

### CHINESE AGAIN ACTIVE.

**Strongly Intrenched at Three Points in Manchuria.**

### FRANCE DECIDES TO QUIT.

**Will Withdraw Ten Thousand of Her Soldiers From China Next Month—News-Paper Correspondents at Pao Ting Fu Return to Peking.**

London, April 23.—According to a dispatch from St. Petersburg to the Daily Mail official information has been received that renewed activity is beginning in Manchuria. Chinese troops are strongly entrenched at three points around Mukden. They are armed with Mauser rifles and have 30 Krupp guns.  
Peking, April 23.—General Voyron, the commander of the French troops, has informed General Chaffee that 10,000 French soldiers will leave China next May. Li Hung Chang believes that the Chinese troops under General Liu will be withdrawn over the boundary marking the territory defined by Field Marshal von Waldersee as the sphere of operations for the allies. The majority of the French and German newspaper correspondents accompanying the expedition directed against General Liu and which has been mobilizing at Pao Ting Fu returned to Peking today, believing that the expedition would be called off.

### MURDER OF FIVE CHILDREN.

**Two Tramps Kill Four Girls and a Boy and Attempt the Father's Life.**

Chartres, France, April 23.—This town has been horrified by the brutal murder of five children and the attempted murder of their father, a farmer named Briere, residing in the neighborhood of Chartres. Two tramps entered the farm house in the absence of Briere, last evening, and killed four girls, aged 14, 11, 5 and 4 and a boy 7 years old with knives and cut-throats while they were in bed, and apparently asleep. Briere returned while the murderers were robbing the house. They heard him enter the courtyard, attacked him, and after a desperate struggle left him for dead, with four stab wounds in the head. The murderers then escaped with 1,600 francs and a number of objects of value.

### Sligo Ex-Mayor is Convicted.

Dublin, April 23.—Patrick A. McHugh, Nationalist member of parliament for North Leitrim and three times mayor of Sligo, has been sentenced to six months' imprisonment as a first class misdemeanant, for publishing his paper, the Sligo Champion, scurrilous libels calculated to interfere with the administration of justice. The comments complained of attacked jurymen who found two men guilty of intimidating persons who had taken farms from which their former tenants had been evicted.

### Masons Gather at Chicago.

Chicago, April 23.—Several hundred members of the Order of Scottish Rite Masons are gathered here from all parts of the Union to participate in the celebration by oriental consistency of the centennial anniversary of the founding of the Rite in the United States. The ceremonies will last four days. During yesterday's session 215 candidates for admission to the oriental consistency were initiated into the mysteries of the first 14 degrees. Other degrees will be conferred today.

### Indians Want More Cash.

Washington, April 23.—A delegation from the Omaha and Winnebago Indian reservation was at the Indian bureau yesterday and asked for a larger per capita payment to the tribe. The delegates reported that the interest money paid them annually from their funds in the United States treasury was inadequate to meet their needs and asked to have some of the principal added to these payments to enable them to purchase agricultural implements and other necessities.

### Legacy Distributed Among Employees.

New York, April 23.—Oswald Otten-dorfer's \$50,000 legacy was distributed yesterday to the employees of the Staats Zeitung, of which paper he was the proprietor. In his will Mr. Otten-dorfer directed that the money should be divided among all the employees, from office boy to managing editor, who had worked for one year on the paper. Each employee received a sum which amounted to 23 per cent of his annual salary.

### Cuban Commission En Route.

Washington, April 23.—A cablegram was received at the war department from Havana saying that the Cuban commission now on its way here consists of five delegates and one interpreter. The delegation is expected to reach Washington tomorrow morning. The war department is making arrangements to care for the delegation.

### Prize Fight May Prove Fatal.

London, April 23.—At the National Sporting club last night "Jack" Roberts of England knocked out "Billy" Smith, the American, in the eighth round. Smith was taken to the hospital and is still unconscious.

### Leyds Sends Protest to Germany.

Brussels, April 23.—The Petit Bleu publishes a dispatch saying that Dr. Leyds has sent to the German foreign office a formal protest against the supplying of arms and guns to England by Germany.

### Boer Force Surrendered.

Pretoria, April 23.—The force under Commandant Bokburg, composed of 106 men, with wagons and rifles, have surrendered near Middleburg, Transvaal Colony.

