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" Chicago	7:45 a. m., 9:30 a. m.
" Los Angeles	1:30 p. m., 7 a. m.
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" Fort Worth	6:30 a. m., 6:30 p. m.
" City of Mexico	9:35 a. m., 9:35 a. m.
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EVENTS OF THE DAY

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TERSE TICKS FROM THE WIRES

An Interesting Collection of Items From the Two Hemispheres Presented in a Condensed Form.

W. J. Bryan addressed 10,000 people at Tacoma, Wash.

War tax will not be reduced at this session of congress.

The Puerto Rican bill passed the senate by a vote of 40 to 31.

The public debt decreased $6,000,000 during the month of March.

A bill was passed to throw open Idaho and Oklahoma Indian lands.

The journeymen plumbers of Indianapolis have struck, demanding an increase in pay.

The legislative council of Trinidad has ratified the reciprocity treaty with the United States.

Aguinaldo is in Singapore. Singapore papers mention the fact and publish short interviews with him.

The plasterers of Minneapolis have been locked out, pending the settlement of their dispute as to hours.

Pearl harbor, in the Hawaiian islands, will be improved and fortified and made available for naval purposes.

Mexico's army convicts will be abolished by the new secretary of war. Volunteer service is to be encouraged.

The marine hospital service has sent an urgent request to congress for an appropriation of $500,000 to fight plague in various seaport towns.

The casualties in the Philippine war since January 1, have been: Americans, 88 killed, 163 wounded; insurgents, 1,426 killed; 1,453 captured.

Great preparations for war are going on in Russia. All messages in regard to movements of troops are censored and all officers are denied leaves of absence.

The Illinois Brick Company, of Chicago, the brick combine of that city, has filed with the secretary of state a certificate of increase of capital stock from $10,000 to $9,000,000.

The party of scientists under Professor A. Agassiz, who left San Francisco several months ago on an expedition to the South Seas, has returned. This scientific expedition went first to the Pomotos, exploring the northern part of those islands, a region never before examined by scientists. After refitting the vessel at Tahiti, the remainder of the Society islands, as well as the Cook, Savage and the islands of the Tonga group were explored. After refitting at Suva, the Ellice, Gilbert and Marshall islands were explored and the island of Guam was visited.

Republicans elected their entire ticket at Cincinnati.

Democrats made several striking gains in Michigan.

Plumbers of Cleveland are on a strike for higher wages.

Fire at Newport, Ark., destroyed property to the amount of $500,000.

Roberts' communication with Kimberley has been cut off by the Boers.

No Puerto Rican franchises will be granted until government is established.

Two small boys of Astoria, Or., were drowned in the Columbia while out in a small boat.

Boers captured seven guns and 350 men in an engagement 17 miles from Bloemfontein.

Painters and carpenters of St. Louis are on a strike, pending adjustment of their demand for higher wages.

Beri-beri, small-pox and bubonic plague are prevalent at Manila, establishing a death rate of over 40 per 1,000.

Webster Davis, assistant secretary of the interior, has resigned to go on the lecture platform in the interest of the Boers.

Governor Roosevelt, of New York has signed the bill repealing the Horton boxing law. It will go into effect September 1.

There is a general desire among all classes in the Philippines for a speedy establishment of some form of permanent government.

Joe Pete, an Indian, under sentence of death for murder at Carson, Nev., has escaped from custody. He was to have been hanged May 4.

Diamonds, jewelry and money to the value of $16,000 was stolen from a Philadelphia residence, and suspicion rests on the coachman, who is missing.

A British steam launch was captured by pirates near the Check Heung Shan district, the pilot of the boat murdered and the launch and lighter, which it had in tow, looted.

In a severe engagement near Bolivar, Venezuela, General Hernandez was defeated by General Penalosa, commanding the government troops. The revolutionists lost 223 killed.

Gov. Smith, of Vermont, owns a private locomotive. It is fitted with luxurious accommodations for eight passengers.

There is a scheme to construct a direct railroad from New York to Chicago, saving 300 miles and making the distance in 16 hours.

As chairman of the board of directors of the New York Central Railroad, Chauncey Depew draws the snug salary of $60,000 annually.

LATER NEWS.

Emily Coghlan, the actress, died at Stamford, Conn., aged 36 years.

