

rangement, however, seems to me an excellent one, and I sincerely trust that nothing has happened or will happen to defeat it."

"In the name of God, man, what are you driving at?"

"A man was shot right before last upon our premises and spirited away, whether living or dead, it is not known. My informant thinks he is living."

"Who told you such a thing?" The words came almost as a whisper from the astonished doctor.

"He was shot from a window while in the wing-room which opens into the garden. He was struck on the right side of his head."

"Go on!" said the physician, after a pause, and making desperate efforts to be calm. "Let us see how far this wretched informant of yours has lied."

"Lied? So upon the impulse of the moment I, too, believed. But the fame of a woman is sacred, Dr. Brod-nar, and this morning I went into that room. Upon the wall in the rear, a little out of line from the window to the chair, in which, it is said, the man who was shot had been sitting, was a bullet mark. On the jagged edges of the hole in the plaster were a few hairs and traces of blood." Holbin unfolded a little package upon the table as he spoke. "Place these under a microscope and verify my statement." Again the doctor was silent; but the look he gave his visitor was so passionately threatening that Holbin paused.

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#### BOER LEADERS CONFER.

Schaalkburger, Botha, Steyn and Dewet Meet at Ermelo.

London, April 17.—A dispatch to The Times from Middleburg, Transvaal, says: Operations in the Eastern Transvaal have been begun. There is no doubt that Acting President Schaalkburger, General Botha, Mr. Steyn and General Dewet had a meeting at Ermelo, but their subsequent movements are obscured. Raids on the railway have become less frequent. Sir Alfred Milner, according to The Daily Chronicle, is coming to England early next month and will remain two months to recruit his health, which has been severely tried in South Africa. Most of the morning papers comment upon the effect which his absence at a critical moment is likely to have upon the campaign, recalling the fact that General Botha made the objections to Sir Alfred Milner one of the chief reasons for rejecting the peace terms. It is expected the Boers will impute Sir Alfred's absence to political motives.

Struck a Wagon Load of Indians. Parsons, Kan., April 17.—Word has been received here that the south-bound "Katy Flyer" ran into a wagon load of Indians at a crossing near Blue Jacket Station, I. T., killing two men and seriously injuring a woman and child. The Indians could not speak English and could give no account of themselves.

Canal Improvement Abandoned. Albany, N. Y., April 17.—The \$20,000,000 canal improvement was officially abandoned when, after a conference with Governor Odell, the canal adherents and Republican leaders conceded that the measure would be swamped if it came up for vote. It will therefore be allowed to die in the committee of the assembly.

Examine Candidates for Chaplain. Washington, April 17.—The secretary of war has appointed a board to meet in this city as soon as practicable for the purpose of conducting the examination of persons designated for appointment as chaplains in the army.

Denial by Senator Clark. Paris, April 17.—Senator W. A. Clark of Montana, who is now in Paris, says the report sent out from San Francisco announcing his engagement to Miss Laube of South Dakota is absolutely without foundation.

#### TELEGRAPHIC BRIEVITIES.

The steamship European, with 1,100 horses, has sailed from New Orleans for Cape Town.

Bishop J. J. Esher of the Evangelical church died at Chicago after a protracted illness, aged 78 years.

A cage filled with natives fell down a deep shaft of the Goldenhauss mine at Johannesburg. Six of the natives were killed.

General Chaffee gave a farewell dinner prior to leaving Peking. Fifty guests, including Count von Waldersee, attended.

Queen Dowager Emma of the Netherlands, according to a Brussels correspondent, will soon undergo an operation at Bonn.

It is probable that Major General Corbin will be named to represent the United States at the coronation of King Edward VII.

Captain J. B. Coghlan has been ordered to relieve Captain G. E. Ide from duty as captain of the Mare Island (Cal.) navyyard.

At the Twentieth century jubilee of Scottish rite bodies of the Southern Jurisdiction at Wichita, Kan., a class of 176 applicants was initiated.

General MacArthur reports the arrival of the transport Indiana at Manila. She had on board 145 men of the Tenth Infantry and 585 of the Twenty-eighth Infantry.

