

# POWER WILL COMPILE TO LOCALIZE THE STRIFE

## HOT IRONICISM FOR ROOSEVELT

Congressman Fitzgerald Says President Is Unsafe and May Involve Us in a War

## OPPOSES A GREAT NAVY

Speaker Declares That It Is the Policy of the Administration to Surpass Germany

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—The House today began consideration of the naval appropriation bill, ten hours being allowed for general debate. During the general discussion Fitzgerald (Democrat) of New York declared that our naval programme was to procure a navy force greater than that of Germany. He further declared that the conviction, rightly or wrongly held, is firm that the present occupant of the White House is apt to involve us in war with some other nation.

Referring to a statement of Admiral Dewey that the sea force should consist of forty-eight battleships, Fitzgerald said that confirmed his assertion that the naval programme was based on the theory that our navy should be larger than that of Germany. It was time to call a halt on much talk of an inflammatory character that was heard throughout this land, declared Fitzgerald, adding: "Public officers are the chief offenders by loose, indefinite and bombastic statements. The Naval Committee in its report is not entirely free from the disease."

Referring to the speech by Secretary Moody and that of Bede of Minneapolis concerning the Monroe doctrine, Fitzgerald said President Cleveland never would have issued his "universally praised Venezuelan message" if he had stopped to measure the relative strength of the navies of the two countries. In conclusion he asked: "Are we to have a great navy, but to furnish summer holidays that high officers may play at war?"

Foss, speaking for the bill, said the aggregate amount appropriated would afford comfort to the economist and an inspiration to those who believed in the policy of building up the American navy. In emphasizing the necessity of building up the navy in times of peace and the impossibility of building ships in time of war, he said:

"What would Russia give to-day if she could call back some of her sunken ships?"

"If eternal vigilance is the price of liberty," Foss declared, "eternal preparation for war is the price of peace." He called attention to the great difference between the army and navy. The army is largely made up of personnel, the major general can be made by the stroke of a pen, but it requires forty years to make an admiral, and years of work to build a navy.

Referring to the recent troubles in Santo Domingo, Foss said the time may come when the United States will have to preserve order that if the American navy will do so for them. The Monroe doctrine also must be looked out for. The navy must be relied upon to back up American diplomacy, which, he said, never stood so high as it does to-day under Secretary Hay.

Meyer of Louisiana, the ranking minority member of the committee, combated the statement of the navy secretary. He regards the building of a strong navy as a measure of peace. Fitzgerald gave figures showing the strength of the German navy and what it will be in the immediate future. Admiral Dewey, he said, in a hearing before the Naval Committee, made this statement:

"I think we ought to be a little ahead of any country that is likely to attack us. I think if we were to have forty-eight battleships in twenty years they would let us alone."

Fitzgerald continuing said: "If the prevailing belief is justified and if the President is to be given four years of power in his own right, that the great representative of the conservative force in the Republican party, the late Senator from Ohio (Mr. Hanna) is gone to his reward, it may be well for us to outdo Great Britain in our naval programme. Is it the part of wisdom to encourage an unsafe and impetuous and adventure-loving executive by loose talk and with big appropriations?"

Arrested for Embezzlement. DENVER, Colo., Feb. 19.—Charles McCully was placed under arrest here to-day on the charge of embezzling \$18,000 from the Plata Cobre Mining Company of Arizona while acting as their London representative.

McKinley's Condition is Improved. WASHINGTON, Pa., Feb. 19.—Abner McKinley's condition was slightly improved to-day. His physicians refuse to express any opinion further than that he is not in immediate danger.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

There are ginger worms and red-pepper bugs—queer boarders—that have to be looked for, not in Schilling's Best, but in making it. There are eggs of these queer boarders, too small to be killed by grinding. Don't keep spices warm, or they'll hatch.

## SAVY BERRYS FIRED FIRST

Millionaire Dewey and His Cowboys, Wilson and McBride, Outline Their Defense

## ARMY OFFICERS TESTIFY

Promise Is Made to Show the Weapon of One of the Victims Was Filled After Shooting

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 19.—A special to the Star from Norton, Kans., says State Senator Hessin, attorney for Chauncey Dewey and his two cowboys, McBride and Wilson, to-day told the defendant's side of the shooting affray at the Berry ranch on June 30 last, when three members of the Berry family were shot down, and began the introduction of the testimony, the defense's first witness being General Wilder S. Metcalf, former major of the Twentieth Kansas Volunteers and new pension agent at Topeka. Previously Judge Geiger had overruled motions to discharge Wilson, Dewey and McBride.

