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Are Well Intrenched and Have Methuen Is Pushing Along Presbyterians Must Abstain Fearful Catastrophe Occurs Cuban Customs Service Promises Great Sensation.

TREMBLING WITH FEAR

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BRITISH TROOPS ENTER TRANSVAAL

Boers Evacuate Natal Leaving Laing's Nek Free.

OPEN ROAD FOR BULLER

His Line of March to the Transvaal Clear of the Enemy-Eloff's Troops Deserted Him at Mafeking-British Walk Into Ambush.

LONDON, May 23 .- A dispatch from Pietermaritzburg says the Boers are reported to have entirely left Natal, leaving Laing's Nek free. If this is true it leaves the way open for General Buller to advance into the Trensvaal so soon as the repairs of the railroads are sufficient to insure good communications.

Lord Roberts is still at Kroonstadt, reorganizing his forces.

General Rundle's forces are encamped at Trommel, recuperating A patrol 4 miles from Trommel was attacked by the Boers. One man was wounded and some horses were killed. The affair was unimportant except in showing that the Boers are still in the neighborhood and

on the lookout for any chance of sniping. Further details of the fighting at Mafeking say that Commandant Sarel Eloff's followers deserted him, whereupon Eloff fired on them himself and

Guns In Position.

RHEINOSTER RIVER

Great Battle Is Expected Within 48 Hours--Transvaalers to Offer Strong Resistance-Eight Hundred Burghers Surrender.

BRITISH MOVE FORWARD

LONDON, May 24 .- Lord Roberts is advancing in force. The wait at Kroonstadt is over and already the main British army is about 20 miles north of its former resting place. Judging from the dispatches fron Lord Roberts at Horingspruit station while flanking him on either side of the railroad General French's cavalry and General Ian Hamilton's mounted infantry are both slighty in the advance of Lord Roberts and threatening to envelope the Boer position, which extends 20 miles due north. The main British army will probably advance along the railroad while General French converges from the west, and General Hamilton from the east. Against this overwhelming force the

Boers will probably follow their usual tactics of retiring to positions, which doubtless have been prepared in advance for their occupation. Since the last dispatch left Honing

Spruit Lord Roberts has doubtless s* further advanced and by now is either engaging or following the retreating Boers.

The first word received from Baden-Powell at Mafeking heightens rather than diminishes the reports heretofore cabled of the gallantry exhibited by the garrison during the closing days of the siege.

Details of Battle at Mafeking.

LONDON, May 24 .- War office issues a dispatch from Lord Roberts at Honingspruit, announcing the receipt by him of the following message from General Baden-Powell at Mafeking:

"I am happy to inform you that Mafeking has been successfully relieved. The northern and southern columns oined hands on May 15 and attacked the enemy and after a small engagement entirely defeated them with loss. The British casualties were three killed and 22 wounded. "The relieving force marched into Mafeking and the relief and defense forces combined and moved out and attacked the enemy's head laager. We shelled them out of their position and took one gan, a flag and a large amount | ing the declaration of the president that of ammunition stores, etc. Five dead and 15 wounded Boers were found. The enemy appears to be retreating in all directions except one commando, which is lying low, possibly to cover the retreat of the remainder.' Lord Roberts' dispatch further says: "Ian Hamilton has reached Heilbren after a series of engagements with a Boer force under Dewet, who is retiring before him. Broadwood has captured 15 Boer wagons. There have been 75 casnalties in Hamilton's force. We marched here this morning."

Hutton In Neighborhood of Vredefort. Threatens Federals' Right Flank. Battle Expected at Johannesburg and Laing's Nek.

South of the Vaal.

TOWARD PRETORIA

ROBERTS' ADVANCE

LONDON, May 26 .- Another advance along the railroad toward Pretoria has brought Lord Roberts' troops to Vredefort road, a few miles north of Prospect, where they arrived Thursday. It is reported General Methuen is progressing along the southern portion of the Vaal with the object of making a dash at Clerksdorp when he arrives opposite that railroad terminus.

