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Brigadier General Frederick Funston of Kansas, Cuba and the Philippines, who has undertaken to capture Aguinaldo by bold and most dangerous strategy.

was landed on a remote beach above Baler. Masquerade as Insurgents. It was arranged that Aguinaldo's emissary, with the native scouts, should pass themselves off as insurgents, who, having captured General Funston and others, were taking them as prisoners to Aguinaldo.

At the right time, when brought before Aguinaldo, General Funston was to give a signal, when the tables were to be turned and Aguinaldo was to be seized. A six days' march into the interior was contemplated. Treachery was considered possible, but every precaution was taken. The troops in New Viscaya and New Ecija and the gunboats Vicksburg and Albany were to co-operate with General Funston's force. The Vicksburg is expected here to-morrow.

Colonel Rosario Surrenders.

Colonel Rosario, with fifty-one men and fifty-six rifles, has surrendered to Colonel Baldwin of the Fourth Infantry at San Francisco de Malabon, Cavite Province. Lieutenant Dean of Troop C, Sixth Cavalry, has engaged a force of insurgents at Tubig, Laguna Province, killing several of them and capturing seven men and twenty-four rifles.

Spain Gets Final Payment

Uncle Sam's Title to the Philippines Is Made Clear.

WASHINGTON, March 23.—The Spanish Minister, the Duke of Arcos, to-day received from Secretary Hay a treasury warrant for \$100,000 and the United States received the final cession of "any and all islands of the Philippine archipelago lying outside of the line described in article 3

Tornado Damages Pensacola's Shipping

Terrific Wind Sweeps Vessels From Anchorage and the Beach Is Strewed With Wreckage.

PENSACOLA, Fla., March 23.—Great damage was done by a severe southwest tornado from 3 to 4 o'clock this morning, the wind's velocity ranging from forty-eight to fifty-four miles an hour. The Russian bark Lettie was driven against the west side of Comandancia wharf with such violence that all three masts of the bark were snapped off, leaving her rigging in a tangled mass. Every vessel in the bay dragged anchor and the Norwegian steamer Tolv was being fast driven ashore when she put on steam and pulled out into the stream again. The schooner Irene and two lighters loaded with lumber were driven ashore at the city front. A small schooner capsized, several lighters loaded with lumber sank and the beach is strewn with the wreckage of small boats and drift timber.

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POWERS READY TO JOIN GRAB GAME IN CHINA

Britain and Germany May Follow Lead of Russia.

Gloomy Forebodings Due to Czar's Treaty to Control Manchuria.

Special Dispatch to The Call. CALL BUREAU, 1406 G STREET, N. W., WASHINGTON, March 23.—Gloomy forebodings are entertained in official circles here over the Chinese situation Japan's action in sounding the powers has demonstrated, according to an official who discussed the matter to-day, that none of them is willing to do more than perfunctorily object to the Russian treaty, and this has aroused suspicion, the official added, that Great Britain and Germany may use its signature as a pretext for the acquisition of Chinese territory. "The latest developments permit only a pessimistic view to be taken of the Chinese situation," said an official to-day. "Though Russia knows that the United States and other powers object to the treaty which she is urging China to sign, she has not withdrawn it, but merely modified it to meet some of the objections made. This Government, in response to an inquiry from Japan, has announced its opposition to the powers making particular or secret arrangements with China, but it will not go further than to morally exercise its influence to prevent the Chinese Government from binding itself to terms which contemplate the loss of territory."

Russians Return to Siding.

Plant Flags Over Disputed Territory and Again Retire.

LONDON, March 24.—The Sunday Special's Tientsin correspondent says: "A new and unfortunate hitch has occurred in the Anglo-Russian siding dispute. After both parties had withdrawn, according to agreement, the Russians suddenly returned to the disputed spot and planted flags over all the territory. They afterward again retired, leaving the flags flying."

Japan to Resist Designs.

Expected to Forcefully Object to Russia's Taking Manchuria.

SHANGHAI, March 23.—There is no confirmation of the reported concentration of Russian warships in Korean waters or the rumored mobilization of the Japanese fleet. While foreign circles here generally deny that an outbreak of hostilities will occur the Chinese are satisfied that Japan is determined to resist Russian designs on Manchuria.

Germany Oust Chinese.

Emperor's Troops Take Possession of the Chili-Shansi Frontier.

TIENTSIN, March 24.—The Germans have ousted the Chinese imperial troops from the passes on the Chili-Shansi frontier and intend summering in the vicinity of Shanhaikwan.

Twenty-Four Murders Charged Against Them

Russian and His Wife Arrested After Extraordinary Record of Crime in Three Years.

BERLIN, March 23.—In the province of Wolynia, South Russia, an old man and his wife have been arrested and charged with the murder of twenty-four persons within the past three years. The village of Kallnocka, where these persons lived, is not far from a well-frequented railway, but the authorities knew nothing of the crimes until they were discovered by accident. The two were in the habit of traveling through the provinces of Wolynia, Kherson and Bessarabia, dealing in love philters, and it is believed, in poisons. They confess to twenty-four murders by violence, but the police believe that the list of the murderers' victims by poison is greater.

