BRITAIN ALARMED BY CZAR'S PLANS.

Statement in Parliament That Russia Is Massing Troops Near Herat.

A STEP THERE MEANS WAR.

British Spy Turns Up a Document Showing That Nicolas Sent a Military Commission to Inspect Indian Borders.

SPECIAL BY CABLE.

London, Feb. 19.—[Copyright, 1900, by W. R. Hearst.]—Official notice was given to the House of Commons today of the mobilization of a large Russian army on the frontier of Afghanistan and the announcement of the earlier press reports has caused an anxiety that overshadows the news of the Boer war.

The Government spokesman, Lord Cranborne, Secretary of State for India, Mr. John Herbert Kenyon Blundell, stated that the Cabinet was loath to know whether the Government had any official information concerning the disposition of troops that had been recently circulated.

The Government Lord Hamilton then announced an increase in the number of Russian troops on the Afghan frontier.

The relations of Great Britain with the Ameer be added, had always been friendly.

This statement was accepted as a sufficient reason for the language of Russia's act in the recent report that the Ameer had sent a special emissary to the Viceroy of India to ask from Lord Curzon a formal assurance that these British, notwithstanding the Russian troubles, would stay in Afghanistan to prevent Herat being occupied by Russia.

All of Russia's frontier troops are now mobilized along the frontier of Afghanistan within striking distance of Herat.

The Czar evidently intends the condition to be a century in Persia and the occupation of Herat at all hours in Afghanistan is probably before it is a step to carry out this resolution.

It also was announced to the effect Russia may establish a Consulate at Bombay, if she so desires. In return Britain asks a good income.

TO TAKE HERAT MEANS WAR.

London, Feb. 20.—The Daily Chronicle in a leader alarming editorial today regarding the Russian decision on the Afghan frontier after meeting with the Russian foreign affairs there says:

"Both parties in Parliament have repeatedly asserted that the very gravest view that to Herat—means war. There is no doubt that Russia could take Herat immediately if she liked. England would need a month to reach the same objective. The only barrier between Russia and her is a moral one."

SPY'S REVELATIONS.

SPECIAL BY CABLE.

London, Feb. 19.—[Copyright, 1900, by W. R. Hearst.]—The incidents issued here by the revelations as to the inefficiency of the army does not relate entirely to the consequences of the incompetency in South Africa. There is a general dread that Russia, whose eyes have been so long fastened on India, may make her looked-for move and seize that country.

The confession by the Government that Russia is mobilizing troops on the Afghan frontier has turned the country's thoughts for the moment away from the Transvaal, where the British troops are, to the western borders of the Indian Empire, which are practically unprotected. While Russia has hordes of soldiers ready to pounce upon India, Great Britain has few men to meet them and no Generals.

A sensation has been caused here by the publication of a document purporting to be the report of a Russian military expedition that recently examined the conditions prevailing on the road to India. This report shows every symptom of being genuine, although the names of the officers who made the survey are concealed. It is in line with other facts that have come to the surface showing that the White Czar is getting ready to seize Herat, take a port on the Persian Gulf and prepare to invade the Hindoo Empire.

The Russian commission first went to Herat to pave the way for the troops, and whose report to the Minister of War was stolen by a spy in the English service, made a complete examination of the districts of Khorassan, Turkestan and the Pamirs. It made minute observations of the approaches to all these points, and viewed the opportunity for resistance to Russian arms. It also interviewed all the Czar's officials with military information as strategic points on the Persian, Afghan and Kashmir frontiers.

"In submitting our report," the commission says, "we think it will be right for the information of your Excellency (the Minister of War) that we are unanimous in the conclusions arrived at, and have not the least doubt that the Russian soldiers and the hearts of the million who inhabit that country under the benevolent rule of his Imperial Majesty the Czar, are not only possible but could be accomplished in a comparatively short space of time, the most perfect republic, depending mainly on the moment chosen and the conditions of the season when the work is undertaken."

The report is divided into six heads: the strength of the British frontier, the military preparedness of Russia, the local conditions of the country at various points, the modes expected and the chances of success.