General Hutton's column is apparently in the neighborhood of Vredefort, 15 miles west of the railroad, whence it threatens the federals' right flank. The next few days will show whether Lord Roberts will encounter serious opposition south of the Vaal, but the best opinion believes the next big engagement will be fought just south of Johannesburg, and that the fight there and possibly one at Laing's Nek will prove the last pitched battles of the war. The latest indications almost point to

the fact that General Buller will delay until Lord Roberts is ready to detach a force to seize Heidelberg and sever railroad communication between Johannesburg and Laing's Nek.

Hunter Pushing Forward.

WARRENTON, May 26. - Operations have been pushed forward 80 miles, one of General Hunter's brigades having occupied Vryburg. Considering the difficulties of the road this is a remarkable achievement for a mixed force, short of rations, making forced marches. Water is scarce. Some portion of the brigade covered 18 miles without a break. General Hunter has gone to Vryburg.

British Nearing the Vaal. VREDEFORT, May 26. - The British

From These Amusements.

DANCING, CARDS AND

CAUSED BY BROKEN GUAZE HE MENACES CLERKSDORP MISSIONARIES ARE HEARD

THEATER FORBIDDEN

Pleas Are Made For Assistance to Push the Work-Report of Committee on Home Missions-Progress of Sundayschool Work.

ATLANTA, May 24.-The Presbyterian general assembly by its vote urges members of this church to abstain altogether from dancing, theater-going and cardplaying.

The report of the committee on a pastoral letter was adopted this morning. The letter is in part as follows:

For the promotion of the spiritual well-being of the church, the general assembly feel constrained to address all our people a few words of instruction and advice on the importance of abstaining from such amusements as are destructive or unfavorable to the religious life of the Christian.

Under the term worldly amusements

may be included the dance, theater and the card table. There is dancing which is innocent in itself. There are plays that are highly moral, and card playing without gambling cannot be called a sin. There are also dances, stage plays, and games of cards that are in themselves harmful and contrary to the law of God; and such being evil and only evil are condemned and forbidden by the church. On these matters the church, through its constitution, the deliverances of its courts and from its pulpits has spoken in the strongest terms.

The question then arises: May not Christians freely indulge in such forms of worldly amusements as are not sinful in themselves? In reply the general assembly urges our people to abstain altogether from the amusements referred to, as a matter of Christian prudence, example and out of regard for the honor of Christ.

The reasons are assigned-

1. These things are worldly and characteristic of a worldly as distinguished from a spiritual life.

asters about 85 men

Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds of Dynamite Ignited by Defective Lamp. About 50 Men In Mine When the Explosion Occurred.

TWENTY-TWO MINERS

In North Carolina.

EXPLOSION KILLS

RALEIGH, May 24 .- Twenty-two miners, ten white and 12 negroes, lost their lives in an explosion at Cumnock Coal mines, Chatham county, N. C., last afternoon. The explosion occurred at 4:30 o'clock and is supposed to have been caused by a broken gauze in a safety lamp. The accident was in what is known as the east heading and between 40 and 50 men were in the mine at the time. Five were brought out alive from the east heading while none of the men in the other parts of the mine wore injured.

Within an honr after the explosion the work of rescue began, and by night short of a searching inquiry by a comall the bodies except one had been mittee containing representatives of the

brought to the top. This is the second explosion this mine has had within the past four years, the former one having occurred on Dec. 28, 1895, when 43 men lost their lives.

The mines are situated at Cumnock in Chatham county, about 6 miles from Sanford. The mine has been long used in a desultory fashion, but in 1888 Samuel A. Henzy of Philadelphia organized a company and put in modern machinery. There are two shafts, one for ventilation, and the other, the main working shaft, is 8x12, and is considerably more than 500 feet in depth.

