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[Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.] Washington, March 27. The contemplated war with Morocco has been abandoned. Consul General Gummere will not go to Morocco City to demand an apology from the Sultan for the alleged discourtesy of the Grand Vizier in threatening to move the capital if Mr. Gummere should attempt to make a personal effort to collect American claims. The orders issued yesterday to the Consul General to proceed on his way to Morocco City were rescinded today. Mr. Gummere has been ordered to arrange by correspondence for a meeting between Moorish officials and himself. Orders were also telegraphed today to Rear Admiral Rodgers on board the cruiser New York, which was to have conveyed Mr. Gummere to Mazagan, the nearest port to Morocco City, directing him to proceed on his way to the Philippines. The change in the plans is said to be due to the discovery that the grand vizier of Morocco did not threaten to remove the Sultan if Mr. Gummere went to Morocco City, but merely stated that the Sultan was about to start on a journey to Fez, the religious capital and holy city of Morocco, and it would therefore not be convenient to receive Mr. Gummere at this time. There was no discourtesy intended and consequently there will be no demand for an apology. Consul Gummere will remain at Tangier and there make later arrangements to meet the Sultan.

Senator Mitchell, of Oregon, called on the President today for the first time since his election. "I had a talk with him about his western trip," said the President, after his conference with the Senator. "He will visit me out there but is not yet certain how long he can stay or exactly what dates will be selected." Senator Lodge, of Massachusetts, also talked with the President about his trip to New England, which is planned to be made after the party comes back from the west. "The President will probably not be in Massachusetts longer than ten days," said Senator Lodge. "But while he is with us we will do our best to give him a pleasant time. In addition to visiting the homes of Senator Hoar and Secretary Long, and attending the commencement exercises at Wellesley in Harvard, the President will be my guest for a day or so and will take a ride up and down the Massachusetts coast."

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Alexander Brown, the head of the banking-house of Alexander Brown & Sons, of Baltimore, has resigned all the directorships held by him in financial institutions, and will temporarily resign from active business, upon the advice of his physician, as a preliminary step to a prolonged tour through Europe.

James W. McCalley died of congestion of the lungs at his home, near Sunlight postoffice, in Spotsylvania yesterday, in the fifty fifth year of his age. Through less than 18 years of age in 1864, he volunteered in the Confederate army, and served until the close of hostilities. He leaves a widow and four sons.

TO-DAY'S TELEGRAPHIC NEWS

Foreign News. London, Mar. 27.—Notwithstanding the dispatch to the effect that President Kruger will go from Amsterdam to America, in April, to raise fifty million dollars for the purpose of transporting men and ammunition to South Africa, it is positively asserted that President Kruger has no present intention of visiting the United States.

London, Mar. 27.—Mr. Matsui, first secretary of the Japanese legation, who was represented as saying that war between Russia and Japan must come eventually, that "the question is whether we are to fight Russia now, or to fight her later on," absolutely denies the truth of the extravagant statement thus attributed to him. Mr. Matsui was then asked as to the probable outcome of the Manchurian difficulty. He replied: "Either a compromise or silence."

Rampolla's Unfortunate Policy. Rome, Mar. 27.—Cardinal Rampolla, the papal Secretary of State, is being severely criticized by many adherents of the Vatican for alleged blunders in his recent policy toward both Europe and America. Rampolla's well known unfriendliness to England, that caused King Edward not to send an embassy to the Pope to notify him of his accession to the English throne. The alleged blundering of Cardinal Rampolla is also held largely responsible for anti-clerical agitation in France, Spain and Portugal, and the same critics declare that the new entente between France and Italy, which the papacy long labored to prevent, is due to the cardinal's unfortunate policy. The papal secretary of State has, also, it is asserted, fallen out with the Argentine Republic and offended the authorities of that powerful South American nation by raising the veto to Brazil to a rank superior to that of the viceroy of Argentina.

Morgan the Arbitrator. New York, Mar. 27.—Rev. G. S. Phillips, of Hamilton, Pa., who was a prominent figure in the strike of last fall, will meet J. P. Morgan at the latter's office in Wall street this afternoon. Interest is felt in the conference both by the operators and the representatives of the Miners' Union because the meeting may decide the question of peace or strike. Father Phillips believes that trouble will be averted. He hopes that Morgan will be disposed to meet the men half way in order to prevent a strike. Father Phillips is awaiting delegations of business men from the coal region. Other operators are doing nothing. They say that the question lies entirely with Morgan. They will fight the men or meet them in a friendly spirit when he gives the word. His leadership is unquestioned.

High Water. Detroit, Mich., March 27.—The Grand river at Grand Rapids is 13 feet above the summer level, and the floods have put out the fires in most of the big river front factories. The 9th and 6th wards are under water. At Ionia the high water mark is 20 inches. Many dams have been burst. Water is over the highway in some parts and is dangerously near the railroad bridges. Boats are being used in the streets. Water is pouring over the roads at Lowell, and cellars are full of water. Residents are getting into second stories at Midland and some bridges have been swept away. Niles paper mill closed down because of the flood. There are a big dam has been washed away at Ypsilanti. At Milan the Saline river is dangerously rising as is the Tamarack river at Howard City.

The Situation in China. Peking, Mar. 27.—An imperial decree sent from Lianko, the present residence of the emperor, has been issued through Liu-Kou-Yi, Governor General of Liang-Kiang and superintendent of commerce of the southern ports—the decree being dated March 26—orders the Manchurian convention not to be signed. This decree has been communicated to the powers by telegraph.

From South Africa. Capetown, March 27.—The Boers are still in some force between Bloemfontein and Lydenburg and several skirmishes are reported. At Naasport, one British soldier was killed and three wounded in a skirmish with the Boers, who are retreating toward the north.

Headache often results from a disordered condition of the stomach and constipation of the bowels. A dose or two of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets will correct these disorders and cure the headache. Sold by Richard Gibson, druggist.

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The Shanghai correspondent of the London Times, writing yesterday, says: "I am informed on the best authority that the Chinese court has instructed Li Hsing Chang to inform the ministers of the powers that China has refused to sign the Manchurian convention, and has also notified all viceroys to the same effect. It is further asserted that the court seriously contemplates a removal of the capital from Peking."

So far as known in Washington the Chinese government has not signed the Manchurian agreement with Russia, although the time limit expired yesterday. The State Department sent a note to the Chinese Minister warning the Chinese government against entering into any private territorial or financial arrangements without the full knowledge of all the powers.

If the Manchuria agreement is signed it is feared that the partition of China will follow.

OFFICIAL.

At a regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the city of Alexandria, Va., held March 26, 1901, there were present: Messrs. Hill, Debie, Harbury, Clark, Curtin, the President and J. H. Thompson.

The President being absent, Mr. Curtin was elected President pro tempore. Mr. Hill offered the following, which was referred to the Committee on Streets: Resolved, That the Southern Railway Company be authorized to make a suitable driveway over their new track on Jones' Point at once.

The following were received from the Common Council and their action concurred in by unanimous vote: Resolution providing for separate cars for white and colored persons on the Washington, Alexandria and Mount Vernon Railway.

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Report of the Finance Committee on the ordinance imposing taxes on persons, etc. Report of the Finance Committee on the petition of J. O. Gill for additional compensation as janitor, Messenger and Steward of Offices.

Recommendations of the Finance Committee on the communication of E. F. Price, Auditor, announcing the exhaustion and diminution of certain appropriations.

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