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RUNDLE'S ADVANCE

He Finds Wepener a Hard Road to Travel.

FIGHT NEAR THABA N'CHU

Report of Fighting Near Dewetsdorp With No Results.

CLIMBING OUT OF TRENCHES TO DEATH

The English Trenches at Jannersburg Drift Made Almost Uninhabitable by Water. Dalgety's Forces Think Them-

selves Able to Hold Out. (By the Associated Press.)

London, April 23.-General Rundle is apparently advancing slowly toward Wapener, every step being closely contested by the Boers. From the republican side there is a good deal of interesting news today. A Thaba N'Chu dispatch, dated Friday, April 20th, reports the arrival there of Commandants Dewet and Villiers and an attack upon three thousand Brit ish under General Gatacre. The latter of course, is a misstatement, as it is probable General Rundle is meant. The British, it is added, occupied some kopjes but their left wing was driven back. The Boer loss was one killed and five wound-

From Brandfort comes the news that Saturday, April 21st, a British patrol of ten men ventured near that place and suffered the loss of one man killed and two men captured, including a Free Stater was leading the party.

A Pretoria dispatch dated April 21st says the latest official news was that fighting was proceeding within half an hour's ride of Dewetsdorp with no re-

The Transvaal Government, it is added has asked Lord Roberts to be allowed to send a clergyman to St. Helena and also a neutral consul to watch the interests of the prisoners, in the same manner as Adelbert Hay guards the interests of the British at Pretoria. A proclamation has been issued prohibiting the working of the mines on Sundays and inflicting punishment on managers paying over one pound sterling to natives a month.

From Ladysmith today comes a dispatch saying all is quiet and that the Boer's guns are silent. There is nothing further from Bloem-

fontein to indicate the progress of the preparations for the main advance. A Cape Town Government contractor named Bam has been arrested for harbor-

ing three escaped Boer prisoners, dressed as clergymen. The prisoners were sent back to Simontown whence they escaped.

LARGE FORCE OF BOERS AT WEPENER. They Move Heavy Guns When Needed Despite Bad Roads and Rains.

(By the Associated Press.)

London, April 24.—(5 A. M.)—The strong body of reinforcements which Lord Roberts sent to assist the relief of Wepener and to endeavor to envelop and cut off the Boers from a retreat furnishes further evidence that the Boers are assembled in much larger forces around Wepener than had hitherto been supposed. As the Times in an editorial this morning remarks, whatever may be the difficulties of roads and rains, the Boers always appear to have guns, and sometimes big ones, where they want them.

A Boer dispatch, dated Thaba N'Chu April 20th, says that a fresh supply of cannon and ammunition has reached General Dewet at Jannersburg Drift. It also asserts that one of Colonel Dalgety's guns has been smashed.

Apparently the British captured Paarde Kraal Sunday night. The Boers evacuated Leeuw Kop during the night, removing next morning. The Boers appear to be offering stout resistance to the British advance, but their position is dangerous. They can scarcely delay further their retreat northward without incurring the risk of being cut off. Usually they have been well informed regarding the British plans and they are not likely to run such a risk, and especially as they have partially accomplished their object in drawing large forces from Bloem fontein on long marches and have thereby delayed the advance on Pretoria

CLIMB OUT OF THE WATER TO BE SHOT.

A Debate Among the Boers Enlivened by Bursting Shells.

(By the Associated Press.)

Boer Camp, Thaba N'Chu, Orange Free State April 22. - (Sunday)-Fighting continues day and night at Jannersburg drift The English trenches have been so full of rain that the men have been obliged every now and then to clamor to the banks only to be shot down. The Boers were so drenched on Saturday that they were unable to sleep, so they started a debate on the subject of the good to be derived from virtue and courage. The discussion lasted most of the night, shells

at intervals interrupting the speakers. Robertson's lower mill is reported to have been captured April 21st, and it is said that the Cape mounted rifles have that a sitting will then be held for the lost during the siege 120 out of 500 men. The British prisoners defy the burghers to capture Colonel Dalgety's camp, even

A surprising number of relatives are

fighting on opposite sides at Wepener. A DISPATCH FROM LORD ROBERTS.

