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PRESSING THE FIGHTING

At Wepener, Brabant's Force is Gallantly Standing the Attacks.

At Fourteen Streams Bombardment Continues.

Mainly Confined to Artillery Duel There—Vaal River Patrolled.

Commanders Awaiting Methuen's Army—Talk of Intervertion.

REPORT THAT THE BOERS HAVE RETIRED FROM THE ELAANDSLAAGTE DISTRICT BEYOND THE BIGGARSBERG RANGE.

Kroonstadt, Orange Free State, April 14.—The burghers under Dewet, Hoffman and Rust are at Wepener. They continue to press the British under Brabant, who are making a gallant stand. The battle was resumed in full force on Friday. The federal troops have captured five hundred oxen. Brabant's force, according to Boer advices, is fighting practically as a forlorn hope. Strong Boer commandos are holding the routes between Bloemfontein and Wepener, thus preventing reinforcements being sent from Roberts.

VIGOROUS BOMBARDMENT.

Pretoria, April 14.—Adivces from Christiana, on the northwestern border of the Free State, say that the bombardment between the British and Boers at Fourteen Streams on the Vaal river continues vigorously. Fighting is confined to an artillery duel. The British batteries have been silenced scores of times. The whole Vaal river is now effectually patrolled by the Boers.

Commandos under Delarey are awiting Methuen's army between Hoopstad and the Vaal river some distance east of Fourteen Streams.

BOERS SAID TO HAVE RETIRED.

London, April 16.—A despatch to the Central News from Ladysmith, under today's date, says that native scouts report that the Boers who were in the Elaandslaagte district have retired beyond the Biggarsburg range.

INTERVENTION TALK AT THE HAGUE.

Brussels, April 16.—A rumor has been circulated by Dutch officials that nine of the signatory powers to The Hague peace conference contemplate urging intervention between Great Britain and the South African republics. All efforts will be made to have an establishment of an international tribunal at The Hague.

FILIPINO INSURGENTS TRAPPED BY DODD'S CAVALRY

More Than Half of the Rebel Force Killed—Spaniards Liberated

Manila, April 16.—Captain Dodds, troops of the Third cavalry trapped 180 insurgents near Benguet, Batangas province, Luzon. Fifty-three rebels were killed and forty-four taken prisoners. The Americans had one man wounded.

Ninety Spanish prisoners, who were liberated at Tayabas, capital of the province of the same name, arrived here this morning.

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THE KENTUCKY CASES REACH SUPREME COURT

April 30 Fixed as the Date for Hearing Them.

Washington, April 16.—The record in the contest over the governorship of Kentucky was filed in the supreme court today, two cases being docketed. William Taylor and John Marshall vs. J. C. W. Beckham was one, and Taylor and Marshall vs. Beckham, L. H. Carter and J. B. Castleman was the other. In the first case the governorship is at issue; in the second the lieutenant governorship and the place of adjutant general of Kentucky, which Castleman holds under appointment from Beckham.

Chief Justice Fuller announced that the case would be heard on April 30, and that eight hours would be allowed to counsel for argument.

Frankfort, April 16.—Now that the governorship contest cases have reached the United States supreme court and the time been set for a hearing, April 30, there is less apprehension here. A part of Taylor's soldiers were ordered home this afternoon.

NO CHANGE IN THE STRIKE SITUATION

Railroad Officials and Telegraphers Seem Satisfied with Conditions.

Up to this morning the telegraph wires out of Asheville were working much better than they have been at any time during the present telegrapherss' strike. Practically all the Western Union wires are working and the railroad wires are much better than they have been. Considerable trouble was experienced Sunday. All wires went down after dark. Yesterday the only railroad connection was with Morristown until late in the afternoon.

It is said that four men have been arrested in Knoxville for tampering with the wires, and the railroad people are making an effort to catch others implicated. The offer of $500 reward for the detection of any person tampering with the wires has been published broadcast an. the telegraph officials say they will prosecute to the full extent those against whom they secure evidence. Officials said yesterday that the only trouble they were now having was on account of the wires and as they got sufficient force out that would stop. Superintendent Loyall says he has had to send men back, who were sent here to work, as he has more than he needs.

When the strike began Superintendent Loyall issued an order to disregard all semaphore signals. If a red board was turned to stop and then proceed cautiously. After 35 was laid up at Morganton Saturday, he issued another order to take orders at Asheville only. Trains are here given a schedule for both going and returning, and orders to stick to that, which they must do, and no trouble will occur as long as they do that.

