

RUSSIAN FLEET RESUMES JOURNEY; RUMORS OF PEACE NEGOTIATIONS AGAIN

**Rojestvensky's Squadron
of Fifty Vessels Last
Seen Going North.**

MAY NOT RISK BATTLE

**Stories of Movement to End
War at St. Petersburg
Are Unconfirmed.**

St. Petersburg, April 24.—Mysterious rumors that another attempt at peace negotiations is impending are circulating in high quarters and the United States is directly mentioned as intermediary. The Associated Press has not been able to obtain any confirmation of the reports. No intimation of such a move has reached the American embassy. At the foreign office this afternoon an official inquired perhaps significantly, when Roosevelt would return to Washington.

Leave Kamranh Bay.
Kamranh Bay, Ind-China, Via Saigon, April 24.—The Russian squadron, consisting of 52 ships, including transports, left Kamranh bay at noon April 22, and the main portion soon disappeared in a northerly direction. Sixteen vessels—the Russian cruiser Svetlana, hospital ship Orel, four German transports, seven Danish transports and three Russian transports—remained in the offing.

Heard Firing.
Fishermen and others assert they heard heavy cannonading off Kamranh bay during the evening of the 22nd.

Those who saw Rojestvensky prior to his departure say he is suffering from dysentery accompanied by severe pains. All officers and crews of the Russian ships appeared to be full of confidence.

Will Avoid Immediate Battle.
It is believed here it is Rojestvensky's intention to do everything possible to have Admiral Nebogatoff join him before undertaking a decisive battle. A torpedo boat destroyer is patrolling the coast.

The French cruiser Descartes left here Saturday afternoon for a point on the coast where a fisherman reports he saw 20 warships. The man was unable to give their nationality.

See Weakness in Ships.
Although the Russian crews are confident of victory independent observers who got near enough to Rojestvensky's warships to be able to inspect them were not unanimous regarding the efficiency of the squadron.

Watching With Interest.
Tokio, April 24.—Information is keenly awaited regarding the movements of Rojestvensky's squadron. It is generally believed it will either continue north from Kamranh bay until they reach Chinese waters outside of the territorial limit or enter the Pacific ocean.

Expected in Philippines.
Washington, April 24.—The cruiser Raleigh, which some days ago sailed from Labuan, Borneo, for Cuyo island in the Philippines, has arrived at Cavite. It is assumed here the Raleigh's captain had reason to believe some ships of the hostile fleet might enter Philippine waters in the vicinity of Cuyo islands, and was sent there for a cruise for the purpose of observation.

Gunboat Also Out.
The navy department is advised the gunboat Villalobos has sailed from Shanghai for a cruise. It is believed her mission is to observe the movements of the hostile fleets in the event they might turn toward Philippine waters.

Japs Near Manila.
Manila, April 24.—Three warships are now off Corregidor island. It is supposed here that they are Japanese vessels and that Rear Admiral Nishino is about expecting the arrival of Vice Admiral Kamimura.

Conquering at Sea.
Saigon, April 24.—Following the departure of the entire Russian fleet from Kamranh bay yesterday, heavy cannonading was heard at sea. It is supposed Admiral Rojestvensky's squadron was engaged with some of the Japanese warships.

It is believed here that the Russian commander encountered one or more of Togo's scouts and that the preliminary round in the great sea fight which is impending was the result. The report that Admiral Togo will assemble his fleet south of the island of Formosa on April 26 is interpreted to mean that the decisive action will be in that vicinity and that it cannot be postponed long.

French Cruisers Ordered East.
Paris, April 24.—The foreign office and other government departments are

HEAVY SNOW ON EAST SIDE OF ROCKIES; SALT LAKE CITY CUT OFF--STREAMS HIGH

Denver, April 24.—The storm that began early Sunday continued today. The plains of eastern Colorado are covered with six to eight inches of heavy, wet snow. Telegraph wires are rendered inserviceable. Salt Lake City was entirely isolated early today as far as telegraphic communication was concerned.

MEN DISCHARGED PLOT ON CZAR'S LIFE FOUND IN PALACE

Striking Teamsters of Ward & Co. Are Dismissed From Employment,

BUT MAY BE TAKEN BACK

Last Attempt to Arbitrate Blocked by Employers—Union Agent Does Some Shooting.

Chicago, April 24.—Montgomery Ward & Co.'s striking teamsters were formally discharged today. Manager Thorne said the discharge of the drivers did not mean they never would be reemployed.

Shots at "Sluggers."
Joseph Young, business agent of the Baggage and Parcel Delivery Drivers' union, was arrested today after he had shot repeatedly at four men, whom he says he recognized as "non-union sluggers." Incidentally, Young fired upon the two policemen who afterward took him into custody.

