

CURRENT TOPICS

CUBAN CENSUS AND ELECTION.

Gen. Wood, the military governor of Cuba, has informed the war department that June 16 is the date finally set for the municipal elections of the island.

THE DEWEY-SPANISH EPISODE.

Europeans have often accused Americans of neglect of the diplomatic properties, and the charge is likely to be repeated now, in view of the invitation which was sent to the Spanish minister at Washington to be present at the celebration soon to take place in Chicago in honor of Admiral Dewey.

ROBERTS' CENSURE.

All Great Britain—and the watching world with it—must be rather puzzled at the action of the Salisbury government in giving publicity to the extraordinary criticisms passed by Lord Roberts upon most of the prominent British officers in South Africa.

A TRUST HABIT.

Probably nobody outside of a small and secretive coterie will ever know exactly why the American Steel and Wire company abruptly shut down a dozen mills, throwing 6,000 men out of employment and demoralizing a great industry.

PARIS WAS THE STAGE.

Paris is full of amusement of all sorts, and the French being a nation of actors there is no lack of theaters. Chief among these is the magnificent opera house designed by Charles Garnier, the largest and most splendid theater in existence.

RUSSIA IN KOREA.

Russia seems to be capturing all the railway franchises in China, and in Korea her stroke for a port has succeeded in compelling Korea to promise not to give the port to any other power.

TO FURNISH WIFE BEATERS.

Police magistrates of Manhattan and Brooklyn boroughs are quoted in favor of establishing the whipping post in New York city for wife beaters and for proposing to sign the next legislature to pass a law for that purpose.

MISCELLANEOUS.

S. K. Vatslavsky says Mohammedanism is increasing in America. German immigrants to Rio Grande de Sul are forming military companies, importing Krupp cannon and Mauser rifles, and apparently preparing to make trouble for the Brazilian government.

Opinion is expressed in Paris that "Yankees mean business" in dealing with Turkey. Big cement plant near La Salle, Ill., was burned; loss, \$250,000.

Fire destroyed the town of Edinburg, N. D. Two women were burned to death. Marie Rosalie Dinse, starving woman, jumped from the Brooklyn bridge into East river, 125 feet, but will live.

The New York state democratic committee decides to hold the convention in New York June 5. Robert P. Porter, in a speech at Philadelphia, declares tariff laws must fit the islands to which they apply.

President McKinley places lilacs and immortelles on the grave of the late Vice-President Hobart. Ex-President Harrison announces that he will not discuss the Westminster confession at the ecumenical congress.

The directors of the American Steel and Wire company have ordered a cut in prices to dispose of surplus stocks. The annual report of the General Electric company shows a profit of over \$5,000,000.

Michigan defeated Northwestern at Evanston, 8 to 3. Frank Collier of Chicago missed the police his bride-elect, Miss Carrie B. Hayes of Elkhorn, Wis., disappeared on Wednesday from Moline, Ill.

Russians expect Port Arthur and Vladivostok will be connected by rail not later than August. French press hopes Bryan will be elected president and intervene in the Boer war.

Italian government has taken official cognizance of strike on Croton works. Waldeck-Rousseau may reopen Dreyfus case to bring disgrace on generals.

British troops sent to check native rising in Caman country, west Africa. Turkish patrol attacked Serbian boundary pickets and shot three.

Earl Russell's new wife has had two other husbands. London may prohibit acting of "Zaza."

Quiet restored at Cawnpore. During present decade United States produced half of world's copper supply. Armour & Co.'s \$1,000,000 electric power plant at Chicago stock yards opened.

Pope Leo blessed 15,000 pilgrims and 20,000 foreigners. Benediction exhausted him so that he tottered backward. Nearly 2,000 delegates to ecumenical missionary conference arrived in New York.

Anti-noise commission, authorized by the Chicago city council, preparing ordinances to make the city quiet. Japanese laborers imported under contract will be returned.

