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### United States Senators May Be Elected Henceforth.

#### THE HOUSE PASSES RESOLUTION

#### Contemplates Important Change In the Constitution--The Vote Was Unanimous.

A Washington special says: The house today by a vote of 240 to 15 adopted a resolution for a constitutional amendment providing for the election of United States senators by direct vote of the people. Fourteen Republicans and one Democrat voted against it. By the terms of the resolution the amendment to be submitted to the legislatures is as follows: "The senate of the United States shall be composed of two senators from each state, who shall be selected by a direct vote of the people thereof for a term of six years and each senator shall have one vote. A plurality of the votes cast for candidates for senator shall be sufficient to elect. The electors in each state shall have the qualifications requisite for electors of the most numerous branch of the state legislatures, respectively."

"When a vacancy happens, by death, resignation, or otherwise in the representation of any state in the senate, the same shall be filled for the unexpired term thereof in the same manner as is provided for the election of senators in paragraph 1: Provided, that the executive thereof may make temporary appointments until the next general or special election, in accordance with the statutes or constitution of such state."

The remainder of the day was devoted to the consideration of private pension bills. Several sharp attacks were made upon Mr. Talbot, Democrat, of South Carolina, for his course in delaying action upon bills.

There were two joint resolutions on the popular election of senators when the house adjourned Thursday. The majority resolution of the committee left it optional with the states whether their senators should be elected directly or by the legislature. The minority resolution which was offered as a substitute, was voted upon first and was carried by an overwhelming vote--yes 155, no 30. Mr. Corlies tried vainly to get an eye and no vote, but only nine members seconded the demand. The vote was then taken upon the adoption of the amendment, the whole house rising in support of the demand. The resolution was adopted, 240 to 15.

The negative votes were cast by Messrs. Allen, of Maine; Burleigh, of Maine; Calderhead, of Kansas; Fordney, of Michigan; Gardner, of New Jersey; Hedge, of Iowa; Henry, of Connecticut; Lane, of Iowa; Lester, of Georgia; Littlefield, of Maine; McPherson, of Iowa; Mann, of Illinois; Russell, of Connecticut; Sperry, of Connecticut; and Thomas, of Iowa.

Mr. Hepburn, of Iowa, asked unanimous consent to set aside May 1st for the consideration of the Nicaraguan canal bill. "I object," shouted Mr. Burton, of Ohio, emphatically.

Mr. Hepburn then took steps to overcome this opposition and a petition to the committee on rules was prepared, requesting that body to fix a time for taking up the canal bill. Mr. Hepburn circulated the petition on the Republican side, and up to the time of adjournment secured sixty-one signatures.

Mr. Adamson, who circulated the petition on the Democratic side, said: "There is no opposition whatever on this side, and every man present today has signed the petition. The number exceeds sixty."

Notwithstanding these efforts, it was anticipated pretty strongly in well-informed quarters that the committee on rules was not likely to bring in a special rule. The members of the committee declined, however, to make any definite statement on the subject.

#### ASPIRANTS WILL MEET.

Bryan and Dewey Will Attend Celebration of Lakeside Club in Chicago.

Admiral Dewey and William J. Bryan will meet in Chicago for the first time since the hero of Manila announced he was a presidential candidate. All doubt as to Mr. Bryan's presence was dispelled when Max J. Reine of the Lakeside Club received a telegram from him saying that he would cancel previous engagements in order to be present at that organization's celebration. Both the distinguished guests are aware of the prospective meeting.

#### PRESIDENT'S SECRETARY QUILTS.

Owing to Ill Health John Addison Porter Tenders Resignation.

A Washington special says: Owing to continued ill health Hon. John Addison Porter, secretary to the president, has tendered his resignation and the president has accepted it to take effect May 1.

#### GILMORE GETS ORDERS.

The Lieutenant Will Be Executive Officer On the Cruiser Prairie.

Lieutenant Commander J. C. Gilmore, who has been on leave of absence in Washington, recuperating from long-term hardships incident to his long captivity among the Filipinos, has been ordered to immediate duty at sea as an executive officer of the cruiser Prairie, which will be engaged during the summer in short cruises with the naval militia of the Atlantic and Gulf states.

