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BRITISH ADVANCE.

Roberts' Headquarters Now At Brandfort, 35 Miles Nearer Pretoria. This Important Capture Will Enable Roberts to Co-operate With Buller.

London, May 4.—Lord Roberts reports the occupation of Brandfort on May 3d without much opposition, the Boer army of DeLarey retiring in a northeasterly direction. This is considered the most important news from the front since the capture of Gen. Cronje, the position giving the key to one of the main roads leading to the Drakensberg passes, which possibly may be the means of co-operation with Gen. Buller later on, provides an advance base of supplies, and at the same time menaces the Boers now southeast of Bloemfontein.

The Boer army under Gen. DeLarey is presumably on the way to Winburg, which will probably be the next immediate objective point of the British.

Brandfort, thirty-five miles nearer the Transvaal capital, is now Lord Roberts' headquarters.

The central British army is now in line with the extreme left at Boshof, under Lord Methuen, and the extreme right at Elandslaagte under Gen. Buller so that movements of these wings in co-operation with the army may shortly be expected.

A dispatch from Aliwal North says that Smithfield was occupied yesterday by Gen. Hart's brigade. Out of the 150 Boers in the town 25 were captured and the rest decamped.

A dispatch from Lord Roberts, dated May 4, says:

"The mounted infantry have gone on to the Vet river. The rest of the force will march there tomorrow. The railway has been repaired to this point.

"Hunter reports very satisfactory news—that the passage of the Vaal has been carried at Windsorton without opposition."

Long Range Bombardment.

Warrenton, Cape Colony, May 4.—A British six-inch wire gun opened unexpectedly on the Boer laager yesterday at a distance of seven and a half miles, throwing hundred pound shells with wonderful accuracy and causing a hasty retreat by the burghers. The bombardment was continued today at all points by Howitzers and field guns, supported by two companies of the Munster regiment, the Boers being driven from shelter and their guns being put out of action.

An Imposition.

Charlotte Observer. Statesville has just had the Cosmoramas, and The Landmark, in concluding its notice of it says:

"The Ladies' Aid Society of the Methodist church, under whose auspices the entertainment was given, got about one-third of this amount after the expenses were paid, and Mr. J. Henry Gerls, of Chicago, the promoter, got the remainder."

It is the same story every time. When will our people learn to refuse to be buncoed by promoters who cook up exhibitions, Cosmoramas and other fakir like enterprises for religious or charitable purposes, put the trouble and expense upon the local community and then walk off with half or two-thirds of the proceeds?

INTRIGUE AND GREED.

A Claim That the Standard Oil Company Controls Twenty-Six Senators.

Philadelphia Record, ed. The New York Times yesterday printed a statement giving a curious explanation of the late public utterance of Secretary Root, in which he declared that within a few years we must be prepared to abandon the Monroe doctrine or fight for it. According to the publication in The Times the negotiations between the United States and Denmark for the purchase of the Danish West India Islands have been interrupted by the discovery of an intrigue between certain Danish officials, high German functionaries and a director of the Standard Oil company. The German proposition is to cede back to Denmark a part of North Schleswig (which was seized by Germany in 1867) in exchange for the Danish West India Islands. The director of the Standard Oil company, who figured in the affair, is said to have demanded a 10 per cent. commission on the purchase money to be paid by our government to Denmark—the demand having been grounded on some antecedent understanding with Danish officials—and to have asserted that as the company controlled the votes of 26 United States senators the sale could not be consummated without its consent.

How much truth there may be in the allegation that there has been a serious effort on the part of the German government to buy the Danish Islands, should the option of the United States expire, is a matter of question. Germany could not make such a purchase without conscious offense to the United States, and for that reason there is cause for doubt. But in so far as the Standard Oil company is concerned, the narration bears every mark of verity, and the failure of congress to take action on the proposition to appropriate money for the purchase of the islands goes far to substantiate the claim of the director of the company that that corporation owns 26 senators.

THE GREAT MINE DISASTER.

Not Enough Coffins to Bury the Dead and Many Bodies Are Decomposing. The Loss of Life Will Amount to 250.

Salt Lake, Utah, May 3.—The latest dispatches from Schofield say that the extreme estimate of dead are now conceded to have been too large and it is numerically impossible to place the loss of life at 800, as there were not that many men in the mines. The probability is that 250 will be about the total number of dead. Relatives of the victims continue to arrive from surrounding towns. There are not enough coffins in the camp to bury the dead and to add horror to the situation the bodies are rapidly decomposing and it has been suggested that cremation may have to be resorted to.