In December, 1895, an explosion took place at this same mine, in which 43 lives were lost. This explosion was caused by "fire damp," though many of those killed on this occasion lost their lives from the resulting explosion of about 250 pounds of dynamite stored in the mine. A great many of the bodies were burned. The scenes around the mouth of the shaft were heartrending. This disaster is the fourth that has oc-

curred at this mine, and in the four dishave lost their lives

Employes Implicated Terror Stricken. Havana Paper Makes Strong Protest. Ambassador Andrew D. White a Vice Presidential Possibility.

WASHINGTON, May 26 .- An explosion in the Cuban customs service is threatened which promises revelations as sensational as the disclosures in connection with the postal service.

A customhouse official gives the information that the customhouse in Havana is honey-combed with fraud and corruption and the employes interested are trembling in fear of investigation.

That congress must make a thorough investigation of every department of the government of Cuba is the conclusion being rapidly forced upon administration leaders in both houses. Nothing minority party will be accepted:

It is expected that the Bacon resolu-tion will be adopted by the senate.

CUBANS BECOMING RESTIVE.

Havana Paper Protests Against American Occupation of Islands.

HAVANA, May 26 .- The Diaro de la Marinas says that if foreigners should not be employed by the government the Messrs. Bliss, Frye, Wood and others should immediately leave office, adding:

"During the previous era, when Cuba's neck was galled by the yoke of Spanish despotism, the island had a constitution under which the people enjoyed home rule and under which all the public offices could only be held by native Cubans or Spanish residents who had re-sided a certain length of time in the island. No governor general or chief of customs would have dared to violate the spirit of the constitution by nominating a foreigner to public office. But thanks to the glorious revolution which freed Cuba from Spain's rule there is no constitution and no law save the sabre and the latter is supreme."

then surrendered with 80 10110 wers. 110 dispatch also says that one party of Boers was driven out of the Staat and allowed to escape, as "we had sufficient prisoners."

The capture of Eloff and his followers cost Baden-Powell three men killed and seven wounded.

Boers Offered Stubborn Resistance. LONDON, May 23 .- Lord Roberts reports to the war office in a dispatch from Kroonstadt as follows:

"Mahon reports that the fiying col-umn entered Mafeking at 4 o'clock on the morning of May 18. He was stubbornly opposed by 1,500 men on May 17 9 miles from Mafeking, but the Boers were driven from their strong positions after, five hours' fighting. Mahon's after five hours' fighting. Mahon's casualties were about 30. The Boer losses were heavy."

Surrendered With Eloff.

MAFEKING, May 23 .- Among the prisoners captured with Commandant Sarel Eloff are Count DeBremont, a Frenchman, and Count Von Weiss, a German. It is found that the Boers were guided by two deserters named Hay and Bolton. One man was commanded to surrender and replied "Never." The Boers shot him through the head.

Bethune Lost Heavily.

LONDOX, May 23 .- It is officially annonnced that Colonel Bethune has reported that while marching in the direction of Newcastle, Natal, he was ambushed by a party of Boers 6 miles west of Vryheid, in the Transvaal, and that very few of his force escaped. His casualties numbered 66 men.

British invade the TransvaaL

CAPE TOWN, May 23 .- British troops have arrived at Vereeniging (in the Transvaal) north of the Vaal river. The bridge across the Vaal was found to be intact. Twenty-seven Free State and Transvaal locomotives were captured.

UGER IS IN GOOD HEALTH.

Ho.land Residents Are Preparing For Seige of Pretoria.

meeting has been held by the local Hollanders, 200 of whom were present, to consider the situation in the event Pretoria should be beleaguered. A committee was appointed to secure a place of sefety for the women and children. The consul general of the Netherlands, Mr. Nieuwennuys, was asked to advise his government to take care of its subjects.

One speaker said the position was most dark. The British, he declared, would be masters of the Free State and Transvaal; might would be right; the capitalists would dominate; the poor would be the sufferers and the Hollanders would have no chance.