## JURORS CRITICISED.

### Their Verdict Recommended Murderers of Cassie Boan To Mercy of the Court.

A special from Columbia, S. C., says: At 3 o'clock Thursday morning the jury that had for nine hours been trying to reach a verdict in the case of John Jackson and Harry Jackson, charged with murdering Cassie Boan, announced an agreement. The judge came from his hotel and the prisoners were brought from the jail.

On a table near where the prisoners sat were charred remnants of the young woman's clothing, her shoes, one of the fingers burned to blackness that had been torn off, and her straw hat, with the edges burned off, showing the flames had leaped over her head.

"Guilty, with recommendation to the mercy of the court," was the verdict.

Carolina newspapers will accorde the jury for recommending mercy in such a case. The men were sentenced to life imprisonment at hard labor. It is understood the solicitor has obtained evidence against a number of other men who will be prosecuted for connection with this crime.

Cassie Boan was a comely country girl about twenty years old, one-fourth Indian. Her reputation was questionable.

The testimony presented by the state, and not contradicted, was, willingly or unwillingly, the girl was taken to an island in a swamp in Chesterfield county by two men at least--John and Harry Jackson--that she was kept there from Sunday afternoon till Monday night, when she was seen running through the woods, a mass of flames.

Those who first reached the sufferer found her burnt from knees to forehead and unable to speak. There were many gashes on her body made with sharp knives, and the spots from which she had come were found by following the trail of blood. There was evidence that the Jacksons had made threats against the girl, but the cause of their enmity was not made known. It was suggested that they were jealous because she showed favor to Sam Woodward and repelled them.

#### BIG BUILDING COLLAPSES.

Without Warning a Number of People Were Caught in the Debris.

Without warning a four-story brick building at the corner of Second avenue and Wood street, Pittsburg, Pa., collapsed Thursday, engulfing in its ruins a number of people, three of whom were taken out dead, six badly hurt and several others slightly injured.

The building, which was occupied by the Army-McKelvey Lead and Oil Company, was being remodeled. About forty-eight feet of the middle portion had been removed, steel girders supported by heavy iron posts were in place, and the finishing touches were being put on the remodeling work.

When the accident happened business was being transacted on the first floor as usual.

#### CANAL BILL SIDETRACKED.

Motion by Senator Morgan to Take It Up Defeated in Senate.

In the senate Thursday Senator Morgan made a motion to take up the Nicaragua canal bill.

The motion was defeated by strict party vote, with the exception of Senator Foster of Washington. Senator Simon, of Oregon, dodged, but with these exceptions the vote was on party lines.

Sensor Morgan, who has been watching closely for an opportunity to bring up the bill, first asked unanimous consent that a day be set for a vote on the measure, but this was denied because of objection by Mr. Lodge, who said the Philippines bill must come up first. Later Senator Morgan found an opportunity to make a formal motion for its consideration, the result of which was temporary defeat.

#### GREAT GOBS OF ORATORY

Brought On In Discussion of the Porto Rican Bill in the Senate.

A Washington dispatch says: As the hour for the senate's vote upon the Porto Rican bill drew near the popular interest, so far as Washington is concerned, was greatly increased. Monday there was a flow of oratory in the upper house of congress and the result was that the galleries were crowded almost to suffocation, and thousands of people were turned away, unable to gain admission. Perhaps a good deal of this interest was due to the announcement that Senator Dewey would be among the speakers.

#### CIVIL GOVERNOR OF PORTO RICO

Charles H. Allen, Assistant Secretary of Navy, Gets the Place.

A Washington special says: Charles H. Allen, at present assistant secretary of the navy, will be the first civil governor of Porto Rico under the bill just signed by the president. Thursday afternoon Mr. Allen spent several hours with the president, when the formal tender of the post was made and his practical acceptance was given.

Our Philippine Force.

Adjutant General Corbin has prepared a statement showing the strength of the troops in the Philippines on the 1st of April, the date of last returns. According to the statement there were on the date stated 63,585 officers and men there.

#### Georgia Census Enumerators Named.

The census bureau at Washington has so far approved of the appointment of about 500 census enumerators for Georgia. There will be between 1,000 and 1,200 enumerators in the state.

## SOUTH CAROLINA STATE NEWS ITEMS.

### Neal Case May Be Appealed.

A Columbia dispatch says: It is altogether likely that Attorney General Bellinger will appeal from Judge Benet's decision in quashing the indictment relative to Colonel Neal's last case, in which he was charged with failure to turn over public money within thirty days.

