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## DESPERATE BOER THREAT

### Germany Disturbed by Talk of Destruction of Johannesburg.

### The Beautiful City Built by the Uitlanders.

### Belief That Siege of Mafeking Has Been Raised.

### A Strong Force Placed at Methuen's Disposal.

### HOPE IN LONDON THAT ROBERTS DETACHED PART OF HIS FORCE AND SENT IT TO RELIEVE MAFEKING WHEN SIEGE OF KIMBERLEY WAS RAISED.

Washington, March 19.—The German government is apparently concerned over the statement of Montagu White, the Transvaal's unofficial agent here, that the Boers will destroy Johannesburg to prevent it being used as a base of supplies by the British. The remarks of White were discussed by the secretary of state and the German am-



Johannesburg is the mining metropolis of the Transvaal and its greatest city. It has a population of 60,000.

ambassador Saturday. The ambassador called at the state department for that purpose.

Just what may properly be done to prevent the destruction of the town, where the Uitlander interests, including German and American, are considerable, is not clear, but it is not unlikely that some representations may be made by Germany to both belligerents looking to an agreement guaranteeing the town immunity from damage on condition it shall not be used by either side as a war base. It was this visit of the German ambassador that was used as a corroboration of the newspaper story that the Chinese "open door" policy of the European powers and the United States was threatened by the attitude of the empress dowager. The ambassador did not mention Chinese affairs.

### NEWS LACKING.

London, March 19.—No important news has been received from South Africa in the past twenty-four hours. The much desired relief of Mafeking has not been announced and March 19 continues to be the latest date of news from that town. There is a disposition here to suspect intentional mystification in Lord Roberts' reference to Methuen having been at Warrenton. Some further details of Methuen's operations have been received, but do not indicate that any attempt was made to cross the Vaal river, or that the operation was anything more than a reconnaissance. People here hope yet to learn that Lord Roberts has detached part of his force, and sent it to relieve Mafeking when the siege of Kimberley was raised.

The Telegraph's Cape Town correspondent, in a despatch dated March 19, records the belief there, based on private telegrams, that Mafeking has already been relieved by the Boers departing and thus raising the siege. The same correspondent adds that he learns a strong force will be placed at Methuen's disposal and that the movement is highly important, although its objective is not necessarily Mafeking.

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## ALLEGED CONFESSION CAUSED SENSATION

### A Supposed Plot of Anti-Goebelites Given Away.

Louisville, March 19.—The publication today of the alleged confession of Sergeant Gordon, republican, giving the details of an anti-Goebel plot, has created a sensation. A despatch from Richmond, Ky., says Gordon was there on his way to Barboursville, and when he heard that his confession had been published he returned to Lexington or Louisville, fearing that he might be killed if he went home. He corroborated the report of the confession. As a result of Governor Taylor's visit here C. E. Saph and C. M. Barnett, of the republican state committee, have gone to Washington to see President McKinley, to inform him of the situation and ascertain what course he would take in case of a clash.

### THE CONFESSION.

Frankfort, March 19.—Gordon's confession was to the effect that the republicans had planned to kill Goebel; had brought 1,200 mountaineers to Frankfort with that end in view; had first decided to kill Goebel in a general fight but decided that it would cost too many lives; finally found a man who was willing to do the killing and actually did it, and who is now being shadowed by detectives, and that one of the men in the plot was now under arrest. Gordon claims he can prove the story on the witness stand, giving names and particulars.

### CASES CONTINUED.

Frankfort, March 19.—The cases of Secretary of State Powers and others implicated in the Goebel conspiracy were called in the county court today, but a continuance was agreed on until Friday owing to the fact that witnesses for the commonwealth could not be secured earlier.

Collector Sapp and Surveyor of the Port Barnett have gone to Washington, and it is said they have been delegated by Taylor to deliver a message to the president regarding federal intervention.

### DEMURRER FILED.

Louisville, March 19.—Democratic attorneys filed a demurrer with Judge Field today to the amended answer of the republicans in the governorship suit.