Half the village of Proctorville, Ohio, was destroyed by fire. Loss $200,000.

A German scientist has invented a compound which melts iron in five seconds.

Boers in Natal are becoming active, and an engagement with Buller is imminent.

The German flag has been raised over the Samoan islands of Upolu, Manono, Apolima and Saru.

Captain John Codman, the famous advocate of free ships and free trade, is dead at Boston, aged 86.

The statue of Maud Adams will not be admitted to the Paris expositon because it is a personal exhibit.

At Pittsburg, Pa., a big eight-story department store was destroyed by fire, causing a loss of over a $1,000,000.

Another brother of President Steyn, of Orange Free State, was captured at Karee Siding, and is now at Bloemfontein.

The squadron of the United States navy, recently formed in Chinese waters, is to have its headquarters at Hong Kong.

Forty people lost their lives at Austin, Texas, due to an overflow of the Colorado river. Property destroyed exceeds $3,000,000.

Walter E. Groffe, the defaulting cashier of the Adams Express Company at Dayton, Ohio, who left the city October 6 last, taking with him $3,000 of the corporation's money, has been arrested in San Francisco.

The sitution in Ashantee is unchanged. A Coomassie runner reports that all the Ashantee tribes are in arms, the king of Bekwal alone remaining loyal. It is believed that the Ashantee golden stool has been found and that the rising is due to the endeavor of the governor of the colony, Sir Frederic Mitchell Hodgson, to take possession of it.

The American Plate Mirror Company was chartered at Harrisburg, Pa., with a capital of $50,000,000. This company is composed of well-known plate-glass men, and is looked upon as the beginning of a determined move on the part of the American plate-glass men to wrest the trade in this country for plate mirrors from foreign manufacturers.

Senator Tillman, from the committee on mines and mining, reported the bill providing for the utilization of a part of the proceeds of the sales of public lands in support of schools for mining in the public land states. It provides for the appropriation of $10,000 annually for the present in each case and the gradual increase of the amount to $20,000.

The Republicans elected 19 out of 35 aldermen in Chicago.

Admiral Dewey has announced himself as a candidate for president.

Genreal French has given up his chase after the retreating Boers.

Boston is agitating the question of prohibition of ringing church bells.

The United States building at the Paris exposition will be closed on Sundays.

Queen Victoria landed at Dublin, Ireland, her first visit to the island in 39 years.

A temperance movement has been inaugurated in Mexico, owing to the increase of drunkenness.

Admiral Dewey's collection of curios and trophies, at his request, will be placed in the Smithsonian Institute.

Turkish tower at the Paris exposition obstructs the view of the United States building and Commissioner Peck has protested against it.

The Vanderbilts and Morgans now have plans almost perfected which will give them absolute control of the coal supply of America.

Forty-four young men of Thurston, Or, have petitioned the military board for the organization of a company of the National Guard at that place.

The mammoth auditorium in which the Democratic National convention was to have been held on July 4, was burned to the ground, entailing a loss of $350,000.

At Logansport, Ind., 150 masked men blew up two bridges and burned two toll houses on the Logansport and Burlington pike at midnight. The road is the only pike in the county, and protests have been directed against high toll and the alleged bad condition of the pike.

Michael J. Dady, the Brooklyn contractor who obtained from the Spanish city goverment of Havana a $12,000,000 contract for sewering and paving, has received a letter from Governor-General Wood, informing him that his plans for the construction of sewers and the paving of the city of Havana are disapproved and rejected.

The newly organized American Match Machine Company, a New Jersey corporation, is about to enter into competition with the Diamond Match Company, known as the match trust. The new company does not intend to confine its attention to the trade of the United States, but will make a vigorous fight for European trade, through the sale of rights.

A national congress of mothers is to be held at Des Moines, Ia., May 21-25.

The department of agriculture will plant 100,000 rubber trees in the Hawaiian islands.

At Lady Lansdowne's concert in London, Mme. Patti is said to have worn diamonds worth over $1,000,000.

Gen. John J. Elwell, a hero of the civil war, died at Cleveland, O. His military service extended from 1861 to 1866.

CAPTURED BY BOERS

Roberts Loses Five Companies of Infantry.

SURROUNDED BY A LARGE FORCE

General Villebois Mareuil, a Frenchman in the Dutch Army, Killed in a Fight With Methuen's Forces.

