

RUSSIA'S NEWEST MOVE LOOKS LIKE A CHALLENGE

PUTS NEW CHWANG UNDER MARTIAL LAW AND TAKES CHARGE OF PORT.

FOREIGN CONSULS ARE IN PREDICAMENT

Russia May Order American and British Warships to Leave the Harbor and Render Consul's Positions Untenable.

New Chwang, March 28.—The civil administrator late yesterday notified all foreign consuls and residents of Viceroy Alexieff's order placing this city and the port of New Chwang under martial law, explaining that it had been so ordered for the purpose of safeguarding the commercial interests of the port.

Russia Takes Powers. The opinion of leading foreign officials is that, although the rights of neutrals remain unaltered by the treaty Russia assumes the power to annul these rights, rendering the position of foreign consuls untenable.

Regarded As a Challenge. The order is regarded as an apparent challenge to the neutral powers, especially to China, on account of the appropriation of her territory and that it renders the United States gunboat Helena and the British cruiser Espiegle liable to an order to leave the port.

The consuls will await instructions from their respective governments. The property and trade interests of foreign residents are prepared to be abandoned.

Stoessel Wants No Cowards. St. Petersburg, March 28.—Lieutenant General Stoessel in command at Port Arthur has issued order forbidding civilian functionaries to desert from their offices and seek places of safety during the bombardments. Stoessel sarcastically observes he has not seen them at the batteries when the enemy was attacking.

Change Color of Uniforms. In order that the Russian troops shall not present a bright target for the enemy an order has been issued by the ministry of war directing that gray be the color of the uniforms during the summer season.

More Steamers Sunk. Tokio, March 28.—A telegram from New Chwang today says that at 3 o'clock yesterday sinking the Japanese succeeded in sinking four steamers at the mouth of the Port Arthur harbor. A flotilla of destroyers conveyed the merchantmen which were subsequently sunk, and rescued the volunteer crews. Later the Japanese battleships bombarded the town and its defenses.

Smallpox in Siberia. Irkutsk, Siberia, March 28.—Smallpox has become an epidemic in the interior of this province. The disease has not yet affected the troops.

New Dock for Port Arthur. St. Petersburg, March 28.—The government is ordering the construction of an immense dock for Port Arthur, to be completed in four months.

Chinese Mine Fortress. Vladivostok, March 28.—A mine has been discovered under the fortress with wires leading to a Chinese house in the town.

Reports Finding Chinese Soldiers. St. Petersburg, March 28.—Vice Admiral Makaroff's report of his reconnaissance of the Elliot islands, Saturday contains the startling statement that he captured a junk filled with Chinese regular troops which was being towed by a Japanese gunboat.

BOLD ATTEMPT FAILS. Dispatch from Chee Foo Says Harbor is Open. Chee-foo, March 28.—The Japanese fleet made another attempt to bottle up the Russian warships in the harbor of Port Arthur Sunday morning and once more failed to accomplish it.

In the fierce fight that followed the Japanese Chief Engineer Svyerreff of the Russian torpedo boat Slini and six marines were killed and wounded. It is reported that a Russian torpedo boat was sunk, but it is believed it can be recovered. The Russians claim that the Japanese lost two torpedo boats.

Send Stone-Laden Steamers. At 3 o'clock Sunday morning four big merchant steamers loaded with stone were sent toward the harbor under guard of eight torpedo boats, the intention being to sink them across the narrow mouth of the harbor.

As the steamers approached they were discovered by the lookout at the searchlight station and a heavy fire was opened on them by the batteries. The Japanese steamers struck boldly on their course, although struck many times.

Finally Admiral Makaroff, fearing that they would succeed in reaching the mouth of the harbor, dispatched a number of torpedo boats to intercept them.

Little Craft in Hot Battle. Lieutenant Krimlik with the Slini succeeded in blowing up the scow of the first of the merchant ships, but found himself at once in the midst of a hot battle with the Japanese torpedo boats.

Russian Commander Killed. The quick-firing guns working at close range brought prompt results and

KILLS WIFE AND SELF.

Clerk in White House Office is a Double Murderer.