Seven new cases of the bubonic plague have been reported at Cape Town, three of them being Europeans. There have been five deaths, one of them being an European.

## WILL BE £50,000,000

POWERS WILL NOT REDUCE INDEMNITIES ASKED BELOW THAT FIGURE.

### SOURCE OF SERIOUS DANGER

If the Allies Fail to Recoup Their Actual Outlays They Are Likely to Seek Compensation by Separate Arrangements—Grave Complications Would Follow—Russia and Japan Fixing Up Their Korean Differences.

London, April 17.—The Peking correspondent of The Daily Mail says he thinks the amount of the indemnities demanded by the powers will not be reduced below £50,000,000, and adds that "it cannot be too strongly pointed out how serious a danger would result from too large a reduction of claims."

"If the powers fail to recoup their actual outlays," he says, "they are likely to seek compensation by separate arrangements with Peking, which would infallibly lead to grave complications."

"Pourparlers are proceeding between Russia and Japan," says the Odessa correspondent of The Standard, "and it is expected the result will be the conclusion of an agreement regarding Korea. No explanation, however, is vouchsafed as to how the European powers and the United States are to be propitiated and reconciled by such a modus vivendi, founded upon the wreck of Korean independence."

According to a dispatch to The Morning Leader from Tien Tsin, Boxers have destroyed 20 miles of railway at Lu Han, near Pao Ting Fu.

#### ACCEPT RECOMMENDATION.

Powers Agree to Plan Submitted by Mr. Rockhill.

London, April 17.—Dr. Morrison, writing to The Times from Peking, says: "The ministers of the powers have concluded to adopt the recommendation of Mr. Rockhill giving effect to Article XIII of the joint note concerning the reform of the tsung li yamen, and the modification of the court ceremonial. It was agreed that in place of the tsung li yamen there shall be a Wai-Emu-Pu, or board of foreign affairs, having precedence over other bodies. It is to consist of a president who shall be an imperial prince and of two ministers, one being the president of a board and the other a member of the grand council with direct access to the emperor. There will also be two vice ministers having knowledge of foreign affairs, one of them speaking a foreign language. "With regard to court ceremonials, the ministers of the powers, when about to be received in audience, will be conveyed in imperial chairs to the palace through the central gateways and be received in the halls where the emperor is accustomed to entertain imperial princes and they will be shown honor equal to that shown by European sovereigns to foreign ambassadors."

#### REFUSES TO RETIRE.

Force of Germans and French Sent Against Liu Hui-liu.

London, April 17.—A dispatch to the Reuter Telegram company from Peking says that General Von Gille, in command of 5,000 German and 3,000 French troops, is heading an expedition to attack Liu Hui-liu, who is within 120 miles of Pao Ting Fu. Liu's position is inside the territory defined by Field Marshal von Waldersee as the sphere of operations for the allies. Liu has 10,000 men and has refused to retire, saying if the allies wished him to retire they had better come out and compel him to do so.

#### KING EDWARD'S CORONATION.

It Will Take Place Next Year at the End of June.

London, April 17.—The coronation of King Edward will take place at the end of June, 1902. Westminster Abbey, according to Truth, will be entirely closed to the public for four months prior to the event, and all services will be suspended in order to prepare the interior for the ceremony.

The details of the ceremonial will be settled next week by a committee of the privy council.

#### Russians Want a Constitution.

Vienna, April 17.—A dispatch from Lemberg to The Kreuz Wiener Journal asserts that further troubles have occurred in Russia and that wholesale arrests have been made in Odessa and other cities. The correspondent says also that 15,000 signatures, including merchants and landowners, have been secured to a petition to Emperor Nicholas to grant a constitution.

#### Bad Weather in Germany.

Berlin, April 17.—For several days the weather has been extremely bad throughout Germany. Rain and snow fell in Berlin during the morning. It has snowed heavily at Magdeburg and Wernigerode, while mail connections in Thuringia are only possible with sleighs.

Morgan Buys Gainsborough Picture. London, April 17.—Mr. J. Pierpont Morgan, the Associated Press is authoritatively informed, has bought the Gainsborough picture recently recovered in Chicago, though the price is not yet finally determined upon.