Route the Spies Took.

The commission, by instructions of H. Gorcmykin and Count Muravieff proceeded first to Meshed, in Persia, just west of the Afghan frontier and in direct line with Herat, the Russian objective. It then moved to Sebzon, to the south, and found that the various agents who in our Embassies represent Russian interests are doing excellent work, both in exploiting the country and cultivating the good will of the people."

It then examined the Valley of Herat and satisfied itself that the Russian reports respecting its strategic possibilities were quite accurate, though it appeared that the productiveness of the surrounding country and its capacity for sustaining the needs of an occupying force have been underestimated. The Russian spies report that they were received in Afghanistan with open arms, the native chieftains vying with one another in their expressions of good will. The statement goes on:

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Chairman Swafford Urges Strong Points in Favor of the Western Missouri Metropolis—Milwaukee's Fight.

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Convention Hall.

PROFESSOR GEDDES TALKS.

Address on the Educational Advantages of Expositions.

MAY REACH A COMPROMISE.

Conference Between Directors to Two Proposed Roads.

TAILORS LOCKED OUT.

Tailors and Trimmers Exchange Refuse All Concessions.

IN KANSAS CITY'S BEHALF.

Delegation Leaves Here to Go After Democratic Convention.

FAVORS MILWAUKEE.

New York Democrats Will Vote for the Wisconsin City.

POSTMASTERS ARE COMING.

Committees Named to Provide for Their Entertainment.

ABOUT THE ODEON.

Complaints Filed as to Construction—Mr. Moore's Statement.

Building Line Dispute.

Another Big Ocean Liner.

NO RELIGION FOR BITNER'S CHILDREN.

New York Atheist Withdraws His Son From a Public School.

HE IS SUMMONED TO COURT.

Judge Orders the Child Returned to Study, but the Father Still Objects to Such "Nonsense."

MYSTERIOUS SAFE ROBBERY.

Apparently No Force Used, but $705 Was Obtained.

DELLITT CUT HIS THROAT.

Former St. Louisan Attempted Suicide in California.

TO DISTRIBUTE THE ESTATE.

Order on W. W. Quan, Executor for Mrs. Fleming.

WESTERN LUMBER COMBINE.

Syndicate to Control Pacific Coast Mills Under Consideration.

Doctor C. H. Hughes Quite Ill.

At New York Hotels.

A. Clifford, C. W. Knapp, E. N. Scudder, F. C. Leadbetter, L. J. Maynard, E. F. Gold, J. P. Hopkins, H. T. Bradner, S. C. Ethier, Walldorf; J. J. Duffy, H. C. Hayes, G. B. McLure, G. H. Walker, H. Fosterburn, W. W. Underhill, E. L. Prestorius, Holland; G. T. Gerth, A. J. Mollenkoff, D. R. Russell, C. G. Seidel, Hoffman; Miss A. Graham, M. E. Green, Miss P. Dugan, Miss M. Kelly, Miss N. McNamara, Grand; J. A. VanMeter, G. L. Hopkins, H. A. Friedman, Imperial; C. L. Crane, E. McCormick, Murray Hill; S. R. Burgess, A. Sterne, St. Denis; T. S. Vaughn, M. Blumenfeld, St. Cloud; J. M. Hamlin, Astor; J. J. Duffy, Shortyard; C. C. Jordan, Broadway Central; W. Rutledge, Fifth Square; M. J. Power, Broadway Central; A. H. Keller, Cadillac; J. W. Bird, Grand; Miss Hoffman, Herald Square.

Kansas City—E. T. Groves, Astor; L. Smith, Herald Square; A. F. Nathan and Mr. Nathan, Metropolitan.

Springfield, Ill.—E. P. Donaldson, Grand.

SUCCUMBED TO HIS WOUND.

Reidt Cursed Sullivan With His Last Breath.

Joseph Reidt of No. 2327 Sumner avenue, who was shot in the back of the head Sunday, February 11, died from his wound at the City Hospital early yesterday morning. The man retained consciousness until he died, and insisted that it was Mike Sullivan who had shot him. He cursed Sullivan with his last breath.

