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THE HOUSE AND THE NAVY.

Representatives Discussing the American Defence.

LOTS OF MONEY WANTED.

The Naval Appropriation Bill Carries With It Thirteen Million Dollars More Than Any Previous Bill--The Question of Government Manufacture.

Washington, April 16--The House today entered upon the consideration of the naval appropriation bill, with the prospect of a severe struggle ahead over the question of armor plate, building ships in government yards and the provision in the bill for the coast and other service. The bill carries \$13,000,000 more than any previous naval bill. No arrangement could be reached to limit general debate. Today Mr. Foss, the acting chairman of the committee, made a general defence of the bill, which was defended also by Mr. Cummings, the ranking minority member of the committee. The latter declared himself in favor of paying \$545 for Krupp armor, at least until all the ships authorized were built, and said that the committee had information, the source of which he was not at liberty to reveal, showing that we could obtain Krupp armor at a price lower than any other country in the world. Mr. Kitchin (N. C.), one of the members who signed the minority report, criticised what he termed the general extravagance of the bill and advocated the establishment of a government armor plate factory to protect the government against extortion. He also advocated the building of warships in government yards. Mr. Barber (Penn.) opposed the establishment of a government armor plate factory.

MONCTON LIBERAL CLUB.

Rooms in the Caledonia Block Opened.

PREMIER EMMERSON

Addressed a Gathering--Live Topics of Canadian Life Aably Discussed and the Position of the Two Parties on Various Questions Contrasted.

Moncton, April 16--The Liberal Club opened its rooms in the Caledonia block tonight, when stirring addresses were delivered by Senator McCreaney and Hon. H. R. Emmerson. There was a good attendance and the speakers of the evening were enthusiastically received. Premier Emmerson dealt at some length with the leading questions of the day and contrasted the position of the two political parties and leaders. H. Atkinson, president of the club, occupied the chair.

DUBLIN STILL INTERESTED.

An Immense Crowd Gathered to See the Queen Drive Out.

Dublin, April 16--The Queen, accompanied by the Princesses, drove out in an open landau today in the presence of immense holiday crowds. The route was past the Hibernian School of Clondalkin, returning to the vice-regal lodge by way of Long avenue.

NO MORE LEFT.

Inspector Cannot Get Men for the Mounted Police in Ontario.

Toronto, April 16--(Special)--Inspector Moffatt, of the Northwest Mounted Police, is very much disappointed with the result of his recruiting tour in Ontario. He returned to Toronto today to secure more men but up to the hour of closing his office had secured but three men. Fifty more are required. The inspector remains here until Friday when he will go east on a recruiting tour, which will likely be extended to New Brunswick.

SALARY NO INDUCEMENT.

TORONTO, April 16.--Rev. W. W. Weeks, pastor of the Walmer Road Baptist church and one of the chief pulpit orators of that denomination in Canada, was waited upon a few days ago by a committee from the Fifth Avenue Baptist church of New York, which is attended by Mr. Rockefeller and other prominent men, who asked him to become pastor of that church. Mr. Weeks announced today he has decided not to go to New York. His decision involves considerable pecuniary sacrifices as the salary offered was \$10,000 a year and the manse. Mr. Weeks came to Toronto from Moncton, N. B., a few years ago.

ANOTHER NEGRO KILLED.

Colored Gentleman Tried to Run a Kentucky Train.

HE HAD A BIG GUN.

Assaulted a Passenger--A Dozen White Men Hunted Him Out and Killed Him--His Body Thrown Off Into a Brook Beside the Railway Track.

Hopkinsville, Ky., April 16--A dozen white men shot Morgan Boone (colored) to death in an excursion train near Slaughter'sville last night. Boone's body was then thrown from the rapidly moving train. Boone and his companions in the second class car had been drinking heavily. As the train approached Slaughter'sville Boone started back through the coaches brandishing a revolver and threatening instant death to any attempting to intercept him. A panic ensued among the women and children. One of the male excursionists was about to rise from his seat when he was felled with a coupling pin which Boone carried. As the wounded man's cry rang through the train, a dozen white men rushed after the negro, who took refuge in the smoker. He fell mortally wounded at the first volley. His body was dragged to the platform and thrown off into the brook beside the track.