#### UNDER POLICE GUARD.

Documents in City Clerk's Office at Cleveland.

Cleveland, April 17.—A sensation was created at the city hall when three policemen were placed on duty in the office of the city clerk for the purpose, it was said, of preventing anyone from removing books or records. Charles W. Toland was elected city clerk at the meeting of the council. Toland immediately qualified and took possession of the office, notwithstanding the protest of the retiring clerk, Howard W. Burgess, who declared that his term did not expire until April 27. It is understood that the officers were placed in the office on the order of Mayor Johnson. It is said the latter feared that some of the documents in connection with the recent councilmanic bribery case might be taken away from the office.

#### DENIED BY LOOMIS.

Has Not Expressed Himself Regarding the Troubles in Venezuela.

New York, April 17.—Hon. F. B. Loomis, United States minister to Venezuela, is a passenger on the Red D line steamer Caracas, which has arrived from San Juan. When seen on board the vessel, Mr. Loomis refused to say anything regarding Venezuelan matters except that President Castro seemed to be firmly seated when he left Venezuela. When asked if he intended to return to Venezuela he said that he did not know, as he had not given the matter a thought. Mr. Loomis, however, in reply to questions, said that it was untrue that he had expressed himself regarding General Castro's attitude towards Americans, nor had he said anything about General Andrade.

#### NATIONALITY OF THE NAVY.

Sixty-five Per Cent of Our Sailors Are Native Born.

Washington, April 17.—Secretary Long has had compiled a table showing that during the Spanish-American war, out of a force of 22,828, the total of native born sailors was 15,406, or of foreign born 7,422. The percentage of native born sailors was 65 and including foreigners who had become Americans by naturalization the percentage was 80. The statement also shows that of the foreign born sailors more than one-half have become naturalized or have declared their intention of becoming citizens. The statement further shows that the navy is more exclusively American than is generally supposed.

#### ANNUAL ADJUSTMENT.

Over 6,000 Promotions and 2,000 New Clerks in the Postal Service.

Washington, April 17.—The annual adjustment of postoffice salaries and allowances thus far made, to take effect July 1 next, provide for 4,730 promotions of postoffice clerks and for the appointment of 1,800 additional clerks at postoffices throughout the country. With the adjustments yet to be made at other offices these figures probably will be swelled to about 6,300 promotions and close to 2,200 additional clerks. This adjustment will raise the average pay of the postoffice clerks by about \$100, as 75 per cent of the promotions will go to clerks in the lower grades.

#### FAVOR THE RULE.

Newspapers Against Premium Inducements for Subscriptions.

Washington, April 17.—Newspapers already are sending their replies to the circular letter sent out by the postoffice department asking whether a departmental rule that will absolutely stop all premium inducements for subscriptions would be regarded as injurious to legitimate newspapers and periodicals. All except one of the responses already in warmly favor such a rule, the exception being a request for further information on the subject.

#### OLDEST WEST POINTER.

Major Joseph Smith Brice Dies at New York City.

New York, April 17.—Major Joseph Smith Brice, the oldest graduate of West Point, died in this city, aged 93. He was born at Georgetown, D. C., Sept. 21, 1808, and was graduated at West Point with distinction in 1829, one of his classmates being General Robert E. Lee. He served throughout the Civil war on the staffs of Generals Wadsworth and Barnard. He retired from the army and practiced law.

Hollanders Denounce Chamberlain. Chicago, April 17.—Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands was toasted and Joseph Chamberlain of England denounced at the sixth annual banquet of the Holland society of Chicago, which was held at the Grand Pacific hotel. About 100 members of the society were present with a number of invited guests and the affair was the most successful and brilliant of its kind ever given under the auspices of the club.

#### Mystic Shrine Pilgrims Return.

Chicago, April 17.—Members of the mystic shrine, who started on the tour from Grand Rapids to Honolulu, Feb. 16, arrived in Chicago during the day on the return trip. They travelled to the islands and established a new chapter on the crater over an extinct volcano. The route covered is over 12,000 miles, 7,000 of which was by rail.

#### Elections in South Dakota.

Sioux City, Ia., April 17.—City and town elections in South Dakota were for members of councils and school boards, and results are without political significance. In nearly every town where the license question was up the people voted for license.