The Asheville yards were cleared of freight Sunday night and passenger trains were on time.

The strikers express themselves as feeling no uneasiness about the situation. A persistent rumor was heard on the streets yesterday of a possible sympathetic strike of railroad employes, but it could not be traced to any authentic source.

The Murphy line remains closed to telegraphic communication, not entirely to the dissatisfaction of the Western Union company which makes no profit from its offices there. Yesterday some joker woke up the operators on this line with a message addressed to them dated Knoxville and which began: "O. R. T. Bulletin." Upon the sending of the unique words there was a reply from several of the "dead" offices, and they were regaled with the following:

"O. R. T. Bulletin—We have won a great victory. Salaries of operators on Murphy division will be materially increased. In towns of more than 300 inhabitants agents will be allowed two clerks and two operators, with salaries of $125 a month," etc.

Atlanta, April 16.—Rev. L. G. Broughton, the noted Baptist minister, preached a strong sermon Sunday night in favor of the striking Southern railroad telegraphers. He arrived in this city in the afternoon from Washington, and says the Southern railroad is in bad shape, regardless of reports to the contrary. He says his purse and influence is at the disposal of the telegraphers to help them in their fight.

$500 REWARD.

A reward of Five Hundred Dollars is hereby offered for the arrest and conviction of any person or persons who have, or hereafter shall, wilfully and maliciously injure or destroy any telegraph wire or wiers or any telegaph fixtures or instruments along the lines of the Southern Railway Company.

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Asheville, N. C., April 17, 1900.

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TO BE GOVERNOR OF PORTO RICO

President Names Charles H. Allen—Will be Inaugurated With Imposing Ceremonies.

Washington, April 16.—The president today sent to the senate the nomination of Charles H. Allen, of Massachusetts, to be governor of Porto Rico.

Washington, April 16.—The inauguration of Charles H. Allen governer of Porto Rico, whose nomination was sent to the senate today, will be made the occasion of a great military and naval demonstration. The inaugural ceremonies will take place in the palace in San Juan on May 1. In addition to all the available troops on the island, the North Atlantic squadron will be in the harbor and its blue jackets and marines will participate in the land parade.

Allen will go to San Juan in the Dolphin. The new battleship Kearsarge will probably go with the squadron to Porto Rico.

MILLS SUSPEND.

Joliet, Ill., April 16.—Three or four local plants of the American Steel and Wire company suspended operations entirely. The order came suddenly and was a total surprise. Over 1,000 men are affected. The cause of suspension and how long it will last is not known. The Rock Dale mill is working as usual.

Anderson, April 16.—The Wire National Galvanizing mills of the American Steel and Wire plant here closed indefinitely today on orders from headquarters. The reaso given is that the strikers on the building trades have reduced the demand for products. Six hundred men are affected.

KILLED WIFE AND HIMSELF

Troy, N. Y., April 16.—James Lennon, prompted by jealousy, lay in wait for his wife returning from work this evening, and cut her throat. While the victim lay bleeding Lennon cut his own throat. Lennon and his wife came to Troy from Lowell, and it now transpires that the latter has a husband named McCracken.

BASEBALL TODAY.

Asheville and Bingham Teams Meet at 4 O'clock at Riverside.

This afternoon beginning proptly at 4 o'clock, Asheville and Bingham will cross bats at Riverside park. Twenty-five cents admission will be charged. The Asheville team has been strengthened in two or three positions and a closely contested game is expected.

The Bingham team will play as follows: Pardue, catcher; Cunningham, pitcher; Harris, first base; Lobman, second base; Staton, third base; Mattingly, shortstop; Price, left field; Duncan, V., centre field; Everheart, right field.

REPUBLICAN COUNTY CONVENTION

Colonel V. S. Lusk, Lieutenant Governor Reynolds and others will address the republican county convention, which meets in Asheville on April 21

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WORK OF HEAVY STORMS IN COLORADO AND WYOMING

Two Weeks of Almost Constant Snow—Trains Blockaded and Stalled.

Denver, April 16.—The storm of rain and snow that began Saturday night continued today with increased severity. It is accompanied by a gale. The precipitation for the month up to date breaks the April record since the establishment of the weather bureau here in 1872. The storm covers the eastern parts of Colorado and Wyoming, the northern part of Mexico and a part of Kansas. The Platte river is almost out of its banks.