Dr. Heymans contradicts the reports received regarding the health of President Kruger, which he says is good. Mr. Kruger is transacting all the work for the presidency. In accordance with the understanding

between General Botha and the presi-Ancient Essenic order has closed after dent, a circular was issued stating that electing Thomas W. McKnight of New should the enemy succeed in gaining a position in the Transvaal and take possession of one of the districts the inhabici.....i in September, 1901. tants should be free to decide whether they should leave. The men must re-Negroes Burned to Death. main with the commandoes. DADEVILLE, Ala., May 25 .- Two negro men were burned to death at J. F. Tur-Warren Occupies Douglas. ner's saw mill near here late last night. CAPE TOWN, May 24.-General War-The negroes were sleeping in a snack ren has occupied Douglas after heavy near the mill, which was destroyed by fighting and without sustaining any loss. fire, and it is supposed were overcome The Boers have retreated to the north. by the smoke while asleep.

Boers Hold Strong Positions.

LONDON, May 24 .- The Boers, it is stated, have definitely determined to make a stand at the Rheinoster river, which is between Kroonstadt and the Vaal river. They have intrenched themselves and have big guns, some of then Crensot, in position. They boast that they are going to hurl back the "Rooninekes." The British infantry has moved forward and within the next day or two probably the Transvaalers will have an opportunity of proving their words.

Boers to Make Strong Resistance.

HONING SPRUITT, Orange Free State, May 24.-French has crossed the Rhenostet river, north of here. This movement, combined with General Ian Hamilton's opposition of Heilbron, renders the Boers' position, 20 miles in the Brit. ish front, untenable. The latest reports, however, received say the burghers are prepared to make a strong resistance and possess 15 guns. Fifteen prisoners have been taken.

Eight Hundred Boers Surrender. KIMBERLE About 800 Boers

have surrendered at Vryburg, north of Kimberley, and a little more than half way between that place and Mafeking. The road is all clear from Mafeking and all opposition in this district is practically ended.

Iron Market Very Dull.

CLEVELAND, May 26 .- The iron trade is slowing almost to a standstill. An almost entire absence of buying and at the same time a rate of consumption known to be close to the highest, if not the highest mark, make a combination the trade has never seen and it is not surprising that those longest in the business are puzzled by it. Prices are practically unchanged, while dullness in all departments has been pronounced.

Elect Officers and Adjourn.

PITTSBURG, May 26 .- The seventh annual assembly of the Knights of the

columns reached the Vredefort road at noon and are now only two marches led into such indulgences as are wrong from the Vaal river.

THE PRESIDENT MUST ACT. able to a growth in grace.

Boer Attitude.

WASHINGTON, May 26 .- Notwithstandhe will not interfere with the South African war, the Boer commissioners expect that political expediency will cause him to make a move which will be beneficial to their cause.

It is apparent to the commissioners that political agitation alone will aid their cause, and they intend to take advantage of every opportunity to press it upon the attention of the American people.

nest effort of the It will be + South Afric. sympathizers in the United State o make the failure of the president to act in the interest of peace one of the prominent issues of the campaign. The west is reported wrought up over the refusal of the president to intervene, and it is proposed to keep the question alive.

A gentleman acquainted with the sitnation in South Africa and the hopes of the Boers says their troops can certainly hold out until December. Pretoria, he said, was splendidly fortified and would have 15,000 to 20,000 defenders.

Should Bryan be elected the fact that the president-elect of the United States has made a declaration of his intentions to take measures to stop the war will have the effect, it is believed, of causing the British to be more lenient in the terms they will propose.

ST. LOUIS POLICE INDICTED.

Officers Failed to Do Thier Duty Durin Strike Riots.

Sr. LOUIS, May 24.-General Manager Baumhoff of the St. Louis Transit company has announced that he will commence to operate the street car lines that have stood idle since the strike began. The management of the Transit company say cars will not be run after dark until all danger of attack from the disturbing element has ended.