He Sends Reinforcements to Rundle. They Seize Leeuw Kop.

(By the Associated Press.)

London, April 23 .- The War Office late this evening issued the following dispatch from Lord Roberts, dated Bloemfontein, Monday, April 23rd, 2:50 p. m.: "Yesterday I dispatches the Eleventh division under General Pole-Carew and two brigades of cavalry under General French from this point to assist General

Rundle. The force reached Karriefontein without opposition. "Casualties reported: Welsh regiment, private killed, Captain Prothero mortally wounded, and seven men. eight wounded. Eighth Hussars, one

killed, one wounded. "Fourteenth Hussars, one wounded. Royal Artillery, two wounded. Seventh Dragoons, Lieutenant Jenkins and ten

missing. "Captain Rotton, Royal Artillery, broke an arm by a fall.

"General Pole-Carew's mounted infan try seized Leeuw Kop, a high hill a few miles north of their last night's position. The enemy evacuated hurriedly, leaving some rifles and ammunition."

BALLOON SERVICE FOR BOERS.

St. Petersburg, April 23 .-- The papers announce the departure for South Africa of a body of aeronauts to organize a military balloon service for the Transvaal. They took the necessary balloons and accessories with them.

TRIAL OF 69 "REBELS" IS BEGUN. Cape Town, April 23.-The trial of

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Sensational Suicide of a Man diers at Shahpur, the military center of in a Foundry.

He Leaped High in Air and Plunged Into a White Hot Coke Oven Head

First.

(By the Associated Press.)

Connellsville, Pa., April 23.-Leaping high into the air as an expert diver would in taking a fancy plunge into the water, morning at the foundry works of the H. C. Frick Coke Company by diving into a coke oven. In less than a minute what had been a man apparently in the full vigor of life, had mingled with the curling smoke of the ovens, distinguishable only by its bluish brown color and nauseating odor from the gas smoke of the burning coal.

A more tragic death never occurred in this region. The coke workers saw him only for an instant as he prepared for the leap. He was well dressed, of medium height and weight and smooth shaven. For the slightest possible space of time he seemed to pause on the sloping ground behind the ovens, then quick as a flash he ran down the slope, taking quick short steps of a trained athlete who gauges them precisely for the jump he intends taking. Eight feet from the oven tops the man shot into the air, his hands poised above his head in the fashion of a diver. and descending swiftly dropped head first into the trunnel head of an oven that burned to the sizzling white heat of coke just before it is drawn. For an instant the body clogged the trunnel head and the legs wriggled as though a desperate effort was being made to squirm through and meet death quickly in the blazing oven pit.

A rush was made for the oven door by horrified coke drawers. All there was to show for the man who but a few second before had been in life was a charred mass of flesh not three fet in length. There is no means of identification.

Japan to Keep Her People Home.

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, April 23.-Information has reached Washington to the effect that the Japanese Government itself and without awaiting a request from the United States is about to take steps to restrict the emigration of Japanese coolies to the United States. The Japanese Government's action is based on a desire to protect its people, many of whom have been deluded by glittering stories told by emigration agents of great opportunities awaiting Japanese in America.

No Writ of Certiorari For Carter.

(By The Associated Press.)

Washington, April 23 .-- The Supreme court today refused to grant a writ of certiorari in the case of Oberlin M. Carter, convicted by court martial for irregularities while in charge of engineer works in Georgia.

The Supreme Court.

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, April 23.-After devoting next Monday and Tuesday to hearing argument in the Kentucky Governorship case, the Supreme court will take a recess until the 14th of May. A sitting will be held on the 14th for the purpose of announcing opinions and hearing motions. It is expected that another adjournment will then be taken until May 21st, and purpose of delivering opinions only, a final adjournment for the term reing during the past ten years will soon be taken on that date.