Senator Hessin, in his narrative of the battle, asserted that a special had fired the first shot. It would be shown, he said, that on the day of the fight Dewey, McBride and Wilson had gone to the Berry place to take away a water tank they had bought. The three Berry boys fought across the yard with their hands upon their revolvers. Chauncey Dewey called out to them to stop where they were and the three Berrys drew their revolvers and fired.

"Then," asserted Attorney Hessin, "our men fired, and not until then. Our men acted in self-defense. Burch Berry, instead of shooting only once, emptied his revolver. We will show that the revolver Burch Berry carried was not only replaced in his holster after his death, but we will make it plain that it was reloaded and that the barrel was cleaned, but whoever fired the shot, he fired it through the chambers and it now shows evidence of the gunpowder from his discharge on that fatal day."

General Metcalf, Colonel Ward C. Lippard of the Twentieth Kansas and Captain Claud Hamilton, who had fought with Wilson in the Spanish war, testified as to that defendant's good character and bravery. C. W. Birch of Salina, a brother of Justice Birch of the State Supreme Court, also testified as to Wilson's good character.

While the trial was in progress to-day the Sheriff of Norton County arrested seven other Dewey boys who were in town as witnesses for the defense. The men arrested were each served with three justice warrants from Cheyenne County, one of which charged Burch Berry, Daniel P. Berry and Alphas Berry, making twenty-one warrants for murder.

Judge Geiger immediately issued an order that the men should not be released from the Norton County Jail until they were allowed to testify in the present trial. They were released on \$1000 bail each.

## BOLLINGER CASE WILL GO TO SUPREME COURT

An Appeal Will Be Taken From the Superior Court of Santa Clara County.

SAN JOSE, Feb. 19.—The Bollinger will contest, which has been before the courts for four years, is to be carried to the Supreme Court in December the heirs of Mary A. L. Bollinger, the widow of Christian Bollinger, received a verdict at the hands of Judge Hyland in their favor. The contest was brought against George Y. Bollinger, a son of the testator, to whom a lot of property, valued at \$100,000, was received from his father just before his death, declared community property. It was claimed that George Y. Bollinger, by undue influence, had secured the property from his father. The brothers and sisters of George Y. Bollinger were left with practically nothing. By the decision rendered some \$50,000 worth of property held by George Y. Bollinger was declared the property of the estate of Christian Bollinger. The estate of Mary L. Pullan, one of the heirs, was given judgment for an undivided one-fifth interest of the Quivey ranch and also a one-fifth interest of the Egan tract, an undivided one-fifth interest in several notes, aggregating \$500, and also that he holds in trust for such executors the sum of \$10,643. An appeal is to be taken by George Y. Bollinger from this part of the judgment. The matter will be held on March 5. There is a large array of legal talent in the case and as about four years have been occupied in its trial in the Supreme Court for a long time.

## HEIRS TO BATTLE FOR THE LULL ESTATE

San Francisco Attorney Charged With Having Used Undue Influence on Testator.

SAN JOSE, Feb. 19.—An opposition to the probate of the will of the late James Lull has been filed in the Superior Court by Mrs. Sarah H. Truman and Mrs. Maria A. Platt, sisters of the deceased. Mrs. Truman, who is the surviving widow, died in November last, leaving an estate in this county valued at \$7000. It consists principally of notes and mortgages. Lull devised his estate to Mrs. James Lull, a divorced wife, two daughters and a granddaughter of Attorney E. A. Bridgford of San Francisco and several others.

The contestants assert that Lull left no other relatives but themselves and that they are the sole heirs at law. They declare that their brother was of unsound mind and utterly incompetent to make a will or care for his property and that the will filed for probate was secured by means of undue influence of E. A. Bridgford. It is stated that the latter had acquired complete control of Lull. It is recited that Lull's father left him \$7000 in trust and that Bridgford made repeated efforts to induce the heirs to break the trust, and, failing in this, he worked on Lull until he had him execute the will in question.