London, April 9.—Lord Roberts reports that five companies of British troops have been captured by Boers near Bethanie. The following his the text of his dispatch to the war office, announcing the capture:

"Bloemfontein, April 9.—Another unfortunate occurrence has occurred, resulting, I fear, in the capture of a party of infantry, consisting of three companies of the Royal Irish Fusiliers and two companies of the Ninth regiment of mounted infantry, near Reddersburg, a little eastward of the Bethanie railway station, within a few miles of this place. They were surrounded by a strong force of the enemy, with four or five guns.

"The detachment held out from noon of April 3 until April 4, at 9 P. M., and then apparently surrendered, for it is reported that the firing ceased at that time. Immediately after I heard the news, during the afternoon of April 3, I ordered Gatacre to proceed from Springfontein, his present headquarters, to Reddersburg with all possible speed. I dispatched the Cameron Highlanders hence to Bethanie. He arrived at Reddersburg at 10:30 A. M., without opposition, but could get no news of the missing detachment. There can be no doubt that the whole party has been made prisoners."

The lost companies are probably a part of the force guarding the railroad at Bethanie, 30 miles south of Bloemfontein. The Boers are evidently operating in force near the railroad, and there is a possibility of the lines being interrupted for a brief period at any time. As the captured British soldiers were in a position to defend themselves for nearly 24 hours and were then forced to surrender, the fighting must have been severe.

The Boers were in force yesterday five miles from Jagersfontein, situated 60 miles up from Bloemfontein. They had a brush with British patrols.

Gen. Villebois Mareuil Killed.

London, April 9.—The war office received the following dispatch from Lord Roberts, dated Bloemfontein, April 9:

"Methuen telegraphs from Boshof, in the Orange Free State, a little northeast of Kimberley, as follows:

"'Surrounded General Villebois Mareuil and a body of Boers today, and they could not escape. Villebois and seven Boers were killed, eight wounded and 50 are prisoners.'"

WORK OF REVOLUTIONISTS.

American Consul Strung Up by the Thumbs in Peru.

Chicago, April 9.—A special to the Record from Washington says: Edward Gottfried, of Wilkesbarre, Pa., late consular agent of this government at Truxillo, Peru, in a sworn statement which he has filed with the state department, asserts that in the summer of 1898 at Huamucho, 50 or 60 Peruvian revolutionsists dragged him half dressed to the public square, where they demanded that he produce 5,000 sols (between $3,000 and $4,000) and 25 rifles within 15 minutes or submit to chastisement in what is termed in Peru the "flying stocks."

Gottfried says he protested that he was unable to comply with the demand and was immediately knocked down with a blow from a gun and overpowered. His thumbs were tied together with thongs and his hands twisted back of his head. Heavy rifles were inserted between the inverted elbows and his head and in that position he was strung up. In a short time the agonizing pains rendered him insensible. The administration will demand restitution and an apology.

BURMAH FRONTIER FIGHT.

Battle Between Chinese Raiders and the British Police.

Vancouver, B. C., April 9.—Oriental papers state that Chinese official enmity towards foreigners is being specially directed against British citizens in China. Instigated, it is said, by Russian suggestions, the Chinese have lately been especially troublesome on the Burmah-Chinese frontier, where a medical officer and an assistant commissioner were murdered.

A story was brought by the Empress of Japan from Yokohama today of a series of additional Chinese raids on the Burman boundary, culminating in a battle between 500 Chinese and 75 military police under District Superintendent Hertz, of Rangoon. The Indian military police, with 50 Gurkhas, attacked the main body of Chinese, killing 84 and capturing their guns, jingals and banners. The Chinese leader was among the killed. Six of the British forces, including two officers, were wounded, only one seriously. The scene of the battle was eight miles on the Burmah side of the frontier.

Lehigh Laboratory Burned.

Bethlehem, Pa., April 9.—The physical laboratory of Lehigh University, one of the largest in the country, was burned today, and all its scientific apparatus was destroyed. The loss on the building and contents is $200,000; insurance, $50,000.

Tragedy on a California Farm.

St. Helena, Cal., April 9.—W. H. Alexander, a farmer, shot and killed his wife today and then took his own life by cutting his throat with a razor.