Cissy Loftus either jumped or fell into water from pier at Old Point Comfort. Illinois Supreme court decided Appellate court to be final arbiter as to facts.

Three men are blown to atoms by the explosion of a dynamite plant at Kawkawin, Mich. Heavy rains caused further flood in Mississippi and Louisiana.

Foreign diplomats at Washington, it is said, will decline Chicago's invitation to join in the city's Dewey celebration May 1. The United States government is still considering the question of using force to make Turkey pay the Armenian indemnity.

Women of France are indignant because America's clubwomen are not going to send delegates to a Paris fair congress. French papers continue criticisms of the American government because of its dealings with former Spanish colonies.

Germany has ordered a warship from the Asiatic squadron to Taku as a warning to China that foreigners must be protected. Rumor that Carnegie, Frick and others will try to have President Gates of the American Steel and Wire company deposed.

THE WAR IN SOUTH AFRICA

The Boers Are Still Holding Out in Large Forces.

RAIN DELAYS BRITISH ARMY.

Serious Errors Made by English Generals—Chicago Ambulance Corps Members Tear Off Red Cross Badges—Staffs of Buller and Warren Do Not Speak.

Wednesday, April 18. Publication of Lord Roberts' criticisms has caused a loud demand in London for the recall of Buller and other generals. It is reported Warren has been ordered home. Half of the members of the Chicago ambulance corps tore off Red Cross badges and accepted Mausers. Staffs of Buller and Warren have not been on speaking terms since Spion kop fight. Blockade of Wepener continued.

Thursday, April 19. Clara Barton said if Chicago Red Cross corps have taken up arms "human world will not hold them guiltless." Those who equipped expedition doubt reports from Lourenco Marques. Col. Crofton retired because of Spion kop disaster. Other "blundering commanders" likely to be relieved. Queen Wilhelmina gave audience to Boer peace commissioners headed by Dr. Leyds. Renewed rumors that Boers have retired from Wepener. Carrington's bushmen reach Beira. The larger part of Roberts' army is delayed at Bloemfontein by heavy rains, and the troops are suffering hardships. Large numbers of foreigners are reported to have shouldered rifles in the Boer cause.

Friday, April 20. Schalkbarger succeeded Joubert as vice-president; Louis Botha is acting commandant general. Ouida in Nuova Antologia declared Joseph Chamberlain is responsible for the war. Rain is delaying Roberts' operations. Boers planning to harass his advance. White may be made governor of Gibraltar. Boers using guerrilla methods in Natal. No news of Wepener's relief.

April 21-22. The 20,000 British soldiers on their way to relieve Wepener meet with check in two battles. Lord Methuen is forced to retire, and his entire supply train narrowly escapes capture. An official Boer notice commands all burghers in Griqualand West to join the army under punishment by martial law. The Irish brigade parades before President Kruger's house at Pretoria, and he makes a speech to them. Among the dead had wounded Boers and those taken prisoners the English find many women dressed as men. It is told in London that Lord Kitchener has been severely sat upon by Lord Roberts. The Boers around Wepener are re-enforced, and heavy fighting is expected.

Small scraps of news permitted to pass censor indicate Boers besieging Wepener in strong force, and Brabant is expected to relieve garrison. Boer press estimates republican force at 105,000, of whom 50,000 are in Free State and 10,000 in Biggarsberg. Boers said to half encircle Bloemfontein to eastward in a crescent formation. Sir Charles Warren may be appointed governor of the Free State.

Monday, April 23. Boers harassed Ruddle's advance to relieve Wepener; French and Pole-Carew drove back attacking party of Boers at Leeuw Kop. British force within eight miles of Wepener, and news of relief expected momentarily. Roberts reported Lieutenant and ten men of Seventh Dragoons as missing; no details. Dr. McNamara has left Chicago ambulance corps, being disgusted with their conduct. Thirty-six rebels tried at Cape Town and sentenced for six months to five years. Boer prisoners at St. Helena wish services of a clergyman and a neutral consul. Roberts reported to have recaptured the Bloemfontein water works. Boers moving from Wakkerstroom.