### STITCHED UP HIS HEART.

**Remarkable Surgical Operation Performed on a St. Louis Man.**

St. Louis, April 22.—Dr. H. L. Nieten, superintendent of the city hospital, has just performed one of the most remarkable operations ever recorded in the annals of surgery. It consisted of taking three stitches in the heart of Philip Gunn, an employe of the Shapleigh Hardware company, who had been stabbed in a saloon brawl. The point of the knife blade had entered the right ventricle and had pierced to the cavity of the heart. Luckily the knife had entered the heart obliquely and the result was that the opening between the cavity and the pericardium, or covering of the heart, was lip-shaped on both sides. The wound acted as a valve, and at each pulsation of the blood through the heart but a small quantity escaped through the artificial opening. The task of stitching this unusual wound was a very difficult one. Dr. Nieten first removed a section of the breast bone, exposing the pericardium. The motion of the heart cannot be repressed, and Dr. Nieten was forced to make the stitches while the organ was shifting about. Gunn is still alive.

### BULLETS FLY, FIVE SHOT

**Drunken Negroes Start a Fight at Rose-dale, Kansas, and Four Innocent White Men Suffer.**

Kansas City, April 22.—Four innocent white men were shot, one perhaps fatally, a negro was shot and another badly cut, the result of a drunken fight started by a crowd of negroes in Rose-dale, Kan., a suburb of Kansas City, yesterday. William Blanchard received the contents of a shotgun in the face and breast and was taken to the hospital, where his wounds are considered fatal. One of Blanchard's eyes was blown out, his face badly disfigured, and a big hole was torn in his breast. J. W. Davis, deputy marshal, was shot in the hand; two other white men, names unknown, were shot and wounded slightly; Ben Cable (negro) was cut seriously, and Tom Smith (negro) was shot and wounded slightly. The negroes were quarreling in front of a "joint" when a negro, Sid Rawles, precipitated the trouble by cutting Cable, the latter securing a shot gun and firing into the crowd. The shot missed the crowd and struck Blanchard, who was waiting for a street car. During the excitement that followed half a dozen of the negroes obtained pistols and shotguns and began firing promiscuously. Deputy Marshal Davis came upon the scene and was greeted with a volley from the negroes, receiving a wound in the hand. Davis, with the aid of two other officers, finally succeeded in quelling the disturbance and arresting the leaders, but not before two other innocent white men had been wounded by stray shots.

### FROM BOTHA TO KRUGER.

**Captain Turner Pauses in His Long Journey to Make Some Remarks.**

Chicago, April 22.—Bearing messages from General Louis Botha, in the Transvaal, to President Kruger, at The Hague, Captain Francis John Turner of the Boer army reached Chicago on his way to New York, where he will take ship for Holland.  
There is no peace in sight, according to Captain Turner. The Boers are determined never to sign a peace treaty unless absolute independence for their country is granted.  
"On that one condition, and that alone, will the Boers lay down their arms," said Captain Turner, "and the treaty of peace must be signed by two world powers as sponsors of its observance by England."

### Exposition Little Hurt.

Buffalo, April 22.—The gates of the Pan-American exposition grounds were closed Sunday and every available man was put to work to offset the effect of the great April snowstorm of last week. The damage to the buildings is slight and can be quickly repaired but the delay in the landscape work and the building of roadways is a severe blow to those who have been bending every energy to have the grounds in a thoroughly prepared condition by May 1.

### Strike Among Coal Miners.

Columbus, O., April 23.—Twenty-five hundred mine workers of the lower part of the sub-district of Ohio and West Virginia went out because of a disagreement on the dead work scale.

### TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

Aginaldo has been given a private residence and a smaller guard.  
John Gillen, a Chicago law clerk, killed his wife and himself Saturday.  
The Churchill-White grain elevator at South Bend, Ind., was destroyed by fire.  
The train of the National Good Roads association left Flossmoor, Ill., for New Orleans.  
Shamrock II., challenger for America's cup, was successfully launched at Dumbarton, Scotland.  
Statesmen at Berlin are taking a despondent view of European politics through distrust of Italy.  
Circumstances tend to confirm the belief that Vanderbilt interests are in control of the Union Pacific.  
Sixto Lopez, the Filipino agent in Boston, is to visit the islands and make reports of actual conditions.  
Captain Garnett Ripley was acquitted at Frankfort, Ky., of complicity in the assassination of William Goebel.  
One man was suffocated and 12 over-came by smoke and gas in the Great Northern Cascade tunnel in Washington.  
Federal inspectors have discovered plates from which bogus certificates are printed admitting Chinese immigrants into the United States.

