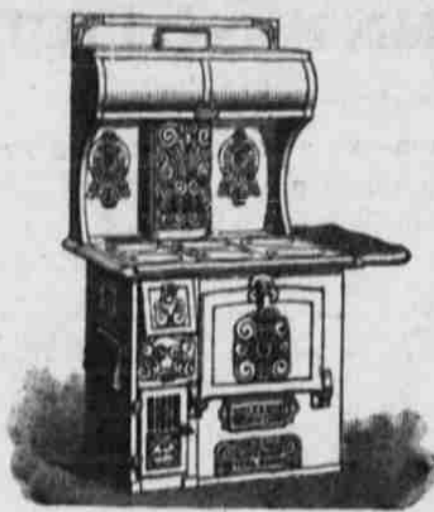


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HOT PURSUIT OF DE WET AND STEYN

Their Invasion of Cape Colony Was Complete Failure.

KRUGER NOT PRESIDENT NOW

That Office is Held by Vice-President Schalkenberger—Former Member of Parliament Declares Greed Caused the War.

DE WET, Cape Colony, Feb. 25.—Gen. De Wet, accompanied by Mr. Steyn, recrossed the railroad north of Kranskull and south of Orange river station yesterday. They are being closely followed by Colonel Thorneycroft, who has left here. Several other columns are converging on General De Wet.

INVASION DECIDED FAILURE.

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—A dispatch to the Tribune from London says: Dispatches which were issued by the war office last night must put an end to the rumors that De Wet and Botha have already surrendered. They, however, show that both their commanders have been badly mauled and that the invasion of Cape Colony has been a decided failure. What may be the outcome of General Kitchener's plan of campaign, it is difficult to forecast.

Yesterday a paper started its readers by the announcement, on alleged good authority, that Kitchener had indicated that Botha had asked for a meeting with a view of arranging a general hurried surrender and that summons were issued for a cabinet council to consider the matter. No special meeting of the cabinet has, as a matter of fact, yet been held in view of the repeated statements made by Mr. Chamberlain that the British terms are unconditional surrender, military men do not think it likely that at the eleventh hour the policy of the government is going to be changed in favor of granting terms to a conquered enemy.

WAR CONCEIVED IN FRAUD.

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—Dr. Gaven B. Clark, who for several years has represented Calthness, in Scotland, in the British parliament, but who was defeated for re-election a few weeks ago because of what he calls the khaki fever, spoke at a recent meeting of the Women's Henry George League. Dr. Clark has been for years the leader of the Scottish Radicals.

"The Boer war," he said, "was engineered by a group of men who were after the control of the richest gold mines and diamond fields in the world. It was conceived in fraud and misrepresentation and the Boers have been maligned, slandered, and lied about. America did not go into the Philippine war with her eyes open, as we did into the Boer war, but on the other hand we are only pursuing our traditional policy, while you, who believe that all men are free and equal, have sinned against the light."

KRUGER NO LONGER PRESIDENT

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—S. Pearson, formerly a commissary in the Boer army, who sailed for Rotterdam on the Holland-American liner Statendam, on January 19, returned to New York on the steamship Rotterdam. Most of his limited stay abroad was spent in Brussels and at The Hague. Speaking of his trip, Mr. Pearson last night said:

"I did not see President Kruger. The old gentleman is in bad health and just had his eyes operated on, so I did not try to have an audience with him. He is no longer president of the South African Republic, that office having devolved upon Vice-President Schalkenberger."

"In the event of the Boers finally winning their independence do you think that Mr. Kruger would be reinstated in the presidency?" Mr. Pearson was asked.

"No, a new election would have to be held and it is doubtful if it would be held. The choice would probably fall upon President Steyn, of the Orange Free State."

Concerning the state of affairs in the

Transvaal, Mr. Pearson talked at length, saying among other things:

"It is absolutely impossible to get the true condition, owing to the fact that all telegraphic lines are controlled by the British. I would not be surprised to hear that both Dorrien Smith and French with their forces had been captured. The capture of De Wet would not end the war. There are other able generals in the Boer army and a capable successor to him would be found."

