

FIFTIETH YEAR.  
CAPT. REICHMAN  
WAS NOT FIGHTINGGave No Aid to the Boers When  
They Defeated the British.

## EXCITING NEWS PROMISED.

Wepener is Holding Out—Censorship  
is Very Strict—Steamer Prevented  
from Going to Delagoa Bay.

[Afternoon Dispatches.]

Pretoria, Wednesday, April 11.—United States Consul Hay, in an interview, says the report that Captain Reichman, the United States military attaché, participated in the fight near Sannas Post is absolutely false. Capt. Reichman, it is said, was occupied most of the time attending upon the wounded Dutch military attaché, Lieut. Nix, who has since died.

Consul Hay has no doubt that Capt. Reichman has been concerned with the American Lieut. Loomberg, of the Free State army, who took a very active part in the fight.

## EXCITING DEVELOPMENTS PROBABLE.

Reddersburg, April 12.—The third division, commanded by Major General Chermis, has arrived here from Bethany, without any incident worth recording.

The Boers have been located south of the Wepener and Smithfield districts. Col. Delagety, who is in command of the colonial force surrounded at Wepener, is holding out gamely.

Exciting developments are probable in the near future.

## STOPS STEAMER FOR DELAGOA BAY.

Capetown, April 12.—The admiral in charge of the British fleet in these waters has refused to permit the British steamer Mashona, Capt. Johnston, to proceed beyond Durban.

The agents of the vessel announce that the cargo destined for Delagoa Bay will be landed at Durban.

The British gunboat Patridge Dec. 8 captured the steamer Mashona, which had sailed from New York Nov. 2, via St. Vincent Nov. 6, for Algoa Bay, laden with four for the Transvaal. The vessel and the food stuffs were subsequently seized on land and the prize court March 12 rendered a verdict that portions of the cargo were condemned, but that the steamer was formally released.

The Mashona arrived at Algoa Bay April from Capetown, and was to proceed for Durban and other ports.

## HORSES ARRIVE.

Capetown, April 12.—The British horse transport Mount Lebanon, previously reported disabled at sea, by the British transport Blavarian, has arrived here in the afternoon of the British steamer Empress, which sailed from the Tyne March 3 for Table Bay.

## LONDON LOOKS FOR NEWS.

London, April 12, 12:30 p.m.—Judging from the lack of news from the front, good Friday is being kept in South Africa as religiously as it is in London. Presumably the situation remains unchanged, though word from Wepener is awaited with interest, and probably before the day is over a dispatch will be received from that point.

A special dispatch received here from Capetown says that Lady Roberts will proceed to Bloemfontein in a few days, and that the duke of Westminster has already departed for the Free State capital.

Early this morning Capetown was as much in the dark regarding the progress of the campaign as London is at the present hour.

## Canadian Dog Show.

Toronto, Ont., April 12.—The third annual bench show of the Canadian fox terriers opened last evening with 545 entries. There are two outside judges, A. T. Richardson, of Detroit, who handled the spaniels, and H. W. Laney, of Boston, who handled the fox terriers and several other classes. The show lasts three days.

## Arizona Mine Owner Let Out.

New York, April 12.—George W. Hull, the Arizona mine owner, who was arrested last Tuesday on a charge of perjury in Rhode Island, in connection with the case, was admitted to \$10,000 bail today.

## Court Set Down on Him.

Franklin, Ky., April 12.—R. C. Benjamin, the colored attorney for "Talbot," who was arrested on a charge of perjury in Rhode Island, in connection with the case, was admitted to \$10,000 bail today.

## Violent Snailpox.

Rome, April 12.—Inquiry into the outbreak of snailpox on board the steamer "Italia," of the Dominion line, which sailed from Naples, February 1, and which left Naples March 24, for Liverpool, after landing the bulk of the passengers who had started on a tour of the Orient, show the disease developed three weeks ago. There were only six cases, but two of the persons attacked died.

## One More Strike.

Washington, Ind., April 12.—All of the Cabot Company miners quit work today on account of the refusal of the operators to recognize them as union laborers.

## Did Not Tickle the Sultan.

Constantinople, April 12.—Eubuzia, a state councillor and distinguished writer, has been arrested and detained in Konia, a city of Asia Minor, for writing an article, displeasing to the sultan.

## Getting No Better Fast.

Washington, O., April 12.—The Republican presidential convention of today at the rate of about one ballot a minute. On the 1,514th ballot no choice had been made and there being no prospect for nomination a committee of two from each county was appointed to

hold a conference with the candidates to endeavor to reach an agreement. A recess was then taken.