Employers Reject Proposition.
Chicago, April 24.—The Employers' association of Chicago refused Saturday afternoon to accept the proposition of the teamsters that all questions involved in the Montgomery Ward & Co. strike submitted to arbitration with Judge Tukey acting as arbitrator.

The proposition of the teamsters was conveyed to the employers through Mayor Dunne, and late in the afternoon the employers replied to the mayor that they were, as they have been from the first, willing to arbitrate anything connected with the strike of the teamsters alone, but that they will under no circumstances consent to arbitrate the strike of the garment workers which was on four months before the teamsters went out in sympathy.

ROOSEVELT MOVES HIS CAMP

Selects Point 20 Miles Away as Center of Hunting Trips.

Clenwood Springs, Colo., April 24.—Camp Roosevelt Saturday was transferred from the east to the west divide. President Roosevelt and party, according to a report received here, were up early, and taking their tents on their backs started for the Will Gregor ranch, 20 miles from New Castle. They have pitched their camp on the banks of the West Divide creek.

ELECTRIC LINE ACCIDENT

Wreck on Chicago & Milwaukee Results in Injury to 25.

Chicago, April 24.—Twenty-five persons were injured in a wreck Saturday night on the Chicago & Milwaukee electric railroad at Wilmette, a suburb, 15 miles from Chicago. Charles Franklin of Evanston, will probably die. J. L. Bebbelwhite and Rev. T. P. Frost, both prominent in Evanston, were severely injured. Several professors and a number of students from Northwestern university, were among the injured.

closed today in connection with the Easter holidays.

A telegram from Toulon says it is rumored there orders have been received to dispatch the French armored cruisers Kleber and Deseaix to the far east and to hold the third class cruisers Sars and Alger in readiness to put to sea.

CASTRO GOES TO EXPLORE COUNTRY

President of Venezuela Follows Roosevelt's Example in Going to the Wilds.

Caracas, April 24.—For the first time since he advanced himself to the head of the Venezuelan government six years ago President Castro is making a tour of the interior of the republic. Remote villages and cities formerly unknown to the president are to be visited by him on this excursion which includes much travel on horseback and in small steamers, along practically unexplored portions of the Apure and Orinoco rivers.

PRESIDENT OF MILWAUKEE FIRST NATIONAL BANK STEALS BIG SUM

Frank G. Bigelow's Defalcations Amount to \$1,500,000--Lost Fortune Speculating--Was President National Bankers.

Milwaukee, April 24.—Frank G. Bigelow, president of the First National bank of this city, former president of the American Bankers' association, has defaulted the bank's funds to the extent of \$1,500,000. The directors of the bank have deposited in the bank a sum sufficient to make the institution perfectly solid. Bigelow has not yet been arrested.

Capital \$1,500,000.
The capital of the bank was \$1,500,000 and surplus \$1,250,000. Bigelow has signed over property to the bank amounting to \$300,000 making a net defalcation of \$1,200,000.

Aside from the surplus the sum of \$1,000,000 has been subscribed by the directors to meet any demands which may be made on the bank. The controller of the currency has been notified and asked to make an immediate examination of the bank.

Known Saturday Night.
Bigelow's defalcation became known to directors of the bank on Saturday night. He admitted today the amount had been lost in speculation and that he had falsified the books to cover up the defalcation.

Henry G. Goll, assistant cashier of the bank, has been removed, charged with having been a party to the falsification of the books.

Notice has been issued by the directors announcing that a sum has been subscribed sufficient to protect depositors.

Was at Office.
Bigelow was in his office at the bank as usual up to noon looking over books and papers. His manner was greatly agitated. Arrangements are being made for the arrest of Bigelow and probably Goll this afternoon. Bigelow

COLLEGE MAN HELD BURDEN BY JUDGE; DAMAGE SUIT FOR DEATH DISMISSED

Bloomington, Ill., April 24.—A unique point in a damage suit has been brought out in the decision of Judge Wright in the Champaign county court. Last fall a railroad dining car was derailed, and Ralph O. Roberts, a student of the University of Illinois, was killed. The defendant's attorney moved that the case be dismissed on the plea

RUSSELL A. ALGER AGAIN STRICKEN

Ex-Secretary of War Experiences Second Attack -- Condition Improves.

Detroit, Mich., April 24.—Senator Alger, who was seized with an attack of acute indigestion last night was much better today. All danger is said to be passed.

