass., a railroad builder, bank director and member of several big corporations, has been missing from his apartments in the Waldorf-Astoria, Manhattan, for over five weeks. His wife and father-in-law, Horace W. Wilson, who lives at the Hotel Albert, in University Place, have offered large rewards for him and detectives have searched the city in vain. Mrs. Richardson is prostrated and her physicians have ordered her to East Orange, N. J., for her health.

It was April 11 that he was last seen. He had in his possession a valuable gold watch, two costly rings, one of which is valued at not less than \$1000, and plenty of money.

The detectives learned that the less valuable ring had been pawned for \$250 on the Friday after Mr. Richardson's disappearance. It had been redeemed on the Tuesday following. Then it was learned that a cabman had been seen, to whom, it is alleged, Mr. Richardson had given \$500 to redeem the ring. A search is now being conducted for this man.

BERLIN STRIKE RIOTS.

Several Policemen and Many Workmen Seriously Injured.

BERLIN, May 21.—The strike disturbances yesterday were mostly confined to the Rosenhalerthor district. Elsewhere they were unimportant, order being restored at midnight.

Two policemen were seriously injured and two workmen have died from wounds inflicted with sabers. Fifty others were injured and 103 arrests were made.