There is talk of a dark horse, and A. R. Weber, of Elgin, is prominently mentioned.

The convention after having cast 1,351 ballots and failing to make a choice for congressman, adjourned to meet in Norwalk, May 17.

## Surrounded by Officers.

Chicago, April 12.—The Marshall Field building in course of erection at Clark and Adams streets where yesterday the most serious rioting that has occurred during the present labor difficulties took place, was today completely surrounded by policemen and special officers.

Some fifty-five non-union men slept in the building last night on cots furnished by the contractors, and the police reported that about as many more entered the building today and went to work.

## Money for State Militia.

Washington, April 12.—The House committee on militia decided today to fix at \$1,000,000 the amount allowed annually to the militia of the several States, in place of the \$400,000 now allowed.

The bill as heretofore agreed upon allowed \$500,000 annually in accordance with the request of the national association military organizations. But owing to the desire for retraining and the strong effort being made to keep down the total appropriations of this session, the decision of today was reluctantly reached to fix the amount at \$1,000,000. Chairman Marsh says this is two and one-half times the present allowance and he thinks expedient to grant at this time.

## BLOWING UP OF BOILERS.

Two Men Killed and Others Badly Injured by  
Explosions.Saw Mill Demolished in Michigan—  
Buildings Destroyed in West Virginia—3,000 Men Out of Work.

Wheeling, W. Va., April 12.—Two boilers in the furnace department of the Riverdale plant of the National Tube Company, exploded today, carrying the boilers one hundred and fifty feet and destroying three buildings and boilers in the steel works and waterworks. Several workmen were injured, two seriously.

Three thousand workmen will be thrown out of employment, for ten days. The tube works were not affected. Loss about \$50,000.

Big Rapids, Mich., April 12.—The boiler in John E. Riter's sawmill at the hamlet of Sylvester, exploded last night, killing David Zimmerman, aged 39, and James Moffitt, aged 21. Zimmerman was seriously injured, and is reported dying. The mill was completely demolished.

## Steamship Goes Aground.

Philadelphia, April 12.—The steamer Brigravia, of the Hamburg-American line, while passing down the Delaware river last night bound for Hamburg, went aground near the lower end of Chester Island. Tugs were sent to her aid and it is believed she will be floated at high tide, after which an examination of her bottom will be made to ascertain if she has sustained any serious damage.

This is the second accident to the Brigravia within a short time. Several weeks ago while going down the river she struck a sunken log and was damaged. She returned to this city and was placed in the dry dock at League Island navy yards.

Repairs had just been completed and she was again started on her voyage when she went aground.

## Tried to Kill Himself.

San Francisco, April 12.—A handsome young woman giving the name of Helen Gray, attempted to commit suicide in Golden Gate park at an early hour this morning by taking lyal. Her screams attracted the attention of a policeman who arrived in time to have her removed to the hospital where her life will doubtless be saved. She gave her residence as Salem, Ore., but would vouchsafe no reason for her act.

## MOTHER AND BABES BURNT

Terrible Result of the Explosion of a Lamp in  
Denver.

Denver, Colo., April 12.—Mrs. J. S. Stimpington, colored, and her twin babies were burned to death this morning in their home at Lincoln avenue and Twenty-ninth street, in this city. The fire was caused by the explosion of a lamp.

New York, April 12.—Fire today destroyed the store and living rooms of Hyman Heller, a tailor, seriously burning Heller and his wife. Two children were almost asphyxiated. The father and mother may die.

## NICARAGUA IS DODGING.

Disclaims Responsibility for the Ex-  
pedition to Colombia.

New York, April 12.—A special to the Herald from Washington says: Nicaragua has disavowed to the United States that she organized and dispatched to David the expedition which has aroused so much concern in Colombia and Costa Rica.

Senator Corea, the Nicaraguan minister, issued a statement today that an expedition launched at Boca Chica or Boca Brava, Colombia, it was, of a filibustering character and must have escaped the "due diligence" observed by his government. The reports received here, however, have indicated that the expedition was conveyed to its landing place from Nicaragua by the Momotombo, which is said to be a national vessel belonging to the Managua government.

The navy department has not been advised by the report of the result of its visit to the Chiriqui Lagoon in search of the Momotombo expedition. If the expedition were of a filibustering character it is Mora, the Costa Rican, who has been endeavoring to organize in Nicaragua revolution against the present government of Costa Rica, who is probably responsible for it.

