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THE FIGHTING AT WEPENER

British Commander Still Holds His Position Outside the Town.

Private Despatches Report Mafeking's Need Pressing,

No Confirmation of Report of Baden Powell's Death.

Boers Extremely Aggressive in Buller's Vicinity.

ROBERTS APPARENTLY TO BE FORCED TO FIGHT THE ORANGE FREE STATE CAMPAIGN OVER AGAIN-MORE PRISONERS FOR ST. HELENA.

London, April 13.-There is no direct news from Mafeking. The Daily Mail slays it understands that private telegrams have been received in London pointing out the seriousness of the situation of the besieged town and gloomily emphasizing the need of speediest

The Daily Mail's correspondent at onel Villebois Maruel, the French officer recently killed while leading a scouting party.

A despatch to the Times from Bloemfontein says that the latest news received from Wepener was to the effect that Major Dalgetty was holding his nosition outside of the town, which itself was occupied by the boers of the Rouxville commando. The correspondent says that the pressure should be partially relieved in the next twenty-

LIEUTENANT HIX DEAD. Bloemfontein, April 12 .-- Lieutenant the Boer forces, wounded at the fightng of the waterworks, who was prought here and placed in a hospital,

THE FIGHTING AT WEPENER. Chicago, April 12 .- The Record special correspondent at London cables: Latest despatches report Boers and Britons still killing one another at Wepener. General Brabant's colonials. who are garrisoning the town, have at their backs the forbidden ground of Basutoland, and are assailed on the other three sides by commandos of aggressive burghers. The battle raged all day Monday and at the latest report was still in progress. It is admitted that the garrison's losses are heavy. The Boer losses are also reported as numerous.

BOERS OBTAIN REINFORCE-MENTS.

The Boers discovered early in the struggle that 'they had undertake' dimeult task, and sent despatch riders ville for re-enforcements. These seem promptly to have been obtained. There is an impression here that unless relief reaches the garrison before a great while it may be found necessary to surrender, but it is known on the other hand that Dalgetty's command is well supplied with guns, ammunition and provisions.

ANNOYING BULLER IN NATAL, ed is expected to furnish good animals have been renewed in Sunday's river possible the army men desire to coffect region, Natal. The Boers in that locality are exceedingly aggressive, and it is supposed that General Buller has been forced to come to close quarters with them. The burghers have posted heavy guns on the range at Elandslagte, and it is thought that these may have opened on the British troops.

The Boer advices that told of Colonel Plumer's repulse after having auvanced within six miles of Mafeking have been confirmed, and it is seen again how wholly inadequate was this

STUPENDOUS BLUNDERING. Lord Roberts apparently is about to be compelled to fight the Orange Free State campaign over again. His swift, telling operations beginning at Jacobsdal and ending in the occpation of

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Bloemfontein drove the Boers to concentrate on the line to Preforia, but then came the breakdown in the commander in chief's support and practically the whole of the advantage gained was speedily lost. Plainly there has been stupendous blundering some-

Bloemfontein was occupied four veeks ago and the British army has been utterly inactive ever since. The railway to Norval's pont was found in good condition and Lord Roberts' communications with Cape Town were working satisfactory almost immediately after the Orange Free State fell into his possession. This would appear to fix the responsibility for lack of equipment on the war office. CRONJE'S OVERTHROW PROVES COSTLY.

There is just a possibility that General Cronje's overthrow may prove after all a costly victory. Such was the mobility of the fugitive general that French in order to effect his capture was compelled to crucify the British cavalry, and it is rather expected that the experier ce will induce the British to refrain from running any more races with the Boers unless the movement promises a great reward.

If Lord Roberts decides that he can protect his communications without stopping again to clear the southern half of the Orange Free State of Dutch belligerents it is probable that he will move straight toward his ultimate objective. However, this policy is recognized to involve dangers. It is liable to fail to drive the Boers into a compact organization before the British guns and few persons here suppose that the commander in chief will take the chances of leaving too long a line of communcation beset by hostile bands of daring men.

THE BRITISH LOSSES.

The British losses in the Transvaal war to April 7 has been officers 765, men To the war office returns of casualties must be added the losses of put out of action.

RUMORS REGARDING BADEN-POWELL.

Nothing is learned regarding the rumor of Baden-Powell's death nor there arything tending to show how long the general advance towards Pretoria will be delayed.

ments public interest centers upon in personality of new commanders and in suppositions as to who will be the next general to be cort home. The sailors of the Powerful are coming in for enthusiastic greetings equal-

ing that which met them on their first Hix, the Dutch military attache with arrival at Pertsmouth yesterday, when young and old women kissed officers and men indiscriminately as they came session was announced today by the off the dock. Pretoria, April 11.-Advices from present purpose is to have the

rounded, say the battle continues favor- to be called up when the Quay resoluable to the federals. About 1500 British troops are said to be there.

