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A BATTLE IN PROGRESS

Brabant's Force Engaged With the Boers at Wepener.

Evidences of Great Activity in the Free State.

Boers Moving Large Bodies of Troops Southward.

Movement of the British at Bloemfontein Continues.

Local Traction the Strongest Feature in the Stock List.

THEIR LINES OF COMMUNICATION WITH NORVAL'S POINT UNBROKEN—BOER PRISONERS ARRIVE AT ST. HELENA ISLAND.

London, April 10.—The Boer attack on General Brabant's force at Wepener was resumed at dawn today. The enemy's attack on two or three sides on Monday lasted until the afternoon, when firing ceased and it was believed the enemy had been beaten off, but it was announced this morning from Allwal North that fighting had again begun.

Brabant's force, numbering 3,000, holds position in a rough country. It is not known what the numerical strength of the Boers is, but whatever it may be it is being rapidly augmented. A body of 2,000 Boers is marching towards Springfontein, between Wepener and Springfontein. The detonation of heavy guns was heard at Maseru Monday.

Events in the southeast portion of the Free State caused the Eighth division, which had been ordered to Fourteen Streams, to be despatched to Springfontein.

THE CENSORSHIP AT BLOEMFONTEIN.

The mysterious movements of troops at Bloemfontein is proceeding. Newspaper correspondents are not allowed to telegraph their destinations, and the presumption is that Roberts is making a disposition to cut off raids of Boer forces when they withdraw northward from the pursuing British columns.

The reappearance of the Boers in the occupied country has caused a revival of warlike feeling among the Free Staters. Federal agents are busy getting details of surrendered Boers, and, owing to British garrisons withdrawing, the British residents are uneasy and have sent delegates to Springfontein to ask help. They were told that steps for their defense would be immediately taken.

The Boers are reported to have ventured south of Biggarsberg and to be posting heavy guns for miles north of Elandslaagte. They are also said to have fortified the vicinity of Wessels' Nek.

The war office proposes to land at Cape Town before the end of May 20,000 horses, to be conveyed by twenty-three steamers sailing from New Orleans, Buenos Ayres and Australian ports.

Ladysmith, April 10.—Heavy firing was heard early this morning in the direction of Sunday's river and continued for a few hours. No details of the engagement have been received.

BOERS AT ST. HELENA.

Island of St. Helena, April 10.—The Niobe and Milwaukee have arrived here with Boer prisoners. Their health is good with the exception of four cases of measles, necessitating the Milwaukee being quarantined. The prisoners are quiet and well behaved. The governor has been notified of the desire of the authorities that the prisoners be treated with every courtesy and consideration.

BRITISH LINES INTACT.

London, April 11.—Up to 4 o'clock this morning no further news regarding the fighting at Wepener had been received by telegraph.

Cape Town, April 10.—Your correspondent has just been informed by a friend who arrived from Bloemfontein

that the British line of communication between the capital of the Free State and Norval's point, Cape Colony, is absolutely secure. Fifteen thousand men hold every kopje between the two places, and they are strongly entrenched.

BOERS MOVING SOUTH. London, April 11.—The Times correspondent at Bloemfontein, in a despatch dated Monday, says that a considerable force of the enemy with guns are known to have gone south towards Smithfield and Roxville.

Small parties detached along the line have come in contact with the British observation posts. There have been no open hostilities but a general attempt on the part of the Boers to find a strategic opening.

The Boer force, which has been augmented by burghers, may now number from 3,000 to 6,000. It is difficult to estimate their strength, as they are making all the movements into the eastern division with the utmost caution upon a regularly patrolled line of communication.

General Methuen, according to an official Pretoria telegram, is moving in the direction of Hoopstad.

RUMORS AT MAPEKING.

Another Bulwago story is that 5,000 British troops and six batteries of artillery are marching through Rhodesia to Mafeking. The latter place is receiving several rumors that a column is approaching from the south but all appear to be based on native authority.

HABEAS CORPUS TRIAL FOR "TALLOW DICK" COMBS

Will Begin Today—The Grand Jury's Investigation.

Frankfort, April 10.—The habeas corpus proceedings in the circuit court by R. O. Benjamin, the negro attorney for "Tallow Dick" Combs, was called today. County Attorney Pelgrove filed the response, and Benjamin filed a demurrer to the response. Benjamin asked that the case be set for trial for this afternoon, but it was postponed until tomorrow.

A number of prominent witnesses were before the grand jury in the alleged conspiracy cases, including the republican official who was in the general office of the secretary of state at the time the shots were fired.

It is the general belief that when the indictments are filed the cases will not be heard until the next term of court, or in the event of a change of venue, until the regular term of the Bourbon circuit court.