BULLETS FOR A BLACK MAN.

Killed for One Murder and Confessed Another.

Tunica, Miss., April 16--Moses York, a negro, was taken from an officer by a mob at the state levee crossing, in the lower end of this county and hanged. His body was then riddled with bullets. York murdered Joe Casello, a fruit pedlar. Before being lynched York confessed to the killing and also to having murdered a man in Arkansas and to several crimes of lesser importance.

Twelve Steel Mills Shut Down.

New York, April 16--Chairman J. W. Gates, of the American Steel & Wire Company said that the closing down of 12 of the company's mills was due to over production. Mr. Gates said he was unable to state when the mills would resume operations. Chicago, April 16--Labor troubles in the building trades were stated by President John W. Lambert, of the American Steel and Wire Company, as the reason for orders issued today closing down all the plants of the concern in the vicinity of Chicago and all of those at Joliet, Ill., excepting the Rockdale mill and the extensive plant at Anderson, Ind. Twelve plants were closed. Thousands of skilled workmen were temporarily suspended by the action of the wire magnates. President Lambert said: "Labor troubles are at the bottom of it. Our market has been destroyed by the stopping of building labor and we have had to shut down until the accumulated stocks are sold."

Gomez on the United States.

Havana, April 16--General Maximo Gomez, while on his way to San Domingo, stopped at Nuevitas where he was received with a large demonstration. In reply to an address of welcome he said: "Cuba fought against the Dominion of Spain only to find herself under the heel of the United States. Nevertheless I have confidence enough in the American people and believe they will carry out the promise of the joint resolution of congress."

Gold from the Shore.

Washington, April 16--During almost the entire session today the Senate had under consideration the Alaskan civil code bill. The amendment providing for the mining of gold along the beach in the district was perfected, after a discussion lasting nearly four hours.

Branch Bank at Ottawa.

Ottawa, April 16--(Special)--The Imperial Bank of Canada will open a branch in Ottawa in a few weeks. The Nagle block on Wellington street has been leased and orders given for extensive repairs to fit it up on a par with modern banks.

The Decree Signed.

Madrid, April 16--The Queen Regent today signed a decree convoking the projected Hispano-American Congress for November next.

THE TROOPS HAVE THEIR GIFTS.

Ottawa, April 16.--His excellency the governor-general has received the following cable from Field Marshal Lord Roberts: "Bloemfontein, April 16.--Please thank the people of Canada on behalf of myself, the troops and Colonel Ryerson, for their generous and timely gifts, just received. (Signed) "ROBERTS."

GENERAL ROBERTS' NET SPREAD FOR THE COMMANDOES.

London is Waiting to Hear that Its Meshes Have Enclosed Them--Reports from Correspondents Concerning the Boers Conflict in a Remarkable Way--The Forces Said to be Moving in All Directions.

London, April 17, 4.15 a. m.--Lord Roberts has spread his net far and wide to catch the adventurous commandoes that have been making mischief in the south-eastern part of the state. The net has not yet been drawn in but at the headquarters of Lord Roberts the impression exists that the power of the Boers is decreasing. A Daily News correspondent has been flying to the southeast; a Standard correspondent reports them fleeing northward. Evidently the feeling at Bloemfontein is that the dispositions of Lord Roberts are such as to enable him to concentrate a large force rapidly at any point. The Boers, being aware of this, are presumed to be thinking now chiefly of retreat.

AMERICAN INTERVENTION IS RELIED UPON.

The Standard and Diggers News Indicates This--Blockade of Delagoa Bay--Harmful to Britishers.

London, April 16--The Lorenzo Marques correspondent of the Daily Mail telegraphing Sunday, April 15, says: "The tone of the Standard and Diggers News shows that the Transvaal government is relying strongly upon American intervention. Great results are expected from the campaign of Mr. Webster Delagoa and from the presidential contest. "While the semi-blockade of Delagoa Bay has not done the slightest harm to the Transvaal, it has enriched foreign firms at the expense of ruined Britishers."