Mr. Pearson said he would go to Washington in a few days, but declined to state the nature of his business.

ANOTHER MINE HORROR.

Fifty Miners and Fifteen Horses Entombed in a Wyoming Coal Mine.

SALT LAKE, Feb. 25.—A special to the Tribune from Kemmer, Wyoming, says:

A disastrous fire in Diamondville coal mine No. 1 last evening was attended with serious loss of life and great destruction of property. There are some fifty miners and fifteen horses entombed.

But one miraculous escape was made, however, by John Anderson, who was working near the mouth of the level. When he realized that the mine was on fire he with some difficulty reached the main lead and by throwing a heavy overcoat over his head and shoulders pushed his way through the flames and reached the main lead completely exhausted and terribly burned, but will recover.

All efforts to rescue those farther back have failed as the fierce flames drove the rescuers back. That all have perished is without question.

The scenes around the mine were heart rending, mothers, wives and sweethearts weeping and tearing their hair in terrible agony and all efforts to calm them proved of no avail.

The loss of property will reach enormous figures. The names of those imprisoned are unobtainable.

The cause of the fire is at present unknown. The mine has been plugged at the sixth level about two miles from the mouth.

DELAWARE DEADLOCK.

Anti-Addicks Republicans Begin Distribution of Votes.

DOVER, Del., Feb. 25.—The anti-Addicks Republicans in the Delaware legislature began distributing their votes among distinguished Republicans of the state today in joint assembly. They voted for Colonel Henry A. Dupont on the first ballot, but on the short term they began the distribution of favors. The ballot was without result.

DEATH OF TWO OREGONIANS.

Well-Known Physician and Morrow County Sheep King.

PORTLAND, Feb. 25.—Dr. E. P. Frazer, a well-known physician of Oregon, died at Los Angeles today of heart trouble.

William Penland, a sheep king of Morrow county, died today at the hospital here, the result of an operation.

OVER A BILLION CAPITAL.

Immense Stock of the United States Steel Corporation.

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—From a well-informed source comes the statement that the United States Steel Corporation will have \$1,000,000,000 of capital stock. Of this \$300,000,000 will be five per cent general mortgage bonds, \$400,000,000 of seven per cent preferred stock and \$300,000,000 of common stock.

SHRINERS GO TO HONOLULU.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Feb. 25.—An "Imperial special train" carrying about 175 passengers of the Mystic Shrine to San Francisco, en route to Honolulu, where the shriners will install "Aloha" temple of the order, left here today.

HAMILTON SENTENCED.

MINNEAPOLIS, Feb. 25.—Frank H. Hamilton, convicted of manslaughter in the first degree, was today sentenced to seven years' hard labor at the state penitentiary.

PRICE OF SILVER.

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—Silver, 61 3/4.

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NATIVE PRIESTS NOT FEDERALISTS

Claim That Party Is Merely Cloak for Protestantism.

FILIPINO FORCES ROUTED

Three Warm Engagements Reported—New Government of Philippines Will Be Similar to That Which Arizona Now Has.

MANILA, Feb. 25.—Rev. Father McKinner, who was formerly private secretary to Mgr. Chappelle and who is now pastor of the Ermita Catholic church, informed a representative of the Associated Press today that there were more than 800 native priests in the Philippines opposed to the Federal party and that these would refuse to administer the sacrament to a Federalist.

"They believe the Federal party to be merely a cloak for Protestant attempts to weaken the power of the Church of Rome. He asserts that the Methodist and Presbyterian missionaries were using unfair means to induce the Filipinos to leave the Catholic faith."

INSURGENTS ROUTED.

MANILA, Feb. 25.—Lieutenant West, with a detachment of the crew of the gunboat Laguna de Bay, attacked 300 insurgents near Cavinta. After a hard fight of forty minutes the insurgents were dispersed, losing six killed and four captured.