May Accept a New Charge.

SAN MATEO, Feb. 19.—Rev. Neptunus B. W. Galway of Menlo Park has been called to the rectory of the Church of St. Matthew in this city to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Rev. E. L. Parsons, who recently accepted a call to St. Mark's Church, Berkeley. Rev. Galway's decision will not be known for twenty days, but it is believed he will accept.

## Russian War Flags Presented to Mikado.

Japan Will Respect the Neutrality of China.

TOKIO, Feb. 19.—Captain Kurakami, commander of the Japanese armored ship Chiyoda, to-day presented the Emperor with the shot-torn flags of the Russian cruisers Variag and Korietz, which were sunk at Chemulpo on February 9. The Emperor was much affected. He congratulated Kurakami and made a beaker of an ardent message to the officers and men of the fleet.

The response of Japan to the request of China for a statement of its position in regard to the neutrality of the latter country was made public to-day. Its text is as follows: "The Imperial Government, desiring to avoid as far as possible a disturbance of the peaceful condition of affairs which prevails in China, will in all parts of Chinese territory, excepting the regions now occupied by Russia, respect the neutrality of China, so long as Russia does the same."

"The rules of war which govern the forces of Japan in the field do not permit the wanton destruction of property. Accordingly, the Imperial Chinese Government may rest assured that the mausoleums and palaces at Mukden and Hsinking and public buildings in China everywhere will be secured from any injury not attributable to the action of Russia."

"Furthermore, the rights of Chinese officials and inhabitants within the zone of military operations will, in their persons and property, be fully respected and protected by the Imperial forces, so far as military necessity permits. In the event, however, that they should extend aid and comfort to the enemy of Japan the Imperial Government reserves to itself the right to take such action as circumstances require."

"It remains only to say in conclusion that the present war is not being waged by Japan for the purpose of conquest, but solely in defense of her legitimate rights and interests. It is the intention of the Imperial Government to acquire territory at the expense of China as a result of the conflict."

"The Japanese Government also wishes the Imperial Chinese Government to clearly understand that whatever action may be taken by it on Chinese territory, which is made the theater of war, will be the result of military necessity, and not in impairment of Chinese sovereignty."

## UNION OF PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES IS NOW ASSURED

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 19.—The committee on church co-operation and union of the Presbyterian church of the United States and the committee on fraternity and union of the Cumberland Presbyterian church to-day unanimously adopted an agreement as a basis of the union of the two churches. It is in the shape of a report to the general assemblies of both the churches and must be ratified by both these bodies before it becomes operative. Both general assemblies will meet on May 15 at the Presbyterian at Buffalo and the Cumberland at Dallas, Texas. The action of these committees if ratified by the general assemblies will make the Presbyterian church membership approximately 1,250,000. It is recommended that the united churches shall be known as the Presbyterian church in the United States of America. The union shall be effected on the doctrinal basis of the confession of faith of the Presbyterian church, which the United States as revised in 1903, and of the other doctrinal and ecclesiastical standards. The various Presbyteries will vote on the proposed basis of union and submit their decision to the respective assemblies.

## NOTED CONVERT TO THE MORMON CREED IS DEAD

SALT LAKE, Utah, Feb. 19.—Mrs. Sarah C. Bigler, known and beloved by all Mormons as "Aunt Sarah," died at Plymouth, Box Elder County, Utah, at the age of 98. General decline, due to old age, was the cause of death. "Aunt Sarah" was one of the earliest converts to the religion founded by Joseph Smith and she passed through all the persecutions that attended the early days of the Mormon church. She was a great friend of the prophet, Joseph Smith, and twice she saved his life. Once, in Jackson County, Missouri, when a mob was seeking his life and disguising him in her own clothing enabled him to escape. Later, when Joseph Smith and his brother were forced to flee for their lives from Kirtland, Ohio, hotly pursued by men bent on killing them, "Aunt Sarah" led the mob on a false lead and thus aided the Mormon leaders to make their escape.

The time of the killing of Joseph Smith and his brother in the Carthage jail "Aunt Sarah" was living in the Mormon city of Nauvoo, Illinois, and with the other Mormons was driven from her home by the mobs. In company with the Brigham Young expedition she crossed the plains to the new Zion in the valley of the Great Salt Lake.

