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BOERS WRECK SUPPLY TRAIN
Overpower Escort and Carry Off Wagonloads of Provisions.
CHAMBERLAIN ON DEFENSIVE
Radicals Assert That British and Boer Generals Might Have Made Peace if Official Civilians Had Not Interfered.

STANDERTON, Transvaal Colony, Friday, March 22.—Four hundred Boers under Boer Commander Buys have wrecked a supply train north of Vlaklaagte. They overpowered the escort and carried off several wagonloads of provisions.
NEGOTIATIONS CRITICIZED
NEW YORK, March 22.—A dispatch to the Tribune from London says: The full text of Lord Kitchener's negotiations with General Botha has been received with mixed emotions by the commons and will probably open the way for several doubtful debates. The Ministerialists contend that the government is strengthened by the disclosure, since the terms offered the Boers were more generous than their leaders could have expected and that the chances made by Mr. Chamberlain were proper safeguards against burghers who had shown a talent for abusing the confidence of British generals.

VALUABLE PAPYRI
Interesting Manuscript From an Ancient Civilization Presented to American Colleges.
BOSTON, March 22.—Rev. Dr. W. C. Winslow, vice-president of the Egyptian exploration fund, stated that in addition to the papyri from Oxyrhynchus, presented to several universities, is a valuable lot of forty-three from several cities in the Fayum, which have been received for distribution.

GREAT SUGAR COMBINE
Corporation Is Spending Over \$2,000,000 for Equipment of Largest Plant Ever Built in Cuba.
NEW YORK, March 22.—The World says: What may be the first step in the consolidation of the various large sugar interests in the island of Cuba or the purchase of these interests by American capitalists has been taken.

PROCTOR IN CUBA
Is Unofficially Investigating Political Conditions There.
NEW YORK, March 22.—A dispatch to the Herald from Havana says: Senator Proctor says his trip is private and personal, but he means to investigate unofficially the political conditions here. Several members of the convention visited the senator, who states that the Platt amendment was passed by congress in the honest belief that it was for the best interests of Cuba and because of the understanding that it would be acceptable to the Cubans. He now finds here many constructions put on the terms which, he states, were not intended.

ARMY TO BE REDUCED.
NEW YORK, March 22.—A special to the Press from Washington says: Advice from the Philippines are so encouraging for peace that the war department is considering the advisability of reducing the garrisons in the archipelago. The re-organized army will be recruited to the full strength of 100,000 men but it is believed that future requirements will not compel the administration to maintain this maximum. About 30,000 regulars will be entitled to their discharges in the current year. It is proposed to let these soldiers return to their homes and to not fill their places. Thus the army can be reduced to 70,000 men in a perfectly natural way without interfering with its discipline or effectiveness.

Just Received...
100 pairs Bobbinet Ruffled Curtains. The Swell Window Display, on which we are making a SPECIAL SALE.
Also a new line of Ladies' Writing Desks in Flamingo Golden Oak and Birds' Eye Maple.....
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SELF GOVERNMENT PROVED FAILURE
Natives of Negros Dissatisfied With Administration.
FUNSTON AFTER AGUINALDO
Filipino Leader in Province of Isabella—Administration Plans to Allow Army to Become Reduced to 70,000 Men.

BACOLOD, Island of Negros, March 22.—The United States Philippine commission has listened to a quantity of testimony on the conditions in the western part of Negros island, which have tended to show the island to be agriculturally the richest in the Philippines. Negros has lately been afflicted with a plague of locusts and has been dissatisfied with the administration of public offices under the proclamation of self-government which was established by General Otis in 1899. Some natives have urged that when the provincial government is organized that the officers thereof be elected instead of mostly appointed as provided by the new law. The commissioners responded that these officers were practically elective, being chosen by the municipal councilors, but they will consider all suggestions and defer the organization of the civil government until they have visited the other side of the island. Later the delegates acknowledged that they were not successful in always securing the best officials through elections. The fact that the island of Negros has already a system of civil government may render necessary the establishment of a temporary and provincial government to carry over affairs to the provincial government, which is far more limited in character.

AFTER AGUINALDO.
MANILA, March 22.—General Funston is now engaged in a daring project which promises to be the greatest and most romantic achievement of his eventful career. In January, from his hiding place in the province of Isabella, Aguinaldo wrote letters antagonizing the subchiefs who had taken the oath of allegiance to the United States. Later Aguinaldo ordered insurgent forces in southern Luzon to join him at a rendezvous in Isabella province. The rebel officer trusted with these orders secretly negotiated with the Americans. On securing necessary information, Gen. Funston planned Aguinaldo's capture, and with General MacArthur's authorization, General Funston proceeded two weeks ago to make the attempt.

THUNDER AND LIGHTNING.
Phenomenal Storms in Wisconsin and Minnesota Yesterday.
MINNEAPOLIS, March 22.—Phenomenal thunder and lightning storms raged in Wisconsin and Minnesota today. At Clearwater a barn was struck and nine farm animals killed. Lightning also struck barns near Stillwater and four head of cattle were killed.

WHEAT MARKET.
PORTLAND, March 22.—Wheat, Walla Walla, 57.
SAN FRANCISCO, March 22.—Wheat, May, 102 1/2; cash, 100.
CHICAGO, March 22.—Wheat, May, opening, 57 3/8; closing, 74 1/4.
LIVERPOOL, March 22.—Wheat, July, 68, 1/4d.

