

STATE DEPARTMENT ASKS RUSSIA FOR EXPLANATION

Bear's Demands in Manchuria and Their Effect on American Interests the Subject of Conference Between Secretary Hay and Russian Ambassador—Unofficial Assurances Are Given That the United States Will Be Protected.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 26.—Russia's demands in Manchuria and their effect on American interests were the subject of a conference this afternoon between Secretary Hay and Count Cassini, the Russian ambassador, which occurred at Secretary Hay's house, and lasted for nearly an hour.

Steps have already been taken by the state department to ascertain the true inwardness of Russia's latest move. Ambassador McCormick at St. Petersburg, has been instructed by cable to present to the Russian foreign office a note which while diplomatically known as one of inquiry, is in substance a strong protest against Russia's demands.

No answers have yet been received to either note, though unofficially assurances are still reaching the department that American interests in Manchuria will be protected. In the department's note, which Ambassador McCormick has probably presented already, Russia's attention is called to the assurances which have repeatedly been given the United States relative to the preservation of the integrity of China and the continuance of the open door policy.

Russia's reason for contending for the closed door in Manchuria is to claim that the open door is not a commercial but a political question. She continues to assure the United States that in some way this country's interests will be protected in Manchuria. The point is made that as the Manchurian demands are still in negotiation between St. Petersburg and Peking the United States cannot expect that Russia will make concessions until the fate of her demands has been determined.

LIEUT. GOV. LEE GIVES UP OFFICE

Assistant gubernatorial Executive of Missouri Tenders His Resignation.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., April 26.—Lieut. Gov. John A. Lee has resigned his office as assistant gubernatorial executive of Missouri. The resignation was mailed to Gov. Dockery at Jefferson City this afternoon after Mr. Lee had spent much of the day in conference with his advisers.

It is not necessary that the resignation be accepted by Gov. Dockery. Under the constitution of the state a resignation is self-operative, and becomes effective the moment it is filed with the governor.

Senator Thomas T. Rubey, of Lebanon, Mo., president pro tem of the senate, who represents the Ninth senatorial district, succeeds to the office of lieutenant governor. Lieut. Gov. Lee's resignation is voluntary. Until Saturday he was undecided what course he would pursue, and declined to say whether he would resign.

Mr. Lee seemed relieved as a result of his action and expressed no regrets of relinquishing office. He declined to talk of the possibilities of the grand jury investigation now in progress which his future action would be in regard to the investigation.

Thomas T. Rubey, who succeeds to the office is 41 years of age and is a graduate of the state university of Columbia, Mo. He was formerly a member of the faculty of the school of mines and metallurgy at Rolla, Mo., and resided this position for several years. He was elected to the senate in 1901, and was a hold-over senator in the forty-second general assembly. During his legislative career he aided and worked against the interests of the baking powder combine.

Mr. Lee tonight gave the following public statement: "A desire to retire from political life and personal publicity has prompted my resignation."

"Now that I am just a private citizen I hope that my enemies and critics will forget some of my faults and mistakes and try to remember, if possible, some of the things that I might be commended for. If one has failed to fulfill public requirements and made an error, it seems to me that he should voluntarily relinquish all claims to office and honor and set out to make whatever reparation he can

ARCHIE ROOSEVELT'S PONY RIDES IN WHITE HOUSE ELEVATOR

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 26.—Archie Roosevelt, who is recovering from an attack of measles, had a visitor the other day whose call will do more to restore him to health than all the medicine the doctors can give him. Soon after Archie began to convalesce he begged to be allowed to see his spotted pony Ed through the White House. It was too soon for Archie to leave his room and Mrs. Roosevelt was compelled to decline the request.

Charles, the groom who looks after Algonquin, and who also as a great chum of Archie, thought the matter over and concluded that if Archie wanted to see his pony he should do so. Without confiding his plans to anyone, he led the pony the other day into the White House and along the corridor into the elevator.

