

FIFTIETH YEAR.

CAPT. REICHMAN WAS NOT FIGHTING

Gave 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 confounded with the American Lieut. Loosberg, who took a very active part in the fight.

EXCITING DEVELOPMENTS PROBABLE.

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

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

Exciting developments are probable in the near future. The censorship is particularly strict.

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, and was ordered that the cargo destined for Delagoa Bay will be landed at Durban.

The British gunboat Patridge Dec. 3 captured the steamer Mashona, which had sailed from Durban, and was ordered that the cargo destined for Delagoa Bay will be landed at Durban.

The Mashona arrived at Algoa Bay April from Capetown, and was ordered 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 Bavarian, has arrived here in the British steamer Empress, which sailed from the Tyne March 3 for Table Bay.

LONDON LOOKS FOR NEWS.

London, April 12, 12:20 p. m.—Judging from the lack of news from the front, Good Friday is being kept in South Africa, and the situation remains unchanged, though word from Wepener is awaited with interest, and probably here the day is over a dispatch will be received from Capetown.

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 dog society opened last evening with 545 entries. There are two outside judges, A. T. Knudsen, of Detroit, who handled the spaniels, and H. W. Lacey, 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.

Frankfort, 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 Smallpox.

Rome, April 12.—Inquiry into the outbreak of smallpox on board the steamer "Christi" of the Dominion line, which sailed from Boston, 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 Cabel Company miners quit work today to demand that the company should be required to recognize them as union laborers.

T. J. Roberts, State vice president of the miners' organization, is here, but is unable to effect a settlement. Through the influence of 500 miners, State, the coal miners joined the union last Tuesday.

Did Not Tickle the Sultan.

Constantinople, April 12.—Euzbia, a state councillor and distinguished writer, has been arrested and expelled to Kishia, a city of Asia Minor, for writing an article, displeasing to the sultan.

Getting No Better Fast.

Washington, O., April 12.—The Republican congressional convention of today at the rate of about one ballot a day, made and there being no prospect of a nomination a committee of two from each county was appointed to

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 Westminster Confession of Faith.

Money for State Militia.

Washington, April 12.—The House committee on militia decided today to fix at \$1,900,000 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 \$2,000,000 annually. In accordance with the request of the national association military organizations, but owing to the desire for retrenchment and the strong effort being made to keep down the total appropriations for this season, the decision of today was reluctantly reached to fix the amount at \$1,900,000. Chairman Marsh says this is two and one-half times the present allowance and while he is not inclined to think 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 Riverside plant of the National Tube Company, exploded today, carrying the roof 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. Ritter's sawmill at the hamlet of Sylvester, exploded last night, killing David Zimmerman, aged 29, and James Moffitt, aged 27. Zimmerman was seriously injured, and is reported dying. The mill was completely demolished.

Steamship Goes Aground. Philadelphia, April 12.—The steamer Brigaviva, of the Hamburg-American line, while passing down the Delaware river last night bound for Hampton, 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 Brigaviva within a short time. Several weeks ago while going down the river she struck a sunken wreck. Her hull was struck and she was damaged and 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.

Death to Colored Woman and Her Twin Infants—A Tailor and His Wife Badly Burned.

Denver, Colo., April 12.—Mrs. J. B. 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 Expedition 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.

San Francisco, April 12.—Custom house officials have found in the forepeak of the Oriental steamer Doric 15 tons of opium of the finest quality, 1,500 cigars, and 146 silk caps that had been stowed away with the intent to smuggle them ashore.

The officials also seized 5,500 cigars on the government transport Sheridan.

Buys the Holland Boat.

Washington, April 12.—The navy department has signed a contract with the Holland submarine torpedo boat company for the addition of some of its boats to the navy. By the terms of the contract the government pays \$150,000 for the Holland. It also agrees to pay \$170,000 each for any boats of the Holland type it may purchase hereafter.

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PARIS' BIG SHOW NOT YET READY.

Opening Tomorrow Will Find Disorder and Debris.

WORKMEN CLEANING UP.

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

Valuable Relics Sold.

New York, April 12.—The chief treasurer of Wm. Churchill Oyster's collection of Japanese inlaid objects, the gold lacquer marriage service of 33 pieces executed for the prince of Kaiwano on his daughter's marriage, in 1642, to the prince of Satsuma's son, was sold at auction for \$4,700 to a dealer.

JOHN ADDISON PORTER OUT

Secretary to the President Tenders His Resignation.

It is Accepted Heineken—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, and 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 speedy and permanent recovery, the secretary has been constrained to tender his resignation, which the President has reluctantly accepted. His physicians declare that he is in no better health than he may have every facility for rapid improvement.

Mr. Cortelyou was born in New York City, July 28, 1852. His grandfather, Peter Cortelyou, Esq., was for forty years a member of the type founding firm of Geo. Bruce & Co., and his father, Peter C. Cortelyou, Jr., was prominent figure 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 outbreak of the Spanish war in 1898. In October, 1898, he was appointed private secretary to the post-office inspector in charge at New York, and two years later he became private secretary to the President and later executive clerk. He was made assistant secretary in 1893.

SOLDIERS' WIVES MAY GO. Allowed in Philippines—Gen. Schwan to Come Home—Other Changes.

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AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION

House of Representatives Passes a Resolution Thereof.

DIRECT VOTE ON SENATORS

Plan to Permit People of States Instead of Legislatures to Choose Their Officials.

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GOING TO CUT DOWN TAXES

Republican Members of Committee Considering War Revenue.

Little Doubt of Repeal of Objectionable 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 Republicans 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.,

SITUATION AT MURRAY.

All Quiet, and More Men Have Returned to Work.

A MISSING CHILD.

Little Three-year-old Jimmie Jackson Mysteriously Disappears.

PIONEER WOMAN DEAD.

Elizabeth Morphy McLeod Dies in Her Seventy-Sixth Year.

EDITOR'S WIFE DEAD.

Life Partner of John Woodring of Mt. Pleasant Passes Away.