

GOLD HILL NEWS.

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THE NEWS OF THE WEEK

Comprehensive Review of the Important Happenings of the Past Week Culled From the Telegraph Columns.

The revolution in Colombia is spreading throughout the republic.

Benjamin Northrup, a well-known newspaper man, of New York city, is dead, aged 44.

The plant of the St. Louis Chronicle, St. Louis, Mo., was destroyed by fire. Loss, \$50,000.

The loss to railroads by the recent flood in Mississippi will amount to more than \$1,000,000.

Plague is still rife in Manila, a foul breeding place having been discovered in the heart of the city.

Rev. Charles Beecher, brother of the late Henry Ward Beecher, died at Georgetown, Mass., aged 84 years.

Efforts to stamp out the plague in Sydney, Australia, have not been successful. The epidemic is spreading.

Bush fires are raging in Manitoba and advices from Winnipeg state that 500 persons are in danger of losing their lives.

Five men were killed at Balmain, Australia, by being precipitated to the bottom of an 1,800-foot perpendicular shaft of a mine.

A strange tale of crime has come to light in the case of a rich Colorado miner, who is charged with the murder of four persons.

Ex-Congressman David G. Colson, on trial at Frankfort, Ky., for the murder of Lieutenant Scott and Luther Demaree last January 16, has been acquitted.

The total receipts of the Cuban treasury for the month of March, 1900, were \$1,678,688. The receipts for the corresponding month of 1899 amounted to \$963,033.

Queen Victoria reviewed the naval and infantry brigades and the boys of the Royal Hibernian military school at Dublin. Two hundred thousand people witnessed the review.

At Atchison, Kan., a reader of cheap novels was given 18 years in the penitentiary for arson. He set fire to a house in order to play the part of a hero by rescuing the family.

Civil government for Puerto Rico will be inaugurated May 1.

The election in Louisiana resulted in a sweeping victory for the Democrats.

The Ameer of Afghanistan warns England of Russian aggression on India.

Harry F. Allen, defaulting clerk of Denver county treasurer's office, was arrested in San Francisco.

Canada will repeal the alien labor law which was aimed at American miners in the Atlin district.

Great battles have taken place between government troops and rebels in the United States of Colombia.

Thirteen persons were drowned by the capsizing of a boat while crossing the Rhine, near Bingen, Germany.

Work on the dam at Croton Landing, N. Y., has been resumed, under the protection of the state troops.

Lord Roberts sharply criticises the ability of Generals Buller and Warren. London papers maintain there is nothing left for Buller but to resign.

Orders have been given to turn the transports Tartar and Westminster over to their owners. The government has no longer any need for their services.

The will of a woman who died in Topeka, Kas., recently, bequeaths the greater part of a fortune of \$250,000 for the founding of the University of Topeka.

Harry B. Wandell, city editor of the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, and his sister, have fallen heir to an estate in the Canary islands, valued at from \$10,000,000 to \$20,000,000.

The Sultan of Turkey for the third time announces his intention to increase duties 3 per cent. The powers will address another note to the porte stating their objections to such an increase.

A party of three scientists have sailed from San Francisco to explore the unknown portion of Northeastern Siberia. One object of their trip will be to determine whether or not the American Indian is descended from Asiatic stock.

The mountain which overlooks the town of Klappi, in Bohemia, where a landslide recently occurred, has undergone a seismic disturbance which is spreading throughout the entire province. The heights of the Bohemia middle range are moving and houses and churches have collapsed in some 30 villages. Railway embankments have been moved, streams diverted and roads sunk.

LATER NEWS.

The Duke of Argyll is dead. Plumbers of Chicago have gone on a strike.

Turkey's reply to the United States is unsatisfactory.

Boer peace commissioners' mission has been a failure.

China is growing more and more opposed to the "open door."

Japan will take steps to stop the emigration of her coolies to this country.

Captain Denning, on trial before court martial at San Francisco, has pleaded guilty.

Clara Barton has sailed for Europe for the purpose of furthering the Red Cross society organization.

Frank L. Campbell has been nominated to succeed Webster Davis, as assistant secretary of the interior.

William A. Clark, of Montana, will resign his seat in the United States senate, having decided that it will be wiser to retire gracefully.

Vote on the Quay case was taken in the senate with the result that the Pennsylvania senator was shut out by one vote. It stood 32 to 33.

Floods in the South grow worse. Traffic in Louisiana and Mississippi is paralyzed, and the crop and property damage will amount into millions.

John Horton, a negro, his wife and four children, were drowned in the backwaters of Pearl river, near Jackson, Miss., while trying to escape from the floods.

At a meeting of 1,200 Boer sympathizers held in San Diego, Cal., resolutions were adopted expressing the hope that the United States would seek by its good offices to end the war.