In view of the pacific representations made by Nicaragua and its disavowal of the expedition, it is in hostilities against Costa Rica or Colombia, the authorities believe it will now be a much easier task to preserve peace in Central America.

## Tried to Smuggle.

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REVISION OF  
THE CONFESSION.Prospect for Further Fixing Up of  
of Presbyterian Dogmas.

## FIGHTING FOR A NEW CREED

Presbyterians Who Uphold the Bible  
Condemn the Doctrines of the West-  
minster Confession of Faith.

[Afternoon Dispatches.]

New York, April 12.—The Herald says:

Following closely upon the withdrawal of Rev. Dr. Newell Dwight Hillis from the Presbyterian church, a movement for the revision of the Westminster confession of faith has taken shape, and the indications now are that a vigorous fight for a new creed will be made at the meeting of the general assembly of the church in St. Louis next month.

Ministers prominent in the denomination and who are usually classed among the conservatives have joined the progressive element, and a radical revision of the articles of faith seems to be the only outcome of the agitation. The question is separate and distinct from what is known as the "higher criticism," and has already overshadowed the controversy started by Dr. Briggs and continued by Prof. McGiffert. Men who stand firm for the inspiration of the Bible do not hesitate to condemn the doctrines contained in the confession of faith.

Rev. Dr. David Gregg, pastor of the Lafayette avenue Presbyterian church, Brooklyn, when he said: "The Presbyterian church needs a new and simple creed," voiced the sentiments of many clergymen and lay members of the church.

The Rev. Dr. Parkhurst, who, like Dr. Gregg, is a conservative, will discuss the demand for a revision of the creed at the earlier services in his church Sunday morning. Dr. Parkhurst will refer mainly to the article on pre-ordination, renunciation of which led to the retirement of Dr. Hillis. Dr. Parkhurst and, in fact, nearly every Presbyterian preacher in this city, shares Dr. Hillis' views so far as the doctrine of pre-ordination is concerned. "I do not care to anticipate in any interview what I intend to say in my church," said Dr. Parkhurst yesterday.

"The question of the revision of the confession is one of great importance to this church. The time has now come for seeking to be said. According to Dr. Gregg's, two-thirds of the Presbyterian ministers do not accept the confession of faith in its entirety, and one-third have forgotten the dogmas and teachings of their own creed. The doctrine of pre-ordination, which is chiefly condemned, is contained in chapter III of the Westminster confession, and is entitled 'God's eternal decrees.' The third decree is as follows:

"By the decree of God, for the manifestation of His glory, some men and angels are predestinated unto everlasting life and others foreordained to everlasting death."

The Rev. Dr. Theodore L. Cuyler, former pastor of Dr. Gregg's church, says:

"There are certain parts of the confession of faith which I do not believe in. I do not accept the doctrine of pre-ordination but that referring to elect children. It is foolishness to suppose that babies are going to brimstone. But there is no need of going through the confession when members are being received into the church."

Rev. Dr. John P. Carson, pastor of the Central Presbyterian church, Brooklyn, says:

"There is an aggressive word now going on which should not be sidetracked. I accept the confession as a system, but I shudder at some statements in it. The doctrine of pre-ordination is not scriptural."

Rev. Dr. Joseph D. Burrell, of Brooklyn, says:

"There is no doubt that the majority of the members of the Presbyterian church today desire a revision of the confession."

## Negotiating for Coal Stations.

New York, April 12.—A special to the Herald from Washington says:

Besides instituting negotiations to secure the transfer to the United States of the Danish West Indies and Chatter Island, of the Galleon group, the United States has been quietly endeavoring to obtain the consent of Colombia to the establishment of a coal station in Almirante Bay, in the Gulf of Panama, near Chiriqui Lagoon, Colombia.

The propositions have not been received with favor by the Colombian government. The reply of Colombia announced that there are "insuperable obstacles" in the way of acquisition by this government of a site at the point designated. But while the Colombian government will not part with land in Almirante Bay it has indicated that it is willing to dispose of Old Providence and St. Andrews Island, off the coast of Nicaragua, which, however, are not suitable for naval purposes.

The authorities are not disheartened at the result of the negotiations as Almirante Bay contains territory claimed by both Colombia and Costa Rica.

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PARIS' BIG SHOW  
NOT YET READY.Opening Tomorrow Will Find Dis-  
order and Debris.

## WORKMEN CLEANING UP.

Thousands of Soldiers Rushing the  
Preparations—Formal Opening  
Ceremonies on Saturday.