## TOOK HIS OWN LIFE

MELVIN R. BALDWIN COMMITTS SUICIDE IN A FIT OF DESPONDENCY.

### EX-MEMBER OF CONGRESS

Represented the Duluth District at Washington as a Democrat—Also Filled the Office of Minnesota Superintendent of Indian Affairs—Went to Seattle, Wash., About Three Years Ago.

Seattle, Wash., April 17.—In a fit of despondency over business reverses and aggravated by the depressing effects of la grippe, Melvin R. Baldwin, an ex-congressman from Minnesota and former state superintendent of Indian affairs under President Cleveland, took his own life.

The ex-congressman's body was found lying on his bed in his apartments at 2018 Fourth avenue with a bullet hole through his brain at 7:30 p. m., and from the condition of the body it is estimated death had occurred fully two hours before. Tighty gripped in his hand was a 38-caliber revolver. D. McKinley, a friend of the deceased and former business associate, discovered the body when he went to visit the ex-congressman at his apartments. Entering the room, McKinley spoke to his friend, the outline of whose body could be seen in the darkness of the chamber, and, receiving no response, summoned assistance only to find that Baldwin had sent a bullet crashing through his brain and lay in a pool of blood, which had accumulated upon the bed clothing and which was yet flowing freely from the wound in his right temple.

Melvin R. Baldwin, who was 62 years of age, came to this city about three years ago from Duluth, Minn., after having relinquished his position as Minnesota superintendent of Indian affairs, to which office he was appointed by President Cleveland, after the expiration of his term in congress. He was elected to the lower house from the Duluth district as a Democrat in 1892 and served one term. He secured the position of superintendent of Indian affairs a few months later and was one of the few Cleveland appointees who refused to resign, necessitating his removal by President McKinley.

Mr. Baldwin leaves a widow and two sons, all of whom reside in Duluth, Minn.

#### ANNOUNCED BY HILL.

Has Concluded Negotiations for the Burlington's Purchase.

Chicago, April 17.—The Tribune says: James J. Hill, before leaving St. Paul for the West, announced the success of the long pending deal for the control of the Burlington railway. He said he had concluded negotiations for the purchase of the Burlington system and added: "There are no changes in our relations with the St. Paul-Chicago line. We merely wanted the Burlington for a St. Louis and Kansas City feeder." Mr. Hill denies the report that the Burlington deal meant the establishment of a transcontinental system, with the Erie as an Eastern outlet. He said that the Erie would not be a part of a transcontinental line and that there would be no transcontinental line and that the Erie would be free from alliances.

#### TOWNE AT THE HEAD.

Duluth Men Organize a Company and Make Him President.

Duluth, April 17.—Charles A. Towne, the Populist nominee for vice president last year, is president of a company just formed here to work what is said to be a vast deposit of corundum, an abrasive mineral similar to emery. E. E. and T. B. Lewis, friends of Mr. Towne, discovered the deposits, consisting of two hills, practically all composed of corundum, on the north shore of Lake Superior, about 20 miles from here. They made Mr. Towne president of the company, which is stocked for \$1,000,000. It is the intention to establish a plant in Duluth. A number of other Duluth people are interested in the mine with Mr. Towne, and great things are expected from it.

#### Wants Snake Indians Arrested.

Muskogee, I. T., April 17.—United States Marshal Bennett has issued instructions to his deputies to arrest Lah Tah Micco and Chitto Harjo, alias Crazy Snake, wherever found. Sufficient information has been received by the court officials here to convince them that these two leaders of the Snake band are again at work advising their people to continue to oppose the policy of the government regarding their tribal affairs.

#### Foreign Rifle Teams Will Attend.

New York, April 17.—The National Rifle Association of America has received assurances of the presence of at least three foreign rifle teams, representing Ireland, Switzerland and Canada, at the international rifle shooting tournament to be held at Sea Girt, N. J., next September.

#### Morgan Syndicate in Control.

Pittsburg, April 17.—The reorganization of the Carnegie corporations was effected during the day at a meeting of the stockholders and the Morgan syndicate interests assumed control.