The treasury department will investigate the rumors of the alleged illegal landing of Japanese on the Pacific coast. An inspector has been ordered to go to Seattle and make a complete report on the matter.

The Sixty-ninth Regiment Veterans' Club, of New York City, celebrated the 39th anniversary of their departure for the war, with a dinner at the Sturtevant House. Just before the close of the festivities, Sergeant John Gleason, who has been in the regiment for 40 years, offered a resolution offering the services of the regiment to Paul Kruger. Before introducing the resolution, Sergeant Gleason said: "I am willing and prepared to go to the front with Paul Kruger now, although I have not shouldered a gun for 40 years." The resolution was adopted with tremendous cheering.

Rivera, secretary of agriculture in Cuba, will resign.

Sir Charles Warren will be governor of Orange Free State.

Coal has advanced in price for the first time in 10 years.

Croton Landing, N. Y., strike is considered at an end.

Alaska is badly in need of laws. Settlers on lands there cannot acquire a title.

Webster Davis, until recently assistant secretary of the interior, says he is out of politics.

Governor Taylor, of Kentucky, denies that he is fleeing from the grand jury indictment.

Massachusetts Democrats will pay \$1,100 a day for their hotel accommodations at Kansas City.

In an interview, General Lew Wallace, former minister to Turkey, says the sultan is an honest man.

The steamship North Star, aground near Victoria, has been floated. The vessel was only slightly damaged.

It is reported that Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, is worthless as a naval rendezvous until improvements are made.

Americans captured, killed and wounded 1,000 Filipinos last week, with a loss of nine killed and 16 wounded.

It is expected that 50,000 workmen and women will be in line in the May day parade which will take place in New York City.

At Madison Square Garden, New York City, an elephant in Forepaugh & Sells' circus was choked to death in an effort to subdue him.

Members of the "Boxers" society have massacred many Chinese Catholics near Pao Ting Fu, in the province of Pi Chi Li, southwest of Tien-Tsin.

A paper has been signed by all the business men except two of Walla Walla agreeing to close their places every evening except Saturday at 6 o'clock.

The capture of Bocas del Toro, and the threatened attack on Colon by Colombian revolutionists, may compel forcible intervention by the government of the United States to preserve the perfect neutrality of the Isthmus of Panama, guaranteed by the United States in the treaty of 1846.

Captain Bollen, a wealthy retired navigator of Tacoma, committed suicide on a ranch on Fox island, blowing off his head with a shotgun. He recently bought a steam launch, and the cylinder head blew out. This affected him so that, after brooding over it one night, he decided to kill himself.

BRITISH ADVANCE OPPOSED

Boers Determined to Prevent Relief of Wepener.

POLE-CAREW'S MEN IN A FIGHT

Boers, After Some Resistance, Were Driven From Their Position at Leeuw Kop.

London, April 25.—The strong body of reinforcements which Lord Roberts sent to assist the relief of Wepener and to endeavor to envelop and cut off the Boers from retreat northward furnishes further evidence that the Boers are assembled in much larger forces around Wepener than had hitherto been supposed, and as the Times, in an editorial this morning, remarks, whatever may be the difficulties of roads and rains, the Boers appear to have guns, and sometimes big ones, where they want them.

A Boer dispatch, dated Thabanchu, April 20, says that a fresh supply of cannon and ammunition has reached General Dewet at Jammersberg Drift. It also asserts that one of Colonel Dalgely's guns has been smashed.

Karriefontein, mentioned in Lord Roberts' message to the war office, is 15 miles southeast of Bloemfontein. Leeuw Kop is two miles further south. Apparently the British captured Paarde Kraal Sunday night. The Boers evacuated Leeuw Kop during the night, removing the gun, and the British occupied the kop the next morning.

FLOODS IN THE SOUTH.

Steady Downpour of Rain and No Relief in Sight.

Louisville, Ky., April 25.—The rains continue throughout the flood districts of the South, and danger to lives and property is becoming more grave. It was thought Saturday the crisis was passed, but in many localities the rain is falling again with increased violence. Late reports to the weather bureau show that heavy precipitation has been general within the last 12 hours throughout the flooded country. It was estimated last Saturday that \$3,000,000 worth of private property had already been destroyed, and it is now thought probable this damage will be heavily increased. Mail and telegraphic communication has been destroyed between the smaller towns in Mississippi and Alabama, south of Jackson, the northern limit of the floods. Many farm houses have been swept away, their occupants barely escaping with their lives, and the drowning of a family of seven negroes is reported from Jackson, Miss.

Trains on railroads into New Orleans which have not been abandoned entirely are running only in the daylight, owing to the dangerous condition of the track. The Louisville & Nashville New Orleans line which was in fair condition until last evening, is now cut in two by the destruction of a four-span bridge over the West Pascagoula river, near Cranton. Arrangements have been made to ferry passengers across the break. Thousands of people in the small water-bound towns of Mississippi are reported on the brink of starvation.