Mr. Bellinger thinks that there is a great deal more involved in this case than the mere quashing of the indictment. There are several other cases contingent on this decision, in which the state is interested in a monetary way. The state is to be sued on certain notes endorsed by Colonel Neal, as superintendent, in which this same money is involved, and if the courts sustain or reverse the view of Judge Benet it will make considerable difference.

### No Pay For Mental Anguish.

The state supreme court has decided an interesting question. It holds a person cannot recover damages for mental anguish. It was in the case of R. L. Lewis, of Columbia, who sued the Western Union Telegraph Company for \$1,950. The complaint alleged in substance (1) that the plaintiff's father, living at Greenville, S. C., being ill, a telegram was delivered to defendant's agent, addressed to plaintiff at Columbia, S. C., on December 18, 1897, informing plaintiff of such illness, which message was received at defendant's office in Columbia at 10:30 o'clock on the morning of December 15, 1897; (2) that said message being undelivered and yet no notice of its non-delivery being given to the sender, a second message was on December 17, 1897, delivered to defendant's agent at Greenville, informing plaintiff of his father's illness, and advising him to come; (3) that this second message was delivered to plaintiff at 7:30 p. m., on December 17, 1897, but the message on December 15, 1897, was not delivered to plaintiff till after December 17, 1897--having been sent by mail; (4) that when the first message was sent, plaintiff's father was conscious, though desperately ill, but when plaintiff, going as soon as possible after receipt of the second telegram, reached Greenville, his father was unable to recognize him and soon thereafter died without the knowledge of plaintiff's presence; (5) that by reason of defendant's "willful, gross and inexcusable neglect" in the premises, plaintiff "has suffered great and grievous mental and physical anguish, pain, grief and sorrow, and has been put to much extra and needless expense."

The jury found for the telegraph company and the appeal was taken on exceptions to Judge Townsend's charge. The supreme court affirms the judgment of the lower court.

### Baby Inherits Fortune.

A Columbia dispatch says: A telegram received from Chicago announced that Mrs. Mitchell, wife of Dr. Mitchell of that city, had given birth to a girl baby. Ordinarily this would be of no special interest as a matter of news, but the circumstances of this case render it a decidedly interesting bit of news. It dashes the hopes that an "even half dozen" persons in Spartanburg county may have had of inheriting quite a comfortable fortune for this part of the country.

To begin with, Mrs. Mitchell is the daughter of the late Mr. F. M. Trimmer, who for years was clerk of court for Spartanburg county. At his death, she inherited to her husband, an estate involving \$83,000 at least. In case of her marriage and an issue springing therefrom, this large amount of property would be hers, and then at her death go to her child or children. If she died without issue it would revert to six persons, nieces and nephews of the late Captain Frank Trimmer, one of whom, Mr. T. R. Trimmer, is administrator of the estate. The daughter of the late Mr. Trimmer, Miss Minnie Trimmer, about three years ago married Dr. Mitchell, of Chicago, Ill., and they have been residing in Chicago for some time past. So this newly born girl will be the heiress to nearly \$100,000 worth of property in Spartanburg county.

### Date For Democratic Convention.

The state Democratic executive committee met in Columbia the past week and the meeting was the most remarkable in many years for its own enthusiasm and the fact that not a single political issue was raised. There was not the semblance of a political discussion, and sublime harmony prevailed. There was no wire pulling going on inside or outside the room, and no one talked of the possibilities of the coming campaign. It was really difficult to believe that it was a gathering of political party managers.

The question of doing away with the apportionment by counties did not come up; practically all the committeemen considered that this is a matter for the coming state convention and no one suggested it.

The few formal resolutions looking to the reorganization of the Democratic party were adopted, the members drew their pay, and the preliminary by-play to the opening of the political circus of 1900 ended abruptly.

### FORTUNE IN NEWSPAPER.

Change In Ownership of Atlanta Journal Involved \$276,500.

The ownership of The Atlanta (Ga.) Journal was changed Monday, and the new owners, Messrs. Brandon, Atkinson and Gray, assumed control with Tuesday's issue.