Washington, D. C., March 28.—Chas. G. Forster, a clerk employed in the White House office, shot and killed his wife and himself in Kensington, Md., today. Forster was a brother of Rudolph Forster, one of the assistant secretaries to President Roosevelt. Despondency is believed to have been the cause of the act.

within a few minutes the gallant commander of the little Russian craft lay stretched upon the deck with what will probably prove a fatal wound. Chief Engineer Svyerreff and six marines were killed and a dozen others badly wounded. Having to contend with such odds, the Slini put about and escaped into the harbor.

Steamers Riddled With Shot. In the meantime the merchant steamer which had been attacked by the Slini, now in a sinking condition, turned to the right, her commander making a desperate effort to sink her across the entrance to the harbor. She was closely followed by others, the batteries of the Russian ships and the forts along the shore playing mercilessly upon them all the while. Riddled with shot and shell, they became unmanageable and were stranded to the right of the entrance. The fourth steamer passed on the other side and was soon sunk.

Not until it became clear that the steamer could not be guided into the desired positions did the little crews of Japanese sailors desert them. Only a minute before the steamers sank a small boat filled with sailors put out from each and in the rain of shells from the Russian guns rowed out toward the Japanese fleet.

It is reported that one boat load was taken up by a Russian torpedo boat. The fate of the others is uncertain.

LAND MUST BE IN IOWA

IOWA SAVINGS BANKS CANNOT LOAN ON LAND OUTSIDE OF STATE.

(BY LEON BROWN.) Des Moines Bureau of Courier.

Des Moines, March 28.—The bill to permit savings banks to lend money on real estate out of Iowa but within fifty miles of the border was beaten in the senate this morning, receiving twenty-one votes only. Senator Hayward moved a reconsideration.

Money for Institutions. The appropriation bills for the state institutions under the board of control, amounting to \$640,000, were reported by the appropriations committee.

May Condemn Park Land. The senate passed the Hayward bill to permit cities under special charter to condemn land for parks. Only the senate is in session today.

More Money for University. The senate committee on appropriations today finally consented to \$149,500 for the state university, an increase of \$59,000 from the original figures. It is thought that the house will raise this amount slightly.

CHARGED WITH SHEA MURDER. James Crippen of Des Moines Held to the Grand Jury. Des Moines, March 28.—(Special)—James Crippen was today held to the grand jury for complicity in the murder of Morris Shea which took place in a saloon in East Des Moines, a few weeks ago. She was the man whose brother was pardoned from the Wapello county jail by Governor Cummins because of the death of his brother.

WILL NOT BLUFF. Germany Contemplates No Naval Demonstration Against Venezuela. Berlin, March 28.—The foreign office says the report that Germany intends to make a naval demonstration against Venezuela in order to compel prompt settlement of the rest of her claims is wholly incorrect.

FUNK ANNOUNCES HIS CANDIDACY

Sioux City, March 28.—The candidacy of A. B. Funk of Spirit Lake for congressman of the eleventh district is announced. He is quoted thus by the staff correspondent of the Journal: "I am a candidate for the republican nomination in the eleventh congressional convention. Between this date and May 4, only a few weeks intervene so it is impracticable to make any thing like a systematic canvass and organization, even if the field were less pre-empted and if I felt disposed to do."

"If it shall possibly occur that I am the ultimate choice of the congressional convention I shall feel highly hon-

HEARST MEN JUBILANT

RESULTS IN DEMOCRATIC COUNTY CONVENTIONS SATURDAY ARE SIGNIFICANT.

OLD LINERS ANXIOUS

Remarkable Showing Made by Hearst Forces Make the "Anti's" Open Their Eyes — County Conventions Were Not Full of Harmony.

Des Moines, March 28.—The results in the counties of Iowa which held democratic conventions, showed a marked Hearst victory. Eight counties held conventions, and Hearst delegates were elected in all of them and most of them instructed for Hearst.