Welland Canal Wreckers.

Washington, April 25.—The result of the inquiry, so far as it has gone into the attempt to wreck the Welland Canal locks by the use of dynamite, was laid before the state department today in a special telegraphic report from United States Consular Agent Brush, at Clifton, a town opposite Niagara Falls, on the Canadian side of the boundary. The report completely exonerates the Buffalo grain handlers from all connection with the crime, and strongly intimates that the attempt was the working out of a regularly organized conspiracy among certain persons in the United States said to be affiliated with the Irish secret associations.

Elephant Was Choked to Death.

New York, April 25.—"Dick," a vicious elephant belonging to the Sells & Forepaugh circus, was strangled to death in Madison Square Garden in an attempt to subdue him. A few weeks ago he became dangerous, and heavy chains were fastened to his legs and tusks. While preparations were being made this morning to move the circus from the garden, "Dick" began to trumpet. Fearing a stampede, huge ropes were passed around the giant's body and neck, a dozen men pulling on them, the idea being to choke him into submission. The men were unable to make any impression upon him, and Mr. Sells had elephants attached to the ropes. They pulled with such vigor that he was choked to death.

Burned His Wrecked Yacht.

Paris, April 25.—According to a special dispatch from Suez, Count Tolna was wrecked near the Island of Minico, in the Arabian sea, says that after the wreck he decided to burn the yacht rather than leave her to be pillaged by the natives of the island. The count, with two members of the crew who escaped, underwent great privations for two months.

COMPLICATED SITUATION.

The Campaign in Southeast Free State.

London, April 26.—All interest is centered in the complicated situation in the southeast portion of the Orange Free State, from which developments of the utmost importance must issue in the near future. General Rundle, it would seem, has found the Boers confronting him at De Wet's Dorp, in stronger force than he cares to engage, and so he is marking time, pending the arrival of supports. While General Rundle is preparing to strike De Wet's Dorp, Generals Brabant and Hart are pushing along the frontier of Basutoland, where they will be able to frustrate any attack on General Rundle's right, and Generals French and Pole-Carew are hastening from Bloemfontein to bar the Boer line of retreat northward.

In the meanwhile, the burgher forces occupying Thabanchu are in a position to fight a delaying action, giving the Boer forces at De Wet's Dorp and Wepener time to retire in case of defeat, and it seems as though General French must dispose of this Thabanchu force before he can reach the rear of the Boer forces opposing General Rundle and Brabant, otherwise his flank will be open to assault.

The Boers driven out of Leeuw Kop will probably rally at Thabanchu, where a stiff fight may be expected. Should the British fail in this attempt to bring about another Paardeberg, it must immensely affect the larger issues of the war, as it will undoubtedly lead to a persistent repetition of the guerrilla tactics which have been largely responsible for the penning of Lord Roberts at Bloemfontein for so many weeks.

During General Anderson's advance on Leeuw Kop, the Canadians found themselves in a tight corner Sunday, near Donkerport. The Canadian mounted infantry sent to reconnoiter the Boer position approached within 200 yards of a farm flying the hospital flag, under cover of which the Boers opened such a hot fire on the Canadians that they were unable to attempt to retire until another force of Canadians covered their retreat by threatening the rear of the Boer position.

MANY REBELS KILLED.

Bloody Work Due to Activity of Aguinaldo's Bishop.

Washington, April 26.—General Otis has cabled the following account of recent engagements in the Philippines:

"Manila, April 26.—Early on the morning of the 7th, several hundred Tagalos and Visayans attacked a battalion of the Forth Infantry at Cagayan, on the north coast of Mindanao. Our casualties were two killed, 11 wounded; enemy's loss, 53 killed, 18 wounded and captured in the city, besides other losses suffered on retreat.

"Young reports from Northwestern Luzon that several hundred natives, influenced by Aguinaldo's bishop, Aglipak, attacked his troops at several points, and in turn had been attacked. Their loss in the attack on Patoc, the 15th inst., was 166 killed, and during the entire fighting from the 15th to the 17th, 333 killed. Our loss during the period was two killed and four wounded. Young has plenty of troops, and will have little further opposition.

"Affairs at Luzon points are improving. Local residents and inhabitants of towns are giving information and rendering assistance, and the troops are now taking possession of inner small islands."

Bogus Sugar Trust Stock.

Chicago, April 26.—An extensive forgery of sugar trust stock came to light today, when W. S. Jacobs, president of the Chicago Loan & Trust Company, was arrested at the instance of N. Gilbertson, of 248 West Erie street, on a charge of being implicated in a confidence game. The alleged perpetrator of the forgery, Samuel Fuller, is also sought, but it had been learned that he left Chicago soon after completing the transaction complained of, about a year ago.