The attendants were too much surprised to say a word until the elevator had disappeared. When the second floor was reached Charles led the pony to the room and tethered it in. To say that Archie was delighted expresses it mildly and the pony also seemed to enjoy the visit. This is the first time a horse has ridden for a long time in a White House elevator.



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MORMONS WOULD LIVE IN GERMANY

Missionary Cannon Intends to Ask the Permission of Emperor William.

BERLIN, April 26.—Hugh J. Cannon, the Mormon missionary, intends to appeal to Emperor William for permission for the Mormons to remain in Germany, hoping that his majesty's policy of religious tolerance may include the Mormons.

In his petition Mr. Cannon sets forth the morality of the Mormon doctrines and refers to the inability of his adversaries to cite any example which the Mormon teachings have been subversive to the laws of the state or of orderly citizenship; declares also that by the command of the supreme head of the church polygamy is not taught.

Mr. Cannon last Wednesday sent to the emperor and empress copies of the book of Mormons in German. If no aid is extended to the Mormon missionaries by Emperor William and if the orders of expulsion are enforced all the missionaries will leave quietly.

Mr. Cannon expects the United States to intervene in cases where the missionaries have been maltreated, as for instance in the affair at Olsenbruek, Prussia, last January, when two missionaries were dragged through the streets of the town and imprisoned for three days. They were deported to Hanover, where they were again placed in jail, and later sent on to Hamburg.

Advocates of good roads to meet today National and International Convention to Convene at St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., April 26.—The national and international good roads convention will convene here tomorrow for a session, among them the meeting will probably be the most important since the advent of the organization, whose purpose is the betterment of the highways of the country.

Large delegations from nearly all the states are expected. Many prominent men will make addresses during the convention, among them being President Roosevelt, Gen. Miles, Gen. Fitzhugh Lee, William J. Bryan, Carter H. Harrison and others.

ST. LOUIS PREPARING FOR THE FESTIVITIES Week to Open With Convention and Close With Fair Dedication.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., April 26.—St. Louis is beginning to assume gala attire for the festivities of the coming week, which will open with the national and international good roads convention and close with the dedication of the St. Louis exposition, both events being celebrated on the same day.

Adding to these 300,000 St. Louisians who are expected to be present, it is estimated that dedication day will find 450,000 persons within the world's fair grounds. Preparations for handling the crowds are being prepared, street car facilities for transporting the people to the grounds have been augmented in every way; private boarding houses have been opened all over the city, and books are being distributed which will notify the visitor where he can secure living quarters.

The real beginning of dedication week was augmented at 1 p. m., when the Arkansas, plowing her way from the gulf, reached St. Louis harbor. A delegation of prominent citizens met the Arkansas twelve miles below the city at Jefferson barracks, and boarding, accompanied her to the harbor.

After she had taken her place everything was made shipshape for the balance of the day, and tomorrow morning Commander Vreeland will land and call on Mayor Wells, who later will return the call on board the Arkansas and tender the formal welcome to the city.

DOCTORS BLAMED FOR DEATH OF MINING EXPERT Victor Clements Said to Have Received Improper Medical Treatment.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, April 26.—A telegram from Salimo, Mexico, announces the death at that place today of Victor Clements, of Salt Lake, a mining expert of international fame. Mr. Clements underwent a surgical operation yesterday, and his death, it is believed, was due to improper medical treatment. Mr. Clements conducted important mining operations in all parts of the world. As an associate of John Hays Hammond, he took a conspicuous part in the development of many mines in South Africa. He was regarded by the Boers as one of the ringleaders in the Jameson raid, and for many months languished in a Transvaal jail under sentence of death. Timely intervention of the American and British governments saved him from the gallows.

WIFE SHOTS FIREMAN IN DEFENDING HUSBAND Boston Fire Fighter Assaults Wrong Man and is Killed.

BOSTON, Mass., April 26.—Joseph A. Kelly, a fireman in the Boston fire department, was shot by Mrs. Isabella Viola in defending her husband from Kelly's assaults. He died a few hours later.