There are 50 bodies for which no provision for burial has been made. A joint committee of Odd Fellows and Knights of Pythias spent the day among the dead, identifying members of their orders. They found about 20 of each order among the dead. The school children of this city have gathered a car load of flowers which will be sent to Salt Lake in a special car at their disposal. Subscriptions for the relief of the sufferers are coming in from all over the state and the total amounts to \$13,000.

Ant Engineers.

Something new and interesting about ants was learned by a Mount Airy florist recently. For a week or so he had been bothered by ants that got into boxes of seeds which rested on a shelf. To get rid of the ants he put into execution an old plan, which was to place a meaty bone clove by, which the ants soon covered, every one deserting the boxes of seeds. As soon as the bone would become thickly inhabited by the little creepers the florist tossed it into a tub of water. The ants having been washed off, the bone was put in use as a trap again.

Then the florist bethought himself that he would save trouble by placing the bone in the center of a sheet of fly paper, believing that the ants would never get to the bone, but would get caught on the sticky fly paper while trying to reach the food. But the florist was surprised to find that the ants, upon discovering the nature of the paper trap, formed a working force and built a path on the paper clear to the bone. The material for the walk was sand secured from a little pile near by. For hours the ants worked, and when the path was completed they made their way over its dry surface in couples, as in a march, to the bone.—Philadelphia Record.

Efficient Cavalrymen.

"Speaking of cavalry," said a veteran officer, "probably the hardest and most effective cavalry forces the world ever saw were some of the Confederate squadrons in the civil war. Why, Forrest's troops harassing Sherman to the sea used up horses at the rate of 12 per man in a twelvemonth."—Indianapolis News.

STATE NEWS.

Interesting North Carolina Items In Condensed Form.

At Raleigh, Friday, the A. & M. College beat the University of Maryland playing ball, 4 to 3.

The U. S. senate on Friday passed a bill appropriating \$80,000 for a public building at Durham.

Roxboro Courier: The Roxboro cotton mills began operation Monday. This is a busy place, and will add a great deal of help to our community. This mill has all the latest and modern machinery required in a first-class cotton mill.

Salisbury Truth-Index: Mr. George W. Long tells us today that the apple crop in his neighborhood is almost entirely destroyed. Mr. Long says that something has killed nearly all the limbs and that there are but few blossoms on any of the trees.

Sam H. Hawkins shot himself in the head at the Buford hotel, at Charlotte, Friday morning, in an attempt to commit suicide, caused it is supposed by mental depression. He was a clerk in the office of the Bell Telephone Co. He is not expected to recover.

Chatham Record: An old colored woman, named Patience Rives, died near here a few days ago, and a pet sheep that she had raised about the house followed her corpse to the grave until it was filled, and then slowly walked back to the house with the other mourners.

Congressman DeArmond, of Missouri, will deliver the literary address at the approaching commencement of the State Normal and Industrial College in Greensboro. Congressman John H. Small, of the first district, will deliver an address on the educational needs of the State.

The advance guard of the national expedition to observe the total solar eclipse, as authorized by congress, left the United States observatory at Washington, D. C., Thursday for the places in North Carolina and Georgia where the two principal observing stations will be established. The North Carolina station will be located near Southern Pines.

The corporation commission was on Thursday notified of the complete consolidation of the Seaboard Air Line system. The commission is also notified by the Southern railway and the Western Union Telegraph Co. that they are pushing the work of putting all the freight and telegraph offices on the Asheville division in shape, and that nearly all offices are now open.

Lumberton Robesonian: Wednesday of last week, while two sons of McDuffie Cummings, a Croatan, living near Pates, were driving a mule to a cart, the animal became frightened and ran away. The cart was overturned and both the boys were thrown out. The oldest, aged 14 years, was killed almost instantly, and the other, aged 12, had his skull fractured and is not expected to live.

Three negroes have been arrested at Rockingham for prowling around the home of Mrs. Beck, one of whom, Will Worley, fired a pistol ball into the room. There were three young ladies, factory operatives, with Mrs. Beck, and it is supposed the negroes were bent upon the commission of a vile crime. At the pistol shot the ladies screamed, and soon two gentlemen ran to their assistance. The negroes are in jail, two of them being held as witnesses against Worley.