## CONTROLS EVERY NEW YORK SURFACE RAILROAD

### Metropolitan Acquires Majority of Stock of Third Avenue.

New York, March 19.—The Metropolitan Street Railroad company has acquired a controlling interest in the stock of the Third Avenue Railroad Co. and now controls every foot of surface railroad on the Island of Manhattan and in the annexed district. The announcement of these facts was made this evening by President Vreeland, of the Metropolitan. The business of the receiver of the Third Avenue will be wound up as soon as possible and the system will be turned over to the new owners. An inkling of the news got into Wall street at the last hour today and those who had sold Third Avenue short made a mad rush to cover, which sent the price up ten points in ten minutes. The stock was scarce, and there is believed to be still heavy short interests.

### BANKS INCREASE CIRCULATION.

Washington, March 19.—Applications from national banks to take out additional circulation under the new currency law are being received by the comptroller at the rate of about fifty or sixty per day. The comptroller expects that the division of issue will be able to dispose of about seventy applications a day, the daily amount of notes sent out being about \$1,000,000. At this rate the division of issue will probably be kept busy in this work for about thirty days. A large proportion of applications come from western states. Applications for exchange of bonds are coming in rapidly. Since Wednesday, these applications have amounted to nearly \$25,000,000, most of them coming from national banks and only a few from private holders of bonds.

### ROOT IN CHARLESTON.

Charleston, March 19.—Secretary of War Root arrived here from Havana at noon today and was met by General Miles, with whom he inspected the fortifications at the entrance of the harbor. Secretary Root started for Washington tonight.

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## PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT

### Prominent Natives Urging Otis to Take Definite Action.

### Great Interest in New Philippine Commission.

### Rebels Still Look Hopefully to Our November Elections.

### Believe Their Chance of Independence is in McKinley's Defeat.

### THE NEW COMMISSION WILL HAVE MUCH TO DO IN GAINING THE CONFIDENCE OF THE PEOPLE WHOSE SUBMISSION IS ONLY FORMAL.

Manila, March 19.—Great interest is manifested in the make-up and all the details concerning the new Philippine commission. The establishment of numerous garrisons throughout the islands has had an impressive effect on the natives. The people are accepting American supremacy as a fact and impatiently await an explanation of the American intentions toward them and the commencement of a practical effort for better conditions.

Prominent natives have been urging General Otis to do something definite with reference to the form of government to be established. The board which Otis recently convened to devise forms of municipal government has submitted a report, but Otis probably will not make it public until after the arrival of the Philippine commission.

The commission will have much to do to gain the confidence of the people whose submission is merely formal. Otis considers the situation satisfactory. Troops are constantly scattering guerilla bands of Filipinos, and many believe the time is ripe to introduce several methods. The insurgents expect the rainy season will enable them to reorganize their forces and frankly admit that they intend to continue the struggle until the American elections in November, in the hope that the present administration will be overcome and a government favorable to independence installed.

### FARMER AND WIFE KILLED.

Hazleton, Pa., March 19.—Alfred Stout a farmer, and his wife, who lived near Nescopeck Junction, were killed several days ago by an infuriated bull. That they were dead only became known today when their frozen and mutilated bodies were found. All the stock on the farm was found roaming about almost perished. It is believed both were killed by the bull, which was shot today.

### THE VANCE STATUE.

Washington, March 19.—The legislative committee from North Carolina having accepted the model for the Vance statue that is to be erected in Raleigh, the casting will be done in New York forthwith, and it is expected that this work will take about two months. After some finishing touches, which will take a few days, the model will be ready for casting.

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## NEBRASKA DEMOCRATS ELECT DELEGATES

### Instructed for Bryan and Reaffirmed Chicago Platform.

Lincoln, Neb., March 19.—The democrats held their state convention here today and elected R. L. Metcalfe, A. S. Tibbets, W. D. Oldham and W. H. Thompson delegates to the national convention. The populists also met and selected a delegation of forty-four men to attend the national convention, headed by Senator Allen and Governor Poynter. The delegates were instructed for Bryan. The middle-of-the-roaders were barred out, but met and adopted a resolution denouncing the fusion and selecting delegates to the Cincinnati convention.

Bryan spoke at the democratic convention. His speech dealt almost entirely with money trusts and imperialism. No new policy was announced. The platform as adopted reaffirmed the Chicago platform, favored the income tax, direct vote for senators by people, and the Nicaragua canal, condemned the republican administration forcibly, especially as regards the policy towards Porto Rico and the Philippines and expressed sympathy with the Boer.