[Afternoon Dispatches.]

Paris, April 12.—The exposition authorities are making a strenuous effort to prepare the show for the inauguration tomorrow, but an examination of the grounds and buildings today shows the task is impossible. The buildings are filled with debris and the exhibits are only partially installed. The Salle des Fêtes, in which the inauguration ceremonies are planned to occur tomorrow, has an army of men clearing the floor space and arranging the seats. The work will continue all night and close to the hour when the invited guests arrive. The hall is a magnificent structure, beautifully decorated, and is a great tribute to architecture and decorative art.

In order to facilitate the labor of clearing the grounds thousands of soldiers have been utilized.

The ceremonies are fixed to begin at 2 o'clock, when M. Millerand, minister of commerce, will make the inaugural address, to which President Loubet will reply.

The president will then walk through a portion of the grounds and afterwards embark on a river craft he will go down the river Seine to the new Alexander III bridge, which he will formally declare open.

The exposition grounds will be closed for the remainder of the day, the formal opening to the public taking place on Sunday.

## Valuable Relics Sold.

New York, April 12.—The chief treasurer of Wm. Churchill Oyster's collection of Japanese ivory objects, the gold lacquer marriage service of 33 pieces executed for the prince of Kawanaka on his daughter's marriage, in 1642, to the prince of Satsuma's son, sold at auction for \$4,500 to a dealer.

## JOHN ADDISON PORTER OUT

Secretary to the President Tenders His Re-  
signation.It is Accepted Reluctantly—His Health  
Causes Retirement—Mr. Cortelyou  
Appointed.

Washington, April 12.—Owing to continued ill health, John Addison Porter, secretary to the President, has tendered his resignation, and the President has accepted it, to take effect May 1 next. George B. Cortelyou, of New York, the present assistant secretary to the President, has been appointed to succeed him.

Mr. Porter's health was seriously impaired about a year ago by a severe attack of influenza, since then he has been at times relieved somewhat from the onerous duties of his office, but failing to regain his health and believing that complete separation from official cares is essential to his recovery, he has been constrained to tender his resignation, which the President has reluctantly accepted. His physicians have complete faith in him, and that he may have every facility for rapid improvement.

Mr. Cortelyou was born in New York City, July 28, 1852. His grandfather, Peter Croyle, of Cortelyou, Sr., for forty years a member of the type founding firm of Geo. Bruce & Co., and his father, Peter C. Cortelyou, Jr., were prominent figures in New York business and social circles a generation ago.

In 1884 he was appointed confidential stenographer in the U. S. appraiser's office at New York, but resigned upon the change of administration in March, 1895. In October, 1893, he was appointed private secretary to the post-office inspector in charge at New York, and two years later he became private secretary to President Harrison. He resigned in March 1897, but was re-appointed as Assistant Postmaster Maxwell. In November, 1897, he was appointed stenographer to the President and later executive clerk. He was made assistant secretary in 1898.

## SOLDIERS' WIVES MAY GO.

Allowed in Philippines—Gen. Schwan  
to Come Home—Other Changes.

New York, April 12.—A special to the Herald from Washington says:

Orders will be issued by Secretary Root this week formally directing the dissolution of the eighth army corps, which are now to be withdrawn from the Philippines to the United States. The last of the army corps organized to wage war against Spain. The eighth army corps has been in existence longer than any other corps formed since the Civil war. It has been merged into the division of the Philippines with four departments, presided over by general officers.

Erig. Gen. Theodore Schwan will return home from Manila with Gen. Otis. He is not well, and in the interest of his health the war department has deemed it advisable to grant his request for permission to return home.

Secretary Root has determined to rescind the rule prohibiting the transportation of wives of officers to the Philippines. In view of the fact that troops are now to be withdrawn from the Philippines to engage in expeditionary movements. Provided wives can show they have friends at points in the island, where they desire to go, so that should their husbands be called away they will not be a burden for the government to take care of, no objection will be made to their transportation.

## San Francisco Custom House.

Washington, April 12.—The Senate committee on public buildings and grounds today authorized a favorable report on the bill authorizing a new custom house at San Francisco at a cost of \$3,000,000.

Little Doubt of Repeal of Objection-  
able Documentary Taxes—Beer  
Tax Must Stand.

New York, April 12.—A special to the Herald from Washington says:

Serious consideration is to be given by Republican members of the committee on ways and means to the question of reducing the war revenue taxes.