The majority of the stock was owned by Mr. Hoke Smith, president of The Journal. The next largest holder was Mr. H. H. Cabiness, who has been vice president and business manager since the formation of the present company. The remainder of the stock was held in small quantities by various parties.

The price paid for the paper was \$276,500. Mr. Hoke Smith received three for one on his stock, his holdings bringing \$159,000. The minority stockholders sold at two and one-half for one, receiving \$117,000.

gate to the county convention for every twenty-five members, and one delegate for a majority fraction thereof. Each county is entitled to double the number of delegates in the state convention as it has members in the general assembly.

### WILLIE JONES, Chairman.

U. X. GUNTER, JR., Secretary.

### State May Get Something.

Mr. Jesse T. Gault has returned to Columbia from Washington, where he went to see about the state's claim against the national government. He is very much encouraged at the prospects and this state is likely to get something out of the claim. Senator Tillman has been working on the matter for some time, and is now, with the additional data he has, quite enthusiastic over the prospects of getting the claims settled. Senator Tillman is confident that he can do something with the claims. He will not offer a formal bill, but, being a member of the appropriation committee, hopes to get an item in that bill providing for a settlement. He claims that in this way he can explain the matter to the appropriation committee and possibly secure a compromise agreement whereby the claims and counter-claims can be settled.

### Governor Gets Invitation.

Governor McSwain has received an invitation for himself and staff to attend the celebration of the second anniversary of the battle of Manila on the 1st of May in Chicago. Governor McSwain does not think that he will be able to attend.

### Barn and Stables Burn.

A few nights ago at Jordan, Clarendon county, the barn and stables of Mrs. S. T. Spratt were burned. There were six horses in the stable and all the supplies, forage and fertilizers for running a large plantation were destroyed.

### DETECTIVES INDICTED.

Two Bills Returned Charging Them With Offense of "Embezzlement."

Detectives David S. Looney and William A. Bradley were indicted by the Fulton county grand jury at Atlanta Friday for embezzlement. The indictment of the two men is the result of the sensational developments arising from their alleged attempt to see if members of the Atlanta bar would use improper means to obtain a verdict from a jury.

Judge J. H. Lumpkin has placed the bond in each case at \$3,000. In the indictment Looney and Bradley are charged with attempting to influence Juror Penn in the Mattie Adams will case.

Evidently the feeling at Bloomington 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.

A Daily News correspondent has them fleeing to the southeast; a Standard correspondent reports them fleeing northward; a Daily Telegraph correspondent says that some are going north and others south, while a Morning Post representative says it is not known what the Boers are doing. Evidently the feeling at Bloomington 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.

### ROBERTS SPREADS NET.

He Is Hopeful of a Hand of Boers When It Is Drawn In.

A London special says: Lord Roberts has spread his net far and wide to catch the adventurous commandos who have been making mischief in the southeastern part of the State. The net has not yet been drawn in, but the headquarters of Lord Roberts, the impression exists that the power of the Boers is decreasing.

### PENN GETS SHORT SENTENCE.

Attorney Rodgers Makes Plea For Mercy In His Client's Behalf.

Juror J. T. Penn was at Atlanta Thursday morning sentenced by Judge J. H. Lumpkin to twenty days in the Tower for contempt. Penn virtually admitted his guilt, and his defense was in the nature of a plea for mercy. The most sensational development of the trial was the testimony of Judge Robert L. Rodgers, Penn's attorney, that Detective W. A. Bradley had offered him money to advise his client to corroborate Bradley's statement.

The statement of Penn contradicted the accounts Looney and Bradley had given of the affair in many important particulars.

Judge Rogers read the answer of Penn to the contempt proceedings, admitting the juror had wrongfully absented himself from the court, but claiming he had not thought of showing disrespect.

At the conclusion of the evidence Solicitor Hill said he did not care to make a speech, as the juror had virtually pleaded guilty.

Judge Rodgers made a brief speech, in which he asked the court to deal mercifully with his client.

Judge Lumpkin then pronounced sentence, giving Penn twenty days in the Tower. He said that he might later have Penn examined by physicians to see if his condition would require other treatment.

The judge said that it was the duty of the court to protect itself and to vindicate its process. The juror had admitted that he had violated the instructions which had been given him by allowing people to talk to him about the case, and also by failing to report for duty Monday.