Will Represent President
Detroit, Mich., April 24.—Returning from Chicago last night, United States Senator Russell A. Alger was stricken in his private car and lies in a grave condition. This is the second attack he has suffered this year. Senator Alger was secretary of war under President McKinley and won the title of brigadier general in the civil war.

JOSEPH JEFFERSON, VETERAN ACTOR, BREATHES HIS LAST

Don't mind dying. It is the thought of leaving these dear faces that hurts.—Joseph Jefferson.

West Palm Beach, Fla., April 24.—Joseph Jefferson, after being unconscious all day, died at 6:15 last night. The end was expected, as the patient had been sinking for several days. His wife and two of his sons, Charles B. and Frank Jefferson; Mrs. Nellie Symons, his nurse; Miss Mabel Bingham, Dr. R. B. Potter, and his faithful old servant, Carl Kettler, were at the bedside when he died.

Mr. Jefferson about four weeks ago visited Grover Cleveland at Hobe sound, where he caught cold, accompanied by acute indigestion, and, upon his return to Palm Beach, was forced to take to his bed. He was up after a few days, but 10 days ago he was seized with a relapse.

Made Several Raillies.
Several times during his illness the patient rallied, and it was thought that he might recover. It was seen on Friday night, however, that the end was near, and the suffering gradually sank until death came last night.

Mr. Jefferson had not been in the best of health for several months, and came to his home here early in the winter, with the hope of regaining his strength. This he was doing until his trip to Hobe sound.

Career on Stage.
Joseph Jefferson was born Feb. 20, 1829, in Philadelphia. His father, Jo-



JOSEPH JEFFERSON.

se of strolling players who barnstormed through Texas and followed the United States army into Mexico. In 1858 he made his first metropolitan success as Asa Trenchard in "Our American Cousin," at Laura Keane's theatre in New York, playing the part for 150 consecutive nights. His other notable parts were Newman Nogg in "Nicholas Nickleby," Caleb Plummer in "Cricket on the Hearth," Dr. Pangloss in "The Heir at Law," Bob Acres in "The Rivals," Dr. Gilpin in "The Poor Gentleman," and especially Rip Van Winkle.

Always One of Best.
In these and other characters—Satan Scudder in "The Octoroon," Baptiste Le Blanc in "Evangeline," Simon Lullaby, Joshua Butterby, Barnaby Rudge, Dickory in "The Spectre Bridegroom," Tony Lumpkin, Goldfinch, and old comedies and dramas of which the young playgoer of this hour knows nothing, he had many famous rivals, but he bravely held his own reputation.

Burial at Eastern Home.
Buzards Bay, Mass., April 24.—It was learned today at the "Crow's Nest" the home of Joseph Jefferson, that the body of the aged actor will be brought here and buried in Bay View cemetery, Sandwich.

Forest Fires in Minnesota.
Duluth, Minn., April 24.—Forest fires have done much damage in northern Minnesota and now threaten many frontier towns.

DEMORALIZATION IN MAY WHEAT BECOMES WORSE

LYNCHING FOILED BY USE OF AN AUTO

Columbus, Ohio, April 24.—A mob tried to lynch George Coyand, colored, today at Mt. Vernon, Ohio, arrested by Sheriff Shellenbarger for the murder of Miss Miranda Bricker, white. The sheriff hustled him into an automobile and took him to Newark from whence he will be brought to Columbus.

NO TRACK IS LAID

Rock Island Interests Defeated in Attempt to Occupy Peoria Streets.

FRANCHISE WAS REPEALED

Terminal Company Had Planned to Put Down 24 Blocks of Track at Night.

Peoria, Ill., April 24.—An attempt to occupy two miles of one of Peoria's principal streets under cover of night by the Peoria & Pekin Terminal railway was frustrated Saturday night by the vigilance of the Peoria police department.

The plan is said to be backed by the Rock Island railway and, as laid out, was one of the boldest attempts at grabbing the right to a thoroughfare ever made in Peoria.

Control Streets.
All night long a detail of police patrolled the 24 blocks of streets between Chestnut and Western avenue on Washington street. Several railroads of ties and rails, boxes of tools and excavating implements were hidden away on secluded side tracks, but owing to the presence of the police the work was not attempted.

It was not until Saturday evening that word reached the police headquarters that the Peoria & Pekin Terminal railway expected to tear up Washington street in the night, lay their tracks and by morning have cars running on the thoroughfare. The mayor ordered Chief of Police Rhoades to protect the street and a large detail of officers was sent to the scene.

Franchise Annulled.
The Terminal was granted a franchise five years ago, but when it was found that the Rock Island railway rails were being laid the franchise was annulled by the city council. It was the plan of the companies to take possession of the street and then fight the case out in court.