SAVED BY PRESENCE OF MIND. Girl Hangs from High Trestle to Escape Death. Anna Brown, 14 years old, while returning to her home from Sunday school at English, Ind., took the railroad track as the shortest way. She had reached the middle of a trestle that spans a ravine about 300 feet wide when a fast freight turned the curve near the trestle. The girl saw it would be impossible to reach the farther side before the train would be upon her, and, with remarkable presence of mind, she stepped to the edge of the trestle and, as the train came up, swung herself down by her hands, and hung from the cross-ties. The engineer saw the girl, and as soon as the train cleared the trestle he jumped from his cab and hastened back. He found her struggling to raise herself, and she was almost exhausted when the engineer caught her by the hands and pulled her up on the trestle. The ravine over which she was suspended was seventy-five feet deep.

Dog \$3,400 Out of a Garden. Mrs. Jerry O'Neil died at Rockland, Mich., at the age of 93. She was born in Ireland, and came to this town with her husband some fifty years ago. Neighbors knew that she had money, but no one knew how much or where she kept it until the day before she died, when she revealed the hiding place after making her will. Witnesses were called and over \$3,400 was dug up out of the garden. It was mostly gold, bank notes of the old species issue and checks on the old Minnesota Mining company. The checks are now valueless.

Fights Religion in Schools. Daniel Freeman, a politician of some prominence in Gage county, Nebraska, who claims the distinction of being the first homesteader in the United States, some time ago began suit to restrain the teacher of the public school in his district from using the Bible, offering prayer or singing gospel hymns as part of the school exercise. The district court at Beatrice dismissed the injunction. Mr. Freeman has appealed the case to the Supreme court.

MINNESOTA TIMBER IN FLAMES

Bush Fires Near Duluth—Fate of Manitoba Bushmen Uncertain. The fires in northern Minnesota are not yet serious, as little property has been destroyed, but the woods are dry, and unless a heavy rainfall comes great damage is likely to result. The conditions are similar to those of the early part of 1894, the year of the Hinckley fire. Fires on the Great Northern near Stony Brook are reported as burned down.

A report has reached Duluth from Lakeside, a suburb six miles east, that timber a few miles north of there was burning and the fire appeared to be widening its area rapidly. The wind is from the south, but not strong. There has been no loss of life in the bush fires in Manitoba so far as known. All the persons missing have turned up. Fires along the Southeastern were still raging Monday, and the exact amount of damage or loss of life is not ascertained. The drivers and bushmen have scattered in all directions, and out of 200 only about thirty are known to have reached a place of safety. The remainder are doubtless struggling desperately through the woods for their lives. The total loss is estimated at \$1,000,000.

CURRENT MARKET PRICES. Winter Wheat—In moderate request and steady. No. 2 red, 67¢; No. 3 red, 66¢; No. 2 hard, 65¢; No. 3 hard, 64¢; No. 2 white, 63¢; No. 3 white, 62¢. Corn—Firm and value better. Trade moderate. No. 2 about 29¢; No. 3 yellow, 28¢; No. 3 at 28¢; No. 3 yellow, 27¢; No. 3 white, 26¢. Oats—Steady. No. 2 white, 25¢; No. 3 white, 24¢; No. 3 yellow, 23¢; No. 3 white, 22¢. Rye—Steady. No. 2, 31¢; No. 3, 30¢. Barley—Steady. No. 2, 30¢; No. 3, 29¢. Hops—Market steady; native shipping and export steady. No. 2, 11¢; No. 3, 10¢. Cattle—Market steady; native shipping and export steady. No. 2, 11¢; No. 3, 10¢. Hogs—Market steady; native shipping and export steady. No. 2, 11¢; No. 3, 10¢. Sheep—Market steady; native shipping and export steady. No. 2, 11¢; No. 3, 10¢. Butter—Extra creamery, 18¢; first, 17¢; second, 16¢; imitation creameries, 14¢; dairies, choice, 16¢; first, 15¢; second, 14¢. Eggs—Market steady; native shipping and export steady. No. 2, 11¢; No. 3, 10¢. Potatoes—Burbank, 20¢; per bu.; Hebron, 18¢; per bu.; King, 16¢; per bu.; tubers, 15¢; mixed, 14¢; per bu.

