

FIFTIETH YEAR.

UNITED STATES  
ACTS FOR PEACE.

Reason to Believe That This Government is  
Intermediary Between the Boer Re-  
publics and Great Britain.

President Kruger Appeals for European Intervention—Asks  
Consuls at Pretoria—United States Action is Not Media-  
tion—That Would be Repugnant to Great Britain and Not  
in Accord With Precedent of This Country—But Terms of  
Peace Can be Asked For, and This Probably Has Been  
Done—United States Acted in China-Japanese War—United  
States Consul Hays, at Pretoria, Probably Has Proceeded  
with Intervention of State Department and Ambassador  
Choate.

[Afternoon Dispatches.]

The Hague, March 12.—It is learned  
from a reliable source that President  
Kruger has appealed for the intervention of  
the great powers in the Transvaal war, and  
has also appealed to the governments of  
Belgium, Holland and Switzerland.

Washington, March 12.—There is reason  
to believe that the United States gov-  
ernment is using its good offices to re-  
store peace between Great Britain and  
the South African republics. This has  
not taken the shape of a proffer of  
mediation. That would be distinctly re-  
pugnant to Great Britain; and, accord-  
ing to the rule of international law,  
which has, without exception, governed  
the state department in the past, could  
not be volunteered by the United States

until it was known to be acceptable to  
both parties to the war.

But the United States might very  
properly serve as intermediary to  
transmit an appeal for peace and the  
terms upon which peace can be secured.

The United States has successfully  
served in this capacity in the past,  
notably in the termination of the China-  
Japanese war, and it is believed that  
good offices in this line are now being  
extended. If this belief is well found-  
ed, then Adelbert Hay, United States  
consul at Pretoria, has been the instru-  
ment for transmitting to the British  
government, through the double inter-  
vention of the state department and  
Ambassador Choate, an application  
from President Kruger and Steyn to  
be informed as to the terms upon which  
the war can be ended.

The facts in the case will be fully de-  
veloped in a day or two.

## WAR SCARE FLATTENED.

Case in Kentucky, but Trouble May Come  
Yet.

Two Officers as Prisoners—May Ar-  
rested by Republican Legislators—State  
Guards Go to Democrats.

Louisville, Ky., March 12.—Secretary  
of State Powers and Captain Davis  
were brought here from Lexington in  
custody of Sheriff Suter of Frankfort  
this morning and placed in the county  
jail. The prisoners were driven from  
Lexington to Lawrenceburg, where they  
took a train for this city.

Frankfort, Ky., March 12.—The war  
scare here has again apparently flat-  
tened although leaders on both sides  
still express grave fears as to the ul-  
timate outcome. Belief among the Re-  
publicans that attempts will be made to  
arrest the members of the legislature  
this morning. Outside of the State  
house, the members of the legislature  
were gathered around the State house  
square at the hour of meeting, but the  
members of the legislature were allowed  
to enter without molestation.

The squad of militia under Lieut.  
Peake, who started for Lexington Sat-  
urday as an escort for Secretary of State  
Powers and Capt. Davis, returned to  
Frankfort this morning. Outside of the  
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ture were gathered around the State house  
square at the hour of meeting, but the  
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to enter without molestation.

Adm. Gen. Collier arrived from Louis-  
ville after a short conference with  
Gov. Taylor announced that Taylor had  
intention of leaving Frankfort or of  
leaving any more troops here at pres-  
ent.

Sheriff Suter assured Gen. Collier to-  
day that no warrant for his arrest had  
been issued.

Gen. Collier smilingly replied that he  
would be easily found in case a war-  
rant is issued.

Adm. Gen. John D. Castleman arrived  
at 10 o'clock today and has been in  
conference with Gov. Beckham and  
other leaders. The organization  
of a new State guard under  
Beckham and Castleman is proceeding.

Several companies in the State guard,  
as originally constituted, have gone  
over to Beckham, and it is understood  
the new company organized here yester-  
day and the companies enlisted at  
Louisville and other points in the State  
will be mustered in at once.

The plans for the inauguration of the  
State guard are being perfected in an-  
other building. The prospective  
brigade commander, instructed Deputy  
Sheriff to see that it did not get into the  
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SENATOR RAWLINS  
ON PHILIPPINES

Utah's Representative in Congress  
Discusses the Question.