Well Known Coloradan Dies. DENVER, Feb. 19.—Henry Mitchell, supervisor of Pike's Peak Forest Reserve and a well known writer on irrigation and forestry, was died to-day of pneumonia. He was 80 years of age and for thirty years was engaged in the railroad business. He was vice president of the American Forestry Association and a member of the National Irrigation Association, American Association of Science and the National Geographical Society.

Ex-Minister Winston Dead. CHICAGO, Feb. 19.—Frederick H. Winston, Minister to Persia from 1886 to 1888 and who was formerly prominent in Chicago municipal, political and legal circles, died at Magnolia Springs, Fla., in his seventy-fourth year.

Meredith Raines Miller Dies. VACAVILLE, Feb. 19.—Meredith Raines Miller, a pioneer of this section, died here this evening, aged 85 years. The deceased was a veteran of the Mexican and Civil wars.

Death of a Distinguished Clergyman. ST. LOUIS, Feb. 19.—Rev. W. Pope Yeaman, for twenty years moderator of the Missouri Baptist Association, died suddenly to-day, aged 74 years.

## Cossacks Crossing the Yalu into Korea.

Chinese Endeavor to Attack the Muscovite.

LONDON, Feb. 20.—Complete stagnation in war news leaves the newspapers this morning to discuss the political aspect of the struggle in the Far East as they are likely to affect Great Britain. No great importance is attached to the stories published in Paris and elsewhere on the Continent of alleged intrigues looking to the coalition of Russia, France and Germany, the belief being that it is to the interest of all the powers to take steps to localize the struggle.

At the same time it is recognized that in all three of these countries there is a strong feeling against Great Britain on account of her alliance with Japan; and as Germany and France joined with Russia in 1895 against Japan, it would be natural for Russia to expect similar assistance in her present difficulties. The argument is therefore made that it behooves Great Britain to be prepared for any and all results. News of the abolition of the Russian censorship has not yet reached the English newspapers.

Russian dispatches to the London press record the rapid growth of Anglo-Bohrer feeling. According to the Kiev correspondent of the Standard, many English boys have been withdrawn from Russian schools owing to the annoyance and insults to which they were subjected and there is evidence in the press that the British residents in Kiev would be dangerous should Great Britain become involved in the Russo-Japanese struggle.

The Tientsin correspondent of the Daily Mail supplies a new version of the loss of the Russian cruiser Boyarin, obtained from an officer who survived the blowing up of the Russian torpedo transport Yenisei. This officer says that on the day following the capture of the Boyarin, a violent storm brought many mines to the surface of the water at Port Arthur. The Boyarin was sent to assist in securing them, but she was caught in the storm, was driven on the rocks and sunk. It is this account that explains the Russian official denials that the Boyarin was torpedoed by the Japanese or that she was blown up as a result of accidental contact with a Russian mine at Port Arthur.

The Shanghai correspondent of the Daily Mail reports that 1500 Cossacks are crossing the Yalu River into Korea near Wiju and that Cossack scouts have already advanced into Korea as far as Anju.

Cable dispatches from Shanghai declare that General Ma, who is protecting the borders of Pechili province, wires that it is becoming more difficult daily to prevent the Chinese troops at Hsinmintun, province of Shinkiang, from crossing the Liao-ho River and engaging the Russians employed in guarding the railroad near Mukden.

## WHEAT IS BOOMING AS RESULT OF CONFLICT.

CHICAGO, Feb. 19.—In the midst of excitement unequaled on Chicago since the days of the Leiter deal in 1898, the price of wheat for May delivery touched \$1.03 to-day. This record price, the third highest in the history of grain speculation in Chicago in the last twenty years, was reached within fifteen minutes after the big bang on the floor of the exchange announced the opening of the day's business.

At the opening May wheat sold at \$1 and \$1.01, and touched \$1.03, but a moment later the price had fallen into two figures again, but the relapse was only temporary, and almost instantly the price with a single bound reached the mark of \$1.03.

Toward the close of the session May wheat again gathered strength as a result of heavy buying and made another spectacular jump, touching \$1.03. A slight reaction followed this effort and the price fell off to \$1.02, at which point it was at the close of business.