Warships of Italy Threaten the Porte

Desire for the Establishment of a Postoffice Causes a Naval Demonstration Near Tripoli.

ROME, March 23.—It is stated that the second division of the fleet under the command of Admiral Coleletti has arrived at Benghazi, Tripoli. A demonstration has been made for the purpose of putting pressure upon the Porte for the establishment of an Italian postoffice.

COBURN CHARGES THAT THE WILL OF THE LATE ALMIRA S. TOWNSEND WAS CONSIGNED TO THE FLAMES

Indirectly Accuses Mrs. Ella F. Murray of Having Burned Decedent's Testament and Questions Truth of Statements Made Under Oath by Her and C. W. Carmany



By innuendo, Mrs. Ella F. Murray has been charged, in an action filed in the Superior Court, with having destroyed the last will and testament of her mother, the late Mrs. Almira S. Townsend. In a petition filed yesterday morning Joseph W. Coburn, decedent's brother, indirectly, though unmistakably, accuses Mrs. Murray, daughter and sole heir of the deceased.

In his petition Coburn prays that an alleged destroyed will, executed, he avers, by Mrs. Townsend in July of 1894, be admitted to probate. This "will," he claims, was burned and destroyed on July 22, 1900, at the home of the deceased, 1221 California street, by "Mary Roe and John Doe," the much-sued fictitious defendants. As Mrs. Murray was the only person with the natural or legal right to examine or take under control the private documents and effects of the deceased, and as she was the only person with the knowledge of their whereabouts and with free access to the same, her attorneys, Sullivan & Sullivan, manifested no hesitancy yesterday in expressing their view that "Mary Roe" is meant to be none other than Mrs. Ella F. Murray; and Sullivan & Sullivan also manifested no hesitancy in asserting that had the complainant, Joseph W. Coburn, verified his allegations were true, they would forthwith move against him in the criminal courts.

Under the law Coburn was not compelled to verify his petition. His allegations simply raise the issues upon which the court must pass. He is hence evasive in his petition and makes no direct allegations against any one, but leaves the impression that the crime of destroying a will was committed on July 22, 1900, at 1221 California street, by Ella F. Murray.

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In his petition, as before stated, Coburn alleges that in July of 1894 Mrs. Townsend executed a will. The execution of the instrument, he contends, was in the presence of Mrs. Murray and Cyrus W. Carmany, secretary of the Savings and Loan Society, who for years was the confidential agent of the deceased.

THE DECEDENT AND THOSE WHO ARE FIGHTING FOR HER ESTATE.

In this will, Coburn continues, he was bequeathed \$25,000, and with him, in the testament, there were named as legates, Forrest Coburn, a brother, of Seattle; Mrs. Ellen M. Quick, a sister, residing at 219 Bergin street, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Mrs. Anna Forsholm, a sister, of 83 Lexington avenue, New York; Mrs. Alonzo Quimby, a sister, residing on Clamsford street, near Plain, Lowell, Mass.; Mrs. Charles C. Bradford, a sister, of 48 Chelsea street, East Boston, Mass., and Charles C. Bradford of East Boston, Mass.

During this recent hearing before the Superior Court it also became necessary to refer to certain testimony offered during the hearing of the petition of Mrs. Murray for letters of administration. A review of this testimony showed that Mrs. Murray had testified that the deceased left no will; that Cyrus W. Carmany testified positively that, although Mrs. Townsend had at one time requested him to draft a will, she never followed her request by the expression of a desire to execute the same and that hence, so far as the witness knew, she died intestate. John T. Harnes, who also acted as an agent for Mrs. Townsend, was equally positive that Mrs. Townsend did not leave a will and he so testified.

"A burned and destroyed will executed in the presence of Ella F. Murray and Cyrus W. Carmany." In making this allegation Coburn not only indirectly accuses Mrs. Murray of having destroyed the will of her deceased mother, which, if committed, is a felony, but also, by implication, charges her and Cyrus W. Carmany of having committed perjury upon the hearing of the petition for letters of administration, for they swore that no will was in existence and that they had no knowledge of one, having been executed.

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"If this is Coburn's plan, however," said Mr. Sullivan, "it would be wise for him to withdraw his petition at once. The threat has been made that this estate will be kept in court for five years and more if necessary not by Coburn, it is true, but his petition so closely follows the utterance of the threat that it is certainly significant."

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"Coburn and his counsel are aware that Mrs. Townsend never executed a will. Diligent search was made for a testament immediately after her death. Former Presiding Judge Bahrs, M. C. Hassett, attorney for the Public Administrator, and I searched through Mrs. Townsend's papers at the Safe Deposit and also in her safe at the Savings and Loan Society, but no trace of a will was found. A thorough search of the decedent's late home was also made, with like result. Rumors of a lost will caused the search referred to. The story of a 'lost will' is not new to us, neither is it to Mrs. Murray."

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