BY HUNGER'S PANGS

Famishing Hindoos Assault Campaign's Whir and Jar British Beef Eaters.

England's Indian Subjects Drop and Asheville Gazette, Seeing the Hand on Die Under Every Bush.

CHILDREN WANDER HOMELESS AND NAKED REPUBLICANS DON WHITE RULE BADGES

Now Human Beings Are to be Driven as Oxen as the Bullocks Are All Dying.

(By the Associated Press.)

Calcutta, April 23.—The latest reports from the famine districts say that the misery existing there is indescribable and unparalleled, and that the present relief is quite inadequate. They add that the mortality among the cattle is also so severe that the authorities are trying to bedded in some rock of insensation not to adapt farm implements so that human power can replace that of bullocks. Such a drastic measure had never before been necessary even in the greatest scarcity of

It is also announced that the natives are developing ugly feelings and are attacking Europeans. A great crowd Friday murderously attacked a party of solthe Northwest provinces. The soldiers were rescued with difficulty and in an unconscious condition. One district lost over one million cattle out of 1,300,000 head and almost numberless human beings were found dead from starvation. In addition, children were found wandering in all directions, homeless, naked and emaciated, and cases were reported of children being sold. The official reports fully confirm the worst stories of the terrible nature of the distress.

FIVE MILLION IN WANT. London, April 23 .- The Viceroy of India, Lord Curzon, wired that the recent rain storms have not improved the situation, that the demands for relief are increasing, now reaching 5,319,000 persons but that the arrangements for relief are

WHEELER RESIGNS HIS SEAT.

equal to the increasing strain.

He Writes to Governor Johnson. Resigned From Army Last November.

(By the Associated Press.)

Mobile, Ala., April 23.-Governor Johnston today made public the following letter. "Washington, April 20th, 1900.

Governor Joseph F. Johnston, Montgomery, Ala .: "Dear Sir: When the insurrection in Luzon broke out in February, in 1899, I was holding a commission in the volun-

teer army of the United States and I felt that I ought to perform military duty until the convening of Congress, December 4th, 1899. I therefore appeal for active service in the Philippines and in July finally received orders with the understanding that I would be ordered to return so as to be present when Congress convened. In October it became evident that to leave Luzon in time to reach Washington by December 4th would necessitate leaving my command during active operations, when I saw clearly that a delay of two or three weeks would enable me to remain with my command which was performing its part in capturing or dispersing the insurgent government, and thus aiding in the practical termination

of the war. "I therefore suggested that as the first session of Congress never enacted legislation prior to Christmas, that my arrival in Washington before the convening of Congress after the Christmas holidays would attain every purpose and would enable me to avoid leaving my command in the midst of active operations.

"In November I forwarded to the President my resignation as an officer of the army so as to prevent the possibility of any question arising as to my right to my seat in Congress. A combination of circumstances delayed my reaching Washington and when I arrived the President very kindly asked me to remain in the army. I was also notified by the Speaker that the ruling would be that my failure to be present when Congress convened had worked a forfeiture of my seat.

"After a conference with Hon. W. J. Wood, I asked him to notify you of the conditions and request an election to be ordered for my successor. It is now suggested that it is necessary for me to send you a formal resignation as a member of the Fifty-sixth Congress from Alabama.

"I therefore respectfully tender my resignation as such. I regret more than I can express any inconvenience my absence has caused the people of the Eighth district. I will devote myself to their interests in connection with Congressional matters so far as I am able until my successor is ready to qualify.

"With respect, "Your obedient servant, "JOSEPH WHEELER." In another letter General Wheeler suggests the acceptance of the resignation be made effective on election of successor.

People who have fooled away their time brought to their census.

Thrills All Who Hear.

INDESCRIBABLE MISERIES TIS A MARCH TO VICTORY

the Wall, Grows Hysteric.