In the Cripple Creek mining district it has been snowing almost constantly for two weeks. The railroads are blockaded and mining operations severely hampered. Similar conditions prevail in the Gilpin and Clear Creek county mining districts. The snow is from two to six feet deep on the eastern slope of the mountains. At Denver and on the plains the snow melts almost as fast as it falls. Owing to the soft roadbeds railroad trains are running cautiously and incoming trains are arriving several hours late. On the divide between Denver and Colorado Springs, and in some mountain canons trains are stalled in heaps of snow, which is so heavy that plows buck it with little effect.

"SYNDICATE" MILLER CONVICTED IN NEW YORK

Passing of Sentence Postponed Until Week From Next Friday.

New York, April 16.—William F. Miller, of the Franklin syndicate, was convicted tonight in the county court of Brooklyn of grand larceny on an indictment charging him with navik taken $1,000 from Catherine Moezer, one of his army of dupes, and false pretense, and with design ofrob bing her of money. When the jury returned the verdict James W. Ridgeway, Miller's counsel, moved that the passing of sentence be postponed until a week from next Friday, and this was granted.

NEW TRAIN SERVICE.

Between Asheville, Morristown, Knoxville and Bristol.

Special to the Gazette.

Hot Springs, N. C., April 16.—The Commercial Lumber company, which during the winter, instigated a petition for an additional passenger train service between Asheville, Morristown and Bristol, Tenn., has received a letter from W. A. Turk, general passenger agent of the Southern, notifying them that the request contained in the petition has been granted. With the spring changes on the road, effective about May 6, a train will be scheduled to leave Asheville about 6 a. m., arriving at Morristown about 9:30 a. m. and Bristol about 1:20 p. m., returning leave Bristol about 2:30 p m., Morristown 6 p. m. and Asheville about 9:30 p. m. This schedule will give connection at Morristown on the going trip with train No. 1 for Knoxville and with train No. 12 from Chattanooga. Returning connection will be made at Morristown with train No. 2 from Knoxville and with train No. 11 from Chattanooga. This schedule is an experiment and its permanency will depend on its financial success.

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NAVAL BILL IN THE HOUSE

Fourteen Hours General Debate and Vote Will Probably be Taken Thursday.

Mr. Foss, of Illinois, Speaks for the Measure.

Cummins, of New York, Makes Strong Talk in Behalf of It.

Senate Refers Amendment to Elect Senators by Direct Vote.

SENATOR BUTLER URGES IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION — URGENCY DEFICIENCY BILL PASSED —DISCUSSION OF ALASKAN BILL CODE.

Washington, April 16.—The house took up the naval appropriation bill immediately after it convened today. A difficulty arose in connection with the attempt to secure an agreement for closing the general debate. Mr. Foss, acting as chairman of the naval committee, suggested seven hours for each side. A general debate on the bill ensued. After explaining the various items in the bill Mr. Foss said:

"We are building a navy for peace. We are building it not to provoke war but to conserve international conc ru.

We are building it in order that the nations may take warning that if American honor is assailed American valor will defend it. That the nation that is armed and ready to fight is the last that is likely to be called on to do so. The best peace conference is a strong and effective navy."

Cummings, of New York, delivered a glowing tribute on the navy, the victories of which have been decisive in the war of 1812, the Mexican war, the war of the rebellion and the Spanish-American war. The people in all sections of the country recognized it and what was being done.

Three battle ships are now in the stocks without armor. Three are authorized with a string attached. They were not even to be contracted for unless the armor could be produced for $410 a ton. This bill asks for more. Was the string to be attached to that? It would be like venturing a declaration of war and refusing to provide the ammunition.

Kitchin, of North Carolina, made a vigorous speech against the bill.

The house joint resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution so as to have senators elected by the people's vote was laid before the senate today, and Butler, populist, of North Carolina, urged its immediate consideration, but after some discussion it was referred to the committee on privileges and elections.

The urgent deficiency bill was passed and the rest of the session was spent in a discussion of the Alaskan code bill. An amendment was also read striking from the bill the limitation that no person over fifty be eligible to appointment as district judge.

APPALACHIAN PARK DELEGATION HEARD

Special to the Gazette.

Washington, April 6.—The Appalachian National park delegation was given a hearing today before the agricultural committee. Senator Pritchard made the first talk and introduced Mr. Charles McNamee, who, as spokesman for the delegation, made a full explanation of the park project. Some of the members of the committee expressed doubt whether the government had a right to make the purchase as advocated by the committee. The committee will report later.

Senator Pritchard left tonight for Rockingham, where he speaks tomorrow.

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