

DELUGE OF RAIN

Interrupts the Work in South Africa.

Boers Have Withdrawn at Wepener.

Lord Roberts is About to Move Upon the Enemy's Force—No Details Reported.

LONDON, April 20.—(Friday, 4:20 a. m.)—A deluge of rain, lasting ten days, has brought operations in the southeastern part of the Free State almost to a standstill. The creeks have become roaring rivers, and the roads are streams of mud.

A singular message, dated Bloemfontein, April 19th, and beginning "Via press censor, Bloemfontein," reports an exchange of shots in the direction of Dewetsdorp, where the Boers are said to be concentrating "after their withdrawal from Wepener." There is nothing else to indicate that the investment of Wepener has even abandoned by the Boers. Notwithstanding the rain, however, the British have made some progress, as Dewetsdorp has been occupied by them, probably by the advance of General Ruddle's division. Dewetsdorp is about twenty-four miles from Wepener. An obscure message from Aliwal North, dated April 19th, says that General Brabant has arrived there, but whether he returned alone or with his troops is not clear.

Reports from Aliwal North aver that from 8000 to 10,000 Boers are at Wepener.

Extended reports of the Bloemfontein concert for the benefit of widows and orphans have been cabled. The concert, the weather and the bare statement that Lord Roberts is ready to move, are about the only things that the censor has allowed to pass, and the correspondent, who announces that Lord Roberts is ready to move, does not specify the direction in which he is going.

THEY BROKE FAITH.

Washington, April 19.—United States Consul Hay, at Pretoria, has notified the State Department, by cable, of the reported action of the Chicago ambulance corps, in taking up arms in the Boer army instead of continuing with the hospital corps to which they had pledged themselves upon leaving the United States.

Miss Barton was said to have declared that certain members of the party were known to her and believed to be going under true colors. The officials here say nothing can be done by them to prevent such violations of faith. The men did not go out with arms and so did not fulfill the legal description of a filibustering party.

AN OLD SCARE.

London, April 19.—A cable this morning states that the Natal Mercury publishes accounts of newly arrived refugees, who tell of elaborate preparations which are being made for the destruction of all the shafts in the mines around Johannesburg. The scheme is being carried out under the supervision of the State Mining engineer, who has requisitioned all the copper wire in the town for the purpose of making connections.

INVITE A SPANIARD.

The Minister, Duke D'Arcos, to Attend a G. A. R. Encampment.

Chicago, Ill., April 19.—Spain's minister to the United States, Duke D'Arcos, is to be invited to attend the thirty-fourth annual encampment of the G. A. R., to be held in Chicago in August. An acceptance is expected, notwithstanding that the Duke was irritated by the receipt of a request that he attend the Dewey celebration.

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS.

Mrs. Hobart Entertains President and Mrs. McKinley.

Paterson, N. J., April 19.—President and Mrs. McKinley, and Mrs. Hobart, widow of the late Vice-President, arrived here this afternoon. The President and his wife will be the guests of Mrs. Hobart until Saturday morning, when they will leave for New York.

TO GRANT A PENSION.

General Longstreet to Be Provided for by Congress.

Washington, April 19.—Senator Gallinger, chairman of the Senate Committee of Pensions, today introduced a bill in the senate, granting a pension of \$20 a month to General Longstreet. The bill gives the general's service as that of a major in the eighth United States infantry during the Mexican war, and makes no reference to his connection with the confederacy.

WESTERN GOVERNORS.

Meet in Salt Lake City to Discuss Western Needs.

Salt Lake City, April 19.—Governor Lee, of South Dakota, and Governor Poynter, of Nebraska, arrived today and took part in the proceedings of the

Governors of the Western states, who have met to discuss subjects of interest in this section. After a general discussion, a committee was appointed to formulate resolutions against the leasing of the public arid lands, by the general government, and demanding the cession of such lands to the several states, should any change in the present system be made.

BRYAN ALL RIGHT.

He Claims to Be in Perfect Health—Ready to Speak.

St. Louis, April 19.—The following dispatch was received this afternoon, from Austin, Texas:

To the editor of the Post-Dispatch: You may state for me that the stories, that I am in ill health, are untrue. I have never felt better in my life. I speak tonight at the University Auditorium, and next Saturday, at Yeargin's Grove, this county, and on next Tuesday, at Wichita, Kansas. (Signed) W. J. Bryan.

NEVADA REPUBLICANS.

Carson, Nev., April 19.—The Republican state convention today, elected six delegates to the National Convention. The platform adopted endorses the administration of President McKinley, and favors the largest use of both gold and silver as money.

DEWEY MAKES DENIAL.

SAYS HE HAS NOT ABUSED THE DEMOCRATS.