The convention in Des Moines county in which the city of Burlington is situated, broke up in a row, and the Hearst men bolted the convention and will lead a contesting delegation to the Des Moines convention. The bolt was led by ex-Senator T. G. Harper, who charges that the Burlington delegates did not live up to their instructions. The following are the counties which held conventions Saturday:

Delegates. Wright, instructed for Hearst, 5 Union county, instructed for Hearst, 10 Lucas county, instructed for Hearst, 7 Henry county, instructed for Hearst, 8 Page county, not instructed, but claimed for Hearst, 5 Appanoose, instructed for Hearst, 11 Jefferson, not instructed, but claimed for Hearst, 7 Humboldt county, not instructed, but for Hearst, 2 Total, 55

Other Counties Also. Three other counties have already held their conventions, declaring for Hearst. They are Montgomery, five delegates; Ringgold, five delegates; and Warren, six delegates. Montgomery and Ringgold have instructed for Hearst; Warren did not instruct, and two of the delegates are against Hearst, thus giving Hearst a total of sixty-nine votes out of the delegations already selected. Should the contesting delegation from Des Moines county be seated, Hearst will have eighty-six votes out of eighty-eight already chosen.

Old Liners Scared. The remarkable showing made by the Hearst forces at this time, has caused the old line democrats to open their eyes and gasp. The Hearst management has covered the state thoroughly and the Hearst headquarters everywhere in the state is claimed with the possible exception of the second, Judge Wade's district. The Hearst management is not affected by the absence of money. They have plenty of it and it is apparently being spent lavishly.

Three Organizations. State headquarters have been established in Des Moines with A. W. Maxwell in charge, while local organizations are maintained at Manchester with Judge Carr at its head and at Ottumwa where J. H. Rogers is in charge. At Hearst headquarters it is claimed that the Hearst sentiment is very pronounced in the first district, exists in the second, considerable in the third, and all the rest of the districts are claimed for Hearst, on the basis of expressions of approval received by mail and in other ways.

WALSH IS SACRIFICED. Lucas County Democrats Instruct Delegates for Hearst. Charleston, March 28.—The Lucas county democratic convention met here Saturday afternoon and elected a delegation of seven to the state convention on May 4 by a vote of 58 to 18. The convention adopted resolutions recognizing W. J. Bryan as the republican candidate for president and instructing the delegates for W. R. Hearst at the state convention. An endorsement of Charles Walsh for congressman was stricken from the resolution to save the other clauses from defeat.

CUMMINS IS IMPROVING. Governor's Condition is Better Than It Has Been for Several Days. Des Moines, March 28.—(Special)—The condition of Governor Cummins, who is still confined to his home in this city, is today better than it has been for some days and it is thought the governor will be able to go to the capitol in a short time.

DIES ON WAY TO CHURCH

MISS JANE DIXON OF RUSSELL STRUCK BY BURLINGTON MAIL TRAIN.

Russell, March 28.—(Special)—Miss Jane Dixon, an aged woman who resided with her sister, Mrs. Roberts, in Russell, was struck and instantly killed by Burlington fast mail train No. 7 yesterday morning while she was on her way to church. Miss Dixon, who is the sister of John Dixon, a well known resident of Russell, was badly crippled and it is supposed that she became frightened when she saw the train coming toward her and ran in front of it. It is said that she had started across the track before she heard the locomotive and that she tried to hurry on in time to get out of the way but failed. The pilot struck her and hurled her body fully seventy feet through the air.

A lumber yard is close to the railway track where Miss Dixon was killed and the piles of lumber obstruct the view of pedestrians up and down the track.

NEW POSTOFFICE BUILDING.

Eddyville Will Have Structure Specially for That Purpose. Eddyville, March 28.—(Special)—It is reported on good authority the improvements planned for Eddyville during the coming summer is a postoffice building to be erected on the lot just east of the city hall. Mrs. W. W. DeLong, wife of the present postmaster, will erect the building and it is understood arrangements have been made to lease it to the government for use as a postoffice for ten years. The postoffice building has for several years been located in a two-story brick building, one and one-half blocks east of the proposed location but it is said that the light is not good and for that purpose a new structure is wanted.

LOCAL ELECTIONS.

Albia and Bonaparte Are Not Excited Over the Vote. Albia, March 28.—(Special)—Today is election day in this city and aldermen from the four wards are being chosen. Little interest is being taken in the election and a full vote will not be polled.