The police are unofficially over the shooting of Reidt. They hold that it was not Sullivan who wounded him, as when they arrived upon the scene of the tragedy Sullivan was unarmed and in full flight. They say that Reidt and his brother, with a man named John Kelly, were running after him. Sullivan gave out he and the Reidt boys were enemies and that they attacked him first.

The Reidts and Kelly were great friends and had a feud with Sullivan. The three friends met Sullivan near Twenty-second and Madison streets on the afternoon of Sunday a week ago. The shooting followed and Sullivan fired two pistol shots at the pursuers. Two pursued the combatants and placed them under arrest.

Joseph Reidt was found to be wounded and was sent to the City Hospital. The bullet had struck the back of his skull and ricocheted. Several portions of the brain have been entered the skull and caused death. Upon investigation the following day the police concluded that Sullivan had killed the man and struck Reidt, and he was released. Kelly and the wounded man's brother were arrested and warrants charging assault to kill issued against them.

ADMITS HIS SHORTAGE.

Heinemann Says That His Friends Were Slow.

Fred J. Heinemann, the defaulting Postmaster of Kirkwood, who was arrested in Chicago last week and returned to this city Sunday, is still in jail. He was indicted by the Federal Grand Jury and hence no preliminary hearing is necessary in his case. Heinemann admits his shortage and says that it was due to speculating in grain. He says that he would not have fled had not his friends been so slow in tendering him assistance when he appealed to them to help him out of the tight place in which he was. Heinemann claims to have corresponded with his family during his absence and says that he had under a statement the matter of coming back and surrendering to the Federal authorities when he was apprehended by Deputy Post Office Inspector Sullivan.

LACKED MEDICAL ATTENTION.

Coroner's Verdict on Death of Matilda Nieman.

Deputy Coroner Drechsler, who held an inquest yesterday on the body of Matilda Nieman of No. 916 South Eleventh street, who died Friday from diphtheria, found that her death was due to the lack of proper medical attention.

Matilda was 14 years old. She was sick for several days but no physician was summoned until the day before her death. It was then too late for medical skill to avail. There was no evidence at the inquest to show that the child was treated by Christian Science, but it was developed that the father and mother were believers in a "Divine Science."

NOTES ABOUT TOWN.

Rudolph Laughlin filed suit yesterday against Anglo Peck for $5000 on a note.

The National Drum and Bugle Corps will give a reception at Uhrig's Cave on Tuesday evening, February 20.

The Queen's Daughters will give a euchre party at the Jefferson Club Hall on Wednesday afternoon, February 21.

Thomas G. Scott of Auckland, New Zealand, will deliver a lecture on Friday evening, February 23, at the Odeon.

A children's masquerade ball will take place at the Humboldt Turnverein on Wednesday evening, February 21.

A ladies' reception will be given by Tuleia Temple, D. of K. K., on Friday evening, February 23, at the West End Hotel.

The Women's Catholic order of Foresters will give a euchre party and hop on Tuesday evening, February 20, at Phœnix Hall.

The next meeting of the Men's League of St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church will take place on Wednesday evening, February 21.

A euchre party for the benefit of St. James Church of Clifton Heights will be given on Monday evening, February 26, at Mueller's Hall.

A musical, literary and dancing entertainment will be given by the Arlington School Association on Thursday evening, February 22, at Northwest Liederkranz Hall.

An entertainment will be given by the Harrison School Association on Friday evening, February 23, at North St. Louis Turner Hall. The programme includes vocal solos, fancy dancing and calisthenic drills.

Mrs. Annie Kramer of No. 666 South Tenth street told the police of the Fourth District yesterday afternoon that she was robbed of a pocketbook containing $7 in the Famous Dry Goods Store in a bargain-counter rush.

The next meeting of the Engineers' Club of St. Louis will take place on Wednesday evening, February 21, at No. 1606 Locust street. Mr. Albert Reichen will deliver an address on "Some Constructions in Structural Engineering."