The request of United States Marshal Bohle that he be allowed to appoint 100 deputy marshals to help preserve the law and order has been referred by Attorney Gentral Griggs to Judge Adams of the United States district court.

He said that since the federal injunction had been issued the strikers and others seemed disposed to let the wires, cars and other property of the street railway company alone. The police officers have been indicted by the grand jury on the charge of neglect of duty in failing to suppress disturbances when called upon to do so in the early days of the strike. Chief Campbell has adopted this method of compelling officers to do their duty.

TAYLOR STAYS IN INDIANA.

Governor Mount Still Refuses to Honor Requisition For Finlay.

INDIANAPOLIS, May 24 .- W. S. Tavlor,

2. Experience shows that gaging in worldly amusements are easily in themselves.

3. Worldly amusements are not favor-

The report of the committee on home He Will Be Forced to Assume a Pro- missions showed two new presbyteries and 15 new churches. For local home missions \$115,000 had been raised during the year.

When the recommendations came up for consideration Rev. J. P. Llovd, a missionary from the Indian Territory, presented the claims of his field in an interesting address.

Rev. Robert Hill of Dallas, Tex., spoke for the Dallas presbytery, urging the great need of funds to prosecute the work. The Dallas presbytery covers a territory extending 650 miles, embracing a population of 500,000, with only eight self-supporting churches and 3,000 Presbyterians. In one county there were more Methodists than there were Presbyterians in the entire presbytery; in another single county more Baptists.

Elder J. S. Munce of Richmond made a strong appeal for better methods in raising the invalid ministers' fund. He said it was the shame and reproach of the church that infirm and aged ministers were permitted to suffer. He would not minimize the importance of hon and foreign missions, but this was the most important question before the bod . He quoted the scripture, "He that fails to provide for his own household denies the faith and is worse than an infidel."

The report of the committee was adopted, carrying with it the re-election of Dr. J. N. Craig, secretary. Dr. R. H. Nall of Greenwood, S. C.,

presented a report from the committee on Sundayschools and young peoples societies. The report is one of the most important and interesting that will come before the general assembly. The committee made some recommendations that bid fair to bring about the liveliest sort of discussion when they are taken up by the assembly.

The reports from 74 presbyteries shows the number of Sundayschools to be 2,063, with a total enrollment of 149,642 officers, teachers and schclars, with an average attendance of 94 163. The total contributions for the past year were \$87, 100.76, with current expenses of \$58,-781.76. One feature of the report is the number of churches reporting no Sundayschools, there being 300.

PRESBYTERIANS. UNITED

Forty-Second General Assembly In Session In Chicago.

CHICAGO, May 24 .- The forty-second general assembly of the United Presbyterian Church of North America begun here today in the Sixth United Presbyterian church. The opening sermon was preached by Rev. S. R. Lyons, D. D., president of Monmouth college, Monmouth, Ills.

The greatest discussion in the assembly will be over the revision of the testimony on secret societies. Many members of oath bound organizations are now in the church and it is causing trouble. Several reports were presented.

Law Is Unconstitutional.

CHARLESTON, May 24 .- Judge Benet

and many others have been injured. NEW YORK REFORMERS MEET

Injunction Against Strikers Discussed. Recommendations Are Made.

NEW YORK, May 24 .- The matter of the injunctions that have recently been issued against the Cigarmakers' union forbidding them to picket the factories of manufacturers whose employes have struck, and forbidding it also to pay strike benefits to the strikers, has been taken up by the Reform club, which listened to a report made by its committee on injunctions. The report recommends that an attempt be made to obtain concerted action throughout the country in favor of urging upon the nation and state legislatures the passage of acts providing that injunctions shall not be issued against any but parties to the action, their agents, servants and attornevs.

It also recommended to labor organizations to have the questions arising under existing law carried to the higher courts under the direction of the general body in each trade rather than of local associations, to the end that any usurpation of judicial power in any corner of the land, however distant and obscure, may be effectually restrained or brought to naught.