Kelly, it is said, went to No. 8 Fay street, accompanied by a white woman employed there as a housekeeper. Some trouble followed, resulting in Kelly being put out of the house. Half an hour later he returned, and through a mistake went to the upper apartment, which was occupied by Luke Viola and his wife. Kelly forced the door open and seized Viola by the throat, when Mrs. Viola, who is only twenty years of age, secured a revolver and fired three shots at Kelly, all of which took effect.

John Marroffa, an Italian, early this morning murdered Mrs. Kate Keenan, known also as Katie Carmella, with whom he had been living for the past week. He cut her throat after a quarrel, and made his escape from the house. Later a man answering his description was arrested.

Clear Track for Beckham. LOUISVILLE, Ky., April 26.—John K. Hendrick, of Paducah, today withdrew from the race for the Democratic nomination for governor of Kentucky. Mr. Hendrick's withdrawal leaves Gov. Beckham without opposition in the primary of May 9.

ST. PAUL TEAM LOST THE GAME AT KANSAS CITY IN THE NINTH INNING. Shortstop Cleggman, who has been awarded to St. Paul by the American association board of directors, declines to join the Saints.

FRENCH PREPARE TO WELCOME KING

Edward of England to Be Entertained on Truly Royal Scale.

PARIS, April 26.—Elaborate arrangements are being carried out rapidly for the welcoming here of King Edward of England, who is expected to arrive in Paris on Friday, President Loubet, and opportunity for brilliant spectacular effects.

Government architects have provided a plan for the decoration of the streets by day and illuminating by night. Private residences and shopkeepers have contributed large sums of money toward transforming the avenues and boulevards of the city into masses of color with floral arches, Venetian masts and loopings of flowers. A large amount of troops is being assembled to add to the military pageantry of the event.

When King Edward arrives at 3 o'clock next Friday, President Loubet, the members of the ministry and the staff of the British embassy will proceed to the Bois de Boulogne to meet him.

The station will be hung with rich velvet and Gobelin tapestries. The meeting between the president and the king will take place under a canopy. After the greetings King Edward and President Loubet will enter a state carriage with postillions and outriders, and escorted by a regiment of cuirassiers, they will drive through the Bois and the Champs Elysees to the British embassy. Throughout the entire day next Friday, the city will be decorated and equipped for this occasion. They overlook a fine sweep of the park and the gardens of the embassy.

When King Edward leaves King Edward at the embassy, but the king will proceed to pay a formal call upon the president, which will be returned by the president.

In the evening King Edward will be the guest of M. Loubet at the Comite Francaise, which will be the presentation of "L'Autre Danger."

On Saturday morning King Edward will attend a review of the 12,000 French troops at Vincennes, after the afternoon he will attend the races at Longchamps, the meeting being held especially in his honor. Children of the city will be a gala performance, the programme including the ballet "Le Cit" and a scene from "Sampson and Delilah."

Aside from its spectacular features, the visit of King Edward is leading to a wide range of speculation in the matter of its political significance. French officials state freely that this visit marks a long step towards the re-establishment of the cordial relations between France and Great Britain which were strained because of the Fashoda incident and the Boer war.

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ENRAGED FARMERS LYNCH NEGRO AND START RACE WAR

After Hanging Brute Assailant of Little Girl, Angry Illinois Men Rush Camp of Black Workmen and, Despite Heavy Fire, Drive Them With Many Wounded to the Woods—Captured Man Admits His Crime Before Hanging.

THEBES, Ill., April 26.—An unknown negro, aged about seventeen years, was lynched by a mob of angry farmers near the village of Santa Fe this afternoon for attempting to assault the ten-year-old daughter of Farmer Branson Davis, and this was followed by a general onslaught upon a colony of negroes living in tents who were engaged in bridge construction work.

The tents were burned and many negroes were shot, but so far as known no one was killed. Hundreds of shots were exchanged but no whites were hurt.

Branson Davis lives half a mile east of Santa Fe, a small village near here. While his ten-year-old daughter was in the barnyard today the negro assaulted her. She ran, but he seized her and her screams brought her mother to the rescue. The negro fled. Officers were notified and were soon in pursuit.