TO BE SENT TO ST. HELENA. Simonstown April 12 .- Owing to the unfavorable conditions for keeping the Boer prisoners here the authorities have vote on the Quay case which is the decided to ship them all to St. Helena 24th instant. with least possible delay. Sickness among them is abating.

BRITISH TO BUY HORSES IN THE CHICAGO MARKET

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galloping to Dewetsdorp and Roux- Thirty thousand animals are needed for use in cavalry, artillery, commissary and transport departments of the British army. Agents of local horse dealers When the sale begins the Chicago market will be the livliest in years as nearly every dealer who has been approach-It is reported also that hostilities at the rate of one hundred a day. If horses at the rate of 5000 a week. They tearing away the debris, striving to rewarded to the scene of operations as rapidly as the loads arrive.

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YESTERDAY

Senate Agrees to Conference Report on Legislative Appropriations-Jones Explains.

Washington, April 12.-When the senate convened Senator Cullom presented the conference report on the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill. The report was agreed to. Senator Jones, of Arkansas, chairman of the democratic national committee, addressed the senate on a question of personal privilege. He read from the Record a quotation from the speech of Representative Dolliver, Completion of the Ticket After an all of Iowa, delivered in the house on the Porto Rican bill, in which he said: "I accuse the chairman of the democratic national committee of being in ...e same conspiracy. I hold in my hand now to become a law to give the prohave given to the American Sugar Re- commissioner. fining company \$1,800,000 which they The platform endorces the Chicago honest man may have misjudged what constitutional amendment. has been done by me. When the Porto Rican bill was presented in the senate I offered an amendment proposing t refund the duties that had been collected from the people of Porto Rico to the people who had paid those duties. Were Two Defendants, at Hard Labor on the Southern and Alabama Great I did that from a conviction that the duties upon products coming from Porto Rico, and if we had no such in the Cassie Boon murder case found Lorenzo Marquez reports the departure last week and wounded, aggregating right it was common honesty that we the defendants, Harvey and John Thursday of several fresh recruits from about 10 000 men, making a grand total should give the money back to the peo- Jackson guilty of murder of the Pretoria, including a brother of Col- of upwards of 23,000 officers and men ple from whom it had been taken. I girl, but recommended them to mercy. had never looked to see who had paid. The recommendation was probably a those revenues nor where the money compromise with the friends of the acwould go. I am not in the confidence cused on the jury. It had the effect

of the sugar trust.' consent that the Nicaragua canal bill life at hard labor. Solicitor Johnson be made the order of business for 2 has information implicating other o'clock. April 30, and this was one. In the absence of exciting develop-Senator Burrows, of Michigan, ad- ecutions are expected. dressed the senate on the resolution relative to the seating of Mr. Quay as

senator from Pennsylvania.

The definite intention of the republiping subsidy bi. passed at the present senate committee on commerce. The Wepener, where he British force is sur- given the place of unfinished business tion and the Philippine bill are disposed of. Friends of the shipping bill estimate that the Philippine bill will be

A FOUR STORY BUILDING FALLS TO THE CROUND

out of the way by the time set for a

Burying a Number of Workmen in the Ruins-Rescuers at Work

Chicago, April 12.-Agents of the McKlevy & Co., wholesale paint deal-British government will begin buying ers, which was in process of being rehorses in the Chicago market Saturday. modeled, collapsed at 10 o'clock this morning, falling with a roar that was heard over a large part of the city. The center wall of the building had have been slouring the middle west sev- been removed by the workmen, and it eral days in anticipation of the coming is believed that this left the upper Seoul announce that Russia has preof the British buyers and collection at floors too weak to support the weight the stock yards has already begun. of stock that was stored in the rooms. A score or more of people were in the building at the time of the collapse, and a number were buried in the

A hundred men were soon at work will be shipped to New York and for- lease the buried men and to get out the dead bodies.

The building fell out toward Third avenue, blocking up the street. A policeman turned in an alarm of fire the firemen and police took charge of the work on the debris.

Two dead bodies were recovered a ndon and three persons were taken out alive. The dead are Oscar Byingha and Eugene C. Bernhardt. Two of the injured were not seriously hurt. Noel Jasper, an employe, was taken to the Homeopathic hospital.

least a dozen people were in the front part of the building, including several

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At 6 o'clock this evening eight bodies had been taken from the ruins.

THE DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION

Night's Session.