NEW EVIDENCE IN PATTERSON CASE

Prosecutor Rand in Third Outline Before Jury Touches on Later Features.

New York, April 24.—For the third time within six months Nan Patterson today sat in court and listened to Assistant District Attorney Rand explain to the jury what he, as public prosecutor, proposed to do to convince them that she was guilty of the murder of "Caesar" Young. While the outline of the people's case as given by Rand today was practically a repetition of those which have gone before, it differed in some material respects. Much of the evidence given at the other trials will not be presented this time, it appears, while the prosecution promises to introduce some entirely new features.

At the conclusion of Rand's opening argument Miss Patterson was taken with a sudden faintness but soon revived and was able to walk unassisted back to her cell.

Earthquake in Ecuador.
Guayaquil, Ecuador, April 24.—A long, heavy earth shock was experienced here last night.

GREATER PITTSBURG ENCOUNTERS A SNAG

State Supreme Court Issues Temporary Injunction Against Union With Allegheny.

Philadelphia, April 24.—Former Gov. Stone presented to the state supreme court today a bill in equity to restrain the consolidation of the cities of Pittsburgh and Allegheny authorized by the legislature during the session just ended. The court granted a cautionary restraining order preventing the court of Allegheny county from ordering the special election.

In an Hour Price at Chicago Takes Tumble to 93 1-2.

GOES BACK FIVE POINTS

Mysterious Decline in Railway Stocks Causes Excitement in New York.

Chicago, April 24.—The price of May wheat continued on a wild downward plunge here today, sales being made at one time at 6 1/2 cents a bushel below Saturday's closing figures. General liquidation was again the feature of an extremely exciting session.

Fell to 93 1/2.
Before the first hour of trading had elapsed May had fallen to 93 1/2, a sheer drop of 1 1/2 from Saturday's high point. The opening prices were off 2 to 4, at 96 to 98. Buying by Armour & Co. caused the temporary check to decline, the price hovering around 97 1/2.

Futures Weak.
Another break soon occurred, the price dropping to 93 1/2. Distant deliveries were weak, although July was supported quite vigorously by Armour & Co.

Heavy rains over the entire winter wheat belt from Nebraska south to the Gulf created a bearish sentiment in futures.

Another Cent Clipped.
Before midday another cent was clipped from the price of May, sales being made at 93 1/2. On the slump Armour & Co. are reported to have bought 1,000,000 bushels of May.

An improved demand was manifested during the last hour of trading and the market became quiet steady, May closing seven cents lower at 93, July down 2, at 84 1/2 to 78.

Corn Affected.
Corn became quite demoralized and the close was near the lowest point of the day, May down to 1 1/2 at 7.8 and 46, July at 46 1/2, a net loss of 1 1/2.

Slump in New York.
New York, April 24.—May wheat continued its downward movement today sustaining losses of more than three cents a bushel.

SENSATIONAL DROP IN RAILROAD STOCKS ON NEW YORK MARKET

New York, April 24.—Violent and feverish fluctuations in prices of stocks this morning indicated an unsettled state of speculation. Operators were confused in the interpretation of the acute weakness with which the market closed on Thursday last before the holiday.

The return to the stock exchange list of the Northern Pacific was another confusing element. To these were added the slump in wheat Saturday, indicating the collapse of the corner and a flurry in the call market Thursday. To add to the uncertainty the London stock market was closed today.

Special Stocks Hold Up.
Efforts were manifest to control the market by supporting special stocks, which had the effect of steadying the market. Within 15 minutes after the opening Northern Pacific sold at 167 1/2. This stock had been nominally quoted at 180. During the first hour Union Pacific sold off some 3 1/2, and a number of other leading stocks a point or more.

Bears Busy.
Bear operators were very active on the short side and they overrode the market and were driven to cover during the second hour. This caused some vigorous rallies, but the recovery was checked before reaching last Thursday's closing level and the market became very dull and uncertain.

Hines Before Senate Committee.
Washington, April 24.—The senate committee on interstate commerce today resumed the hearing of the railroad rate question. Walker D. Hines, formerly of the Louisville & Nashville Railroad company, appeared before the committee.

Union Pacific Motor Car Ready.
Omaha, Neb., April 24.—After a week's trial on the St. Paul branch, the Union Pacific today sent the new motor car to Denver for exhibition and a trip between that city and Greeley.

Decatur Gets Big Shops.
Springfield, Ill., April 24.—Master of Motive Power Barnes, of the Wabash railroad, has announced that the Wabash will build large shops at Decatur, costing \$400,000, and that the Wabash shops at Springfield will be removed to Decatur.