E. C. Cole to Be Pardoned. The board of pardons recommended to Gov. McMullin of Tennessee that he pardon Edward Curtis Cole, the colored man whose case has attracted widespread attention in the United States. The application was signed by the governors of nine states, Mayor Carter H. Harrison of Chicago, ex-Gov. Alford of Illinois, the faculty of the Northwestern university at Chicago, a dozen Chicago bank presidents, and several hundred citizens. Cole was in the Tennessee penitentiary under sentence aggregating thirty years, when he made his escape, going to Chicago in 1893. He reformed, was engaged by the Pullman company, and had been in their employment several years when captured and returned to the Tennessee prison.

Ship Furloughed of Smallop. A dispatch from Boston says excursion steamer New England, which has been the subject of a smallpox scare, has arrived here from Liverpool, and was given a clear bill of health. All trace of the disease has disappeared, but not so the indignation of the passengers. "The fact that all our baggage was put ashore at Naples in a state of disorder was only a minor trouble," said Col. Fuller, one of the passengers. "It was Clark's (the excursion manager) action in attempting to induce the captain to allow the passengers to come aboard the ship again and his leaving them in the lurch, many of them women, practically stranded, when the ship sailed without them, that has created the outburst of indignation."

Murder, Suicide and Lynching. A message from Allentown, Pa., gives the news of a murder, suicide and double lynching. William White had occasion to reprimand Jeff Tolson, a negro, and while White's back was turned the negro deliberately shot him, killing him instantly. The negro immediately ran to his house, about a quarter of a mile distant, and before a posse could apprehend him killed himself. Another message says that two other negroes were taken by a mob and riddled with bullets, they having admitted knowledge of Tolson's intention of murdering White, and witnessed the deed. Their names are John Humely and Ed Amos.

Prices of Stoves to Go Up. The Western Association of Stove Manufacturers, which closed its session at Columbus, Ohio, Monday, authorized a further advance in the prices of stoves of 5 per cent. The Western association is composed of all the leading manufacturers of the northwest. It is expected the action of the Western association will be endorsed by the national association in New York in May, and the advance will go into effect about July 1.

Diamonds Discovered in British Gulana. Clerical leader in Bavarian house of delegates opposes indirect election. Physicians in Cracow hospital threaten to strike for increased pay. Prince Ferdinand will not attend the wedding of Prince Louis of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha and Princess Mathilda of Bavaria because Prince Regent Luitpold doesn't like Ferdinand's proposed change of religion.

Contractors will not have guns for coast defense ready on time. Pope sent king of Spain his miniature and an autograph letter. France exerting pressure on Turkey to obtain railroad concessions in Syria. Naval board of construction decided against double turrets for new battleships.

MINOR EVENTS OF THE WEEK.

Items of General Interest Told in Paragraphs.

COMPLETE NEWS SUMMARY.

Record of Happenings of Much or Little Importance from All Parts of the Civilized World—Prices of Farm Produce in Western Markets.

James Harris of Spring Valley, Ill., afflicted with smallpox, was arrested in Chicago, and locked in the dog pound for six hours before being sent to the isolation hospital. Building trades strikers expect 5,000 to 8,000 bricklayers men to join their ranks at Chicago. General strike of journeymen plumbers is ordered at Chicago. Bishop Merrill may ask the general conference of the Methodist church to relieve him of the active duties of the episcopate.