### BOXERS DEFEAT SEPOYS.

**One Thousand Chinese Drive Back Punjab Infantry.**

### MAJOR BROWNING KILLED.

**He and a Sepoy Are Slain Before Retreat is Accomplished—Both Boxers and Robbers Found Armed With Thoroughly Modern Rifles.**

Peking, April 22.—General A. E. Reid, commanding the Third brigade of the India Imperial troops in China, who is now at Shan Hai Kwan, sent a company of Punjab infantry to disperse a band of robbers in the neighborhood of Fu Ning. A force of Boxers and robbers, more than 1,000 strong, attacked the Indian troops, killing Major Browning and one Sepoy and wounding others. The company retreated to Fu Ning. Reinforcements have been sent from Shan Hai Kwan. The Boxers are apparently well armed with modern rifles.

### Chinese Attack Railway.

London, April 22.—"Chinese rebels have again attacked the Manchurian railway," says the St. Petersburg correspondent of the Daily Telegraph. "They have destroyed 150 versts of the line, removed the rails and broken up the rolling stock. They have killed nearly a whole detachment of railway guards. Troops have been sent from Amur province to the scene of attack."

### GUARD COMPANY PERFECT.

**Inspector Gives Grade of One Hundred to A of Dubuque.**

Des Moines, April 22.—Colonel J. G. Olmsted, inspector of the Iowa National guard, and Major John T. Hume, assistant inspector, returned Saturday from an inspection trip among the companies of the Forty-ninth regiment. For the first time in the history of the guard one company was marked perfect and that company is A of Dubuque, one of the oldest in the state and long famous for its efficiency. The company markings, as far as the inspection of the regiment has proceeded, are as follows:  
Company A, Dubuque, 100; company F, Tipton, 85.6; company B, Waterloo, 84.6; company E, Independence, 82.4; company C, Cedar Rapids, 81.2; company D, Charles City, 80.5; company L, Oelwein, 78.8; company H, Washington, 77.9; company I, Waukon, 76.9.

### Tortured by Robbers.

Kendallville, Ind., April 22.—The home of John Andigo, an Amish farmer, was entered Saturday night by three men who secured \$6,000 after burning the old man's ears, nose and fingers with lighted matches. A 19-year-old daughter of Andigo was insulted and when her father refused to give up his money as readily as demanded, she was dragged down to the floor by her hair by one of the robbers. The mother who had seen her husband's torture and her daughter's indignities, told the robbers that if they would desist she would give up the money. She led the way to the cellar, where in an old cupboard the savings of years, \$6,000, was handed over to the robbers. The robbers escaped.

### Compete With Hill Lines.

Chicago, April 22.—The Post says: As a defense against the Burlington-Great Northern-Northern Pacific combine stockholders of the Chicago and Northwestern and Chicago, St. Paul Minneapolis and Omaha roads will be asked to ratify plans for important extensions to both roads. The extensions have been planned by a joint committee representing both roads and are said to be on a scale which will make the two systems formidable competitors of the Hill lines.

### Suicide by Strychnine.

Loup City, Neb., April 22.—John Miller, a German, who lived with one of his sons six miles south of Loup City, committed suicide by taking strychnine. A young man named Birmund saw him fall near a road a mile from his home and went over to see what was the matter. Mr. Miller was suffering and told him he had taken poison and was going to die. Mr. Birmund rode to the nearest neighbor for assistance, but on his return Miller was dead.

### Secretaries in Session.

Nashville, Tenn., April 22.—The Young Woman's Christian association convention formally adjourned Saturday night, but the delegates held two meetings Sunday at which Miss Bertha Conde and Rev. Charles Erdman delivered addresses. The national secretaries' conference, which is held biennially, began today, and that of the traveling secretaries begins Wednesday. Both will be secret. Nearly all the secretaries in the United States are here.

### Floods in Connecticut.

New Haven, Conn., April 22.—Reports from around the state show that the damage done by the floods resulting from the rain of the last 36 hours, has been very serious. The worst situation is at Winsted, where Highland lake threatens an overflow at almost any hour. If such occurs, it is feared a terrible loss of life and property will ensue. A score of washouts have occurred on the Central New England railroad between Winsted and Hartford.

### Dam Gives Way.

Chester, Mass., April 22.—The Flood Yellow dam in Middlefield gave way about 6 o'clock last night, letting loose the water in the big reservoir which rushed with terrific force into the west branch of the Westfield river, sweeping everything before it and submerging the greater part of this town. No lives were lost, but great damage has been done, the extent of which it is impossible now to estimate.