Brands a Statement, Credited to Him, as a Falsehood—Can Not Answer All Such Statements.

WASHINGTON, April 19.—In reply to a letter from the editor of the Hamilton Democrat, Hamilton, Ohio, relative to a paragraph which has been going the rounds of the newspapers, Admiral Dewey today sent the following communication:

"You ask if I am correctly reported as saying: 'Well, I'll tell you what a Democrat is; in time of war a Democrat is a damned traitor; in time of peace he is a damned fool.' This is one of the thousands of lies uttered concerning me, to attempt to contradict all of which would require more time than is at my command. However, I have never said or thought of such a thing as the foregoing statement, credited to me; I have a very fond remembrance of thousands and tens of thousands of war Democrats, whom I know are some of the best fighters this country ever saw."

THE MINISTER ALARMED.

Turkish Diplomat Calls at the State Department.

Washington, April 19.—Among the callers on Acting Secretary Hill, today, was Ali Ferrouh Bey, the Turkish minister to Washington. It is understood that, while aware there has been nothing so far in the nature of an ultimatum, the minister was impressed with the fact that the situation is actually one of great gravity, and, it is presumed, he will so inform his government.

TWO MINOR ORDERS.

In the supreme court, yesterday, two minor orders were made, as follows: Oregon Real Estate Company, appellant, vs. The City of Portland, et al., respondents, three cases; ordered that respondents have until May 10th to serve and file their brief in these cases. Charles E. Ladd, et al., respondents, vs. The Chamber of Commerce and Ellis T. Hughes, appellants; ordered that respondents have until June 1st to file a petition for rehearing.

WAS ACQUITTED.

Vancouver, B. C., April 19.—George Hunt, the half-breed writer upon Indian customs and folk lore, has been acquitted of participation in the recent pothatch, where flesh of dead and living Indians was devoured.

WARFARE IN LUZON

Guerrillas Tried and Sentenced to Imprisonment.

FINDINGS APPROVED BY OTIS

Two Ladrones, Convicted of Murder, Have Been Condemned to Be Executed by Hanging.

MANILA, April 19.—The military commission, which tried three Filipino guerrillas, who tried three Filipino at Loalamba for guerrilla warfare, has found all three guilty, and sentenced two of them to life imprisonment, and one to thirty years imprisonment. General Otis has approved the findings, but has reduced the sentence to fifteen years. Two Ladrones, convicted of murder, have been sentenced to be hanged at O'Donnell.

SPECIAL RESERVE.

Old Government Whiskey is recommended by A. P. O'Brien, M. D., Captain and Surgeon; also Wm. D. McCarty, M. D., U. S. Army; furthermore, by the Board of Health of San Francisco, as the purest unadulterated for invalids, convalescents and family use. Sold exclusively by J. P. Rogers, in Salem. dw tf

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WHITES INCUBA

Greatly Exceed Colored People.

Result of the Census is Pleasing.

Municipal Suffrage is to Be Granted at an Early Date—Many Can Read and Write.

WASHINGTON, April 19.—The result of the Cuban census was made public today. The figures, in the opinion of the war department officials, fully justify the determination of the administration to allow municipal suffrage in Cuba at an early date. The officials are gratified to find that the native Cubans constitute so large a portion of the population; that the whites so greatly outnumber the blacks, and that so large a proportion of the native population can read and write. In their opinion, there seems to be no room for objection that the proposed basis of suffrage would result in turning the island over to the control of Spain. The total population of Cuba is 1,572,797. There are 447,372 whites males, and 462,926 white females of native birth. There are 111,893 male negroes, and 122,740 female negroes. The population of Havana city is 235,981.

THE NEW ARMY.

Washington, April 19.—Secretary Root had further hearing, before the Senate Committee on Military Affairs, today, upon his proposition for the reorganization of the army. A subcommittee of the full committee reported a measure, intended to meet the more urgent needs of the service which, it is expected, will be pressed during the present session. The artillery is to be divided into coast and field artillery under a chief of artillery selected from the colonels of artillery, and with a force of thirteen colonels, twelve lieutenants and a like number of first and second lieutenants, and not to exceed eighteen field batteries. The artillery is to be increased to the figure named, at the rate of 20 per cent each year, until the aggregate is reached. The last sections confer upon the senior major general the rank of lieutenant general, and upon the adjutant general the rank of major general.

CUBAN ELECTIONS.

Washington, April 19.—The Cuban elections will be held June 16th.

TO EXCHANGE MONEY.