BOERS GOING NORTH IN THE FREE STATE.

A Body of Six Thousand However Seem to be Bent Upon Mischief.

London, April 16--The Bloemfontein correspondent of the Daily Telegraph, in a despatch dated yesterday, says: "The Boers have raised the siege of Wepener and have retreated northward with the exception of a body of about 6,000 now reported to be going toward Bethlehem."

THE BOERS HAVE TURNED THEIR BACKS ON WEPENER.

The Basutos are Marching Beside Them and Looking for Trouble.

London, April 16--The Bloemfontein correspondent of the Standard, telegraphing Monday, says: "The Boers are in full retreat from Wepener, juggling the Basuto border. The Basutos are marching parallel with them along the frontier, watching eagerly for the slightest encroachment."

NEWS FROM THE ST. HELENA COLONY.

Col. Schiel and Two Other Desperate Characters Given More Liberty.

Jamestown, St. Helena, April 15--The remainder of the Boer prisoners were landed today and sent to Deadwood. Col. Schiel and the two others who had been confined at the citadel after their attempt to escape have been released and they also have gone to Deadwood.

THE ENEMY GOING SOUTH IN NATAL.

A Correspondent Reports Them East of Ladysmith.

London, April 16--A correspondent of the Daily Telegraph at Ladysmith, in a despatch dated April 16, says: "The Boers are down again at Dewdrop, east of Ladysmith."

THE PINCH OF HUNGER FELT AT MAFEKING.

The Bombardment is More Severe Than Ever Before.

London, April 17--The Daily Mail has the following from Lady Sarah Wilson, dated Mafeking April 8: "The pinch of hunger is beginning to be felt and relief seems to be more distant than ever. "Since March 31 there has been no shell-

ENTRY TO BLOEMFONTEIN.

A Good Description From Sergeant Beattie

WHO IS NOW DEAD.

The Town He Thought Cost Enough Blood for a Peaceful Occupation--The Pin Money of the Canadian Regiment Well Spent--Col. Otter Proud of His Men.

Toronto, April 16--Simultaneously with the news of the death of Sgt. Beattie, of the Royal Canadians (formerly Q. O. R.) of enteric fever, letters reached this city from him describing the entry into Bloemfontein. This is the first description by mail of the occupation of the Free State capital received here. Beattie says: "Thursday, March 15--We paraded at 6.15 this morning and at 7 a. m. the Royal Canadians left the lines acting as rear guard. Every person was in good humor as we marched along towards our goal. It was great relief to us all to know we were to have a peaceful entry into the capital, as sufficient price had already been paid in British and Canadian blood to settle the question of supremacy. No wonder Britain's possessions are shown on the map as red, for with good blood they are dearly purchased. At 9.30 on reaching a rise in the ground we came in sight of our Mecca. It presents a very picturesque appearance nestling in the valley at the base of a long kopje. A fairly sized fort is in prominent position on the border of the town. As we drew nearer we could distinguish a white flag flying on one of the prominent buildings. The whole scene was one never to be forgotten. "There are 40,000 British troops quartered in and around the city. The Grenadier Guards are quartered in the fort. The other two battalions of Guards were ordered which under construction some miles below here. On our arrival at our bivouac the brigade orders were read. Leave is restricted to five per cent of the total strength of each corps in the division. "Col. Otter addressed us. In the course of his remarks he said he was deeply gratified at the way in which the regiment had conducted itself during the long and trying march from Grausam, a total distance of 178 miles, and at Paarlboro, where we fought in two engagements. In conclusion, Col. Otter reminded all ranks that they were representing Canada and wanted them to be very careful not to commit any act that could in any way bring discredit on the regiment and our country. "Before reaching here several officers went on ahead and made several heavy purchases of 'extras' for the men. These extras were bought out of a fund subscribed for us in Canada. Money was never spent better. This afternoon we were served out with jam, flour, tea, coffee, sugar, salt, lard and tobacco."

FLOOD AND TEMPEST.

The West and South Storm Stricken.

BUILDINGS WRECKED.