Jacobs claims to have handled the bonds as a broker only, and says he was imposed upon by Fuller, but Gilbertson, who lost \$2,700 on the bogus securities, charges Jacobs with having had knowledge of the character of the alleged bonds. It is known that similar bogus bonds were sold to a score or more of other investors.

Shot Wife and Stabbed Himself.

Syracuse, N. Y., April 25.—John Hughes, aged 60, shot and killed his wife and wounded Elizabeth Lyons, aged 16 years, as the women were leaving St. Vincent de Paul's church at noon today. He then went to the house of a friend a mile distant and attempted to commit suicide by stabbing himself with a pair of shears. He and Mrs. Hughes were married a year ago and had separated. The Lyons girl was struck in the leg by a stray bullet while walking on the opposite side of the street. Her injuries are not serious. She is the daughter of John H. Lyons, a prominent box manufacturer.

Latest reports from the scenes of the bush fires near the Minnesota boundary line show that there has been no loss of life. Several lumbering and tie camps were destroyed, but both men and horses escaped. The losses to Winnipeg contractors in lumber and wood destroyed will amount to about \$100,000.

QUAY REFUSED A SEAT

Defeated in the Senate by One Vote.

CLOSING DAY OF THE DEBATE

The Vote on the Chandler Resolution, That Settled His Case, Stood 33 to 32—In the House.

Washington, April 26.—Hon. Matthew S. Quay was today refused a seat in the United States senate on the appointment of the governor of Pennsylvania, by a vote of 33 to 32. The entire time of the senate today was devoted to debate upon the question, many of the greatest lawyers and orators of the body delivering speeches. As the day's session wore on and the hour for the final vote approached, the galleries filled until they were thronged with multitudes, while other multitudes were unable to gain admission. On the floor of the senate was every member of the body now in the city and scores of the members of the house of representatives. The great throng listened with deep attention to the brilliant argument of Spooner in favor of the seating of the former Pennsylvania senator, and to the dramatic and fiery eloquence of Daniel (Dem. Va.), who appealed to his colleagues to do what, on his oath as a senator, he deemed right, and vote to do justice to him who was knocking at the senate doors.

As the big clock opposite the president pro tem, indicated 4 o'clock, there was a hush in the chamber. Frye, in the chair, announced that the hour for the final vote had arrived, and that the question was the pending motion of Chandler to strike out of the resolution declaring Quay not to be entitled to a seat the word "not." Senators throughout the chamber eagerly followed the roll call, for all knew the vote would be close. The first sensation was caused by the failure of Pettigrew (Dem. S. D.) to answer to his name, although he was in his seat. When Vest's name was called, he voted "No" in a clear voice, thus dashing the last hope of the friends of Quay, who had expected confidently that the distinguished Missourian would vote for his long-time personal friend. In perfect silence it was announced that the senate had denied to Quay the seat which he has sought for some months past.

Washington, April 26.—The house today, Hill (Rep. Conn.) objecting, adopted the Foraker emergency resolution to continue the present officers in Porto Rico in office until the appointments are made under the civil government act, as amended by the committees on insular affairs. The amendments require that all franchises shall be approved by the president before they become operative and place certain restrictions upon chartered corporations, such as the issuing of stocks or bonds, except for cash, and inhibiting real estate incorporations, except such as is necessary to carry out the purposes for which they are created. About 20 pages of the postoffice appropriation bill were disposed of, the only substantial amendment adopted being one to give extra compensation to letter-carriers who work in excess of 48 hours a week.

GERMAN NEUTRALITY.

Bought With Railway Concessions in Turkey.

New York, April 26.—Rev. George Washburn, president of Roberts college, Constantinople, speaking at a dinner of the Brooklyn Congregational Club last night, said:

"The political transitions which have taken place in Turkey in the last few weeks are the most important that have occurred in years in the empire. You have probably read of some German railroad concessions obtained by the Russian government. Well, there is a story back of these concessions. When the war broke out in South Africa, the kaiser went to England and there was one thing he carried away home with him in reward for keeping his hand out of the affair in Africa. It was a concession for all the railways in the western part of Turkey for the Germans. These concessions gave the Germans the right to construct all the railways in Asia Minor west of a line in Constantinople to the Persian gulf. "It now appears that, as Germany made a compact with England, so Russia has made a bargain with Germany. As Germany is to construct all the roads in the western part of the empire, so is Russia to construct all the roads in the eastern part. These two powers, with the consent of England, are dividing Turkey into spheres of influence, in the belief that when the final partition comes the sphere which is under Russian control will become Russian.

"By mobilizing troops upon his borders the two powers have compelled the sultan to agree to this. The line between the two spheres of influence runs from a little town on the Black sea to the Persian gulf. This is the arrangement the sultan has been compelled to accept, and the arrangement that has meant so much politically to Turkey in the last few weeks."