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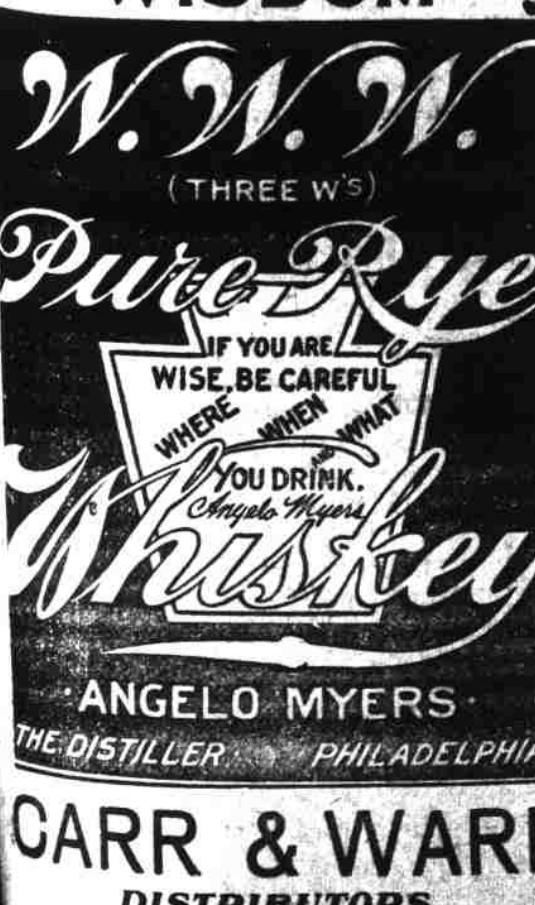
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ROBERTS IN KROONSTAD

Enters Orange Free State Capital Almost Unopposed.

Steyn Flees Northward After Enjoining Resistance.

Transvaalers Refuse to Fight Further With Orange Free Staters.

British Now Expect to Meet Little Opposition in Their March to the Vaal.

RELIEF COLUMN IS NEARING MAPEKING AND ENGLAND IS LOOKING FORWARD TO A DAY OF JUBILATION SURPASSING THAT OF THE RELIEF OF LADYSMITH.

London, May 12.—The following was received tonight from Roberts: "Kroonstad, May 12, 2 P. M.—We entered Kroonstad unopposed at 1:30 today. The Union Jack was hoisted amidst cheers from the few British residents. Steyn fled yesterday evening after vainly endeavoring to persuade the burghers to continue opposition. The Transvaal commanders said they wouldn't fight any longer with the Orange Free Staters and made off in the direction of the Vaal river. The Free Staters accused the Transvaal of making use of them and then deserting them. "Many of the Free Staters have gone home.

"The procession on entering the town was headed by my body guard, all of whom are colonial. After the staff and foreign officers came the North Somerset Imperial Yeomanry, Pole-Carew's division, consisting of the Guards brigade and Eighteenth brigade, the naval brigade, the Eighty-third, Eighty-fourth and Eighty-fifth batteries, with two five-inch guns.

"The rest of the force are encamped around the town.

"Before leaving here Steyn issued a proclamation making Lindley capital of the Orange Free State.

"Botha and Dewet accompanied the Transvaalers."

WAY OPEN TO THE VAAL.

London, May 13.—Contrary to all expectations—and despite reports that the Boers were busily intrenching Kroonstad preparatory to making a big resistance, Roberts' entry into the town was unopposed beyond a few unimportant skirmishes. The persistent rumors of dissensions between the Free Staters and the Transvaalers appear to have some foundation, for according to Roberts' latest despatch they culminated in an open rupture, and instead of the anticipated continuous fighting beyond Kroonstad it seems that the march to the Vaal will no longer be seriously contested. It is reported that President Steyn, in making exhortations to his countrymen to fight on, fled toward Pretoria.

BRABANT DRIVING THE BOERS.
Runde, May 12.—Brabant is actively attacking the Boers in the neighborhood of Thaba N'Chu and forcing them gradually northward to Ladysbrand.

PROGRESS OF THE ARMY.