In Iowa the Wind was of the Greatest Violence--Tennessee Reports a Downpour Which Has Flooded Fields and Swollen Streams.

St. Louis, Mo., April 16--A tornado did great damage in the northern part of the town today, wrecking Fred Johnson's brickyard, his sheds, corn cribs and windmills and moving his house from the foundation. The residence of Lark Miller and John Crane were wrecked. Considerable damage was done other property. "Bunkie, La., April 16--This section was visited last night by a severe wind and rain storm. Two dwellings and one store were blown down and the Carnahan hotel was blown from its foundation. Most of the bridges have been destroyed. Lightning struck a drove of cattle, killing seven. The fields are covered with water and the cotton-seed and corn have been washed out. "The sugar house on the iron plantation was demolished by the wind. "Memphis, Tenn., April 16--Reports from Mississippi state that one of the heaviest rainfalls experienced in recent years has visited the cotton delta and at a late hour tonight there is no indication of a cessation of the precipitation. Rivers and creeks are over their banks and in many instances crops in the lowlands are being flooded. The railroads traversing the state are also heavy sufferers. "Advices from western Arkansas also indicate an extremely heavy rainfall."

POLITICS PROHIBITED.

A Despatch from Paris says the Pope Has Decided Against the Assumptionists.

THE TRINIDAD FREE LIST.

The Maritime Provinces Are Interested.

FORTY-ONE ARTICLES.

Ten Articles From the United States, Which Canada Produces Largely, are Placed Upon the Minimum Tariff List--What Trinidad Gets in Return.

Ottawa, April 16--(Special)--The principal articles which Trinidad places on the free list in connection with its proposed treaty with the United States are of interest to the maritime provinces. As already stated the United States gives 12 per cent. reduction as provided for by the United States tariff on cane sugar, asphalt, fresh fruits, except oranges and vegetables. In return for this Trinidad places some 41 articles on the free list. The principal of these articles are agricultural implements, beans, peas, books, vehicles, coal, coke, charcoal, clocks, corn, bicycles, eggs, grain, hay, canned fish, fruits and vegetables of all kinds, lamps, all kinds of machinery, boilers, metals, mules, poultry, and wire fencing. Ten articles from the United States such as wheat and biscuits, cheese, cotton and oil, flour of wheat, lard and its compound, oleomargarine, butter, beer (lager only), lumber, yellow or pitch pine, and cigarettes are to enjoy minimum tariff.

Gold in the Philippines.

San Francisco, April 15--The transport "Tartar," which arrived Saturday from Manila, brought advices from the Philippines up to March 8. One of the reports from Manila is that William Otton, spoken of as a miner of large experience, has returned from a prospecting trip to the distant coast of Mindanao. He showed rich specimens of gold, declaring that he had located a ledge of quartz as rich as anything in Colorado or California. He is organizing a company of ex-soldiers and will go into the mountainous districts of Mindanao to secure claims.

Killed at the Telephone.

Tusculum, Fla., April 16--Rev. C. D. Wilson, superintendent of the Stillman Institute, was killed by lightning today while using the telephone.

A STRIKE OR A FARCE?

The Troops Were Welcomed With Mandoline Music.

MILITIAMEN SCARED.

Several Discharged Their Guns Accidentally and They Soon Got an Idea Some One was Shooting at Them--The Italians are Now Going to Fight.

Croton Landing, N. Y., April 16--With the arrival of the troops at Croton Landing, the day quiet was restored and tonight there was no indication of an outbreak by the strikers. At present the Fourth and Eleventh separate companies are in camp in Croton Valley and the cavalry is reported to be at Ardsley, where they can be called in case of trouble. Aside from demonstrations in the early morning day has been a quiet one with the strikers. The morning meeting was held at 8 a. m. and the strikers finding that effort was going to be made to work the dam, dispersed before 8 a. m. They hung about the Bowery and waited for news from New York. About 11 a. m. a telegram was received by one of the militiamen from Consul Bianchi advising that the order was given to load and fire a shot into the water to the dam. A telegram had a good effect. Many Italians who live on Little Italy Hill left the Bowery and went to their homes. 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