A detachment of the Forty-seventh volunteer infantry encountered a body of insurgents in the province of Albay, killing eighteen and subsequently another body, killing nine. The Americans had no casualties.

A party of the Eighteenth infantry surprised a band of ladrones at Moosin, island of Panay, killing six.

NEW PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT.

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—A special to the Herald from Washington says: Secretary Root has practically completed preparations for establishing civil government in the Philippines as soon as the necessary legislation is enacted by congress. The secretary has been in communication with Judge Taft and his associates on the subject.

One of the schemes suggested was to divide the archipelago into departments over each of which a member of the Philippine commission would preside, all to report to Chairman Taft, who would occupy the office of governor-general.

The plan that will probably be adopted is to keep the commission intact, but to make former Judge Taft the governor-general and his associates members of his cabinet, and head of the supreme court. It is possible that influential natives may be admitted to membership in the cabinet.

Major-General MacArthur will be relieved in the spring by Major-General Chaffee. The latter's functions will be purely military. His troops will be at the disposal of former Judge Taft for the suppression of disorders, just as the troops of a state are available for the maintenance of peace at the call of the governor. It is stated that, as near as possible, the new government will be much like that the territory of Arizona has today. Military officers will be relieved of duty of whatever character and Americans and natives will be employed to attend to all civil matters.

SOLACE NOT SEARCHED.

Commander of Navy Transport Refused Permission to Customs Inspectors.

VALLEJO, Cal., Feb. 25.—The naval transport Solace, direct from Manila and Honolulu, came to the navy yard Sunday and the same evening she was followed by four customs inspectors from San Francisco.

When the officers attempted to board the vessel for the purpose of making a search for dutiable goods they were met with a protest by Commander Winslow, who refused them permission and denied their right to make a search.

Under the law the commander of a man-of-war is recognized as an officer of the customs service.

CARD FROM CORBETT.

He Praises His Friends and Abuses His Opponents.

PORTLAND, Feb. 25.—The following card addressed to "The Stalwart Twenty-eight Republicans" will appear in the Oregonian tomorrow over the signature of H. W. Corbett, who was a candidate for United States senator before the recent legislature:

"My heartfelt thanks are due and are hereby tendered to the united twenty-eight who remained true to their pledge and to each other in the trying contest

for United States senator that has just closed, while four of their friends equally and solemnly pledged to stand firmly by the twenty-eight and each other, until the end, unless the opposition Republicans should meet in caucus and select a candidate. If the four had stood firm with their friends the result would evidently have been different.

"The result is now known. The Republican party of the state has been sold by Mr. Mitchell to the Democrats of Portland for a few offices to be delivered under contract to the faithful for their votes for senator. How far the contract can be executed and fulfilled is yet to be demonstrated. It speaks not well for the party when one man can sell and deliver his party and its principles for his personal benefit and ends. Has the Republican party descended so low that itself and principles may be bartered, sold and delivered to gratify the ambition of a nondescript partisan?"

"It matters little to me personally but to our party, much. We have fought forty years for the principles of the party and its integrity. When they can be trafficked away for so base a purpose, well may we inquire, on what meat doth this, our Caesar, feed, that he has grown so great in the Republican party?"

DISTRICT COURT SUSTAINED.

End of Litigation Over Estate of Late Millionaire Andrew P. Davis.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 25.—The decision of the district court of Montana in the suit growing out of litigation over the estate of the late Andrew J. Davis, a millionaire, was affirmed by the United States circuit court of appeals today. The case was entitled Harriet S. Holton as executrix of the estate of Harriet Wood, deceased, vs. Andrew J. Davis, the First National Bank of Montana, et al.

Mrs. Wood sued to enjoin Andrew J. Davis from securing \$50 shares of the capital stock of the First National Bank of Butte awarded by the district court of Montana. It was claimed that this judgment was procured by fraud and collusion. Mrs. Wood was the sister of the late Andrew J. Davis and the Davis who was defendant in the suit is a nephew of the deceased millionaire.