KENTUCKY REPUBLICAN CONVENTION MAY 17

Louisville, April 10.—The republican state committee met this afternoon and named May 17 as the time, and the auditorium in Louisville as the place, for holding the state convention.

BOUTELLE RENOMINATED.

Augusta, Me., April 10.—The republican congressional district convention was held today and not the slightest discord was in evidence. In the Fourth district Charles A. Boutelle, of Bangor, was renominated.

Resolutions reaffirming their allegiance to the principles of the party and heartily endorsing the administration of McKinley were also adopted.

LITTLEFIELD RENOMINATED.

Auburn, Me., April 10.—The republicans of the second Maine congressional district today renominated Charles E. Littlefield, of Rockland, for congress.

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A DECISION AGAINST CLARK

Senate Committee's Report Unfavorable to the Rich Montana Senator.

Believed That Clark Will End Contest by Resignation.

Agreement to Accept the Senate Port Rican Plan.

This Means a Territorial Government for the Island.

SENATE AMENDMENTS TO INDIAN APPROPRIATION BILL NON-CONCURRED IN—VOTE ON SEATING SENATOR QUAY TO BE TAKEN ON APRIL 24.

Washington, April 10.—The senate committee on privileges and elections today decided by a unanimous vote to recommend the adoption of a resolution declaring Clark, of Montana, not entitled to occupy the seat as senator, reached after a two hours' sitting, at which all the members of the committee were present except one. The absentee was Caffery, of Louisiana, and he wired a vote in opposition to Clark. There is a general impression that Clark will resign.

At a special meeting the ways and means committee today decided, by a vote of 8 to 5, to report the Porto Rico bill as passed by the senate without amendment and to move concurrence in the senate amendments. This means the acceptance of a territorial form of government for Porto Rico, as added to the bill by the senate, and other minor changes on the tariff and other features.

The vote on concurring in the senate bill was on party lines, with the exception of McCall, of Massachusetts, republican, who first dissented from the bill. The full vote was as follows: Yeas, Payne, Dalzell, Hopkins, Grosveor, Russell, Dolliver, Steele and Long, all republicans, 8. Nays, McCall, republican; Richardson, Swanson, McClellan and Underwood, democrats, 5.

The vote was not preceded by any extended discussion, Grosveor properly making the motion to concur and report. It was made known during the meeting that the bill will be taken up tomorrow, and it was indicated that the plan contemplated is to allow each side two hours.

Soon after the senate convened today Mr. Jones, of Arkansas, introduced and had adopted a resolution calling upon the president to transmit to the senate a detailed statement of the expenses of the commission general of the Paris exposition, and also to state the salaries of all employees of the commission. Mr. Jones stated that in the report already filed detailed items of expenses and salaries were not included in accordance with laws.

Mr. Chandler asked unanimous consent that two weeks from today, April 24, a vote be taken on the resolution relative to the seating of Quay. Without opposition the request of Mr. Chandler was agreed to.

Mr. Cullom entered a motion that the senate non-concur in the house amendments to the Hawaiian civil government bill, and that the measure be sent to conference. This was agreed to, and Messrs. Cullom, Lodge and Morgan were named as conferees on the part of the senate.

The following bills were then passed: Authorizing the establishment of a light and fog signal at the new breakwater harbor of refuge, Delaware bay; providing allotments of lands in severality to Indians of Laportite, or Bad river, reservation, Wisconsin; for the relief of Clara Mashby, widow of W. W. Ashby, late United States consul at Colon; for the relief of Isaac R. Runkelberker.

Resolutions of regret at the death of

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the late Representative Richard Parks Bland, of Missouri, were called up by Cockrell, of Missouri, and eulogies upon the dead statesman were pronounced by senators.

At the opening session of the house today Mr. Payne, of New York, chairman of the ways and means committee, reported back the Porto Rico tariff bill with a recommendation that the senate amendments be concurred in. It was ordered printed and placed on the calendar.

A senate resolution was adopted which orders the printing of a special edition of the year's book of the department of agriculture for distribution at the Paris exposition.

Mr. Powers, of Vermont, called up the bill to create a commission to make settlement with the Sioux City and Pacific railroad of its indebtedness to the United States. Mr. Shaffroth, of Colorado, offered an amendment which was accepted, enlarging the powers of the commission to receive propositions from any corporation, to sell or assign the government lien or do any and all things necessary to secure the best settlement for the government. The bill was passed.

The senate amendments to the Indian appropriation bill were non-concurred in, and Sherman, Curtis and Little appointed conferees.