Some Sold That They May Not Starve. And Singing of "The Old North State" in the Opera House at Asheville a Stirring and Beautiful Incident. J.

Wiley Loses Heart.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Asheville. N. C., April 23.trip has been a great one, as none know better than those of us who have tollowed it and felt the pulse of the people and gauged their enthusiasiasm. One's intelligence must have been have felt the jar and whir and vibration of it all. Great crowds have heard them and heard them gladly; and that many votes are being made is proved by nothing so clearly as by the hysteria of the "Asheville Gazette," an imprint whose politics are of the ebon Republican sort. In reporting these meetings truth cuts no fashion of figure with the Gazette. Were there 2,500 people present the Gazette blithely whacks the number down to 300 or 400. Then adds, by way of mixing a little of the true with the false. "In this assemblage were many Republicans." Exactly. "And," it might have been added with equal fidelity to truth, "many of them went away declaring their intention to vote for Aycock and the Amendment.

And that is why the Gazette, in gloomy envy, sat in its office tunking its negro tem-tom and gnawing its nails in envy It is all very foolish and funny and disgusting and wearisome, but it does not daunt in the least the brave and generous men of this section who are fighting or Good Government and White Supre macy.

I have neglected to mention heretofore that at the Asheville speaking Thursday at noon there was a White Supremacy flag-raising-a beautiful incident at which nearly 4,000 White Supremacy buttons were distributed. Not a few Republicans donned this emblem of Good Government and Victory.

'Of what avail," said one such, an old ex-Confederate soldier who of late years has been consorting with the black-andtan gang-"of what avail to beat against wind and tide, of what profit to kick against the goads? The Democrats will win this year and I may help while 1 cannot hurt that victory. They are my people anyway-for I'm still a white man.

He is right. Mark you this: Aycock will be the next Governor of North Carolina and all the Butlers and Pritchards and Thompsons and Linneys and pointing of warning fingers to Kentucky cannot serve to halt Fate, or hamstring Destiny in that political behalf.

A novel feature of the night speaking in the opera house was the singing of 'The Old North State" by the audience that filled the house to overflowing, just before the speaking began. It was a stirring scene-one that must have thrilled the bosom of every native of the

"Carolina! Carolina! Heaven's blessings attend her! While we live we will cherish and love and defend her,'

came the words on the wings of song, filling and thrilling the hall with its reverberations. From such a scene one could but go away with deeper love for his State, more jealous of her fair name Mr. J. D. Murphy was right when, in introducing the speakers, he said that these words would be the shibboleth of the campaign of 1900. * * *

Some of the apt things said at Asheville and applauded to the echo follow: "The history of the past thirty years has writ a new commandment in politics: 'Negro, thou shalt have justice be

fore the law, but thou shalt not rule."-

J. Bryan Grimes. "A boy is a good thing and a pistol is a good thing (I lived once in Texas), but they are a bad combination. The ballot is a mighty good thing and the negro is not a bad thing in his place, but they are an awful bad combination."-B. R.

"From the earliest dawn of civilization to this good hour the great white race has given to the world its history, its philosophy, its laws, its government and its Christianity, and it will continue to do so."-Chas. B. Avcock.

There were only two negroes present at the speaking in the opera house. They sat in the second gallery and seemed much interested in what was being said. That they did not understand it at all. however, nor realize the consequences of the campaign to them was shown later as they came out of the building and walked off up the street engaged in an animated discussion of the question as to whether or not a mud "turkle" has feet. Could there be any stronger proof of the fact that the negro does not under-

said J. Wiley Shook (Rep.) the other day. "And even if there was," he added, "you've got this d-n wire fence around us (meaning the election law), and you won't even let us get to the fight."

Thursday afternoon the Asheville Street Railway Company tendered the use of one of its cars to the candidates and the local committee. The courtesy was accepted and the many points of interest about the city were visited.