SANNAS POST AMBUSCADE.

Boers Captured Valuable Papers and Flags From the British.

Brandford, Orange Free State, April 9.—Burghers who are returning from the scene of the Sannas Post ambuscade (also referred to as Karre and Korn spruit) furnish interesting details of the occurrence. It appears that when the first retreating British wagon entered the drift the ambuscaders shouted "Hands up," removed the officers and let the cart through. The process was repeated several times, until the wagons arrived in a bunch, when the ruse was discovered and a disorderly fight followed. In one cart were two officers, to whom Commandant Dewet shouted "Hands up." One of them obeyed, whereupon the other shot his comrade dead, refused to surrender, and was immediately shot. The burghers lost three men killed and 110 wounded, including a field cornet. Among the wounded was Dutch Military Attache Nix, who received a bullet in the chest. Altogether the Boers captured 389 prisoners throughout the day.

The significance of the battle must not be underrated. It was fought by a force of Free Staters, on a flat plain, and without shelter. The Free Staters are now desirous of marching on Bloemfonten, and the Transvaal officers are anxous to emulate the successes of their late allies. All the Southern Boer forces have now formed junctions with the main Boer army, and form a large force of veterans. The burghers, who were prevously short of food, now have plenty. Commandant Dewet sent the British guns, wagons and prisoners to Winburg.

Perhaps of greater importance than the victory is the capture of British secret papers, including maps and plans of 1897, 1898 and 1899, outlining elaborate schemes for the invasion of the Orange Free State and the Transvaal, and giving a plan for reaching Johannesburg from Mafeking along Dr. Jamieson's route, amended so as to avoid mistakes. Another gives the plan for a march from Bloemfontein to Kroonstad. Advices from Vientersberg, Prieska and Kenhardt show the colony is full of rebels. The Kenhardt rebels are marching on Calvinia, and others are on their way to Fourteen Streams.

A dispatch box was found at Sannas Post containing oaths signed by Free Staters. The signers have been sent for in order that the general may explain the invalidity of oaths under compulsion.

APPEAL TO THE POWERS.

President Steyn's Speech to the Free State Raad.

Pretoria, April, 9.—In his speech at the opening of the Free State Raad, President Steyn declared that, in spite of the surrender of Bloemfontein, he had not lost the hope of the triumph of the republican cause. The war, he said, was forced upon the Transvaal, and nothing remained for the Orange Free State but to throw in its lot with its sitser republic, in accordance with the terms of the treaty. The war, he continued, was begun with the object of maintaining the independence secured with the blood of the forefathers of the nation, and had been so successful that it had caused the greatest wonder throughout the world, and even to the Boers themselves.

After paying a tribute to the memory of General Joubert, Steyn said the British, notwithstanding their overwhelming numbers, were violating the flag of truce and the Red Cross, and he was compelled to report the matter to the neutral powers. The president further remarked that the attempt to create dissension among the burghers by issuing proclamations had failed. Referring to the correspondence between the South African presidents and Lord Salisbury, Steyn proceeded:

"Not only were those efforts made, but the republics dispatched deputations to Europe and America to bring the influence of the neutral powers in order to secure cessation of bloodshed, and I greatly desire that these efforts be crowned with success."

GOES TO CONFERENCE.

Hawaiian Territorial Bill Passed by the House.

Washington, April 9.—The house, after four days of debate, today passed the substitute for the senate bill providing for a territorial form of government for Hawaii. The bill now goes to conference.

The most interesting feature of the days' proceedings was the attempt of Hill, of Connecticut, to secure the adoption of two amendments, one providing for a resident commissioner instead of a delegate in congress, and the other declaring that nothing in the act should be interpreted as a pledge of statehood. Both were overwhelmingly defeated.

Deboe, of Kentucky, today gave notice that he would move to refer the credentials of ex-Senator J. C. S. Blackburn, as a senator from that state, to committee on privileges and elections. During the greater part of the session the senate had under consideration the Indian appropriation bill. Sullivan, of Mississippi, delivered a speech in favor of seating Hon. M. S. Quay.

Gold Mines Laid Off.

Cripple Creek, Colo., April 9.—Two hundred miners have been laid off at the Portland mine on account of the high rates demanded by the smelters for the treatment of gold ores.

Two Negroes Hanged.