London, May 12.—The war office received from General Roberts, under date Geneva Siding, May 11, evening, the following:

"My headquarters with Pole-Carew's division marched twenty miles today, and we are now at Geneva Siding, fourteen miles from Kroonstad and six from Boshrand, where the Boers are holding intrenched positions. Gordon's brigade is in touch with them.

"Tucker's division is a short distance southeast and Hamilton's force is still further east. Broadwood's brigade overtook part of the enemy at Potgieter's laager, southeast of Vretersburg and captured wagons and prisoners. French, with Porter's and Dickson's brigades and Hutton's mounted infantry, are some distance due north of this place.

"We have taken nearly one hundred prisoners during the last two days. All Free Staters who could give a good

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account of themselves have been disarmed and allowed to return to their farms. The nights are getting much cooler."

The war office also received the following from Roberts:

"Boshrand, May 12.—I am eight miles south of Kroonstad. The enemy evacuated the first line of intrenchments during the night. I am now reconnoitering towards Kroonstad.

"General French's cavalry seized the drift over Vaal river at 4:30 last evening, just in time to prevent the passage being opposed by the enemy."

THE RELIEF OF MAPEKING.
London, May 12.—Now that active operations have resumed the war again has taken the first place in English public attention. The rapidity of the progress during the past week has aroused a hope that the Boer resistance is on the point of collapse and that the war will reach a rapid conclusion. The news which most appeals to the heart of Englishmen is a despatch from Portia stating that relief is almost within reach of Mafeking. When the announcement is made that Colonel Baden-Powell and the brave garrison have been relieved there will be jubilation in England surpassing Ladysmith day.

The impression gains ground that there will be no serious fighting south of the Vaal river. There is considerable truth in reports that the Free Staters are losing courage. The events of the coming week ought to decide whether the war will come to a speedy end or be protracted many weeks.

DECISIVE BATTLE EXPECTED
London, May 12.—Lord Roberts is now face to face with the Boer position at Kroonstad, and despite reports of its strength, the result of the meeting of the opposing forces is expected to be very similar to the outcome following the British advance on Brandfontein and the Zand river. Lord Roberts is apparently keeping the federals moving far too quickly to give them time for effective occupation of any position near him, and though numerous kopjes in the neighborhood of Kroonstad afford strong position from which a delaying action may be fought it is anticipated by the best experts here that the Boers will now hurry on to the Vaal, where they will once more attempt to stem the passage of the invading army, while the bulk of the federals prepare for what will perhaps be a decisive battle on the ridge running east and west southward of Johannesburg, where open ground to the southward offers the defenders splendid advantages over any attacking force.

THE MAPEKING RELIEF COLUMN
London, May 12.—A despatch to the Daily Mail from Cape Town, dated Thursday, says the Mafeking relief force has passed through Vryburg.

CASUALTIES AT ZAND RIVER.
London, May 12.—The war office list of casualties among officers at the Zand river battle of May 10 shows two killed and four wounded.

GATACRE IN LONDON.
London, May 12.—General Gatacre has arrived from South Africa, his coming being unmarked by a demonstration of any kind. A despatch received here today from Cape Town says that General Sir Charles Warren has been gazetted military governor of Cape Colony, north of the Orange river, with the exception of Kimberley.

MARCHING SPLENDIDLY.
Geneva Siding, May 11 (Morning).—The British forces have arrived here, marching splendidly. General French in the advance. Firing was heard yesterday in the direction of his force. The Inniskillings had approached a kraal, where a Boer force was concealed. A white flag was flying from the kraal. While the troops were unsaddling their horses a deadly fire was poured in upon them from the windows of the farm house, killing several of the Inniskillings. A score of them were also captured, most of whom had been wounded.

YES 'ERDAY'S LEAGUE GAMES.
At Pittsburgh— RHE 5 8 1
Pittsburgh..... 5 8 1
Boston..... 1 5 1
Batteries: Leever and Zimmer; Lewis and Clements.
At Chicago— RHE
Chicago..... 13 14 3
New York..... 3 8 5
Batteries: Callahan and Chance; Dohney and Bowerman.
At Cincinnati— RHE
Cincinnati..... 5 11 1
Philadelphia..... 8 13 1
Batteries: Scott and Pletz; Barnhardt and Douglass.
At St. Louis— RHE
St. Louis..... 4 9 3
Brooklyn..... 5 8 1
Batteries: Young and Robinson; McGinnity and McGuire.
AMERICAN LEAGUE.
At Indianapolis—Indianapolis, 14;
Chicago, 12. Called in the eighth inning to enable the Chicago team to catch a train.
At Buffalo—Buffalo, 3; Minneapolis, 11.
At Detroit—Detroit, 1; Kansas City, 12.
At Cleveland—No game.

