

A LONG FRONT

Difficult Work for Lord Roberts' Army.

The British Proceed with Caution.

A Forward Movement Is Under Way at Kimberley—Brandfort Taken by English Troops.

LONDON, May 4.—(Friday, 4:15 a. m.)—General Broadwood's cavalry brigade has reached Isabellfontein, twenty-three miles north of Thabanchu. General Ian Hamilton is bivouacking at Jacobsruh, fifteen miles north of Thabanchu. General Tucker's division is moving eastward from Karee siding. The divisions of General French and General Rundle are in and near Thabanchu. Thus Lord Roberts has 50,000 men operating clear of the railway along a front of forty miles.

He is advancing slowly with some successes, but nothing decisive yet. At all points of concentration the Boers appear in force sufficient to compel the British to proceed with caution. Their wide front in a rugged country makes turning movements, off hand, difficult. The Boers, Winston Churchill says, have enormous herds of cattle and flocks of sheep gathered in the south-west. These they are driving northward.

The correspondents at Kimberley have been forbidden to communicate for several days, the deduction being that a forward movement is under way there.

It is announced that the British have captured Brandfort. The British surprised the Boers who retreated hastily. Four thousand of the enemy moved there yesterday evening, in order to oppose our advance.

A DARING DASH.

London, May 4.—The Daily News has the following from Thabanchu, dated Wednesday: "In yesterday's flanking movement, Captain Towse and fifty Gordon Highlanders were surrounded by 250 Boers, who demanded their surrender. Captain Towse ordered his men to fix bayonets and charge. With a wild cheer the Gordons rushed at the enemy, and swept them away with great slaughter. Captain Towse was blinded in both eyes by the enemy's fire."

AN OPERATOR IN MINES.

LYING IN JAIL FOR COMMITTING FRAUDS.

Claimed to Own Valuable Claims in Alaska and Secured Money from Eastern Capitalists.

NEW WHATCOM, Wash., May 3.—J. E. Banks lies in jail here tonight, charged with obtaining money under false pretenses by selling imaginary quartz gold mines in Atlin, to prominent New York capitalists. These include J. P. O'Brien, the well-known Staten Island railroad promoter; M. E. Graves, a retired mining king; Attorney Peter A. Hendrick, and Thomas Lazier, a prominent New York financier. Banks went to New York last March, with samples of quartz, rich in gold, which he claimed came from the claims owned by him in Atlin, Alaska. He was to give the New Yorkers a half interest in these claims, for money with which to develop them and build a stamp mill. This was given him in the sum of \$1500, and \$15,000 more was to be furnished when the development was sufficiently progressed.

Banks acknowledges he is the man and says he never owned any quartz claims while in Atlin.

AT PLEASANT POINT.

Pleasant Point (Or.), May 3.—Apple prospect good; pears poor; piums and prunes fair.

Philip Smith and wife and C. C. Aldridge and family late from Minnesota, have settled in Lebanon.

G. B. Collett, of Salem, was up on a business trip Tuesday.

The mellow notes of the Reform school brass band float and so forth of an evening down the valley and across the hills and far away.

M. H. Dexter has taken a wood cutting contract for the state.

IOWA DEMOCRATS.

Elect Delegates and Declare Themselves for Bryan.

Des Moines, Ia., May 3.—The state Democratic convention selected four delegates-at-large to the Kansas City convention, as follows: Gato Sells, of Vinton; Charles A. Walsh, of Ottawa; John S. Murphy, of Dubuque, and Geo. Baker, of Davenport.

The proceedings were characterized by harmony throughout; the prevailing sentiment was overwhelmingly for Bryan, and the delegates were instructed to vote as a unit for him at Kansas City. In framing the platform, the more conservative element prevailed. The Chicago platform is endorsed, and the gold standard denounced, but the ratio of 16 to 1 does not appear in the resolutions.

THE GOEBEL CASE.

Frankfort, Ky., May 3.—W. H. Culton today resumed his testimony in the Goebel murder investigation. He stated that Governor Taylor authorized the

witness to give Youtsey any amount of money desired if he would leave Kentucky. At the conference in Lexington, Culton said he did not know where Powers or Youtsey were when the shot was fired.

The last talk he had with Youtsey, the latter said the plan to kill Goebel had been abandoned. Circuit Court Clerk Moore, of Jackson county, denied that Culton had told him anything about the plan to bring on a riot and kill Goebel and other members of the legislature.

THE REVIVAL OF THE APRON.