Baxley, Ga., April 9.—King and Louis Gossby, colored, who killed Daniel Mims, a farmer, and his young child near here the night of March 5 last, were executed here today.

FLOOD AT AUSTIN

Swollen Colorado River Carried Away the Great Dam.

THIRTY OR FORTY LIVES LOST

Similar to the Johnstown Disaster—Great Loss to Property—Part of the City Inundated.

Austin, April 10.—This city is tonight in pitch darkness, with a raging river, one mile wide, swollen far beyond its natural banks, roaring and surging through all the lower portion of the town, having spread death and destruction in its wake. In addition to the vast loss to property interests, it is calculated that between 30 and 40 lives have been sacrificed, and the reports coming in from the tributary country tonight do not tend to improve matters. The flood is not unlike the disastrous Johnstown flood of some years ago, in that a raging river, already swollen far beyond its capacity, bore to heavily upon an immense dam spanning a river, breaking it and letting loose a reservoir of water 30 miles long, half a mile wide and 60 feet deep, to aid in carrying destruction down the valleys of the Colorado river.

The great dam in the Colorado gave way at noon from the enormous pressure of water and debris, and with a roar and crash swept the valley below the city, wrecking the immense light and power plant and drowning eight workmen.

Last Wednesday night it began to rain very hard at this place, the storm extending north of here along the watersheds of the Colorado river. The precipitation continued until this morning, the downfall averaging six inches within an hour. All this vast quantity of water all along the watersheds of the Colorado river rapidly swelled the current until at 8 o'clock this morning the river, which had been rising steadily since last evening, was a raging torrent, having risen 40 feet within 10 hours.

After daylight this morning it became evident that the situation was serious. The river began to rise so rapidly that it became evident that the dam, power house and contents, costing $500,000, were in imminent danger. To add to the danger of the situation, small frame houses, trees and debris of every description commenced descending the river, and piled up against the upper face of the dam. This weight was augmented every moment until by 10 o'clock there was a mass of debris lodged against the dam which threatened the safety of the structure. In addition, millions of gallons of water, muddy from its long journey, was whirling and plunging to the 60-foot fall, and it was evident that no wall could withstand the immense pressure.

Breaking of the Dam.

The crisis came shortly after 11 o'clock, when suddenly, with a report like the roar of the ocean, a great wedge, 25 feet high, 500 feet wide, and about 8 feet thick, rolled out of the center section of the dam, down the face of the 60-foot fall, deep into the river below. This left a hanging gap in the very middle of the dam, through which the debris and water fiercely poured, while the flood, already raging, was threatening everything in its path. The released water poured into the power house, catching eight employes at work there, drowning all of them.

Within a short time all the valleys to the south and west of Austin were filled to overflowing with water, and the southern portion of the city, tributary to the river, was inundated. Large crowds collected on the river banks, and several persons were swept into the river when the dam broke, but all were saved by boatmen.

A crowd of white people, numbering about 30, living just below the dam in tents, were seen at their habitations just before the dam broke and have not been accounted for since. It is generally believed that all of them were swept away.

A family of six negroes living in the valley south of the city are known to have been drowned.

It is estimated that more than 100 houses have been destroyed, and the loss to property will be great. The breaking of the dam engulfed the old water company's plant below the city, and it is tonight lying 15 feet under water, while the city is in darkness and without water.

Caused a Serious Train Wreck.

Laredo, Tex., April 10.—The northbound passenger train which left here over the International & Great Northern railway this morning, was wrecked by the spreading of the rails near Twohig, about noon. The entire train, except the engine, went into the ditch. Mail Agent Sobright was seriously injured, and several others seriously hurt. Further details have not been received here.

The Rio Grande has come to a stand at 26 feet, without damage to the bridges here, but the waterworks machinery is submerged, and the crops along the river have been destroyed.

Piano and Organ Factory Burned.

Chicago, April 10.—Fire today partly destroyed the piano and organ factory of the M. S. Schurz Copmany, corner Morgan and Superior streets, entailing a loss of $50,000, covered by insurance. The cause is thought to have been spontaneous combustion.

Saratoga Opera-House Burned.

Saratoga, N. Y., April 10.—The Sans Souci Opera House block and the Schaffer building, at Ballston, were burned today. Loss, $150,000.