

## HOUSE PASSES IMPORTANT MEASURE

**Bill Appropriates \$3,000,000 for General Improvements to Rivers, Harbors and Channels.**

**Amount Too Small, Claim Burgess of Texas and Ransdell of Louisiana.**

### BURTON URGES SETTLED AIMS

**In the Senate Gorman Makes Earnest Plea for Investigation into Alleged Frauds of Postoffice Department.**

Washington, April 11.—The house today passed the bill reported by the committee on rivers and harbors appropriating \$3,000,000 for restoring or the maintenance of channels, or other river and harbor improvements. Burton, chairman of the committee, in explaining the bill urged the adoption of settled principles with regard to river and harbor work. Messrs. Burgess of Texas and Ransdell of Louisiana favored an increase in the appropriation for river and harbor improvements, the former urging that they should be doubled and latter regarding \$100,000,000 as not too much. Quite a large number of bills of minor importance were passed.

Washington, April 11.—The Culberson amendment to the postoffice appropriation bill providing for a commission to investigate the postoffice department was before the senate all of today and after being ruled out of order in the modified form was pending when the senate adjourned. Gorman made an earnest plea for an investigation, saying that the postoffice department had cast reflections upon members of congress.

Aldrich answered that the amendment, as finally modified, meant nothing; that if an investigation was to be had it should be a "live one." He said if any specific charges were brought in they should be looked into by congress, but that the demand should not be made part of the general appropriation bill.

tion bill. Semi-political speeches were made by Teller and Simmons. **INSISTS HE'S A DUNCE.**

**Glove Man Claims He Cannot Support His Wife.**

San Francisco, April 11.—With the pleasant asperities of being a mental weakling cast upon his name by his own father, Emil Blumenthal, son of the millionaire glove manufacturer, appeared in Judge Kerrigan's court today to contest the suit for maintenance instituted by his wife, Nettie Blumenthal.

Mrs. Blumenthal was there also, chic and calm in her cool spring garments. Her claim is that her husband is an expert glove handler, able to earn \$100 a month if his father would only permit him. The couple were married in August of last year at Reno and lived very happily, according to the story of the bride, until when they were about to be reunited in the Jewish faith, the ubiquitous father appeared and persuaded young Blumenthal to leave his wife for the greater luxuries which the family afforded.

The allegations of the defendant are somewhat different. Through his attorney he maintains that he is a mental weakling, and that he was grossly deceived by his wife, then Mrs. Blume, before the marriage. He claims to have a severe heart trouble which unseats his judgment and unfits him for work. He was examined by an expert physician today at the request of his wife's attorneys, who failed to find anything lacking in his mental allowance. Blumenthal Sr. testified that the boy received no salary from the firm, was unable to earn a respectable living and had always been supported by him. The struggle over the \$25 a month maintenance demanded was unfinished when the court closed, and it will be continued next Friday.

### PREPARE FOR CONVENTION.

**State Committee Convenes and Plans Are Arranged.**

New York, April 11.—The republican state committee met tonight for the purpose of arranging the preliminaries. Senator Depew was selected to be the temporary chairman of the convention tomorrow and Governor Odell will be made chairman of the state convention when it assembles tomorrow night.

The delegates at large to the national convention will be Senator Platt, Governor Odell, Senator Depew and ex-Governor Black.

### Goodman the Victor.

Peoria, Ill., April 11.—Kid Goodman of Chicago was given the decision over Austin Rice at the end of a 10-round bout tonight.

## PREDICTED ENGAGEMENT FOR THE POSSESSION OF THE YALU MAY NOT TRANSPIRE

**Correspondent Wires Via Wei-Hai-Wei That Battle That Seemed Imminent for so Long is in Distant Future.**

**Opinion Formed From Fact That Russia Makes no Effort to Reinforce Her Strength at River—Foresight of Japan Induces Attempts to Block Port Aihur.**

London, April 12.—The correspondent of the Times with Japanese headquarters, sends the following, dated April 11, by wireless telegraph, via Wei-Hai-Wei: "It is doubtful whether the long expected engagement for the possession of the Yalu will ever take place, certainly not until the Russians have been reinforced more heavily than my information leads me to believe. This was foreseen by the Japanese and hence their strenuous efforts to block Port Arthur so they may be able to reduce the length of their land communications by the establishment of a more convenient sea base."

the presence of Chinese troops on the Manchurian frontier and has demanded their withdrawal to within the five-mile limit of great wall.

### HARD ON BRISTOW.

**House Committee Does Not Believe Members Are Guilty of Wrong.**

Washington, April 11.—A report of the McCall investigating committee will be filed in the house tomorrow.

The Post will say tomorrow that the report of the committee will be to criticize Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Bristow for the preparation of the "charges concerning members," document, and will not censure any member of the house. "The basis of the criticism of Bristow," the Post will say, "is that he caused to be prepared an official document in which names of senators and representatives were connected without any reasonable excuse, with names then alleged and that are not convicted criminals. The most found against members of the house is that they were guilty of indiscretion."