The conflict in the Far East and the rumors of the Balkans, with a rumor that the great powers may form a new alliance, have become involved in one or the other of these wars, are all responsible in varying degrees for the existing high prices. In 1891 wheat for May delivery sold at \$1.08 and in 1898 Leiter forced the price to \$1.15.

Corn and oats were affected by wheat strength, but in a less notable degree.

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SANTA CRUZ, Feb. 19.—The Loma Prieta Flanng Mill was burned early this morning. The loss will approximate \$50,000.

The fire broke out in the boiler-room about 2:30 o'clock and, although the fire department responded promptly, it was impossible to save any part of the plant. The principal losers are the Loma Prieta Lumber Company, of which A. C. Bassett of Menlo Park is president, W. R. Porter of Watsonville secretary and Directors Timothy Hopkins and T. B. Bishop of San Francisco.

The fire spread rapidly the flames shooting upward and illuminating the neighborhood. The buildings burned covered over an acre of space, and with the sheds and lumber yard added nearly an acre more. The planing mill proper, with galvanized iron annex, the long surface lumber sheds, the old Centennial flour mill, the office, stable and warehouse were all swept away.

The fire was discovered by the night watchman, John Majors, who was eating his lunch in the office. Majors was first attracted by a light and, looking out, he saw flames issuing from the roof just above the boilers.

Good work was done in keeping the flames from spreading through the lumber yard which adjoins the Southern Pacific depot.

Three residences on Beach Hill caught fire on the roof from falling cinders, but the flames were extinguished. The home of ex-Lieutenant Governor W. T. Jeter, several hundred yards away, were cracked by the heat.

Part of the plank sidewalk on Beach Hill, 150 feet from the burning buildings, was burned.

The land and buildings and much of the machinery were owned by the Santa Cruz Bank of Savings and Loan Society, which carried an insurance of \$6000.

The main building and annex were several hundred feet in length and were erected about twelve years ago. In the sheds and yards more than 200,000 feet of lumber was burned.

The old Centennial flour mill, a building four stories high, built thirty years ago with much of the machinery in the structure, was burned.

The books and accounts were all in the fireproof safe and were intact when the safe was opened.

## DENIES THAT THE FRAUDS WERE COMMITTED BY WOMEN

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—Former Congressman John L. Shafrath of Colorado, who resigned his seat because of election frauds in Denver, denies that the frauds were committed mainly by women. In an interview to-day Shafrath said:

Of the persons implicated, very few were women; not more than one in ten at the outside. The frauds were committed in the lowest part of Denver, where not many women live. The incident was not characteristic of the women's voting in Colorado, and it is preposterous to make it an argument against female suffrage. Everybody knows there are bad women, as well as bad men, but what would any good man think if it were proposed to take his vote away from him because a few bad women somewhere had cheated at an election? In Colorado the women vote as generally as the men, and fraud is much rarer among them. As a rule their election methods are honorable, and the influence of the women's suffrage on the State has been distinctly for good."

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## BURNS DISTRESS SIGNALS

Spreckels' Tug Relief Is Sent to Rescue and Tows the Endangered Craft Into Port

An unknown three-masted, square-rigged vessel, inward bound, fired several blue rockets as a signal of distress off Mile Rock at about 1:30 o'clock this morning.

The Spreckels Tugboat Company immediately sent a tug to rescue the vessel and her crew should there be any immediate danger of her destruction. The live-saving station also launched a lifeboat.

Owing to the dense fog that prevailed in the vicinity of the distressed ship it was impossible to ascertain her name, but it is believed that she may be one of the following vessels that are due to arrive at this port: Bark Annie Johnson, Honolulu; George Curtis, Honolulu; British ship Halewood, Antwerp; American ship S. B. Carleton, Newcastle; or the ship Henry Failing, from Newcastle.

Though these vessels are all expected to arrive at any time, it is more than likely that the vessel that signaled for aid last night is the Annie Johnson, which closely answers the description. It was hoped that the vessel was making port under her own sail, and that when directly off Mile Rock the wind died out, leaving her helpless and at the mercy of the tide that rapidly swung her toward the rocks.

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## HEAVY SEAS BATTER STEAMER

The Lahn Reaches New York After Tempestuous Voyage From Genoa.