ADAMS WILL HEAD TICKET.

Will Be Nominated For Governor by Alabama Populists.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., May 24 .- Dr. G. B. Crowe, Chairman of the Populist state executive committee, when asked who the Populists would nominate for governor at their adjourned state convention to be held here June 30, stated that Judge S. M. Adams would receive the nomination. When told that Judge Adams had said in an interview that he would not accept the nomination, Dr. Crowe replied that he would be forced to accept the honor. He added that a full state ticket would certainly be put in the field by the Populists and that Judge Adams would lead it.

Montgomery Preachers Resign.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., May 24.-Rev. Dr. George B. Eager, who for ten years has presided over the First Baptist church has resigned to accept the chair of Biblical instruction in the Baptist university at Louisville. Rev. E. P. Davis, who for seven years has been the pastor of the First Presbyterian church here, has resigned, having received and accepted a call from the Opelika and Auburn churches.

Opposition Developing Strength.

WASHINGTON, May 26 .- The fight for the southern naval station is to be carried to the floor of the house and those who are against the arbitrary selection of Charleston are organizing their forces to make it as lively a fight as possible. They are hopeful of success, but they are not blinding themselves to the fact that so far the advantage is with Charleston.

Cuban Customs Employes.

WASHINGTON, May 26 .- The war department has issued a statement from the division of customs and insular affairs designed to show that the number of carpet-baggers in Cuba has been overestimated so far as the customs service of the island is concerned. According to the latest returns, which were those of Dec. 31, there were 658 customs. employes, of whom 515 were Cubans, 99 Spaniards and only 50 Americans, of whom 25 were employed in Havana.

Celebrated the Queen's Birthday.

HAVANA, May 26 .- L. E. Guardian, the British consul here, celebrated the queen's birthday by giving an official dinner, his guests including Governor General Wood, the bishop of Havana. Senor Tamayo, the secretary of state, Senor Mendoza, president of the supreme court, the foreign consuls general, the prominent Englishmen and the heads of departments.

White is a Possibility.

WASHINGTON, May 23 .- Andrew D. White, United States ambassador to Germany, is being seriously considered by Republican leaders as a vice presidential possibility. His name will be further discussed at a meeting of members of the national committee at Philadelphia on Saturday next.

CYCLONE AT MOREHEAD CITY

Lasted About Five Minutes but Did Considerable Damage.

MOREHEAD CITY, N. C., May 26.-A cyclone of great violence struck this place about 6 o'clock. Its approach was unnoticed and it only lasted five minntes, but during that time it tore planks from the depot, turned over and broke the masts of the Samuel Buckman, a jig 2-sail sharpie, which was tied to the wharf, and the men who were on the wharf only saved themselves by clinging to posts.

It raised boxes of fish weighing 200 pounds as high as a man's head and dropped them with such force that they were crushed to pieces.

Cut Her Throat With Razor.

PHILADELPHIA, May 24 .- Mrs. Anna Chisholm Gilmore, wife of Major J. C. Gilmore, assistant adjutant general of the National guard of Pennsylvania, has committed suicide by cutting her throat with a razor. She died in her husbaud's arms.

Jockey Walsh's Condition Critical.

NEW YORK, May 24.-Jockey Tommy Walsh, who was thrown from his horse at Morris park and seriously hurt, is said to be a shade better, but the attending physicians say his recovery is only a remote possibility.



York supreme senator and other officers. former Kentucky governor, and Charles has handed down a decision declaring xt meeting will be held in Cin- Finlay, wanted at Frankfort on a charge the act, recently passed by the legisof complicity in the Goebel assassination, are still here. Friday they had intended going to Martinsville, Ind., but be unconstitutional. friends here have told them it would be easy for enemies to kidnap them in so small a place. Finlay now makes contention that the present requisition is illegal. They contend that Beckham's signature was affixed before he was governor in reality. living on the Person plantation.

PRETORIA, May 23. - An open air