There will be no action on the Panama canal bill this session, although Representative Hepburn, who has charge of the subject in the house, is still determined to call it up and insist upon a vote. The senators do not consider it advisable to appropriate money for the construction of a canal as long as there is doubt as to the validity of the Clayton-Bulwer convention, and it is impossible to secure a decision on that subject, because neither the treaty recently concluded by Secretary Hay and Lord Pauncefote nor the amendments proposed by the senate committee on foreign relations can command the two-thirds vote necessary for ratification. The democrats are playing politics with the view of emphasizing the differences on the republican side. They will vote either way on every question as they see they can make the most mischief in the republican party.

The republican steering committee of the senate has held several conferences and has reached some important conclusions. It has determined to so shape the business that congress can adjourn the first or second week in June. This is in accordance with the views of the administration, made known to the republican leaders the past week. There was at first a disposition on the part of several republican senators to prolong the session well into summer. Informal consultations at the white house have resulted in agreement on the early adjournment.

HORNER DEFEATS TRINITY.

Both Teams Played Good Ball Yesterday at Durham.

Special to the Gazette.

Durham, N. C., April 10.—One run in the fifth and another in the eighth inning saved Trinity from a shutout in the game with the Horner team this afternoon. The visitors crossed the plate three times in the first and three times in the sixth, making the score 6 to 2. The first run scored by Trinity was by Card, in the fifth inning, who sent the ball out to deep center for a home run.

The home team hit Kenna heavy, but played in hard luck in not getting more runs. Eleyen of Trinity's men struck out while eight of the visitors fanned at Dannewer's curves. Both teams played good ball. The score was:

Trinity College . . . 0 0 0 0 1 0 1 0—2
Horner 3 0 0 0 0 3 0 0—8

Base hits, Trinity, 8; Horner, 10. Errors, Trinity, 4; Horner, 2.

Batteries: Trinity, Dannewer and Wilkins; Horner, Kenna and Oldham. Summary—Earned runs, Horner, 2; Trinity, 1. Bases stolen, Kenna, Oldham, for Horner. Struck out, by Kenna, 10; Dannewer, 8. Two base hits, Galavin, of Horner; Turner, 2; Blankenship, Anderson, Trinity. Three base hit Blankenship, Trinity. Bases on balls, Kenna, 1; Dannewer, 1. Hit by pitched ball, Dannewer, 2. Time of game 2:15. Umpire Sherwood Upchurch.

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ALL SMOOTH FOR AYCOCK

Davidson Withdraws in the Interest of Unanimous Action.

Leaders Have the Slate all Nicely Prepared.

Rank and File Opposed to Nomination of Mebane.

Plans for Campaign Discussed at a Conference.

CROWDS OF CANDIDATES NEED-LESSLY LOBBYING FOR FAVORS —CY WATSON TO BE PERMANENT CHAIRMAN OF THE CONVENTION.

Special to the Gazette.

Raleigh, N. C., April 10.—Candidates, their friends and delegates to the democratic state convention, which meets at noon tomorrow, are polling the largest attendance in the history of the state, but this is due to the hosts of candidates largely. The leaders have the slate prepared but are not showing their hands today, waiting for the district caucuses, which are called for tomorrow morning.

Theo. F. Davidson has withdrawn, and Aycock's nomination will be unanimous. Cunningham and Turner are now the only candidates for lieutenant governor—a fight between the east and west.

The contest for superintendent of public instruction is bitter. The leaders favor Mebane, but the rank and file of the delegates is against him.

J. M. Campbell, of Asheville, is conducting an active campaign for the road commissionership.

Webb, of Shelby, is slated for temporary chairman and Cy Watson for permanent chairman.

A meeting of the state executive committee in the nature of a conference was held tonight. Plans for the campaign were discussed.

STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS HOLDS A SECRET COUNCIL

Not Inclined to Give Ear to Requests of the Two Minority Members.

Special to the Gazette.

Raleigh, N. C., April 10.—The democratic members of the state board of elections held a secret caucus today preparatory for the board meeting Thursday. At the last meeting of this board the republican and populist members submitted a list naming either a republican or a populist for one of the three members of the board in each county. The democratic members objected to accepting the list, although the republicans and populists only asked for a minority representation of their own choosing on the county boards. It is rumored now that the democrats will not accept this list Thursday, but will themselves name minority members for the counties.

NEW FEDERAL COURT.

Washington, April 10.—The senate judiciary committee reported favorably on the bill to establish terms of the United States circuit court at New Bern and Elizabeth City.

JAPANESE IMMIGRANTS.

San Francisco, April 10.—The California and Oriental steamer Belgian King, which arrived Sunday, had on board about 200 Japanese. The China had on board 195, all of whom were quickly landed. The Doric brought 105, landed today.

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