#### MAY WEAR SHIRT WAISTS.

Order for Comfort of Letter Carriers Issued by Postal Department.

Washington, April 17.—The following order, relieving letter carriers throughout the country of wearing the heavy uniform coats and vests during the summer, has been signed by Postmaster General Smith:

"During the heated term postmasters may permit letter carriers to wear a neat shirt waist or loose fitting blouse, instead of coat and vest, the same to be made of light gray chambray gingham, light gray chevrot or other light gray washable material; to be worn with turn-down collar, dark tie and a neat belt; all to be uniform at each office."

#### HEAD END COLLISION.

Serious Accident on the Illinois Central at Woodbine, Ia.

Woodbine, Ia., April 17.—A head end collision here between two Illinois Central passenger trains resulted in the death of one of the engineers, the probably fatal injury of the other and the serious injury of several passengers. The two passenger trains were under orders to pass here. The eastbound train, the Chicago flyer, was running at full speed on the main track, but instead of being sidetracked the westbound train dashed into the eastbound at full speed. Both engines were demolished and several of the cars shattered.

#### ASKS WARRANTS FOR LYNCHERS.

Father of the Negro Alexander Emphatic in His Demands.

Leavenworth, Kan., April 17.—County Attorney Michaels refuses to state what he will do regarding the issuing of warrants for the leaders of the mob that lynched Fred Alexander, the negro. The father of Alexander is emphatic in his demands for a warrant for W. G. Forbes, father of the girl assaulted, and who is said to have touched off the fire at the stake, and A. M. Thomas, a negro lawyer, has arrived here from Topeka and is said to be gathering evidence against the lynchers.

#### CANNOT ELUDE AMERICANS.

Mascordo's Band of Filipinos Are in a Bad Way.

Manila, April 17.—The chief of staff of the insurgent general, Mascordo, has surrendered at the town of Marivales, in Bataan province, Luzon. He said that Mascordo's band of followers, now greatly diminished, are in a bad way. It is impossible for them to elude the Americans, they are unable to obtain food and want to surrender. It is expected that General Mascordo himself will surrender shortly.

It is estimated that an official announcement regarding the disposition of Aguinaldo will soon be made.

#### TO KILL HIS NEIGHBORS.

Lunatic Escapes From the Missouri Insane Asylum.

St. Joseph, Mo., April 17.—John Record, a giant in strength and dangerous, made his escape from the state asylum here by breaking the iron bars from the window of his cell. Record murdered a farmer named Wallace, who had testified against him in court. He has been anxious to get out of the asylum for three years to kill other neighbors for giving testimony against him. The neighbors were warned of Record's escape and all are heavily armed.

#### General King in Command.

Milwaukee, April 17.—Brigadier General Charles King of this city has accepted the command temporarily, at least, of the Michigan military academy at Orchard Lake, to succeed Colonel Rogers, who has been at the head of the academy since 1871. Colonel Rogers retires on account of impaired health. If Colonel Rogers does not return to the school by next fall General King may assume permanent command.

#### Coal Men Will Fight the Pool.

Cleveland, April 17.—A local paper says: The big pool being formed by independent vessel owners will have smooth sailing in fixing freight rates for the season. The coal shippers are organizing an association to fight the pool. Preliminary steps in the matter have already been taken. The coal shippers say they will fight the pool at every point, as its purpose is to advance rates. Both sides expect to line up for a hard fight.

#### Increase in Porto Rican Customs.

San Juan, Porto Rico, April 17.—G. W. Whitehead, collector of customs for Porto Rico, has published his March report, which shows a decided increase upon the February receipts. The receipts for the island last month were \$87,778, as compared with \$62,784 for February, while exports for March were \$1,149,574, as against \$737,222 in February. The difference was chiefly in sugar.

#### Fortune for an Invalid Veteran.

Dayton, O., April 17.—Henry H. Hawthorn, one of the invalid soldiers in the soldiers' home here, has just received notice that he has been made the beneficiary to the amount of from \$200,000 to \$500,000 left him by a woman out of gratitude for having saved her life many years ago. The woman is Mrs. Josephine Fairfax, who recently died in the south of France.