Capt. B. M. Shaffner relieved from command of the Illinois naval militia, and Albert A. Michelson, professor of physics at the University of Chicago, appointed to succeed him. Inventory of Silas B. Cobb's estate, Chicago, expected to show property valued at \$8,000,000. Spain is reported to be persistently seeking political as well as commercial alliance with her former colonies in the western hemisphere as an offset to the United States aggression.

Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria, it is said, has determined to resort to drastic measures to put an end to the long quarrel between the Germans and the Czechs. The Illinois Steel company's rod mills at Joliet were forced to suspend operations by the cessation of work in the wire trust's plants. Many men are idle. Corporal Harry Matthews, Fifteenth regiment, Minoak, Ill., shot himself dead after wounding Miss Stella Hamilton of Montreal.

"A Century of Missions" was the subject discussed by the ecumenical conference of foreign missions at New York. Five thousand coal miners in the Spring Valley company's shafts will be ordered to strike Thursday. Minneapolis beat the White Stockings 10 to 7. Rain prevented Orphans from playing at St. Louis.

Canadians suspect a Fenian plot in attempt to destroy Welland canal lock by dynamite. Grain handlers exonerated. German commissioner sent to Kohnitz, where population threaten Jews accused of ritualistic murder. Either the crown prince or the duke of Aosta will represent Italy in Berlin when Kaisers meet. Fire in English restaurant at Paris exposition caused excitement, but no damage. German parliament reconvenes. Helms law and canal bill appear doomed.

Famine increasing in India. Relief inadequate. Natives attacking Europeans. First issue of the London Express, Pearson's new half-penny daily. Italian court will inaugurate anti-tuberculosis congress at Naples. Shakespeare's birthday celebrated at Stratford-on-Avon. New fort will guard mouth of Thames. Cuban cabinet decided not to resign. Duke of Argyll died. Foraker, Nash, Grosvenor and Dick will be Ohio delegates-at-large to Philadelphia.

Illinois populist convention met at Springfield Tuesday. Price of morphine reduced 10 cents an ounce because of competition. Thrice won Turf Congress stakes. Mrs. George M. Trimble of New York claims share of \$2,000,000 estate left by Ludwig Fischer of Holland. Anita Haight, a widow, who claims to be Margaret Mather's sister, attempted suicide. W. L. Elkins sold Red Cloud for \$10,000, highest price ever paid for a coach horse. Charles A. Carver of Chicago, at Yale, broke intercollegiate record for strength.

Mayor signed bill authorizing construction of New York connecting railroad. President McKinley on his way to Canton. Wisconsin rivers are in flood and great damage is feared in consequence. Steamer Jesse Spalding is the first to pass the Straits of Mackinac this season. Miss Nellie Lewis is awarded damages in \$50,000 for breach of promise against Millionaire Sam Strong of Cripple Creek, Colo. London Mail praised Viceroy Curzon. Diamonds discovered in British Gulana.

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A Mother's Tears.

"I Would Cry Every Time I Washed My Baby."



"When he was 3 months old, first festers and then large boils broke out on my baby's neck. The sores spread down his back until it became a mass of raw flesh. When I washed and powdered him I would cry, realizing what pain he was in. His pitiful wailing was heart-rending. I had about given up hope of saving him when I was urged to give him Hood's Sarsaparilla, all other treatment having failed. I washed the sores with Hood's Medicated Soap, applied Hood's Olive Ointment and gave him Hood's Sarsaparilla. The child seemed to get better every day, and very soon the change was quite noticeable. The discharge grew less, inflammation went down, the skin took on a healthy color, and the raw flesh began to scale over and a thin skin formed as the scales dropped off. Less than two bottles of Hood's Sarsaparilla, aided by Hood's Medicated Soap and Hood's Olive Ointment, accomplished this wonderful cure. I cannot praise these medicines half enough." Mrs. Gueszner, 37 Myrtle St., Rochester, N. Y.

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