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—Battered by heavy seas and with her captain and second officer injured by an enormous wave that swept over the lofty bridge, the steamer Lahn reached port to-day after a tempestuous voyage from Genoa, Naples and Gibraltar. She had a very rough passage throughout, being under reduced speed every day. On Sunday, February 14, the weather was very squally and stormy and seas repeatedly broke over her foredeck. One giant sea knocked Captain Holke and Second Officer Glunde down, fracturing two of the captain's ribs and bruising the second officer on the head. The bridge was damaged, stanchions bent and part of the rail carried away.

The Italian steamer Stella, also from Italian ports, had a similar experience.

## Honduras Under Martial Law

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 19.—The Picayune to-morrow will print the following: The Honduras government has declared martial law as a result of an attempt to assassinate President Manuel Bonilla, and half a dozen of the most prominent members of the Chamber of Deputies are prisoners charged with the attempted crime.

## French Ministry Unchanged

PARIS, Feb. 19.—There is no truth in the rumor that Foreign Minister Delcasse has resigned. The report began to circulate in the corridors of the Chamber of Deputies and was immediately denied. Premier Combes and the other Ministers were present at the Foreign Office at noon to-day. There was not the slightest indication of a change in the Ministry.

## Debate Closes on the Address

LONDON, Feb. 19.—In the House of Commons to-day Home Secretary Aker-Douglas in behalf of the Government moved the closure of the debate on the address in reply to the speech from the throne, which was carried. The address as a whole was then agreed to without division and the House adjourned.

## Racine Insane Asylum Is Burned

RACINE, Wis., Feb. 19.—The Racine asylum for the insane was burned to-night. The thirty-three patients were saved. Loss, \$100,000.

## ADVERTISEMENTS.

MASKED ROBBERS AT WORK IN SAUSALITO

Two Men Enter a Store and Hold Up Several Men, Securing Nuts.

SAUSALITO, Feb. 19.—Two masked men entered the grocery of Antonio Lawrence to-night about 11:30 o'clock and held up half a dozen men, including the proprietor, securing several watches and money aggregating about \$100.

The men entered the place quietly and from their methods it is presumed that they are old hands at the robbing game. With drawn revolvers they commanded Lawrence to surrender the contents of the drawer, which he did. The others were ordered to give up their valuables. Dan Wilson lost a gold watch, which bears his name inscribed on the inner case.

After the robbers had completed their work they hurried away in the direction of Mill Valley. Marshal Hannan was immediately notified and dispatches were sent to Tiburon and other neighboring towns giving descriptions of the highwaymen.

## BELIEVE THEY HAVE LOS ANGELES MURDERER

Mexican Arrested in Arizona Is Charged With Killing Man in California.

LON ANGELES, Feb. 19.—A Mexican named Jose Salazar is under arrest at Kingman, Ariz., on a charge of murdering Francisco Villa in Los Angeles on February 11. Police Detective Talmante has gone to Kingman to bring the prisoner to this city. Salazar's arrest is said to have been brought about by a confession to a companion that he had killed a man in Los Angeles in a quarrel over a card game by stabbing him in the back. From the description of Salazar the police believe that he is the guilty party.

## Does Not Believe Griffith Insane

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 19.—The trial of Colonel Griffith J. Griffith, the Los Angeles capitalist, on trial for the attempted murder of his wife, was continued to-day with the defense placing witnesses on the stand to testify to the insanity of the defendant. Dr. M. L. Moore, the family physician of the Griffiths, was called by the defense, but he swore that he did not consider the defendant insane.

## Report Rout of General Jiminez

SAN JUAN, P. R., Feb. 19.—The Cuban steamer Julia, which has arrived from San Domingo, and the French steamer St. Simon, from Puer to Plata, Santo Domingo, both report that General Jiminez, the Dominican revolutionary leader, has been routed and that his whereabouts is unknown and that his cause is hopeless.

## Red Cross Convention Postponed

BERNE, Switzerland, Feb. 19.—In consequence of the war between Russia and Japan the Federal Council has postponed indefinitely the permanent conference summoned to meet at Geneva May 16 to revise the Geneva convention with the view of improving the treatment of wounded men.

## When the Mississippi River is at Flood One Can Drink Fresh Water from the Gulf Ten Miles from the River's Mouth

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