Newbern Journal: The thunder storm of Thursday evening was a severe one in this section, there being a heavy fall of hail in several places, but the lightning was very destructive, causing two deaths. At Baird's Creek, the house of Geo. Connor was struck, and his child was killed, and his wife knocked senseless. The house of D. Mann, near Newport, was struck also. Mrs. Mann, who was standing in the doorway, was killed, while Mr. Mann was rendered senseless. During the storm the rainfall was nearly 1 1/2 inches.

C. W. Dorsey and W. G. Smith, connected with the division of agricultural soils of the agricultural department, Washington, D. C., are now in Raleigh for the purpose of making a survey of eastern North Carolina. They are specialists in soil work, while Mr. R. G. Davis, of the United States geological survey, will do the topographic map work. State Geologist J. A. Holmes will look after this work. The survey will begin at once near Raleigh and will take in every county between Wake and Craven, five miles on each side of the North Carolina and the Atlantic & North Carolina railroads being the area that is now intended to cover by the survey. This work is in connection with the experimental farms at Tarboro and Red Springs that have just been established for the purpose of ascertaining what crops are best adapted to the different sections of the State. It will probably require a year to complete the work. The cost on the State of North Carolina will be only the expense of the specialists employed, the government having agreed to pay the salaries and give their time for the information that will be obtained for the United States department of agriculture. Raleigh will be headquarters for the men.

White's Black Liniment—full size 25c bottle for 15c. It cures pain. J. E. Hood.

THE CHURCHES.

Services will be held at the churches in Kinston tomorrow as follows, to which everybody is invited:

Methodist Church. Revival sermons will be preached both morning and evening. Candidates for membership in the church will be received at the morning service. Sunday school at 9:15 a. m. Epworth League at 10:15 a. m.

Christian Church. Morning subject: "What is the True Aim in Life?" Evening subject: "What Converted People Will Do." Sunday school at 9:30 a. m.

Episcopal Church. Services both morning and evening. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m.

Presbyterian Church. At the morning service Rev. E. D. Brown will be installed as pastor of the church by a committee of the Albemarle Presbytery, consisting of Revs. F. W. Farris, of Goldsboro, and James Thomas, of Wilson, and Ruling Elder H. M. McDonald, of LaGrange. Mr. Farris will preside and deliver the charge to the congregation. Mr. Thomas will deliver the charge to the pastor. After which Mr. Farris will preach. Mr. Thomas will preach at night. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m.

Baptist Church. Morning subject: "Saved to Serve." Evening subject: "Christian Character Necessary." Christian Baptism Sunday evening. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. B. Y. P. U. meets Monday evening.

The Chapel. Sunday school at 9 a. m. Preaching in the afternoon. Prayer meeting every Friday night. **Christian Science.** Services every Sunday morning at 11 o'clock in the opera house.

ON DIAMOND SHOALS.

Ship Stranded and Crew Take to Boats. One Boat Swamped and Six Men Drowned.

Cape Henry, Va., May 4.—The British steamer Virginia, Capt. Charles Samuels, from Daquiri, Cuba, for Baltimore, with a cargo of iron ore, a crew of 26 men, including one stowaway, stranded on Diamond Shoals about 6 p. m., Wednesday, May 3d, during thick weather. The entire crew took to boats and attempted to leave the ship. One boat with fifteen of the crew got away, but the other boat was swamped and six men were drowned. The remaining five got back on the steamer, where they remained till this morning when they were rescued and brought ashore by the crews of the Creed Hill and Cape Hatteras Life Saving stations. The ship stranded on the outer diamond about twelve miles from the shore, and owing to the thick, squally weather which has prevailed for several days she was not discovered by the life-savers until this morning. The rescue was made in the station life boats. Much difficulty was encountered in getting to the ship on account of the heavy sea and high wind, the boats starting early this morning and not being able to return until about four o'clock this afternoon. The ship is now nearly all under water and is a total loss.

REPUBLICAN CAMPAIGN.

Forty Republican Stump Speakers Ready in Ten Days. State League Election.

Raleigh, N. C., May 3.—The State Republican League met here today and elected C. J. Harris, of Jackson county, president; Thomas S. Rollins, secretary; W. V. Hall, member of the national committee; Chas. McNamee, W. V. Hall, W. S. Hyams, and B. N. Duke, Jr., delegates at large to the national convention. Among the district delegates are H. B. Cheatham, D. W. Patrick, D. H. Abbott, O. J. Spears, George K. Pritchard, and Claudius Dockery. Republicans state that James B. Joyce is to be their nominee for congress in the fifth district.