Representatives of the druggists who advocate repeal of the proprietary stamp tax will appear before the committee next Tuesday and will submit an argument to show why these taxes ought to be abolished. A delegation of brewers will be heard in support of the proposition to reduce the tax on beer to \$1 a barrel, the rate before the war tax was imposed. After these hearings the committee will take up the whole question of tax reduction.

It is possible the whole subject may go over until the next session of Congress or that a bill may be sent through the House and sent to the Senate to be acted on in the next session.

There is little doubt of the repeal of all the proprietary stamp taxes and some of the most objectionable documentary taxes. It is not probable that there will be any reduction in the beer tax.

## M. A. Moody Renominated.

Portland, Ore., April 12.—The Republican of the Second Congressional district today re-nominated M. A. Moody for Congress.

U. S. Senator Joseph Simon and P. S. Stanley were elected delegates to the National Republican convention. The delegates were not instructed.

## Territories and Bonds.

Washington, April 12.—The Senate committee on territories today agreed to report favorably the bill authorizing the issue of bonds for the construction of municipal buildings.

## Killed by an Explosion.

Spokane, Wash., April 12.—A special to the Chronicle from Cascade, B. C.,

AMENDMENT TO  
THE CONSTITUTIONHouse of Representatives Passes  
a Resolution Therefor.

## DIRECT VOTE ON SENATORS

Plan to Permit People of States In-  
stead of Legislatures to Choose  
Their Officials.

[Afternoon Dispatches.]

Washington, April 12.—This was private pension bill day in the House, but before the regular order was called for the House voted upon the joint resolution under discussion when the House adjourned yesterday, for a constitutional amendment to provide for the election of United States senators by direct vote of the people. The majority resolution left it optional with the States whether their senators should be elected directly or by the legislatures. The minor resolution made it incumbent that each State to elect by direct vote.

The minority resolution, which was offered as a substitute, was voted upon first and was carried by an overwhelming vote—485, 155; yeas 20.

Mr. Cortis tried unavailingly to get an aye and no vote, but only nine members seconded the demand.

The vote was then taken upon the adoption of the amendment by ayes and noes, the whole House rising in support of the demand.

The resolution was adopted, 240 to 15. The negative votes were cast by Messrs. Allen (Maine), Burleigh (Maine), Caldwell (Kan.), Fordney (Mich.), Gardner (N. J.), Hodge (La.), Henry (Conn.), McPherson (La.), Mann (Ill.), Russell (Conn.), Sperry (Conn.), and Thomas (La.).

Mr. Hepburn, (La.), asked unanimous consent to set aside May 1st for the consideration of the Nicaraguan canal bill.

"I object," shouted Mr. Burton (Ohio) emphatically.

The House then proceeded with the private pension bills.

## Listed with the Dead.

Lafayette, Ind., April 12.—Rhamer D. Phelps, former mayor of La Porte, is dead, aged 78 years. He served in the civil war and participated in the Slaughter raid and was captured by the Confederates and, with the other officers, was confined in Libby prison for over a year. He led the party including Col. I. N. Walker, ex-commander of the G. A. R., which tunneled out of the famous prison, but he was recaptured. Phelps was captured after an escape with Col. Walker just before reaching the Union lines as he had remained behind the party to care for Col. Walker who had been taken ill. Capt. Phelps was captured after an escape with Col. Walker just before reaching the Union lines as he had remained behind the party to care for Col. Walker who had been taken ill. Capt. Phelps was captured after an escape with Col. Walker just before reaching the Union lines as he had remained behind the party to care for Col. Walker who had been taken ill.

Funeral services will be held from the Farmers ward meeting house at 2 p. m. on Sunday.

Tacoma, Wash., April 12.—P. D. Norton, assistant treasurer of the St. Paul & Tacoma Mill Company, president of the Tacoma city council, and a member of the Tacoma Land Company directors, died this morning after an illness of two days of Bright's disease.

## Fusion in Oregon.

Portland, Ore., April 12.—A complete fusion between the Democrats and Populists of Oregon was accomplished today. The fusion ticket for the twenty-second year was announced. The Democrats: Two presidential electors, justice of supreme court, two congressmen.

Populist: Two presidential electors, and food and dairy code, and one congressmen.

The Democrats made the following nominations:

Electors: Walter M. Pierce, Umatilla county; Dell Stuart, Multnomah county.

Justice supreme court: W. M. Ramsey, Yamhill county.

## GOING TO CUT DOWN TAXES

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