News of the assault speedily spread among the neighborhood farmers, and a mob of angry men started in search of the assailant. The negro was meanwhile captured by the officers and was being brought to Santa Fe, where the mob of farmers was met.

A scolding resulted, during which the farmers secured the negro. He confessed the crime, but begged for mercy. Without a word the mob started with the prisoner toward the new bridge being constructed across the Mississippi river, where he was hanged to a tree without ceremony or delay.

After the body had dangled in the air for a few moments it was riddled with bullets. The officers endeavored to disperse the mob, but their efforts were unavailing.

A rush was made for a colony of several hundred negroes employed on bridge construction work and living in tents near the bridge. The negroes saw the mob coming and opened fire. A fusillade followed and the whites fired with effect, in which many of the negroes were shot down. None of the mob was injured and it is not known exactly how many negroes were wounded.

The mob pressed forward, notwithstanding the heavy fire until the negroes turned and fled toward a nearby wood. They took their wounded with them. The mob then fell upon the tents and burned them. After accomplishing a general work of destruction the mob dispersed. Extra police were sworn in and tonight the village is under heavy guard. Excitement is intense.

Santa Fe is a village in the extreme southwestern portion of Illinois, near the Chicago & Eastern Illinois railroad.

CHINESE PLAN EXHIBIT FOR FAR Empress Dowager Orders an Appropriation Equivalent to \$100,000.

PEKING, March 23, via San Francisco, April 26.—The Chinese government of China, the St. Louis exposition, Prince Tao Ti Wong and Mr. Francis A. Carl, have met in Peking for their first conference.

The first two named persons had audience with the empress dowager and secured a liberal appropriation, equivalent to about \$100,000, for the Chinese exhibit. The empress dowager referred the matter to the provincial viceroys, with instructions to contribute whatever they were able for the purpose, whereupon they all pledged money and the dowager ordered this definite sum from the treasury of the imperial government.

Prince Tao Ti Wong is a cousin of the emperor, about the emperor's age. Before the Boxer outbreak he occupied a fine palace in Peking, but his contents were sold by American missionaries for the benefit of their converts after the relief. Pao Lun has been friendly with foreigners. Tao Ti Wong is a graduate of Yale and a most accomplished linguist. Mr. Carl, who is commissioner of customs at Chefoo, is a native of Tennessee and has been twenty-two years in Sir Robert Hart's organization.

Plans for the Chinese exhibition are not matured, but it is expected to have an elaborately decorated Chinese building. The dowager, as a token of appreciation of the protection afforded by American consuls, has promised a loan exhibit of some rare paintings, bronzes and relics from the palace.

Viceroy Yuen Shai Kuen, who has given this province the most enlightened and forcible government enjoyed by any part of China, is surrounding himself with a large staff of American advisers and assistants. His principal adviser is Charles Denby, Jr., son of the former minister. Dr. D. C. Tenney, a Dartmouth graduate and some years resident in China, is another adviser. Tien Tsun university, has charge of reorganization of schools in the province. E. P. Allen is attorney for the government and is in charge of the interests. Two young Americans have recently arrived to take charge of the new government mint at Tien Tsun. One is a young man from a new man university, the other a practical mint expert from the government mint at Philadelphia.

CUBANS PROTEST AGAINST TAXES

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HAVANA, April 26.—Protests are being made throughout the entire island against the taxes imposed by the newly created provincial governments. The drug stores of Havana and its suburbs, almost without exception, were closed today in protest against the stamp tax of 2 cents on every package of medicine sold. The druggists, following the example of the theater managers, have sought to have this tax rescinded, but the provincial council has refused their request. Today it was almost impossible to procure medicines in Havana except at the free municipal dispensaries, of which there is one in every ward. Many of the druggists declare they are ready to remain closed until Gen. Nunez, civil governor of Havana, or President Palma vetoes the tax. Gen. Nunez has informed the representative of the Associated Press that he approves of the taxes which have been imposed where they are the least burdensome, namely, upon amusements, gambling and the sale of patent medicines.

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