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Wire Cutters at Work on All the Divisions.

Every Wire on Spartanburg Line Severed at Hendersonville.

Passenger Trains Still Running East and West

TELEGRAPH OFFICIALS SPEAK HOPEFULLY IN SPITE OF THE APPARENTLY GENERAL TIE-UP—MEN ARRIVE TO TAKE STRIKERS' PLACES—ALL OFFICES ON THE MURPHY DIVISION CLOSED AND WIRES DOWN.

This city was totally cut off from telegraphic connection with the outside world last night, the last wire falling at 9:45 o'clock. This prevented the Gazette's night news service from reaching the paper. Manager Drakeford remained at the office until a late hour, but connection had not been resumed with any point up to the time the Gazette went to press.

The last wire to fall, and bring silence to the eternal ticking in the Western Union office, was the Atlanta wire by way of Knoxville. It was crossed and grounded between this city and Morristown. This may have been caused by the cutting of another wire that fell across the bunch of wires on the pole. The railroad still have a train wire to Morristown and one as far east as Marion.

The wire was cut at 10 a. m. near Hendersonville, repaired and cut again. All three wires from his place south were severed at Hendersonville, where it is stated the sheriff is on the lookout for the wire cutters. The main wire through Hendersonville is the Augusta wire, an important connection for Asheville.

The wire trouble in the Western Union office here began soon after noon Thursday. The first connection to fall was the Salisbury wire, which was soon repaired. Then Charlotte was off, but came back again and was on till 9 o'clock Thursday night when it gave out.

Yesterday all the circuits were working intermittently except the Spartanburg circuit.

Trains were run over the Murphy road yesterday without telegraphic aid, all the offices being closed, and likely to remain so for some time. In nearly all the offices on this line the operators struck and wires were cut, so that the other offices were unable to continue work.

To the east the only offices at which the men are reported to have struck are Swannanoa, Bridgewater and Glen Alpin, and these offices have been closed. The men are out at Arden, Fletchers and Flat Rock on the Spartanburg division. The western division is reported to have kept all its operators.

It was reported here last night that General Manager Gannon was trying to get to Atlanta and that a settlement was probable.

From the standpoint of the strikers it was stated that the telegraphers had plenty of money behind them and are prepared to stay out as long as necessary. They state that every man on the Murphy line is out, and there are fourteen of them.

On the other lines of the Asheville division it is positively stated that only four or five men are at work. Several places citizens are guarding the stations and are refusing to let new men take the place of the strikers. A car load of men has been brought south from Norfolk, it is reported, most of them green men, but they can't go to work. Freight, express and mail are piling up at the small stations.

The second day of the Southern telegraphers' strike passed practically

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as did the first. No freight trains were moved, and although passenger trains ran, they experienced considerable difficulty in running on time schedule. Several more men have quit and as far as reports reached this city none of the strikers returned to their posts. The principal reason of delay in passenger trains seems to be in the slow men that have necessarily been put on, as operators are hard to get.

At Dalton, Ga., the Southern sent two men to take the place of strikers but citizens ran them out of the town.

Strikers claim that at least 65 per cent of the operators are out, and railroad officials assert that only 10 per cent are out. The Western Union, which owns all the wires the Southern uses, is having considerably difficulty in keeping them up. Strikers, or sympathizers, it is thought, pull them down, and a force of linemen was sent from here yesterday to get the wire up but they don't say up long. It is too early to say whether there will be any sympathetic strikes or not.

F. R. Darby, the passenger and ticket agent of the Southern in this city, yesterday afternoon received from W. A. Turk, the general passenger agent of the road, the following despatch:

"As information I beg to advise that the strike of telegraphers of Southern Railway and Alabama Great Southern railway has not in any way affected movement of our traffic. Less than 10 per cent in number of operators left service and their places have generally been supplied. No apprehension as to the prompt movement of traffic over our lines need be felt, and unofficial reports to the contrary should be disregarded."

Mr. Darby said, at 9 o'clock last night: "All passenger trains moving in and out of Asheville during the day have been right on time, and traffic out of this city has been handled without delay."

At 3:30 o'clock this morning the train from the east, due here at 1:15, had not arrived and no information could be given as to when it would arrive. A train was then being made up here to go west in place of the delayed through train.

A LUCKY FIND

Windsor, Ill., April 13.—Mrs. James Carter made a lucky find while hoeing the onion bed in her truck garden yesterday. Her hoe struck and brought to light a \$20 gold piece. A quick search and a few more strokes with the hoe brought up \$200 more of the yellow coin. The money had been buried scarcely a foot below the surface, and was not inclosed in anything. It bore evidences of having lain in soil for years. Mrs. Carter has deposited the money in bank and intends that it shall be the nucleus of a sum to buy a home for her.

ROBBERIES OF BEER STAMPS.

New York, April 13.—Within the past two months two mysterious robberies of beer stamps, by which the government lost \$16,000, have occurred. One of these thefts occurred while the stamps were in transit between the Treasury department and the general postoffice in Washington and the other between the postoffice and the internal revenue office at Chicago. The stamps stolen in Washington were worth \$10,000, and those in Chicago \$6,000.