The South Broadway Merchants' Association will hold a meeting this evening at Loebig's Hall, Broadway and Gever avenue, to discuss the advisability of holding a street fair this year. A "smoker" will follow the adjournment of the meeting.

The Springfield Furnace Company of Illinois filed suit in the United States Circuit Court yesterday against the John O'Brien Roller Works Company of this city for adjustment of claims on a royalty. The amount for which judgment is asked is $6,000.

The Queen's Daughters appeal to the charitably inclined for donations of old clothing for use in the Saturday evening school. Contributions may be sent to any of the branches of the society or to headquarters, No. 111 North Jefferson street.

John Clark, charged with murder in the first degree, was placed on trial in Judge Fisher's Court yesterday. Clark shot and killed James Silk, an old friend, in a street near Jefferson avenue last August. A dispute over a woman. A jury was empaneled.

The Altheimer and Rawlings Investment Company filed articles of incorporation with the Recorder of Deeds yesterday. The capital stock is $200,000; all paid. The stockholders are Benjamin Altheimer, Edward W. Rawlings, Herman C. Stifel and Frank Oberndorf.

While Miss Ray Gardner of No. 815 North Nineteenth street on Sunday evening was walking in Nineteenth street near Chestnut street, a negro came up from behind and grabbed her pocketbook. It contained an equal time, 75 cents in money and a check for $50. He escaped.

A meeting of persons interested in the passage of a curfew law will be held at 4 o'clock this afternoon in the Holland building. A large number of invitations have been issued, but the meeting is open to all who care to come. Delegates will be present from several of the associations of St. Louis pastors which met yesterday.

Ignatz Dowd, a bricklayer who was found unconscious in his room at No. 2212 Walnut street Sunday, is still in a serious condition at the City Hospital. Fred Heineman, a saloonkeeper at Twentieth and Walnut streets, was arrested and said that Dowd became so unruly in his saloon that it was necessary to eject him. William Yull, Ted Sullivan, August Bogan and William Oran were held as witnesses.

STRONG TESTIMONY.

After Years of Scientific Research This Eminent Practitioner Prescribes and Endorses Duffy's Pure Malt Whiskey for Medicinal Use.

Mrs. ——, Worthington, Mass.

Dear Madam: I have your kind letter in which you do me the honor of asking if it is true that I recommend Duffy's Malt Whiskey. You add that you "would expect it of an avowed temperance man, and a Sunday School Superintendent." Dear madam, I AM a temperance man, and know no words strong enough to express my disgust and detestation of 99 in whiskey that people sell. I would that it were a recognized crime to manufacture and sell it. People WILL drink, and I would that if they must do so they use the pure article that will not ruin brain, nerve and soul. The Duffy Malt Whiskey is a MEDICINE well entitled to its name. It is a rich compound of fruit, grains and herbs. I use it in laboratory work, because by it I get the true physiological effect of a pure liquor. When necessary to prescribe, I write the name in full, instead of using sign, frequently. It would that everyone knew the same. The medical profession need to specify only pure, the name and no other. If it is so, if it were so that only pure whiskies were used, it would enhance medical skill and advantage mankind. Duffy's Malt Whiskey looks the element fitted all that injures the system. Can I do other than stand up for it, and shall I denounce POISON whiskey?

I have stated this before in public print, and I think I make myself plain. At least I have no grounds, supported by leading temperance people, and among my well-wishers, I hope to have yourself.

Sincerely, and advocating condemnation of the devil's weapons, I am truly yours, WILLARD H. MORSE, M. D. and F. S. Sc., American Director Bureau Materia Medica, New York.

Dr. Morse is not only an M. D. and a F. S. Sc., but is a well-known Therapeutist, and a Consulting Chemist of national reputation. He is the American Director of the Dynamological Bureau, and Fellow of the Society of Science (British), as well as author of the Text Book, "New Therapeutical Agents," etc.

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DAMS MUST REMAIN.

Supreme Court Decides Against the Sanitary District.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 19.—In the consolidated case of the People vs. the Sanitary District of Chicago, it was held by the Supreme Court to-day that the trustees of the Sanitary District could not remove the dams in the Illinois River at Henry and Copperas Creek.