Judge Ross dissents from the opinion. Judges Gilbert and Hawley hold that there is no evidence of fraud and that they cannot give the plaintiff the relief prayed for.

MONTANA DECISION REVERSED.

State Supreme Court Overruled Appointment of Receiver for Minnie Holly Mine.

HELENA, Feb. 25.—The supreme court today reversed the action of Judge Clancy, of Butte, in appointing E. P. Wilson receiver for the Minnie Holly mine, rich copper property in litigation between F. A. Heinze and the Boston and Montana Company. Heinze procured the appointment and, it was claimed by the Boston and Montana Company, which owns adjoining property, that the receiver was working upon its grounds.

CALIFORNIA COURT SUSTAINED.

Supreme Court Decides in Favor of Florence Hinckley.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—In the supreme court of the United States, the case of Roswell M. Blythe vs. Florence Hinckley was summarily disposed of in the opinion by Justice Peckham, the decision being in favor of Hinckley as in the supreme court of California, from which court the case was brought to the United States supreme court on a writ of error.

BROWN'S BILL VETOED.

OLYMPIA, Feb. 25.—Governor Rogers today vetoed Brown's bill regulating the practice of medicine.

BANQUET TO MITCHELL.

PORTLAND, Feb. 25.—Senator-elect John H. Mitchell was tendered a banquet tonight by about one hundred of his friends.

ROCKHILL TAKES CHARGE LEGATION

Minister Conger Will Have Six Months' Vacation.

DIFFICULTIES ALL ADJUSTED

Today Chinese Officials Will Be Executed on Same Spot Where Pro-Foreign Manifestations Were Beheaded Last Summer.

PEKIN, Feb. 25.—This morning Minister Conger turned over the affairs of the United States legation to W. W. Rockhill, particularly the conduct of the negotiations with the Chinese plenipotentiaries, and he will shortly return to the United States for six months' vacation. Americans here feel that this arrangement is a confirmation of the report that everything is practically settled, for Conger felt it his duty to finish the negotiations satisfactorily.

The Pei Ho river will open next week and then the exodus of diplomats, correspondents and others will begin.

Li Hung Chang says he expects that the imperial court will return to Peking as soon as notification is given that the troops of the allies are evacuating the capital. He also asserts that no further difficulty in the negotiations is possible.

Some old residents here think there may be some difficulty in connection with the ceremonial of receiving the ministers of the powers by the court, but the ministers themselves do not anticipate any.

EXECUTIONS TODAY.

BERLIN, Feb. 25.—The Lokal Anzeiger has the following from Peking: "The execution of Chiu Chiu, former grand secretary, and Cheng Fu, son of the notorious Hsu Tung, tomorrow by the hangman will occur upon the same place where last summer two pro-civilization mandarins were beheaded. The spot is within the German zone."

"The opinion largely prevails in Peking that Prince Tuan's punishment will necessitate the choosing of another heir to the throne than his son."

FOREIGN TROOPS TO LEAVE.

PARIS, Feb. 25.—A dispatch to the Temps from Shanghai says it is believed the evacuation of the foreign troops from China will begin at the end of March.

MANY CHINESE KILLED.

CHINESE RECEIVER FOR THE MINNIE HOLLY MINE, RICH COPPER PROPERTY IN LITIGATION BETWEEN F. A. HEINZE AND THE BOSTON AND MONTANA COMPANY. HEINZE PROCURED THE APPOINTMENT AND, IT WAS CLAIMED BY THE BOSTON AND MONTANA COMPANY, WHICH OWNS ADJOINING PROPERTY, THAT THE RECEIVER WAS WORKING UPON ITS GROUNDS.

AGREEMENT OF PUBLISHERS. Includes Heavy Reduction on Price of Copyrighted Books.

CHICAGO, Feb. 25.—The Post today says:

The leading publishers of the country at last have reached a definite agreement upon the question of preventing demoralizing cuts in book prices and their plan is to become operative on copyright books published after May 1. This agreement, according to the Post, includes a reduction of 25 per cent in prices of copyrighted books.

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