DEATH OF J. M. JOHNSON.

J. M. Johnson died at 12:30 o'clock this morning at the residence of Mrs. Branch, 14 Starbuck avenue. Mr. Johnson returned from Atlanta, three weeks ago, after undergoing treatment in a sanitarium there, and for the last two weeks had been confined to his bed. He had been in failing health for nearly two years, being compelled for this reason to resign his position with the Daily Gazette. During his long residence in and near Asheville Mr. Johnson had won the friendship and esteem of very many of the people of this city who will grieve at the news of his death. A son, Fred. A. Johnson, and three daughters, Miss Nina, Bessie and Susie Johnson, survive him. His wife was Miss Hattie Alexander, daughter of Capt. In Alexander. The funeral will probably occur today at Alexander chapel.

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GENERAL ROBERTS' COMING ADVANCE

Slowly Gathering the Needed Remounts—Denial Regarding Captain Reichman.

London, April 13.—Judging from the lack of news from the front, Good Friday is being kept in South Africa as religiously as in London.

Presumably the situation remains unchanged, though word from Wepener is awaited with interest and probably before the day is over a despatch will be received from Roberts.

A special despatch received here from Cape Town says Lady Roberts will proceed to Bloemfontein in a few days and that the Duke of Westminster has already departed for the Free State capital.

Early this morning Cape Town was as much in the dark regarding the progress of the campaign as London is at the present hour.

Pretoria, April 11.—Consul Hay, in an interview, says that the report that Captain Reichman, the United States military attaché, participated in the fight near Sannas Post is absolutely false. Reichman, it is said, was occupied most of the time attending upon the wounded Dutch military attaché, Lieutenant Nix, who has since died.

Consul Hay has no doubt that Reichman has been confounded with American Lieutenant Losberg, of the Free State artillery, who took a very active part in the fight.

THE COMING ADVANCE.

It is certain that the wild stories about Lord Roberts' communications being in danger are merely the result of the present delay in the British advance. But it is pointed out here that this delay is not of the nature of a check inflicted by the Boers. It is merely a pause necessary in order to prepare for a systematic advance into the Transvaal. Both Lord Roberts and Gen. Buller will advance when they receive the necessary equipment and transport.

HEAVY DEATH RATE OF HORSES.

The British movements have been seriously impeded by reason of the numerous deaths which occur almost daily among the horses of the cavalry division. It is estimated that Lord Roberts has lost and will continue to lose horses at the rate of 5000 monthly. Remounts are beginning to arrive at the front, but the troops are so arid to like the horses that have been purchased in the Argentine Republics.

AWAITS ONLY GOOD CONDITIONS.

When his men are in fit condition to advance Lord Roberts will go ahead as he did when marching to Kimberley. It is by no means likely that he will pay attention to the scattered parties of Boers who are operating in the Orange Free State any more than he heeded the parties that were raiding the northern part of Cape Colony when he was pursuing Gen. Cronje. The mere fact of his advance will clear the field behind him.

REVIEW OF THE PRESENT SOUTH AFRICAN SITUATION.

New York, April 12.—The Laffan military expert this morning says: "Within the last twenty-four hours the despatches show widespread activity on the part of the Boers, which may be attributed to their knowledge of the crippled condition of the British mounted troops, of which they are taking advantage. The reported Boer victory at Merkatfontein, which is said to have caused uneasiness in London, is possibly an exaggeration of the affair near Reddersburg, near where there is a place called Marston, which may have given rise to the confusion of localities. So important an incident—if it is other than suggested—would certainly have been officially reported before now."

"The main point of interest for the moment, however, is Wepener, where General Brabant has been beleaguered since Monday, and where Lord Roberts is hurrying assistance. According to reports, the Boer forces in the south-east of the Free State cannot be less than 1,500 strong, which seems an exaggeration, even if they have been joined by the burghers who had made their submission to the British after their occupation of Bloemfontein. But whatever their strength, they appear to be in numbers sufficient to temporarily upset Lord Roberts' plans, and to compel him to follow their lead instead of playing his own hand."

"If it be true, as stated in Cape Town despatch, that the 107 miles railway between Bloemfontein and Norval's pont, require 15,000 men to secure it against interruption by the Boers, some idea can be formed of the force which will be required to watch

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over all the towns in which the British army, now in the heart of the Free State and on the southwestern border of the Transvaal, depends for its very existence when it begins to get near Johannesburg and Pretoria, the objectives of the war.

"The fighting on Tuesday near Elandslaagte in Natal, seems to have been insignificant, but the Boers are reported to have several heavy guns mounted in commanding positions and a considerable force entrenched in the Biggarsberg mountains, northeast of Ladysmith. In consequence the heavy guns mounted at Durban are to be sent up again to Ladysmith. For some reason not stated some of the regiments in Natal and General Hart are being sent around to Cape Colony, or are reported to be, though, under the new arrangements with Portugal, it is just possible that they may have a more northerly destination and will be sent into Rhodesia through Beira. So far they really are going to Cape Colony, the pressure on Lord Roberts' army must be greater than we have yet been informed of."