HER EDITORIAL WAS SUPPRESSED
So Mrs. Nation Parted With Her Negro Publisher.
WAS REPEATEDLY HOOTED AT
Compelled to Abandon Attempt to Speak at Atchison—Agitation She Started Brought Out Heavy Registration of Voters.
TOPEKA, March 22.—Mrs. Nation has dissolved partnership with Nick Chile, her colored publisher. She will hereafter endeavor to edit and have printed her paper, "The Smashers' Mail," without his assistance. The trouble grew out of the suppression by Chile of an editorial written by Mrs. Nation.

HEAVY REGISTRATION.
TOPEKA, March 22.—The temperance agitation started in this city by Mrs. Nation has resulted in bringing out the heaviest registration for the spring election in the history of the city. The registration books just closed show a registration of 15,000, of which 6000 are women.
ISSUE OF WET OR DRY.
KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 22.—The heaviest registration on record in Kansas has been recorded in many places throughout the state for the spring elections to occur soon in towns of the second and third class. At most places the issue is "wet" or "dry."
MINCHIN ACQUITTED.
Will Be Permitted to Represent Oregon in Interstate Collegiate Contest.
PORTLAND, March 22.—Elwood Minchin, winner of the recent Oregon intercollegiate oratorical contest at Corvallis, has been acquitted of the charge of plagiarism preferred by McMinnville College. The executive committee of the Oratorical Association today held a meeting at Salem and decided upon this action by a vote of 7 to 1. This decision makes it certain that Minchin will represent Oregon in the Oregon-Washington intercollegiate oratorical contest.

CAPITAL STOCK INCREASED.
Total Capitalization of the Union Pacific Is Now \$295,428,400.
SALT LAKE, March 22.—A special meeting of the stockholders of the Union Pacific Railroad Company was held in this city today. An affirmative action was taken to amend the articles of the association increasing the common capital stock by \$100,000,000 and to authorize the issue and use of such additional stock. This action, which is one of the greatest financial deals in the history of the world's railroads, was taken in connection with the recent purchases by Edward H. Harriman and associates of the Union Pacific of Southern Pacific securities. The new four-per-cent bonds are to be exchanged during the next five years for Southern Pacific bonds and additional stock is also to be used to cover the purchase of the big system. This brings the total capitalization of the Union Pacific to the enormous figures of \$295,428,400. The company owns all of the Oregon Short Line and the O. R. & N. Co. and Mr. Harriman is the dominating spirit in many other systems.

BRYAN NOT AFRAID
Thinks Nebraska Fusionists Will Never Help Elect a Republican Senator.
LINCOLN, March 22.—In connection with the report that a number of fusionists were considering the advisability of voting for Republicans for U. S. senators or absenting themselves so that a less number might elect, Wm. J. Bryan was asked this evening whether he thought any Democrat or Populist would take the responsibility of giving this aid to the Republicans. Bryan said: "Not unless he is bought. I shall not assume without evidence that any of our legislators is corruptible. No fusionists can have any legitimate excuse for helping the Republicans out of their difficulty. They have a clear majority in both branches of the legislature and if they cannot agree upon a suitable man let them take the consequences. No fusionist would dare to face his constituents after voting for the nominee of a Republican caucus, and a fusionist who would absent himself in order to help a Republican simply adds cowardice to corruptibility."

DOMESTIC POSTAGE TO CUBA.
Order Issued to Postmasters by Postmaster-General.
WASHINGTON, March 22.—Postmaster-General Smith has issued the following order: "Postmasters are informed that on and after April 1st next the United States domestic rates of postage and classification shall apply to all mail matter passing between the United States and Cuba."

HOME FOR SCHLEY.
Citizens of Washington Have Subscribed \$6000.
WASHINGTON, March 22.—At a meeting tonight of the committee appointed at a mass meeting of citizens of Washington for the purpose of presenting to Admiral Schley a modest home, it was reported that about \$6000 had been contributed to the fund. It is expected that by April 15 about \$15,000 will have been contributed and this will be used to purchase a home in the suburbs of Washington to be presented to the admiral on his arrival in this country, April 15th.

PRICE OF SILVER.
NEW YORK, March 22.—Silver, 64 1/2.

BEQUEST FOR HELENA SCHOOL.
HELENA, March 22.—St. Peter's Episcopal school of this city has received a bequest from Philip Bruno, a Philadelphia philanthropist, who died in 1898 and who left \$100,000 to various Episcopalian schools.

UNFORTUNATE LEGISLATION.
NEW YORK, March 22.—A special to

HERALD FROM WASHINGTON SAYS:
Serious embarrassment has been caused the administration and the development of the Philippines has been retarded by the legislation prohibiting the cutting of timber on the public lands of the archipelago. As the forests are on public lands, the government, under a strict interpretation of the law, will be unable to authorize the felling of a tree to provide the planks necessary for the construction of a new house or the repairing of an old one. If a gunboat were to lose a spar and her commander desired to replace it he could not take it from the public lands without violating the law. Not only is the sale or lease of timber prohibited but the sale or lease or other disposition of public lands and the granting of mining rights are made illegal. The legislation was directly contrary to the wishes of the president and Secretary Root, who are convinced that in order to promptly develop the islands the introduction of American capital is necessary. Secretary Root does not believe that congress intends to curtail the privileges of the people of the islands and it is believed he will hold that the president is authorized to grant forestry concessions.

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