### RAID ON CHINATOWN.

**Federal Authorities Trying to Suppress Traffic in Slave Girls.**

San Francisco, April 22.—The Chinese quarter of this city is very much perturbed at an effort by the federal authorities to suppress the traffic in female Chinese slaves. United States Marshal Shine with a squad of assistants, made a sudden descent on the brothels and arrested 34 terrified and shrieking women. Sixteen who produced certificates were released. The remaining 18 are held in custody. It is estimated that at least 80 inmates of the houses on Baker street and Sullivan alley escaped through alleys and over roofs. The raid was the immediate result of an order from the attorney general at Washington to the district attorney directing him to do all in his power to suppress the traffic in female Chinese slaves.  
The women prisoners will be taken before the federal courts to determine whether they have a legal right to remain in this country and if they are held in bondage as the chattels of masters. The power of the authorities will stop at this point but the officials are confident that the deportation of a number of slave girls will dampen the ardor of the slave dealers and especially destroy the traffic.

### TRAGEDY ON A FARM.

**John Jessen Killed Near LeMars While Drunk and Abusing His Wife—Three Men in Custody.**

Sioux City, April 22.—Henry Steffen and William Beaver are in jail at LeMars, Ia., charged with murder, and Peter Peterson also is under arrest, charged with being accessory to the crime. John Jessen was shot and killed at Steffen's farm, about eight miles from LeMars Sunday afternoon. The men under arrest claim self-defense. Jessen and his wife kept house for Steffen and Beaver is his hired man. Jessen came home drunk and abused his wife. The other men interfered and two shotguns were used in the melee. Steffen admits that he fired the fatal shot.

### TEN CONVENTS CLOSED.

**Lisbon Authorities Shut Them Up and Expel Inmates.**

Lisbon, April 22.—The official journal publishes a decree secularizing religious associations. The conditions essential to the legal status of such associations are that they must restrict themselves to works of benevolence, education, the propagation of the faith and civilization, but the latter actively must be confined to the colonies. It is provided that management of the association shall be in the hands of Portuguese citizens. Six months is allowed for compliance with the decree. The conditions imposed will involve the closing of seven Franciscan, Jesuit and Benedictine houses. The local authorities have already closed ten convents and expelled their inmates.

### Two Jailbirds Recaptured.

Cheyenne, Wyo., April 22.—Two of the four men who escaped from the Carbon county jail Friday were recaptured near Fort Steele, 30 miles east of Rawlins. They are Orlo McSwain, charged with murder, and Al Probst, charged with robbery. The men were walking on the railroad and were nearly frozen, having left the jail without coats, hats or shoes. The other two jailbirds, Martin and McCarthy, have not been captured.

### Deadlock in First Regiment.

Lincoln, April 22.—In their efforts to elect a lieutenant colonel the officers of the First regiment of the National guard are having a little experience with the deadlock epidemic. Of the fifty-six votes cast at a recent election for this office, Captains Moore and Talbot each received 28, and there appears to be some ground for believing that the second election, which will be held next week, will show no change.

### TELEGRAMS TERSELY TOLD.

Lord Kitchener reports that since April 18 various British commanders have taken 81 prisoners.

The sixth international chess match by cable between American and British players resulted in an even break.

The hotel and bathhouses at the historic Steamboat Springs, Nev., have been destroyed by fire. The loss is heavy.

A Jew usurer named Urban was recently lynched with horrible brutality at Sobodol, Hungary, by five of his ruined victims.

The Twenty-sixth regiment, which arrived on the transport Garonne Saturday, went into camp at the Presidio preparatory to being mustered out.

As the result of the explosion of a water heater in the hotel Anderson at Pittsburg, Sunday, John Brown, the engineer, was killed and Abner Moore fatally scalded.

Consolidation of all the stucco mills in the United States is reported on good authority to be the aim of a syndicate of which the Standard Oil company controls a large share.

There is general satisfaction at the friendly arrangements arrived at between the governments of Austria and Mexico which will result in an immediate resumption of diplomatic relations.

Alaska advises say Gov. Ross was formally inaugurated at Dawson on the 12th and Gov. Ogilvie stepped down and out. It is believed the new chief executive will pursue a liberal policy.

Government officials at St. Joseph Monday arrested Fred Dorer, aged 69, an old soldier, said to have been responsible for the perpetration of numerous pension frauds whereby the government and many old soldiers have been swindled.

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