Raleigh, April -.- The democratic convention finished its work and adjourned a few minutes after 9 o clock a proposed amendment offered by Mr. this morning, after an all night's ses-Jones, of Arkansas, to the bll that is sion, R. D. Gi'mer was nominated for Train attorney general on the fourta ballo.. ceeds of the present Porto Rican cus- Franklin McNeill and S. L. Rogers toms 'to the people of Porto Rico,' an were nominated for railroad commisamendment which, if passed, would sioners, and H. B. Varner for labor

have already par in cash into the platform denounces everything republitreasury on sugar imported from Por- can; favors election of United States to Rico." Mr. Jones said: "I pay no senators by the people, and primaries attention to aspersions of this charac- for nomination of state and county ofter, but it may be possible that some ficers: approves the submission of the

SENTENCED FOR LIFE

-A Compromise.

Columbia, S. C., April 12.-1-e jury of saving the necks of the men. They Senator Morgan asked unanimous were sentenced to imprisonment for , white men in this crime and more pros-

A CAMPAIGN BANNER

can senators to seek to have the ship- Being Made of Bryan Five Times Life heard regarding grievances, a set of Size for Convention Hall.

McPherson, April 12.-Dennerats here are having a campaign banner, with a picture of Bryan five times life size, to decorate the stage of the Kansas city convention hall July 4. The American eagle, a silver dollar, a \$20 gold piece and the statue of liberty will embellish the four corners of the

, William F. Sapp, of Galena, Kan., will take one 'thousand horsemen to Kansas City to participate in the par-

STRUCK BY LIGHTNING.

Pupils Killed.

Norfolk, Va., April 12.—During Pittsburg, April 12.—The four story rain and hail storm today lightning brick building occupied by Armstrong, struck a school house at Currituck, twenty-five miles south of Virginia Beach. Thomas O'Neill, a pupil was instantly killed and another boy hurt mortally. The building caught fire.

RUSSIA REPEATS DEMANDS.

Yokohoma, April 12.-Advices from sented to the Korean government renewed demands referring to Masampo.

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Power's Order to Southern Railroad Operatives.

Union Demands Reinstatement of Discharged Members.

Schedules Interfered With by the Strike.

REPORTS FROM CHARLOTTE ARE THAT MANY OPERATORS ARE OUT AND THAT AS A CONSE-QUENCE TRAINS ARE ALL DE-LAYED.

Atlanta, April 12.-President W. V. Powell, of the Order of Railway Telegraphers, has ordered a strike of telegraphers and other station employes Southern railways. The order issued by him this morning was as follows: "Atlanta, April 12.-To all telegraphers employed on the Southern railway: Turn your board red and quit work at 11 o'clock today (Thursday). Perform no service of any kind. Stand firm and the victory is ours. (Signed) Powell." The strike effects the Southern system from Alexandria, Va., to Meridian, Miss. To what extent it will interfere

with schedules cannot be learned at this time. Six hundred and eighty-five telegraphers and other station employes voted in favor of a strike and 131" against it, when the president of the order recently asked for an expression

The strikers demand reinstatement of discharged members, the right to be rules and rates of pay governing them, twelve consecutive hours' work per day with modifications, pay for overtime, to abolish the practice of compelling agents to do menial labor, minimum wage scale of \$45 and \$50 per month, \$75 for train despatchers and fair and equitable promotion.

Negotiations for an amicable settlement of the telegraphers' grievances were carried on for a long time. President Powell claiming that he could not get a hearing before General Manager Gannon and the latter claiming that the telegraphers had been treat-

ed justly and no grievances existed. Two days ago the case was appealed to President Spencer of the Southern A School House Set on Fire and Two and no satisfactin being obtained from him, the strike was called. Reports being received at headquarters' here state that the men are quitting work. NO INTERRUPTION.

> Washington, April 12.-Vice President and General Manager Gannon, of the Southern railway, made light of the strike of telegraph operators on the Southern at 1 p. m. today. He said there was no interruption of traffic anywhere on the line, and that so far as he had heard only four operators had quit work.

THE COLUMBIA DIVISION. Columbia, April 12.-The strike of telegraphers on the Columbia division of the Southern railway has proved so far a failure. Only one man struck in Columbia, and few on the Columbia and Savannah line. Business is not incommoded. Several men who went out this morning have returned to work. The officers of the railroad telegraphers are here. CLAIMS SYSTEM WILL BE TIED

Charlotte, April 12 .- Many operators along the line of the Southern railway went on strike today. Nearly all the train on main line are reported from one to four hours late and the operators claim that the system will be tieu up: Railway officials, however, claim that everything is moving all right, but it

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