### THIS IS FESTIVAL WEEK.

### Everything in Readiness for First Concert Tomorrow Night.

The festival program books, with descriptive notes and words of all the music are on sale at news stands. They are only twenty cents, and beside being very useful at the concerts, are appropriate souvenirs of the great festival. The first concert will be given tomorrow evening, beginning at 8:30 promptly. No one will be admitted to the opera house during the rendering of any selection.

The chorus rehearsed last evening the selections for the first concert, "Lord Ullin's Daughter," which is a most dramatic and concerted piece, and "The Faithful and True" from Lohengrin. This piece contains the famous duet of tenor and soprano.

This evening the oratorios, "The Seasons" and "The Creation," will be rehearsed by the chorus. These selections are all difficult, the most difficult of any music given in this city. The chorus is also unquestionably the largest ever gotten together here. They have conquered great difficulties and are a credit to Mr. Dunkley's ability as a conductor. He will also conduct the chorus in the concerts. Considerable of the credit is also given Mr. Florio, who kindly accompanied the chorus in the rehearsals. They sing remarkably well, and are in themselves well worth hearing. The opinions of several citizens who have heard them has been particularly complimentary.

Rehearsals of the chorus will be held with the orchestra in the opera house Wednesday afternoon and Thursday morning. Cars on all street car lines will run after both evening concerts. Colonel A. B. Andrews, first vice-president of the Southern, and wife, and Miss Otis, daughter of General E. S. Otis, will attend Thursday evening's concert. There will also be others in the party.

From South Africa a war correspondent writes to the London Daily Mail: "A certain gallant corps at Chieveley camp provided the guard that should protect our precious beer till Christ mass day. In the morning two dozen bottles were missing. 'Disgraceful!' said the authorities; 'double the guard.' And they double it. Next day four dozen were missing."

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## CONGRESS AND PORTO RICO

### The Relief Bill in the Hands of Joint Conference Committee.

### Foraker Bill Under Discussion in the Senate.

### Mr. Beveridge Offers an Amendment Providing for Free Trade,

### But Stating That Constitution Does

### Not Extend Over Island.

### LEGISLATIVE, EXECUTIVE AND JUDICIAL APPROPRIATION BILL PASSED—A COMMISSION TO SETTLE CLAIMS AGAINST SPAIN THAT ARE TO BE PAID BY UNCLE SAM.

Washington, March 19.—The bill appropriating \$2,000,000 for the relief of Porto Rico, which the senate passed last Friday with the amendments, was called up in the house today by Mr. Cannon, who asked the house to concur in the senate amendments and ask a conference. This was agreed to, 116 to 86.

The rest of the session was occupied in the consideration of District of Columbia matters. A bill was passed incorporating a telephone company to compete with the Bell company.

The senate also ordered a conference on the Porto Rican relief bill, and a part of the session was taken up with further discussion of the Foraker bill. Mr. Beveridge introduced an amendment providing for free trade with Porto Rico, but expressly stating that the constitution did not extend over the island. The amendment reads:

"All articles coming into the United States from Porto Rico, or going into Porto Rico from the United States shall not be construed as extending the legislation of the United States or any part thereof over Porto Rico, and it is hereby declared that the legislation of the United States is not extended over Porto Rico."

Speaking of his amendment, Mr. Beveridge said: "The object of my amendment is the same as that of Senator Davis' amendment, but the latter extends all of the taxation and revenue provisions of the constitution over Porto Rico, and when any part of the constitution is extended it is there forever."

"It may be that experience will demonstrate that we shall want to change the laws of taxation for Porto Rico, and if so, I fear extension of the taxing provisions of the constitution would prevent us. On all questions of power congress should be left with an absolutely free and unshackled hand."

"We have followed the president's suggestion appropriating \$2,000,000 for the immediate relief of Porto Rico, which is more than the house bill would have given the island in the entire two years of its life. This removes the reason which each member had for voting for the bill and restores us to the position first announced by the president. On the great principles involved we are entirely in harmony with the president."

Several bills were passed by the senate, the most important being the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill, and one providing for a commission to settle the claims against Spain which the peace treaty stipulated the United States were to assume.

### THE PORTO RICAN PROBLEM.

Washington, March 19.—No headway was made today by the senate compromise committee in their efforts to secure harmony of action of the republicans on the Porto Rican question. At least ten of the fifty-two senators will hold out for free trade. A canvass of the situation developed three things, first, the action of Senator Beveridge,

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