These dams were erected by the Canal Commissioners at a total cost of $767,211.67, and were built for the purpose of making the Illinois River navigable from Copperas Creek to Peru and thereby aid the canal for the purpose of trade and commerce. The Sanitary District trustees proposed to remove these dams, under authority of the act of 1889 for the organization of the district. Bills were filed by the people and the commissioners in the Circuit Court of Fulton County to prevent them from so doing, a temporary injunction was granted, and afterwards the Sanitary District filed a general demurrer and moved to dissolve the injunctions and dismiss the bills. The court sustained the motions and dismissed the bills, and an appeal was prosecuted to the Supreme Court. This court holds that the district trustees have no power to unnecessarily and wilfully destroy the dams, nor is their destruction rendered necessary for any purpose of the Sanitary District, and further that it is the duty of the Canal Commissioners to preserve and protect the same until it is found that an additional supply of water has been added to either the Desplaines or Illinois River by any drainage district or districts, to maintain a depth of not less than six feet from any dam owned by the State to and into the first lock of the Illinois and Michigan Canal at Lasalle without the aid of any such dam at low water.

TREATY HELD UP.

This Course Taken on Secretary Hay's Advice.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

New York, Feb. 19.—A Washington special to the Times says that on the advice of Secretary Hay, Chairman Davis of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations has concluded to hold the Hay-Pauncefote canal treaty in committee indefinitely.

WILL INTEREST EVERYBODY.

Or At Least Everyone Who Suffers From Catarrh.

Catarrh in its various forms is a national disease, and the fact that nearly everybody suffers from it more or less leads many to neglect it for proper treatment.

Nasal catarrh is a common cause of headaches, destroys sense of smell and if neglected reaches the throat, causing impairment and sometimes total loss of voice. Bronchial catarrh leads easily to consumption. Catarrh of stomach and liver are very serious and obstinate troubles, while it is now generally admitted that catarrh is the most common of all causes of deafness.

All of the most serious forms of catarrh begin with nasal catarrh, the local symptoms being a profuse discharge, stoppage of nostrils, irritation and frequent clearing of the throat, sneezing, coughing and gargling.

The old-style treatment with douches, inhalers, sprays, salves, etc., simply gives temporary relief and everyone who has used any of them knows how useless they are and their inconvenience is such that very few have the time or patience to continue their use.

Radical cure of catarrh can only be obtained from a treatment which removes the poisonous taint from the blood because no one will now dispute that catarrh is a constitutional or blood disease, and local applications can have no effect except to temporarily relieve local symptoms.

A new remedy which has been remarkably successful in curing catarrh is a pleasant tasting tablet which is taken internally and acts upon the blood and mucous membranes.

It is composed of antiseptic remedies like Eucalyptol, Guaiacol, Sanguinaria, Hydrastis and similar cleansing specifics which eliminate the catarrhal poison from the system.

The tablets being pleasant to the taste, are dissolved in the mouth and thus reach the throat, trachea and finally the stomach and entire alimentary canal. They are sold by druggists everywhere under the name of Stuart's Catarrh Tablets.

If desired, when there is much stoppage of the nose, the tablets may be dissolved in warm water and used as a douche in addition to internal use, but a douche is not at all necessary. A few dissolved in the mouth daily will be sufficient. Dr. Ainslee says: "The regular daily use of Stuart's Catarrh Tablets taken internally will cure the whole catarrhal trouble without resorting to the inconvenience of a douche or an inhaler."

They seem to give a healthy tone to the whole mucous membrane and it is really remarkable how soon they will clear the head and throat of the unnatural and poisonous catarrhal secretion.

Stuart's Catarrh Tablets is undoubtedly the safest, most palatable and certainly the most efficient and convenient remedy for any form of catarrh. It is sold by druggists at 50 cents for full sized treatment.

A little booklet on cause and cure of catarrh mailed free by addressing F. A. Stuart Co., Marshall, Mich.