"A Pretoria report states that General Methuen is moving on Hoopstad, about seventy miles northeast of Boshof. It is unlikely, however, that his advance will be pushed until the commands to the south have been disposed of, and the troops that have been sent after them from Bloemfontein are again available for the forward movement from here."

"The proclamation issued by Lord Roberts, warning the colonists against hostile action under pain of the utmost rigor of military law, is an unmistakable indication of his anxiety about his communications and of the existence of disaffection among the colonists. On the whole, the British public would appear to have strong reason for dissatisfaction with the way things are going, and unless they are speedily set right, we may look for an explosion of feeling that will react disastrously on those responsible for the war. Court and Chambered company favorites are continued in commands, while less favored generals are sent back to England and war office negligence goes unpunished—hardly even censured—for the sacrifice of the lives and health of the rank and file."

LOST MINE FOUND.

Spaniards took Fabulous Sums From It Many Years Ago.

Austin, Texas, April 13.—Information has reached here that the long lost Spanish silver mine near the head of the Prio river has been found after a century of search. Preparations are being made to work it on an extensive scale. The discovery was made by Thomas Hondell, a ranchman. Prospectors have hunted for this mine for more than seventy-five years, and fortunes have been spent in the search. "Old Spanish records show that the mine was successfully worked by Spaniards long before the Americans penetrated the region, but that they were driven off by the Indians, and before leaving, they carefully covered up the mouth of the shaft and otherwise concealed all trace of the mine, expecting to return at some future time." The mine is located sixty-five miles from Pointo. According to the ancient Spanish records, the mine is of fabulous richness and contributed the period that it was worked over \$2,000,000 to the Spanish crown.

"KNOCKS" PITTSBURG

Greensboro, N. C., April 13.—The Boston squad was broken up today, and will not meet again until their game with Yale. The men in discussing "possibilities" in the league race expressed many opinions, but the one club that received the hardest knocks was Pittsburg. To show what is thought of that team's chances Manager Sel' offers to bet \$1000 that Pittsburg does not beat Brooklyn in the league race.

PAVE MEXICAN STREETS

City of Mexico, April 13.—A contract has been entered into by the city government with a United States firm to pave seventy-five streets with asphalt in the most approved manner. This is the most important paving contract ever granted here.

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UNDER THE SIMMONS LAW

Democratic Members of the State Board of Elections Made no Concessions.

Turned Down Request For Minority Representation

County Boards are in Most Cases Solidly Democratic.

Senator Franks Tells How the Scheme Has Begun to Work Out.

LIST OF MINORITY REPRESENTATIVES FOR COUNTY BOARDS SUBMITTED BY POPULISTS AND REPUBLICANS VOTED DOWN—AN EXCEPTION MADE ONLY OF MADISON.

Senator J. A. Franks, of Swain county, who was in Asheville last evening on his way back from Raleigh, talked with a Gazette representative about the proceedings of the state elections board, of which he is the sole republican member. Senator Franks appealed to the board when at their meeting this week they named the county boards of election to allow the republicans and populists to have representation on the county boards. Each county board is to consist of three members, chosen by the state board, which with the new member recently appointed consists of five democrats, one republican and one populist. The populist member joined in the request with Mr. Franks that the republicans and populists jointly be allowed to name one member of each county board.

"They turned me down in everything I asked," said Mr. Franks, "except as to Madison county, where Senator Murray endorsed Dr. Tilson and he was placed on the Madison county board. With that exception the minority did not get a man on the board of any county in North Carolina that we recommended. In my own county I asked as a matter of courtesy to myself as a minority member of the board elected by democrats, the republicans from neither the senate nor the house voting, that I be allowed to choose one member of the board. This request was refused—I offered an amendment to substitute the list of one member of each county board, made up and agreed upon by the republicans and populists in the state, in lieu of the out and dried list the democratic majority in the board had prepared, and it was voted down by a strict party vote. They notified me when they first began to read their list that they were going to pass that list—that that had been settled."

"In a majority of the counties of the state the election boards are solidly democratic, the republicans and populists having no representation on them. In the counties that have a republican or a populist member on the board the minority members were chosen by the democratic members of the state board."

SENATOR FRANKS TO SPEAK AT BRYSON CITY TODAY

State Secretary J. A. Franks, of Swain county, stopped over in Asheville yesterday on his way back from Raleigh, where he attended the meeting of the state election board, of which he is the only republican member, and witnessed the proceedings of the democratic state convention. Senator Franks will address the people of Bryson city today in an address in opposition to the constitutional amendment.

OPENS A WEEK EARLIER.

Richmond, Ind., April 13.—Manager Connie Mack, of the Milwaukee baseball club, of the American association, now practicing here, has announced that he would open the championship season in Chicago April 19, a week earlier than was originally intended.

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