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SENATE VOTES DOWN ARMOR PLATE PLANT

After Spending a Day in Discussion of the Subject—The Charleston Exposition Project.

Washington, May 12.—Another whole day was spent in discussing the armor question in the senate. The amendment of Pettus to the naval appropriation bill, directing the secretary of the navy to establish an armor plate factory, was rejected by a vote of 22 yeas to 84 nays, and by a similar vote the senate rejected Tillman's amendment providing for a government factory for the contract could not be made for \$300 per ton. After several other amendments were offered similar to the one defeated, by Tillman, and voted down, the senate adjourned.

In the course of a speech on the naval bill Mr. Spooner, of Wisconsin, challenged the statement of Mr. Lodge, made yesterday, that Germany was threatening the Monroe doctrine. He said he had it on the highest authority that there was never a time when more cordial relations existed between the United States and Germany than now.

The project of the Southern and West Indian exposition to be held at Charleston, S. C., beginning December 19, was presented before the house committee on appropriations by Representatives Lattimer and Elliott and ex-Representative Campbell, of that state.

BAPTIST CONVENTION WILL COME TO ASHEVILLE

Committee Reports Favorably and Convention Will Take Action Monday.

Special to the Gazette.

Hot Springs, Ark., May 12.—The committee appointed to name the place for the meeting of the next Southern Baptist convention recommended Asheville tonight. The convention will confirm the report Monday, unless something unforeseen happens.

E. P. M'KISSICK.

CENTENNIAL YEAR.

Hot Springs, Ark., May 12.—This morning's session of the Southern Baptist convention at Hot Springs was called to order by President Northern. The committee on order of business assigned the whole day to the consideration of the plans for the observance of the year 1900 as centennial year in the Southern Baptist church. This is the most important matter that will come before the convention outside of routine work. It involves a more perfect and complete organization of the Southern Baptist church.

DEWEY ARRIVES AT KNOXVILLE.

Big Crowd Grooms Him—Will Review Parade Tomorrow.

Knoxville, May 12.—Admiral and Mrs. Dewey arrived here at 5 o'clock and were greeted by a large crowd at the depot. They were escorted by the entertainment committee to the Imperial hotel. On Monday the admiral will review a grand military and civic parade.

THE TRIP FROM NASHVILLE.

Nashville, Tenn., May 12.—The special train for the itinerary of Admiral and Mrs. Dewey and members of the party departed from the union depot at 9 o'clock this morning for Knoxville, with all the party on board. The departure was not marked by any ceremonial, the visitors simply being accompanied to the station by the escort committee, where farewells were exchanged with sincere and heartfelt regards and good wishes on both sides.

Chattanooga, Tenn., May 12.—Admiral Dewey's special train arrived from Nashville at 2:35 o'clock. A number of people were at the union depot to meet him and accord him a reception even though he did not stop here. Mayor Wassman was present at the depot and, in an informal way, extended the admiral a welcome to the city. The admiral shook hands with a large number during the brief stop. A special made here. As soon as the change of engines could be made, and other necessary railroad matters given attention, the train departed, having on board the Knoxville entertainment committee.

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ARREST OF MEN IMPLICATED IN HAVANA POSTAL FRAUDS

Among Them the Cuban Auditor—Amount of Defalcation \$100,000.

Havana, May 12.—Assistant Auditor of Cuba Reeves, who was in charge of the postoffice auditing department prior to the recent scandal, and one of his assistants, named Reynolds, were arrested today in connection with Neeley's crookedness. Owing to increased evidence of wholesale frauds the authorities thought it would be advisable to deprive them of their liberty.

They were not lodged in jail, but were kept in rooms under surveillance. It was learned today that C. M. Rich is the man who confessed and disclosed the hiding place of the \$5000 worth of stolen stamps. He was not arrested, because he is not implicated wrongly. It appears he acted only as Neeley's agent and was keeping stamps for Neeley. He came from Munich, Ind., and is supposed to be a friend of Neeley.