### SHIPPER PAYS THE TAX.

Supreme Court Renders Decision In Favor of Express Company.

The supreme court of the United States Monday decided the cases involving the stamp tax as it applies to express packages, the question involved being whether the shipper or the carrier shall pay the stamp charge on packages. The opinion was handed down by Justice White and was favorable to the express companies.

### FOUR KILLED IN BRAWL.

Italian Uses Pistol and Stiletto With Deadly Effect.

Four persons are dead and two are dangerously wounded at the mining town of Windler, near Johnstown, Pa., as the result of a drunken row Sunday night in a disorderly house kept by a French woman. One Italian is charged with the wholesale crime, but it is believed that he is already beyond the reach of the law, as a man answering his description was ground under a train at Southfork Monday morning.

## JOHNSTON SATISFIED

### Alabama Governor Is Grateful to Friends and Accepts Defeat.

#### HE ACQUIRES IN THE RESULT.

Says He Has No Unkindness For Senator Morgan and Will Continue In the Good Old Way.

A Birmingham, Ala., dispatch says: Governor Johnston, who met his political Waterloo in Saturday's primaries in his race for the United States senate against John T. Morgan, gives out the following statement: "It is manifest that the Democracy of the state has declared for the reelection of Senator Morgan. I am a Democrat in victory or defeat, and shall acquiesce in that result, as I have always done, without a murmur."

"I know there were a very large number of gentlemen who were my personal friends, and would have been glad to support me, but felt that they could not turn their backs on a senator who was so illustrious."

"I am glad that I can look back in the canvass with the consciousness that I have indulged in no fifth or misrepresentations, and that today I have no unkindness in my heart for the distinguished gentleman who has won."

"I am deeply grateful to the friends who have so liberally supported me in this contest. I hope that I shall live long enough to show every one of them that my gratitude will only be of lasting benefit to them and that in the end all will come to acknowledge that the good of the people and the glory of the commonwealth has been nearest my heart."

"I had hoped that if elected to the senate I could be of substantial service to my people, among whom I have lived so long, and with whom I have shared all the perils of war and struggles of peace."

"I have done something, I hope, to reunite our people, and to compose the differences that sharply divided the state. I shall continue to struggle to accomplish that end, whether as a public official or a private citizen."

"We must all stand together to build up our state, develop its resources, improve its educational facilities and to give the people the blessing of a just, impartial and economical administration of their affairs."

### SOME LATER NEWS.

News received by The Montgomery Advertiser up to Sunday midnight indicated that Morgan has carried fifty-five of the fifty-six counties holding primaries.

The returns from the five or six counties in Alabama which were omitted from the first reports only add the more to Senator Morgan's victory. If all of the Democratic nominees should be elected, the senator would have about 116 or 118 members of the two houses of the assembly, but probably a dozen Populists and Republicans will slip in and this will subtract somewhat from the figures stated.

Colonel Sanford has secured about 200 votes in the state convention. He needs only about fifty more to win, but there is talk of a combination against him. Mr. Waller, who ran second in the gubernatorial race, has a well organized support of about 185 or 140 votes, and is the second choice of many another delegation. General Shelley has sixty or seventy votes in the convention and Mr. Stallings has the remainder of the 504 convention votes. Good generalship, therefore, will have considerable to do with naming the next executive.

The surprise of the campaign is Mr. Stallings' light vote throughout the state. Stallings ran third, Shelly fourth and Tomlinson fifth. The sound money men in the state supported Morgan and Sanford.

### Miller Convicted of Grand Larceny.

A New York dispatch says: William F. Miller, of Franklin syndicate fame, was found guilty by a jury in the county court in Brooklyn Monday night of grand larceny in the first degree.

### STOCKHOLDERS MUST PAY.

Defunct Little Rock National Bank Assesses Holdings Good.

In a suit involving the liability of stockholders of the First National bank, of Little Rock, Ark., now defunct, on an assessment of 92 per cent levied by the comptroller of the currency to discharge the bank's liabilities, Federal Judge John A. Williams has decided that the stockholders are liable.

The assessment was levied on \$250,000 bank stock, representing the amount of the increased capital stock preceding the bank's failure. The principal defense was that the increase was void because not authorized.

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## MORGAN WINS IN ALABAMA.