Secretary W. S. Hyams, of the Republican state committee, says his party will open its campaign at Winston, May 15, when Senator Pritchard, Spencer B. Adams, nominee for governor, Attorney General Waiser, Augustus Price, and others will speak, and that within the next ten days there will be 40 Republican stump speakers on the stump in North Carolina. He does not yet know whether State headquarters will be opened here or not.

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GENERAL NEWS.

Matters of Interest Condensed Into Brief Paragraphs.

The U. S. senate on Friday passed the fortifications appropriation bill, carrying about \$7,500,000.

The trials of the men for the murder of Goebel are set for a special term of court to begin the second Monday in July.

An American has been arrested charged with complicity in the recent blowing up of the iron works at Johannesburg.

During a thunder storm Thursday at Franklin, Va., Miss Rebecca Holland, aged 57, was struck by lightning and almost instantly killed.

Julien Robinson, an old citizen of Blitchton, Fla., went suddenly insane Thursday, and shot and killed Arthur Lee and dangerously wounded Dr. S. H. Blitch and his nephew, George Walls.

Joseph W. Morey, a prominent young society man and athlete, of Louisville, Ky., committed suicide Thursday by shooting himself through the breast and turning on four gas jets, at his home.

Ex-Sheriff W. H. Hood, of Chester county, S. C., while riding his horse from the field to the farm house to get out of the rain Thursday morning, was struck by lightning, and horse and rider were killed instantly.

Twenty-five thousand men, employed by the Standard Oil company all over the country, have had their wages raised 10 per cent. Mutterings of a possible labor storm gathering came from Constable Hook, N. J., and brought about the increase.

W. J. Bryan spoke to 25,000 people at Toledo, O., Thursday. He said: "The Democratic party is sure to win. The people are with us this year and they are in sympathy with the principles which shall be embodied in the Kansas City platform, and which represent the feelings of the great mass of American people."

Ambassador Choate has asked Lord Salisbury for an explanation as to the alleged boarding and search of the American ship sea Witch by a British warship within the three-mile limit of Portuguese East Africa. Mr. Choate's request is so insular that it does not amount to even a protest. It is said that the chief issue involved is one of fact.

An uprising of peasants in the vicinity of Kustchuk, Bulgaria, is assuming very alarming proportions. The peasants have succeeded in disarming some troops and have used rifles against others. Two officers and 15 men have been killed or wounded. A similar number of peasants fell. About 3,000 peasants are marching on Ruzschuk against two battalions of troops sent to defend the town.

At Bamberg, S. C., Friday morning, Rev. E. Johnson, pastor of the Baptist church, shot and killed Mr. W. T. Bellinger. Bellinger shot four times at the preacher with a revolver, but failed to hit him. The preacher shot once at Bellinger with a snout gun. The trouble began over the painting of a line fence between the Baptist parsonage and the premises of the young man's father. The preacher surrendered himself to the jailor.


A very important decision was promulgated Thursday by the minister of war, Gen. the Marquis de Galliflet, and one which is particularly noteworthy in a country like France, where the consumption of brandy and so-called "aperitifs," such as absinthe and vermouth, is so prevalent, "aperitif hour," between 6 and 7 p. m., being a regular institution in France, and especially in Paris. No brandy or other spirits and the so-called "aperitif" may now be sold, although wine, beer and cider are allowed as innocuous beverages.

The U. S. senate on Friday passed the army reorganization bill. It revolutionizes the staff arrangements of the army, provides for an increase of 100 cadets at West Point, raises the rank of commanding general of the army to lieutenant general and that of adjutant general to major general. The president is empowered to place on the retired list any officer who has been suspended from duty by sentence of court martial, or by executive order, in mitigation of such sentence, for a period extending to within one year of the time of his compulsory retirement for age. This is well understood to apply to Commissary General Eagan. An amendment creating a veterinary corps for the army, consisting of a colonel and 35 other commissioned officers, was attached to the bill after a spirited debate, the amendment being adopted by a vote of 25 to 23.

Pritchard Against the South.

Durham Herald. Speaking of Senator Pritchard recently a Durham county Republican said that he did not have a drop of southern blood in his veins. "He is for anything against the south," said the speaker. Yet Pritchard is the man who tries to dictate politics in the State. With the disfranchisement of the illiterate negro vote men of Pritchard's stripe will be relegated to the rear forever. His support comes mainly from this class.

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