#### May Move Conductors' Headquarters.

Cleveland, April 17.—The national headquarters of the Order of Railway Conductors may be brought to Cleveland. The Business Men's league is making efforts to this end. The organization numbers 50,000 members and headquarters are now at Cedar Rapids, Ia.

## CALL ALL THE MEN OUT

TREND OF AFFAIRS AT M'KEESPORT FOREBODES A STUBBORN FIGHT.

### RECOGNITION OF UNIONISM

Battle Is Being Made by the Amalgamated Association—Sheet Steel Company Will Close Plant Indefinitely Rather Than Submit—The War May Be Carried Into Every Factory Operated by the Concern.

Pittsburg, April 17.—The close of the second day of the strike at the Dewees Wood plant of the American Sheet Steel company at McKeesport shows a condition of affairs that forebodes a stubborn fight. The fight is being made by the Amalgamated association for the recognition of unionism and President Shaffer's announcement that all of the company's mills will be called out may receive the sanction of the advisory board. Secretary Jerrett, in charge of the labor bureau of the company, will be present at this meeting and present the company's side of the matter and urge that no strike be declared. If the statement credited to the company that the McKeesport plant will be closed indefinitely rather than recognize the union, is adhered to, President Shaffer's attitude will demand that the entire strength of the Amalgamated association be pitted against the sheet steel company as a whole. The status of the strike is that only two departments of the mill are in operation, the steel mill or finishing department, and the hammer shop.

The mayor of McKeesport has taken the precaution to have the mill and town policed with a large extra force, but up to the present not the slightest disturbance has taken place. The company apparently has no intention of trying to fill the strikers' places and the men seem content to allow their leaders to manage their campaign and are not going near company property.

#### MINES ARE TIED UP.

Minor Strikes in Coal Districts Cause Idleness of 5,000 Men.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., April 17.—The breaker boys employed at the Prospect mine of the Lehigh Valley Coal company went out on strike because one of their number was discharged. This necessitated the closing of the breaker and also of the Oakwood, Midvale, Wyoming and Port Bowley mines, the coal from which is sent through the Prospect breaker.

The boys called on the general superintendent during the evening, but that official upheld the foreman. He said the strike was entirely uncalled for. Petty grievances have caused several strikes in this region in the past two weeks, and it is claimed that there are nearly 5,000 miners idle in consequence.

#### GENERAL WOOD TO COME.

Will Visit Washington When the Cuban Delegation Does.

Washington, April 17.—It was stated at the war department that General Wood would come to Washington if the Cuban delegation came. Nothing official was known regarding the appointment of the delegation from the convention, but when the matter was first under consideration General Wood was cabled that the president was to leave Washington about April 25 to absent about six weeks and that any arrangements for the visit of the delegation would have to be made with this fact in view. It is now thought probable that the Cuban delegation will see the president before he leaves for the West.

#### NEGROES ARE ORGANIZING.

Intend to Take an Active Part in Cuban Politics.

Havana, April 17.—Rumors are prevalent that the negroes intend to take an active part in politics and that an organization is being perfected under the leadership of Juan Hualberto Gomez.

It is reported from the Eastern provinces that negroes are aspiring to political offices and will seek the same at the coming municipal elections. Politicians here fear that this movement will result in the election of several negroes as mayors, as the whites are divided by party lines, while the negroes are always united.

#### France to Build an Embassy.

Washington, April 17.—Papers have been signed by which the French government acquires a large tract of land in the heart of the resident section of Washington for the purpose of building a French embassy. The site embraces about 70,000 square feet. This will give by far the largest amount of ground occupied by any foreign establishment in Washington.

#### Tornado in Nebraska.

Lincoln, Neb., April 17.—Specials to The Journal from Orleans, Alma and Republican City tell of a terrific wind storm in that district. At Orleans three buildings were blown down, and one each at Alma and Republican City. No loss of life is reported.

#### Towards the North Pole.

Montreal, April 17.—Captain Hanbury, the well known English explorer, has left here for Edmonton by way of Winnipeg on a private tour of exploration in the direction of the North Pole. He will travel by means of boats and sledges.