The apron is again fashionable. At the beginning of the century it was as much a part of one's costume as a handkerchief, and probably even more so, for all sorts and conditions of women wore aprons and the degree of the wearer was evidenced by the fineness of the material used, and the expensiveness of the trimming. There was a saying to the effect that a man could judge of the habits of the lady he wished to choose for a wife from the manner in which she tied her apron strings.

For the past several years aprons have not been much worn, their use being relegated almost entirely to the small school girl or the Abigail of the kitchen; but now, with the revival of numerous other old-time styles, the apron has again sprung into fashion.

The up-to-date apron is not always washable, but it never becomes other than prettily pensive. There is nothing that imparts that air of womanliness which is so attractive to masculine eyes as an apron. Women have no more powerful weapon in their possession than this coquettish little article of feminine attire. Nurses are scoring heavily in the matrimonial game, and you cannot persuade me that the crisp, white apron does not have a great deal to do with it.

To be sure, there are aprons and aprons. The butcher and the baker, and so all we twentieth century people know, the candle-stick maker, have their own particular kinds of aprons. And the nurse maid, and the kitchen maid, also wear aprons sacred to the employments in which they are engaged; but the fashionable specimens of the apron family are worn by young ladies when pouring tea, or embroidering. They should be of the finest materials, with dainty insertions, laces, ruffles and pale-tinted ribbons. Indeed, many of these new aprons cost a pretty penny, and when not in use are laid away with lavender, or with sachet bags like neckwear, gloves and other feminine trifles.

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MANY ARE DEAD

Awful Results of Utah Mine Disaster

No Provision for Burying Victims.

Finns Refuse to Aid in Recovering Bodies of Their Countrymen—Lodge Members Identified.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, May 3.—

latest dispatches from Scofield say that the extreme estimate of the dead is now about 250. Relatives of the victims continue to arrive from all the surrounding towns. There are not enough coffins in camp to bury the dead, and to add a horror to the situation, the bodies are rapidly decomposing, and it has to be resorted to. There are fifty bodies for which no provision for burial has been made. Quite a number Finlanders were killed in the mine, but, notwithstanding this, not a single Finlander has volunteered to aid in the rescue, and the bodies of the Finns have been recovered by Welch, Scotch, English and American miners. A joint committee of the Odd Fellows and Knights of Pythias spent the day among the dead, identifying members of their orders. They found about twenty of each order among the dead. The school children of this city have gathered a carload of flowers, which will be sent to Scofield. Subscriptions for the benefit of the sufferers are coming in from all over the state, and the total now amounts to \$13,000.

CANADIAN COINS.

Tacoma, Wash., May 3.—The Tacoma Clearing House Association today decided to make a discount on all Canadian coins of 5 per cent; quarters and half dollars will be discounted 5 cents, and coin of larger denomination than \$1 will be subject to a discount of 5 per cent. Nickels and dimes will be taken at par.

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IN THE HOUSE

Free Homes Bill Passed by Congress

To Aid Settlers on Indian Lands.

Ex-Speaker Grow, Who Fathered the Homestead Bill, Supported the Measure.

WASHINGTON, May 3.—The House today, without division, passed the "Free Homes" bill, which has been pending before Congress for a number of years. The bill provides that the Government shall issue patents to actual bona fide settlers on agricultural lands on the Indian reservations opened up to settlement. These lands were taken up by settlers, who contracted to pay for them \$1.25 to \$3.75 per acre.

By the terms of the bill the Government assumes the payment of the purchase price to the Indians, and changes the existing laws relative to Agricultural Colleges, so as to insure the payment of endowments which heretofore have come out of the sale of public lands in case of a deficiency. These payments involve \$1,200,000 annually. Of the 20,000,000 acres in Indian reservations opened to settlement for which the Government is to pay or has paid \$35,000,000, about 8,000,000 acres have been taken, and about 2,000,000 are supposed to be still available for agricultural purposes. A remarkable thing in connection with the passage of the bill today, was the speech in its favor by Galusha A. Grow, Republican of Pennsylvania, the venerable ex-speaker of the House who, forty-eight years ago, fathered and passed the original homestead bill. He was then the youngest, and is now the oldest member of the House.

THE CLARK CASE.

Washington, May 3.—The Senate today adopted the motion of Hoar, to take up the resolution declaring Senator Clark, of Montana, not duly elected to the Senate, and then postponed consideration of the question for one week.

The army appropriation bill was passed by the Senate as were 137 private pension bills. Among them were bills granting pensions \$50 a month, each, to General James Longstreet, who was a major in the United States army before he went into the Confederacy; to Mrs. Margaret Badger, widow of Commodore Badger, of the Olympia, and of \$100 a month to Mrs. Julia Henry, widow of the late General Guy C. Henry.