One-Sided At Bonaparte. Bonaparte, March 28.—(Special)—Within one ticket in the field, the Bonaparte city election being held today, is a rather tame affair. Four aldermen will be chosen and a franchise to the Farmers' Mutual Telephone Co., will be voted upon.

WANTS CONVENTION.

Democrats Would Entertain Their Fellow Partisans This Year. Cedar Rapids, March 28.—(Special)—With every hope of winning, Cedar Rapids today announces herself a candidate for the location of the democratic state nominating convention, to be held late this summer. The hotel and convention hall facilities of this city are urged as equal to any in the state and the local democrats think they will be successful in their attempt to land the convention.

EXTRA!

WOULD BLOCK CANAL. Chicago Lawyer Wants Injunction Against Secretary Shaw and Others. Washington, March 28.—Warren B. Wilson, a lawyer of Chicago, today filed in the district supreme court a bill in equity for an injunction against Secretary Shaw, the Republic of Panama, the new Panama Canal company of France, and others, to stop the construction of the Panama canal. He charges that the treaty is wholly unconstitutional and invalid.

BRAKEMAN MEETS DEATH. William O'Neey, of Redding, Is Crushed to Death at Corning Today. Creston, March 28.—(Special)—William O'Neey, of Redding, employed in the freight service on the Creston division of the Burlington road, was killed this morning at Corning. He was caught between the draw bars on two freight cars while attempting to make a coupling and his life was crushed out.

CHARGED WITH MURDER. Martin Westcott on Trial for His Life at Mason City. Mason City, March 28.—(Special)—The case of the State vs. Martin Westcott was called for trial here at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon, having been brought to this county by Judge Smith on a change of venue from Worth county. Westcott is charged with the murder of George Louge at Hanlontown, Iowa, December 12, 1903.

THE WEATHER

Iowa—Partly cloudy tonight and Tuesday. Warmer tonight and in the east portion Tuesday. Illinois—Generally fair tonight and Tuesday. Rising temperature. Local Weather. Nine o'clock last night, 29 Seven o'clock this morning, 38 Two o'clock this afternoon, 52

BURTON IS CONVICTED

KANSAS SENATOR FOUND GUILTY OF "GRAFTING" WHILE IN OFFICE.

JURY OUT MANY HOURS

Judge Adams Sets Time for Hearing Arguments on Motion for New Trial, Which Was Made Today — Burton Will Lose His Seat.

Topoka, Kas., March 28.—Lawyers who are close to Governor Bailey regard the conviction of Senator Burton as cause for the immediate vacation of his seat and the contest for the place, it is believed, will commence at once. Governor Bailey refuses to discuss the case.

St. Louis, March 28.—Joseph Ralph Burton, senior United States senator from Kansas, was convicted by a jury in the federal court here today on the charge of having accepted a compensation to protect the interests of the Rio Laito Grain & Securities Co., of St. Louis, before the postoffice department. The jury deliberated forty-one hours.

Asks New Trial. A motion for a new trial was immediately filed by counsel for the senator. Judge Adams thereupon ordered Senator Burton to appear in court either in person or by proxy at 10 o'clock one week from today, when the court will hear the arguments for a new trial and if the motion is decided against him, will fix his punishment.

OLD CITIZEN DIES.

George Earhart of Eldon Passes Away at an Advanced Age. Eldon, March 28.—(Special)—George Earhart, for many years a prominent and highly respected citizen of Eldon, died yesterday morning at his home after a two weeks' illness from typhoid fever. Mr. Earhart came to Eldon in 1879 and was for several years engaged in business here. He is survived by his wife and two sons, Ansel and John Earhart. The funeral services will probably be held at the family residence at 2:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

SETS FIRE TO JAIL.

Prisoner in Dubuque Calaboose Nearly Causes Many Deaths. Dubuque, March 28.—(Special)—The cries of prisoners calling for help brought a number of policemen to the city jail at 2 o'clock this morning and they were just in time to save the building from destruction by fire and the inmates from death by suffocation and burning. Tony Lacotte, who is being held for robbing a mail pouch at Dyersville in January, set fire to his bedding and had not the rescue party come just in the nick of time several lives would have been sacrificed.