## SPOONER BILL A PROLOGUE

To "Swelling Act in the Imperial  
Theme"—Sulzer Makes Inquiry  
Regarding Peace Proposals.

[Afternoon Dispatches.]

Washington, March 12.—Under spe-  
cial order the Senate convened at 10 a.  
m. today, two hours before the regular  
hour of meeting, to be engaged in the  
reading of the Alaskan civil code bill.  
During the greater part of the two  
hours only two or three senators were  
in the chamber.

The clerk in the two hours read 123  
pages of the bill.

Mr. Allen (Neb.) offered the following  
resolution which was passed:

"That the President be requested, if  
not incompatible with the public inter-  
est, to inform the Senate whether or not  
any communication has been received by  
this government from its consular rep-  
resentative at Pretoria embodying the  
requests of the presidents of South Af-  
rican republics for mediation or in-  
tervention with a view to ending the  
war now in progress between these re-  
publics and Great Britain, as reported  
in the British press, and if not incom-  
patible with the public interest he fur-  
nish the Senate with a copy of such  
communication or communications."

Routine business having been con-  
cluded, Mr. Rawlins (Utah) addressed  
the Senate on our relations with the  
Philippines. He had the instru-  
ment for transmitting to the British  
government, through the double inter-  
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from President Kruger and Steyn to  
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company vs Charles Weber et al, the  
case was tried before Judge Marshall  
this morning, and was taken under ad-  
visement.

In the case of Kate Yeargin vs the  
Southern Pacific Railway company, in  
which the plaintiff recovered \$9,500 some  
time ago, the Southern Pacific company  
have filed their papers on writ of error,  
and the writ has been issued for the  
circuit court of appeals.

## A SUDDEN DEMISE.

A Shoemaker Bids His Wife Good  
Night and Then Dies.

[SPECIAL TO THE "NEWS".]

Kaysville, March 12.—A very sudden  
and peculiar death occurred here short-  
ly after 10 o'clock last night. William  
H. Bone, an old and highly respected  
citizen of this place retired to rest in  
his usual health, which was good, in-  
dicating absolutely no signs of sickness.

He had also eaten heartily during the  
day and was in his usual spirits. At  
the time indicated, he had just bade his  
wife good night and turned upon his  
side. A moment later his wife ob-  
served a rapid breathing and heard a  
gurgling sound in his throat. Becoming  
alarmed she called for assistance and on  
closer examination found that he was  
dead. The cause of his demise is said  
to be heart failure.

The deceased was born in England in  
1829 and came to Utah in 1861. He was  
a shoemaker by trade and had resided  
in Kaysville ever since coming to the  
United States. He leaves a wife and  
two grown children, six of whom are  
married and have children of their own.  
His funeral will probably be held on  
Wednesday.

EBENEZER FARNES CLOSES.

South Temple Street Butcher Decides  
to Suspend Business.

Ebenezer Farnes, who has been con-  
ducting a butcher business on East  
South Temple street opposite the Z. C.  
M. I. shoe factory today closed down his  
business and locked up his shop. Mr.  
Farnes started up in the meat business  
in his late quarters about one year ago,  
and it has been a vital struggle with  
him ever since, to keep his head above  
water, and he at last decided that he  
would close down and abandon the  
fight.

This move is entirely voluntary on  
his part, he having only one creditor  
with any considerable claim viz. the  
Murray Meat and Live Stock company,  
whom he owes about \$100, which debt  
will be covered by a number of ma-  
chines about the shop, and a horse and  
cart. Mr. Farnes has been the victim  
of ill-luck, despite his efforts misfor-  
tune has pursued him, having just re-  
cently passed through bankruptcy.

REALTY AND BUSINESS.

A warranty deed was filed for record  
today conveying from Dr. E. S. Bascom,  
for a consideration of \$14,000, 55 feet x  
10 rods in lot 2, block 2, plat G, Salt Lake  
City survey, together with the appur-  
tenances, the same being on the corner  
of First and L streets.

Another deed filed today in the office  
of the county recorder conveys from  
the Utah National bank to Viola Kee-  
ley, for \$3,000, 764 feet x 16 feet, in lots  
3 and 6 in block 2, plat B, Salt Lake  
City survey, the same being on Ninth  
South, near Fifth East, north of Liber-  
ty Park.