Washington, April 19.—The Treasury Department has completed arrangements for the retirement of the Puerto Rican money, and the substitution of American currency. James A. Sample, chief of the issue division of Treasurer Roberts' office, and W. P. Watson, of New York, an expert accountant, have been selected to go to Puerto Rico to make the exchange. It is estimated that there are 10,000,000 pieces of silver and other metallic currency in the island and now in circulation. These pieces are worth 5,000,000 pesos. Congress has decided that the exchange shall be made on a basis of 60 cents for a peso. About \$3,000,000 of American money will, therefore, be required to take up all the minor money in Puerto Rico.

THE STAMP TAX.

Washington, April 19.—Chairman Payne, of the House Committee on Ways and Means, today received a memorial from the Merchant's Association, of New York, which will be presented to the committee tomorrow. It is an appeal for the abolition of the stamp tax on express shipments, railroad and steamboat shipments and telegrams. It is stated that the charges exacted by the express companies are ruinous to certain classes of mercantile business, and that to this the express companies add the stamp tax, placing it on the shipper with the sanction of the supreme court.

TO REDUCE TARIFF.

Washington, April 19.—The War Department has taken up the question of reducing the tariff on American canned goods, preserves, etc., going to the Philippines. The reduction of duties is being urged by the Pacific coast members.

THE YAQUI INDIANS.

San Francisco, April 19.—Henry Hoabstey, of Oakland, who has returned from the seat of the Yaqui war in Mexico, brings advices as follows: The Mexicans sent out word that the war was over, but at the same time 4000 troops were hastening to the front. The Yaquis have about 6000 men under arms. They have Remington and Mauser rifles and bows and arrows. They have two cannons that thirty-four Yaquis captured from 200 Mexicans. The Mexicans keep to the roads and towns, while the Yaquis hold the Sierras. Mexicans estimate the Yaquis at 15,000, but the population of Sonora is at least 120,000, and half of them are Yaquis. The Indians have a peculiar system for keeping their treasury in funds. The warriors alternate between the firing line and working in the mines and on the ranches. Their wages go to the common fund. Within the past two weeks several

engagements have been fought in which the government troops were generally victorious. In a recent engagement between a party of insurgents the government reports seventeen Yaquis dead on the field. Only one Mexican, an officer, was killed, but many were wounded.

A RECORD PRICE.

New York, April 19.—A stock exchange seat was sold today for \$41,500. This is the new record price.

AT CRIPPLE CREEK.

Houston, Texas, April 19.—The Trans-Mississippi congress today decided to hold the next annual convention at Cripple Creek, Colo.

FOR A MILITIA ENCAMPMENT.

The Matter of Holding One Is Being Considered—The State's War Claim Paid.

Adjutant General C. U. Gantenbein was in his office at the capitol yesterday, and during the day he called on Gov. T. T. Geer to discuss the matter of holding a National Guard encampment during the summer. The encampment, it has been decided, upon, will be held, but the place has not been selected. Salem stands a very good chance for it, but some concessions will have to be made by the city to secure the encampment here. Several of the cities of Oregon are bidding for it, and great inducements are being offered in the way of making arrangements for proper care and comfort of the troops, and Salem, in order to secure the encampment, will have to do something toward making the guardsmen comfortable when they come. The matter is now under consideration, and should Salem be selected, the fair grounds will be secured for the encampment. Gov. T. T. Geer yesterday received \$30,000 from the War Department in Washington, being 80 per cent of the amount claimed by the state for the equipment of the Second Oregon Volunteer Infantry, when that regiment was mustered into the federal service for duty in the Philippines during the late Spanish-American war. The War Department originally allowed but 50 per cent of the claim, but through the efforts of Adjutant General C. U. Gantenbein, who explained many of the items in dispute, the claim was again considered, and 80 per cent of the amount claimed was allowed. That portion of the state's claim disallowed was for expenses incurred which were not properly chargeable to the United States government.

RAILROAD TAXES.

County Assessor J. W. Hobart was yesterday engaged making an apportionment to the cities and road districts of the taxes paid in this county by the Southern Pacific Company. The re-arrangement of the road districts in this county has in many ways caused the assessor much additional work, in this instance necessitating a complete revision of the tabulated form that has been in use for a number of years. In each city and road district the Southern Pacific Company is assessed for road purposes at the rate of \$1.50 per mile for each \$1000 of the valuation of the company's road bed and rolling stock. The assessed valuation per mile of the main line roadbed of the Southern Pacific Company in this county this year is \$927, but on the Springfield branch the valuation is \$500 less, being \$347 per mile. In this city there are 1.38 miles of roadbed upon which the company pays \$8.12 for road purposes.

Let us hope that the damage to the Italian prune crop from the rains preventing fertilizing is not as great as is feared now, by the growers. Some of them have Italian trees only in their orchards. In their cases they have not heeded the maxim that it is not good to put all your eggs for the market into one basket.

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