UPHOLD SENATOR SMOOT.

The Mormons of Iowa Deny the Policy and Practices of Polygamy. Oskaloosa, March 28.—(Special)—The convention of the Mormons of Iowa adjourned today after a successful session in this city. They deny the policy and practices of polygamy except as to marriages performed prior to 1880, but they are strong in their protestations of fidelity to Senator Smoot, who has been fighting for his seat in the United States senate for several weeks.

FACTIONS STILL BUSY.

Prouty and Hull Fight in Des Moines City Election. Des Moines, March 28.—(Special)—The echo of the Hull-Prouty political battle which was waged so fiercely and ended with the utter defeat of Judge Prouty a few weeks ago, is heard today in the city election here. The Prouty republicans are scratching the Hull candidate for mayor, and the Hull men are scratching Governor Cummins' brother-in-law, Sutherland, who wrote the letter that caused so much trouble in the congressional fight.

RIISING WATERS FORCE MANY FROM THEIR HOMES

BIG PLANT CLOSED. Pennsylvania Supreme Court Enjoins Big Steel Company.

Philadelphia, Pa., March 28.—The state supreme court today directed that an injunction be issued perpetually enjoining the Jones & McLaughlin Steel Co., from such operation of its furnaces located in the fourteenth ward of Pittsburgh as to produce clouds of ore dust that would injure the surrounding property. The company's property represents an investment of \$5,000,000 and gives employment to nearly 11,000 persons.

WANT FOREIGNERS KEPT OUT.

Students of University of Missouri Oppose Admission of Egyptians. Columbia, Mo., March 28.—The students of the University of Missouri have circulated a petition asking that foreigners be excluded from the men's dormitory. The petition followed the announcement that an Egyptian student at the university had prevailed upon several of his countrymen to enter the university next year, and the students claim that the dormitory should be for the use of Missouri students alone.

JOHN MITCHELL GOING ABROAD.

Will Study European Labor Conditions and Attend Conventions. Springfield, Ill., March 28.—John Mitchell, national president of the United Mine Workers of America will sail for Europe on May 5 to spend most of the summer abroad studying labor conditions. On May 23 he will attend the international convention of miners to be held in Paris and later will attend a miners' convention at Berlin.

THIRTEEN ARE KILLED

NEGROES LOSE HEAVILY IN THE GRIM WAR WITH THE ARKANSAS WHITES.

DeWitt, Ark., March 28.—The race war which has been in progress here several days, resulted Saturday in a fresh clash in which Henry and Walker Griffin, colored, were killed. Their deaths bring the total number of negroes killed during the last week to thirteen. The news of the latest battle was brought in today, but without details and it is not yet known what caused the outbreak. As the Griffin brothers were the two men who opened hostilities against the whites on Monday, however, it is believed they were shot on sight.

NEGROES OUTNUMBER WHITES.

In the St. Charles neighborhood the negroes largely outnumber the whites and trouble has been brewing for a long time, indeed, the negroes are said to have been growing insolent and belligerent for years. It is now believed the leaders of the unruly element have been killed and that further trouble will be averted. Saturday was election day, and usually on such a day St. Charles is crowded with negroes, but during the entire day only two were seen in the town. Near St. Charles negroes are quiet and are attending strictly to their work.

PENALTY FOR STEALING FOWL.

Court at Washington Passes Heavy Sentence Upon Two Men. Washington, D. C., March 28.—Otto McCulley and Fred Custer, confessed chicken thieves, were sentenced Saturday to three months in jail and \$50 fine and costs. Fred Long, confessed bootlegger, was fined \$1,000 and committed to jail until the fine was paid. The court will ask the governor to parole him during good behavior. There was much interest in both cases. The court room was packed to overflowing when sentence was passed.