Another deed filed for record this af-  
ternoon conveys from William Nelson  
and wife to Ruth L. Grant, for \$2,125,  
all of the south half of lot 3, block 3,  
plat G, Salt Lake City survey, together  
with the appurtenances, the same being  
corner First and K streets.

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IN BLOEMFONTEIN  
ON MARCH 14.

Itinerary of Roberts, Unless Unex-  
pected Resistance Interferes.

## GEN. GATACRE'S ADVANCE.

Irish Sympathy for Boers—Irish Flag  
to be Raised in London—Wants  
Shamrock Dipped in Ink.

[Afternoon Dispatches.]

London, March 12.—At the present  
rate of progress Lord Roberts should  
be in Bloemfontein Wednesday, March  
14, though all calculations may be un-  
set by the development of more strenu-  
ous resistance than the Boers have so  
far attempted.

The distance between Lord Roberts  
and the Free State capital is now so  
small—only about twenty-five miles—  
that it is apparent the Boers either con-  
template making a determined stand on  
the outskirts of the town or for strate-  
gic reasons, best known to themselves,  
are allowing Lord Roberts to occupy it  
after merely harassing his advance.

The numerical superiority of the Brit-  
ish troops leaves no doubt in the minds  
of the critics here that Lord Roberts  
will accomplish his immediate objective,  
the occupation of Bloemfontein.

BETWEEN TWO ARMIES.

The commander-in-chief's latest dis-  
patch announcing that Gen. Gatacre is  
at Bethulle bridge, and the specials say-  
ing Gen. Gatacre commands the bridge  
approaches, put the Boers in the vicin-  
ity between two British forces, Aasvogel  
Kop, where Lord Roberts sent his  
last cable message, being 100 miles al-  
most due north of Bethulle. However,  
there is a large plain between them and  
the main body of the Boers now con-  
fronting Lord Roberts with his ceaseless  
activity may be quite able to cover the  
retreat of the burghers confronting Gen.  
Gatacre. Once the British are in con-  
tact with the Boers, the junction of the  
Free State capital of General Gatacre and  
Roberts would be a matter of a very  
few days.

Commenting on the fact that Lord  
Roberts found the Boers holding posi-  
tions in a part of the country supposed  
to have been left open, the St. James  
Gazette says:

"No more damning indictment was  
ever preferred against the Boers. It  
maintained, therefore, that the Constitu-  
tion must necessarily extend over the  
outlying territory, and the Americans,  
Germans, Frenchmen and others on  
these islands could be no more than  
guests under the limitations of the  
Constitution."

SHELDON IN CONTROL.

Preacher and Author Starts His  
Week's Work on Topeka Capital.

Topeka, Kans., March 12.—Rev. C. M.  
Sheldon, who is at the office of the paper  
at half past eight o'clock this morning,  
was the last of the officers left at the  
shooting camp to record the list of cas-  
ualties have not yet arrived. The fol-  
lowing additional casualties are known,  
however:

Wounded: Lieut. C. Berkeley Lloyd  
(severely), arm, and G. H. Raleigh.

Gen. Gatacre reports that he was  
within a mile of the Bethulle railway  
bridge yesterday. The bridge was par-  
tially destroyed and the enemy was  
holding the opposite bank."

IRISH SYMPATHY FOR BOERS.

London, March 12.—The letter of Dr.  
Lloyd, the diplomatic agent of the  
Transvaal, to Mr. John Clancy, Irish  
nationalist member of parliament for  
the north division of County Dublin,  
thanking the public corporation for the  
resolution of sympathy for the South  
African republics, says:

"The resolution is greatly appreciated  
by me. I know how keenly it will be  
prized by our much suffering country,  
still struggling for independence and  
liberty. It is a satisfaction to know  
that a considerable part of the Irish  
population of the United Kingdom, and  
of the blood being shed in South  
Africa, continues to extend sym-  
pathy to our people. May this sym-  
pathy be re-echoed by numbers of your  
countrymen."

RAISE IRISH FLAG IN LONDON.

London, March 12.—The lord mayor,  
A. J. Newton, has directed that the  
Irish flag be hoisted over the Mansion  
house on St. Patrick's day, in recog-  
nition of the bravery of the Irish troops  
in South Africa.

MISS PARNELL CALLS IT INSULT.