FOR POSTAL SERVICE.

Washington, May 3.—The Senate committee on postoffices and postroads today completed the postoffice appropriation bill, and Chairman Wolcott will report it tomorrow. The net increase in the bill is about \$1,000,000, which includes the restoration of the provision for the pneumatic tube service, first reported by the House committee. It provided \$25,000 for continuing the present contracts, and adds \$500,000 for the extension of the service to other cities in addition to those where it has not been in use.

MANY MEN STRIKE.

Philadelphia Building Trades Council Orders a Lockout.

Philadelphia, Pa., May 3.—As a result of the action, last night, of the Allied Building Trades Council, in refusing to recognize the Brotherhood of Carpenters, because the latter agreed to work on buildings regardless of whether union or non-union men are employed thereon, so long as their union is recognized, the Allied Building Trades Council, in retaliation, ordered out all its men wherever the Brotherhood of Carpenters are working. This makes about 16,000 men in all employed in the building trades on a strike in this city. The order affects the Exposition building, where hundreds of men are at work preparing the structure for the Republican National Convention.

A FENIAN RAID.

Detroit, Mich., May 3.—The local papers today print the following from Windsor, Ontario: "Colonel Holmes, commanding officer of No. 1 military district, has received instructions from Ottawa to have the Twenty-first Essex Fusiliers, the Seventy-sixth London Fusiliers, the Twenty-sixth Middlesex, the Twenty-seventh Lambton, and the Twenty-fifth Elgin battalions ready to march at two hours' notice. This step had been deemed advisable by the military department, owing to the information that bands of Fenians intend invading Canada at some point along the river St. Clair or the Detroit river, for the purpose of destroying some of the railway lines."

DEWEY IN ST. LOUIS.

St. Louis, Mo., May 3.—Amid the firing of cannon, the shrieking of whistles and the huzzas of a vast concourse of enthusiastic people, Admiral Dewey became the guest of the City of St. Louis this evening. Thousands of people crowded into and around the mammoth depot long before the train arrived.

STOLE RARE FLOWERS.—Mrs. S. B. Ormsby mourns the loss of a fine lot of tulips, taken by some vandals on last Monday night, from the door-

yard of the family home in University addition. The tulips, imported from Holland, were in bloom, the lot the finest assortment in the city, containing about twenty varieties, all very rare. On Monday night some hoodlums invaded the dooryard and picked every one of the rare and beautiful flowers. Mrs. Ormsby feels the loss keenly, more especially so since the tulips will not bloom again this season. Had the stolen flowers been roses or some variety that would bloom again, the loss would not be considered as serious, as it is under existing circumstances. The vandals guilty of this act should be made to feel the iron hand of the law.

AN ANNUAL REPORT

CONDITION OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN COOS COUNTY.

The Attendance for the Past Year Was Greater Than in Former Times—Funds Expended.

School Superintendent W. H. Bunch, of Coos county, yesterday filed his annual report for the year ending the first Monday in March, 1900, in the office of Professor J. H. Ackerman. The report shows the condition of the educational interests in that county, and a comparison with the report of a year ago shows a considerable improvement. The number of resident persons between the ages of 4 and 20 years, is given at 1059 males and 1000 females, a total of 2059; this is an increase of 124 since last year; the number enrolled during the year was 1202 males and 1400 females, a total of 2701, an increase of 171 over last year; 133 pupils under the age of 6 years were enrolled in the school outside of their own districts. There were 781 children attending no school and 450—220 males and 230 females—who received private instruction. The average daily attendance in the public schools was 2127, and the average term of school taught, five months. Eighty-two teachers were employed—twenty males and sixty-two females, at salaries averaging \$43.33 and \$35.12, respectively—of which twelve had first grade certificates; twenty, second grade, and sixteen third grade.

The estimated value of school houses and grounds is placed at \$52,761, and that of furniture at \$7028, while the fixtures, including globes, maps, charts, etc., are valued at \$4031. This property is insured for \$100,000.

The amount of money available for school purposes, was \$28,211.34, and the disbursements aggregated \$20,036.21, leaving \$2175.13 in the hands of the district officers; there is also \$2422.14, belonging to the districts, not in the hands of the clerks. Of the amount expended, \$19,204.46 was paid out for the teachers' salaries.

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"Uncle Dan" Whipple of Traverse

City, Mich., recently celebrated his 70th birthday there, and has just been initiated a member of McPherson post, No. 18, G. A. R. He is believed to be the oldest Grand Army man in the country. In the same post is John L. Cummings, who is perhaps the youngest, having joined the army at the age of 11. He served about officers' headquarters three years and was mustered out at the close of the war.

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