Among these was a magnificent new sanitarium here. The lady in charge when introduced clapped her hands and

"I am delighted to meet you, sir. Do you know I wish I were a man so that I might vote for you all?"

"For which sentiment we most heartily thank you," replied Mr. Aycock promptly. "I have always opposed woman suffrage but you have converted me.' FRED L. MERRITT.

Nominations by the President.

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, April 23.-The President today sent the following nominations to the Senate:

Frank L. Campbell, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

J. H. Hollander, of Maryland, to be Treasurer of the Island of Porto Rico. John R. Garrison, of the District of Columbia, to be Auditor of the Island of Porto Rico.

Navy-Lieutenant Commander Herbert Winslow, to be a commander: Lieutenant Edward E. Wright, to be a Lieutenant Commander.

The Senate in executive session today confirmed the nomination of Frank W. Hackett, of New Hampshire, to be As sistant Secretary of the Navy.

Wofford Defeats Wake Forest PRITCHARD STARTSFOR ROCKINGHAM by 7 to 3.

Philadelphia Meets Its First Defeat For the Season. The Pittsburg Team Shuts Out Cincinnati.

(Special to News and Observer.) Spartanburg, S. C., April 23.-Wofford College defeated Wake Forest here this ening in a hard-hitting, exciting contest by a score of 7 to 3. The home team rapped out four two baggers, while the batting of Weaver for the visitors was superb, he making the only four hits made by the Wake Forest boys. The two teams will meet again tomorrow afternoon. Score: R. H. E.

Wake Forest..... 4 4 and Hudgens.

> NATIONAL LEAGUE GAMES. (By the Associated Press.)

Philadelphia, Pa., April 23 .- Philadelphia was unable to solve Pitcher Willis curves, resulting in the team's first defeat this season. Orth, for the Phillies, on the contrary, was comparatively easy for Boston. The fielding of both clubs might have been considerably better. Attendance 5.775. Score: R. H. E. Boston0 2 0 0 2 0 0 3 1—8 14 3

Donohue and Douglas. Umpire, Connolly. Cincinnati, Ohio, April 23.-Waddell shut the locals out today though he was hit hard throughout. Scott was miserably supported and hit freely at times. Geier, the new man who played third, showed clearly that he is in need of practice. Score: R. H. E.

Cincinnati0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 Pittsburg0 0 0 1 3 0 0 1 1-6 10 1 Batteries: Scott and Peitz; Waddell and Zimmer. Time 1:40. Umpire, O'Day.

'Boxers" Murder Chinese Catholics.

(By The Associated Press.)

Tien-Tsin, April 23.-Members of the Boxers" Society Saturday massacred many Chinese Catholics near Pao Ting Fu, in the Province of Pechili, Southwest

of Tien Tsin. The German gunboat Iltis arrived at Taku Saturday. The other foreign vessels have left those waters.

Williamson Named For Mayor.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Burlington, N. C., April 23 .- At the Democratic convention here tonight Mr. Finley L. Williamson was nominated for mayor and Dr. R. A. Freeman was chosen chairman of the Executive committe for

Admiral Remy Assumes Command.

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, April 23 .- According to cable advices to the Navy Department, Rear Admiral George C. Remey assumed formal command of the Asiatic station at Yokohoma last Friday. Admiral Watson will start on his homeward journey in a few days over the Suez and Mediterranean route.

News has reached Richmond from Boydton, Mecklenburg county, that Sunday Mr Peter Jones, an old and prominent citize of the Buffalo Springs neighborhood in that county, was murdered. No parstand public questions and is not fit to ticulars have yet been received at Boydrule or even assist in the selection of ! ton.

"There's no chance for us this year," | FOUND LYNG | And even if there was "There are "There's no chance for us this year," | And even if there was "The are POOL OF BLOOD

Mrs. Kuhn's Face Lacerated, Her Leg Broken.