It is asserted today that the total embezzlement will not exceed \$100,000. It is stated that the inspectors know all most to a penny the amount stolen.

Investigation has disclosed amazing carelessness and lack of system affecting people hitherto untouched by suspicion of dishonesty. It is also revealed that there is a shortage of several thousand in the local postoffice, due, apparently, to fraudulent sale of stamps.

Registration for the coming elections is proceeding slowly. Reports from all over the island show considerable apathy on the part of voters.

THE ST. LOUIS CAR STRIKE.

Only a Few Cars Running Under Police Protection.

St. Louis, May 12.—The fifth day of the great street railway strike, that has affected every line in the city, found both sides firmly maintaining their positions, the strikers refusing to recede from their demands and their employers declining to accede to them. Although a few of the lines have been operated, the public suffers great inconvenience.

Hundreds of vehicles have assumed the task that the street car companies have been unable to perform. The owners of vehicles are making money fast, charging all the way from ten to fifty cents for a trip that cost but five cents on the street cars.

Today the electric suburban system began running on schedule time with its usual number of cars. About twenty-five cars each were brought out on the Park avenue Compton Heights and Lindell division. Cars on this division are being operated under police escort, with strong guards along the right of way and at the terminal. Later in the day the cars were run on the California, Bellefontaine and LaCledde lines of the Transit system, on which there was considerable rioting yesterday. Not a wheel on the other seventeen divisions of the Transit company has moved since the strike began last Tuesday, and the prospects are that they will not for several days.

As yet no warrants have been issued against the strike leaders and since the application made last Thursday by Attorney H. S. Priest, representing the Transit company, no further steps have been taken. Colonel Johnson, assistant prosecuting attorney, says he will take no further steps in the matter until another application is made at his office and the evidence produced.

The strikers have started a movement to interest some of the largest employers of union labor in the city in their cause.

OUR EXHIBIT AT PARIS

Paris, May 12.—The United States pavilion on the Rue des Nations was formally handed over to the exposition authorities this afternoon. The ceremony was favored by beautiful weather and attracted a very large assemblage.

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TRAINS CRASH IN A TUNNEL

Terrible Accident the Result of Alleged Carelessness.

Tower Operator Was Asleep at His Post.

Wreck Took Fire and Flames Could Not be Checked.

Seven Men Killed in the Collision and Their Bodies Burned.

FIREMEN INJURED WHILE FIGHTING THE FLAMES—DISAPPEARANCE OF THE OPERATOR CHARGED WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE WRECK.

Philadelphia, May 12.—Frank Lantel, a tower operator in the employ of the Baltimore and Ohio Railway company, stationed at the entrance of the tunnel just outside of Fairmount park, it is claimed, slept at his post.

As a result of a disastrous rear-end freight collision occurred early today in the tunnel, causing the death of Engineer George Loeb and Fireman George Hinckman and, it is believed, five others who were stealing a ride.

Fire followed the wreck and a dozen or more firemen were injured while fighting the flames and are now in the hospitals.

The fire department was unable to extinguish the flames, which slowly consumed the demolished cars.

Operator Lantel disappeared and the police are looking for him.

The vicinity of the tunnel after the accident became the scene of wild excitement. No one could approach nearer than within 200 feet of either opening, owing to the volume of flame and smoke which issued therefrom.

The fast New York bound express freight train of thirty-eight cars reached the tunnel on time and slowed down so that some of the cars could be shifted. The second section of the same train, composed of thirty-nine cars, was due about ten minutes late.

It was Towerman Lantel's duty to signal the second section that the first had stopped in the tunnel. This Lantel failed to do, having, it is said, fallen asleep.

The second section approached the tunnel at a rapid rate of speed and crashed with full force into the first section. Engineer Loeb and Fireman Hinckman of the second section were immediately crushed to death and the cars, piled in an indiscriminate mass, beginning to burn. Four oil cars exploded, adding to the horror of the situation and feeding the flames.

A fire alarm was turned in and firemen immediately began an endeavor to extinguish the flames.

No attempt was made to secure the bodies of the dead, as it was impossible to get near the point where they lay. The loss to the company is estimated at \$140,000.

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