### Saturday's Primaries Decided the Senatorial Contest.

#### GOVERNORSHIP IS STILL OPEN.

Day Was Replete With Exciting Interest and Surprises Were In Order.

Primaries were held in Alabama Saturday at which the Democrats of about half of the counties voted their choice for United States senator and governor, and in about one-fourth more selected representatives and delegates who will be authorized to vote the choice of their constituents. The other one-fourth of the counties have already acted.

The United States senatorship has been the overshadowing issue for the first time in the history of the state, obscuring the contest for governor. The candidates for the legislature were selected almost entirely with reference to preference for senator. Senator Morgan and Governor Johnston are the only candidates for the senatorship, while Messrs. Stallings, of Butler, Sanford, of Lee; Waller, of Hale, and Shelley and Tomlinson, of Jefferson, are candidates for governor.

As a result of the voting Hon. John T. Morgan has been renominated for United States Senator by a surprising majority. The returns make it appear that he will have something like 100 of the 120 votes in the Democratic legislative caucus. Hon. W. J. Sanford is a phenomenal race for governor.

Senator Morgan, who has represented the state with great credit in the senate for twenty-six years, and Joseph F. Johnston, the present governor, whose administration has been signally successful, are undoubtedly two of the ablest and most powerful men in the state, politically, and the contest between their friends has been full of ginger and acrimony. The campaign opened last summer and has not lagged for a day.

Ten counties with fourteen members of the assembly voted prior to Saturday. Nine of the members from these counties were instructed for Morgan and five for Johnston. There are also sixteen hold-over senators, of which Morgan is understood to have nine and Johnston seven.

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The returns from the counties in the second district show the nomination of Colonel A. A. Wiley, of Montgomery, as congressman.

The returns from the counties in the sixth district confirm the re-nomination of Hon. John H. Bankhead to congress. He had no opposition.

### STRIKERS READY TO FIGHT.

Italian Workmen Are Causing Trouble at Croton Landing, N. Y.

A dispatch from Croton Landing, N. Y., says: While everything was quiet and peaceful in the neighborhood of the Cornell dam Sunday night, where Italians are on a strike for increased wages, nearly 300 armed deputies guarded the works and each one of them was guessing what would happen next. The striking Italian laborers, whose homes are in the vicinity of the works, are behaving quietly, but are doggedly determined. The strikers swear that if outside labor is brought in they will fight tooth and nail to prevent it.

### IGNORE SPANISH CLAIMS.

Secretary Hay Sends the Don't a Note Regarding Certain Islands.

A special to the New York Herald from Washington says: Secretary Hay has formally notified the Madrid government that the United States cannot accede to its claim that Sibutu Island and Cagayan Sulu, of the Philippine archipelago, belong to Spain.

### PORTO RICANS STILL SUFFER.

Desperate State of Affairs On the Island Shows No Improvement.

Advices from San Juan state that general conditions in Porto Rico remain the same from week to week. Delegations of country people continue to arrive at the governor's palace almost daily and beg for relief.

Without doubt, thousands of Porto Ricans are destitute and without work. One need but glance at the poor, ragged, barefooted peons, notice the expression of want and destitution, to be convinced of this fact.

## RELIEF FOR WEPENER.

### "Forward Movement Has Been Checked," Says "Little Bobs" at Bloomfontein.

A London special says: "The forward movement is checked," says Lord Roberts. This is taken to mean, not by fighting, but by dispositions to head off their advance and bar their way to vulnerable points in the line of British communications.

Relief is on the way to Wepener. The Boers in Natal appear incapable of developing an aggressive move at Elandsfontein.

Lord Methuen is at the Zwartkopsfontein, twelve miles east of Boshof, and is sending small, swift columns through the adjacent country. Lord Chesham, commanding one of these, encountered a small commando about ten miles southeast of Zwartkopsfontein. He found most of the farms occupied by women and children only. An editorial note in The Daily Mail avers that Mafeking is in a very bad way, and that hope of relief is far off, as no force is advancing from the south.

The war office announces that 4,000 horses will arrive at the Cape this week. It is well understood that the animals are not fit for work until about ten days after the voyage. Two thousand and more are due at the Cape within a few days. The war office has called out the reserve companies of several infantry battalions which will be sent to South Africa forthwith.