### CHARGED WITH LAND FRAUDS.

**Former United States Surveyor Indicted by Grand Jury.**

Portland, April 11.—Henry Meldrum, formerly United States surveyor, was arraigned today on an indictment returned by the United States grand jury for complicity in land frauds and pleaded not guilty. Meldrum was indicted on 21 counts.

### Gotch Wins Handily.

Butte, April 11.—Frank A. Gotch, champion wrestler of the world, defeated Tim Harrington, a local man, here tonight with ease. Harrington is the champion Cornish wrestler of the world, and won the first fall in three minutes and 50 seconds at that style of wrestling. The second bout was catch-as-catch-can and Gotch won this easily, in 25 seconds. The third fall was also catch-as-catch-can, and Gotch threw his man in one minute and 30 seconds.

### To Speak at Fair's Opening.

St. Louis, April 11.—E. H. Harriman, president of the New York world's fair commission, will deliver an address on behalf of domestic exhibitors at the opening of the exercises of the world's fair.

### O'Keefe Gets Decision.

Chicago, April 11.—Jack O'Keefe of Chicago was given a decision over Billy Melody of Boston after six rounds of fighting tonight.

## MILITARY MEN CITED TO APPEAR

**District Judge Stevens in Colorado Declares Adjutant General and Captain to Be in Contempt.**

**Holding Union President in Opposition to Order From Court to Produce Hime.**

### SENDS SHERIFF AFTER THEM

**Governor Peabody Says Writ will Not Be Recognized, as Courts Have no Jurisdiction Over Officers.**

Ouray, Col., April 11.—District Judge Stevens today declared Adjutant General Sherman M. Bell and Captain Bulkley Wells, in command of the troops at Telluride, to be in contempt of court by not complying with a writ of habeas corpus, which required them to produce today Charles H. Moyer, president of the western federation of miners, whom they are holding in confinement at Telluride. The court ordered Sheriff Corbett to proceed to Telluride and arrest the two officers and bring them before the court.

### Peabody Indifferent.

Denver, Col., April 11.—When Governor Peabody was informed of the action of Judge Stevens, ordering the arrest of General Bell and Captain Wells, he said:

"We will not recognize writ of attachment and the military authorities will not appear in court. Neither will we give up Moyer. We will claim that the courts have no right to enjoin or arrest officers or members of the military while they are on duty."

### Order Troops Withdrawn.

Denver, April 11.—Governor Peabody today ordered all the remaining troops in the Cripple Creek district, about 50 in number, withdrawn and returned to their homes. Unusually peaceful conditions prevailing in the district ever since the exodus of the main body of troops has convinced the governor that the soldiers are no longer needed.



**CAPTAIN SZENENOVITCH.**

Captain Szenenovitch has been, and is still in command of the Russian battleship Retvizan, which has figure do prominently in the engagements at the opening of the war.

### Army Being Increased.

Paris, April 12.—The Echo de Paris this morning publishes the following dispatch from its St. Petersburg correspondent:

"The First, Second, Third and Fourth army corps have taken up positions in Manchuria and the Fifth army corps is in western Siberia, advancing toward a designated position. These, with the Tenth and Seventeenth army corps, Cossacks, actually in the far east and the Caucasian cavalry now being mobilized, will bring the army at the seat of war up to 450,000 by the end of May. General Kuropatkin intends to have the Caucasian mountaineers operate in Korea, which they will enter when it is considered the decisive moment has arrived to drive out the Japanese, which will not be before August.

### Russians' Charge False.

Tokio, April 12 (a. m.)—A charge

emanating from Russian sources to the effect that the Japanese troops engaged in the fight at Cheng Ju March 29 abused the privilege of the Red Cross flag by taking refuge in a building occupied as a hospital is indignantly denied here. An official investigation shows that the Japanese force had established a bandage station in the rear of their firing line, and it was used exclusively for the purpose of caring for the wounded.

### Japs Lose Their Chance.

London, April 12.—According to the correspondent of the Times at Niu Chwang, who cables from there under date of April 8, the Russian officers consider that the Japanese have lost the chance of occupying Niu Chwang, where the defenses are now amply sufficient to repulse attacks.

### NEW JOINT TARIFF.

**Rates to Dawson Via Skagway Made Lower Than Last Year's.**

Vancouver, B. C., April 11.—A new joint tariff from Puget sound and British Columbia ports to Dawson, via Skagway, was announced today. There are material reductions as compared with the rates prevailing last season. The reduction was due to a desire to induce shippers to get their goods into Dawson during the season of high water on the Yukon, when navigation is comparatively easy.

### Russia Makes Protest.

London, April 11.—The Tien Tain correspondent of the Standard says that Russia has again protested against

### PLANS OF MAGNITUDE.

**Russia Believes That "God Fights on Side of Heaviest Battalion."**

St. Petersburg, April 11.—Exceptionally reliable information regarding Russian military plans confirms repeated announcements made by the Associated Press that these plans will not mature until late in the summer. They are of far greater magnitude than is generally believed abroad, and take into account all possible contingencies. Russian plans are predicted upon Napoleon's dictum, "God fights on the side of the heaviest battalion," and they are being worked out and timed so as to apply to the superiority of numbers on land and sea simultaneously.



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