THE HOUR PAST MIDNIGHT

The Place a Boarding House Yard Beneath a Window.

HER HUSBAND FOUND WITH THROAT CUT

They Are Taken to St. Joseph's Hospital, But Neither They Nor the Police Will Talk. The Affair is Enveloped in

Mystery.

(By the Associated Press.)

Philadelphia, Pa., April 23.-Mrs. Lillie Kuhn, wife of former State Senator William Kuhn, of Richmond, Va., was found in the side yard of a boarding house at 716 North 16th street, shortly after midnight this morning, with her head and face badly lacerated, one leg broken and her body badly bruised. She was re-moved to St. Joseph's Hospital, where her husband with his throat badly cut, was also sent under the guard of two policemen. He is under surveillanoce on suspicion to await the result of his wife's

injuries. The affair is wrapped in mystery, as neither the injured couple nor the police would talk. Mrs. Kuhn was found in a pool of blood directly under the second story window.

Bills by Qepresentatives Kluttz and Crawford and by Senator Pritchard. (Special to News and Observer.)

Washington, April 23.-Representative Kluttz today introduced a bill appropriating \$18,000 to reimburse George W. Fisher for property destroyed during the Civil War by Federal troops. He also introduced a bill to appropriate \$250 to reimburse J. B. Fitzgerald for property sold by the Union army officers in 1865 after

hostilities had ceased. Representative Crawford today introduced a bill to appropriate \$105 to carry ou the findings of the Court of Claims in the case of Martha Noggle, administratrix of the estate of Jacob Noggle, of North

Carolina. Representative Small is suffering from

an attack of la grippe. Senator Pritchard will leave for Rockingham tomorrow morning.

Senator Pritchard today introduced a bill for the relief of Samuel Carroll, of

A WRECK NEAR MARION, N. C.

The Engineer Caught Under His Engine and Badly Hurt.

(By the Associated Press.)

Charlotte, N. C., April 23 .- Freight train No. 73 on the Southern Railway was wrecked four miles west of Marion. Philadelphia .. 1 0 0 0 2 0 0 0 2-5 10 4 N. C., this morning. Engineer Pitts was Batteries: Willis and Clark; Orth, caught under his engine and seriously injured. He was taken to Marion and his wounds dressed and is resting easy this afternoon. One other man was slightly injured. Seven loaded freight cars and two engines are badly damaged. One engine turned over. The wreck was caused by the front wheels on the front engine jumping the track. A temporary track was built around the wrecks and trains

are now passing all right. ANOTHER WRECK ON THE SOUTHERN Danville, Va., April 23.-Fast freight No. 72 dashed into local freight No. 61 at Dry Fork, on the Southern Railway tonight, north of Danville, wrecking the engine of No. 72 and five cars. The accident was due to the flagman's failure to stand at the proper distance from the local, which was standing on the track at the time. The engineer, fireman and

brakeman on No. 72 were slightly injured. HOLDS THAT NO LAW WAS VIOLATED.

Attorney General on Additional Pay Allowed Officers in Cuba.

Washington, April 23.-The additional pay allowed a few army officers in Cuba was discussed at today's Cabinet meeting. and Attorney General Griggs reported that no law had been thus violated and the action taken was warranted.

Secretary Root said that soon after General Brooke was made Governor General of the Island he wrote to the War Department asking to be relieved, as he could not maintain a family in the United States and run an expensive establishment in Havana on the salary and allowances he received from the Government. The War Department officials after serious consideration of the question decided to allow General Brooke an additional allowance from the Cuban funds. The same condition was arrived at in the case of General Ludlow, Colonel Bliss and

one or two others. Cabinet members say that the explanation of Secretary Root was satisfactory

Mr. Bryan Speaks at Wichita Today.

to the President.

Austin, Texas, April 23 .- Hon. William Jennings Bryan left here today for his home in Lincoln, to rest a few days before beginning the summer campaign. He will speak at Wichita, Kansas, tomorrow.