Dublin, March 12.—Miss Annie Parnell,  
sister of the late Charles Stewart Parnell,  
publishes the following letter:

"Since the queen, whose Irish soldiers  
have hitherto been punished if they  
ventured to sport the shamrock, has  
now ordered them to wear it as a token  
of their degradation, it seems to me  
those Irish who do not wish to be  
identified with the robber lords of  
South Africa should take the same notice  
of this insult to their little island, whose  
very humbleness might have protected  
it from the queen-empress. I suggest  
that those who can not refrain from  
wearing the shamrock should dip it into  
the ink until the dishonor is wiped out  
by the final triumph of the Boers, or in  
some other way."

Sugar Works Resume.

New York, March 12.—Work was re-  
sumed at the sugar house of the Amer-  
ican Sugar Refining company in Jersey  
city today. The plant was shut down  
a week ago for the third time since the  
first of the year on the plea of over-  
production. The whole force, consist-  
ing of about 1,100 hands, went back to  
work today.

Omaha Rubber Works Burned.

Omaha, Neb., March 12.—Early this  
morning fire consumed the stock of the  
Omaha Tent and Rubber company, val-  
ued at \$20,000, and gutted the building.  
The loss on the building, amounting  
to \$100,000, is fairly well covered by in-  
surance. The insurance on the stock  
amounted to \$20,000.

St. Louis, Mo., March 12.—The stock  
of the St. Louis Seed company, which  
were stored in the building, were badly  
damaged by smoke and water.

IDAHO'S SIBERIA  
OF HORRORS.

Witness Describes an Awful Condi-  
tion of Affairs.

## SERIOUS CHARGES MADE.

Indiscriminate Arrests—Extorting  
Testimony—Bribery and Cruelty  
—Sulzer's Question.

[Afternoon Dispatches.]

Washington, March 12.—L. J. Simp-  
kins, an electrical engineer at Ward-  
ner, Idaho, testified before the House  
committee on military affairs today.  
He said he did not participate in the  
riot, but soon after that event he was  
arrested by a squad of United States  
troops, who went about the streets ar-  
resting those persons pointed out by  
Bunker Hill mine "spotters." Two spec-  
tators on the streets who stopped to  
see the soldiers and their prisoners,  
were promptly arrested and put with  
the other prisoners. The witness said  
one of the prisoners, a Swede, was tak-  
en with a fit, whereupon a negro sol-  
dier struck him senseless with the butt  
of a gun. The corporal of the guard  
against a landing. The witness said  
he said: "I guess you've fixed that  
fellow all right."

Simpkins said one of the prisoners  
was robbed of \$30. One of Simpkins'  
recitals caused something of a sensa-  
tion. He said he was taken from the  
"bull pen" by a squad of four soldiers  
and marched to an open enclosure,  
where he was placed with his back  
against a building. The soldiers stepped  
back and cocked their guns, appar-  
ently making ready to shoot him. At this  
point, he said, a high official of the  
Bunker Hill mine appeared and said  
they had evidence enough to hang the  
witness or send him up for many years,  
but if he would tell who blew up the  
mill he would be turned loose.

Simpkins said he protested that he  
did not know who the guilty parties  
were, and the effort to get evidence  
from him was finally given up.

The witness stated that at another  
time while in the "bull pen" a party,  
who said he was authorized by an offi-  
cial, offered him \$10,000 to implicate  
two persons in the blowing up of the  
mill. The party said it did not matter  
much who were implicated, but the  
names of certain miners and the coun-  
ty assessor were given, whom it was  
most desired to implicate, for the pur-  
pose, the witness said, of hanging them  
or getting them out of the country.

He said he was awakened by the  
assessor, had a trouble with the  
Bunker Hill mine over their assess-  
ments.

The witness detailed an interview  
with an army officer in which the latter  
declined to permit a priest to be sum-  
moned to one of the prisoners who was  
dying and also refused to allow him to  
communicate with his partner as to the  
disposition of his property. He detailed  
many other instances of alleged cruelty.

One of his recitals was as to a brief  
visit by Gen. Merriam to the "bull pen,"  
and the refusal to allow prisoners to  
communicate with him. In telling of  
the shooting of Johnson, the prisoner  
who went insane, the witness contrib-  
uted additional testimony that while  
Johnson was running away, a certain  
mine official shouted "shoot, shoot,"  
and the