NO HOPES FOR RIVER IMPROVEMENT

Washington, D. C., March 28.—Congressman Hull of Des Moines fears it will not be possible to obtain relief from the national government in the matter of controlling the waters of the Des Moines river through the agency of engineering devices. A bill is now before the house committee on rivers and harbors asking for government aid in dyking and riprapping the Des Moines river in and about Des Moines, but in view of the fact that no river and harbor bill will be reported at this session and that there is some doubt as to the policy of the government in a matter of this sort, hope of relief, at this session, at least, has been practically abandoned. The status of the matter is this: Chairman Burton of the rivers and harbors committee is opposed primarily to the granting of government aid

FLOOD CONDITIONS IN MICHIGAN AND INDIANA GROW WORSE TODAY.

INDIANAPOLIS GETS MUCH NEEDED RELIEF

At Grand Rapids the River is Stationary Though People Are Still Kept Away From Their Homes — Two People Missing. Grand Rapids, Mich., March 28.—Although the water in the Grand river above the city has receded somewhat, it remains stationary here. Residences are flooding and the West Side is still suffering great privations. It is estimated today that 2,500 houses are now surrounded by water.

Two Are Missing.

Two persons are missing, Lulu Poek a young woman and Edwin Pales. The loss in the business section will reach millions.

Indianapolis Gets Relief.

Indianapolis, Ind., March 28.—The White river which last night overflowed West Indianapolis and covered the first floors of thousands of houses, has receded rapidly today. The Washab river flood has passed Terre Haute and is above Sullivan where the waters are still rising.

Farm Lands Flooded.

There are 25,000 acres of farm land under water. Westport has been totally abandoned by the inhabitants. At Vincennes the levees have given away and all the bridges across the river are closed.

Stores Closed at Saginaw.

Saginaw, Mich., March 28.—The flood conditions in Saginaw and vicinity are worse than ever today. The water has gone far beyond any previous flood records and nearly all the larger business houses are out of commission.

Rivers Still Rising.

Princeton, Ind., March 28.—The White and Washab rivers are on the rise an inch an hour here. All low lands are depopulated and much suffering is reported.

Missouri Farms Inundated.

Poplar Bluffs, Mo., March 28.—It is feared that the loss of stock resulting from the overflow of the Black river will be enormous. The river is six miles wide and 1,000 acres of bottom lands and the entire east side of the city are under water. Many of the residents have been forced to abandon their homes. At Williamsville the water has driven the inhabitants from the village.

"MOTHER" JONES FREE.

Was Deported From Strike Infested Telluride, Col. Denver, Colo., March 28.—"Mother" Jones, who was arrested by the military authorities at Trinidad and deported with the warning not to return as long as martial law existed in La Animas county, arrived in Denver yesterday from Pueblo, and is at the Oxford hotel. She refused to discuss the situation in any of its startling phases, but intimated that she will await instructions from President Mitchell before taking any action with a view to returning to the coal fields.

STUDENTS PLAN FOR DEBATE.

Harvard and Princeton to Wrestle With a Heavy Problem. Princeton, N. J., March 28.—The subject for the annual Harvard-Princeton debate has been submitted to Princeton as follows: "Resolved, that laws be passed compelling the management of a business concern which has control of an industry to sell its products at a reasonable rate without discrimination."

The debate will be held May 6 at Cambridge and Princeton will have the choice of sides.

GETS NEW JOB.

Lord Curzon Returns to England From India. London, March 28.—Lord Curzon, whose wife was Miss Mary Leiter of Chicago, has been appointed to a high office in England and will relinquish the viceroyalty of India. It was officially announced yesterday afternoon that he has been appointed lord warden of the cinque ports, succeeding the marquis of Salisbury, deceased. As lord warden he will be governor of an ancient district and reside in Walmers castle.

RUDOLPH IS CONVICTED.

Union Bank Robber Will Follow Pal to Death. Union, Mo., March 28.—While the body of George Collins was dangling on the scaffold Saturday in expiation for his part in the killing of Detective Schumacher, the jury in the case of William Rudolph was considering the evidence connecting Rudolph with the same crime, and almost before Collins' body had grown cold, a death the jury returned a verdict of murder in the first degree against Rudolph. Hanging is the punishment prescribed by law. Sentence was deferred pending the filing of a motion for a new trial. The jury deliberated a little over two hours and returned an unanimous verdict.