

POWERS PLAN FORTS

Commanders Contemplate Stringing Them from Pekin to the Sea.

CHAFFEE DOESN'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY

Cables to Washington Asking for Instructions in the Matter.

DIFFICULT QUESTION IS INVOLVED

United States Stands Opposed to Attempting Permanent Occupancy.

NO RECENT WORD FROM ROCKHILL

Department is Still Without Confirmation from Pekin of the Report that Manchurian Agreement is Rejected.

WASHINGTON, April 4.—General Chaffee has called the War department from Pekin that the military commanders representing the foreign powers are now considering the question of disposing of the Chinese question and of establishing fortified posts at proper intervals along the route from Pekin to the sea.

A rather difficult question is involved in General Chaffee's request for instructions as to the treatment of Chinese fortifications, no particular difficulty is involved, for the State department has set out its view that these should not be destroyed, but simply dismantled.

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TUAN PRECIOUS TO RUSSIA

German Minister in China Says It's Easy to See Where the Prince Stands.

BERLIN, April 4.—The Pekin correspondent of the Frankfurter Zeitung writes the substance of an interview he has had with the German minister in China, Dr. Munsterberg.

"Great difficulty is caused by this question of punishing the guilty. Russia will not abandon Prince Tuan because she owes Manchuria to him. It is impossible to designate Prince Tuan as a rebel, inasmuch as the emperor dowager is still too powerful. She will continue to direct, with Prince Tuan, China's future fate.

BIDDING FOR NEW CRUISER

Secretary of Navy Receives Three Proposals for Building of the Milwaukee.

WASHINGTON, April 4.—Bids were opened in the office of the secretary of the navy today for the contract to build the protected cruiser Milwaukee, otherwise known as the USS Albany.

There were two bidders and three bids, the Union Iron works of San Francisco and Cramp & Sons of Philadelphia, the latter firm submitting two separate proposals.

Cramp & Sons, Proposal One—To build a cruiser of 9,700 tons displacement and a speed of twenty-three knots in thirty-six months for \$2,450,000.

Second bid submitted by Cramp, in the event that the first proposal is rejected, is to build a smaller cruiser, and a slower one, namely, 8,500 tons and twenty-two knots speed, in thirty-four months for \$2,240,000.

MAY PAY COUNTESS IN FULL

Supreme Court Dissolves Dittmar Injunction Against Trustees Under Jay Gould's Will.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., April 4.—The appellate division of the state court handed down a decision today in the case of Dittmar against the trustees of the estate of Jay Gould.

Charles A. Gardner, attorney for the Gould trustees, said of the decision: "The Dittmar case involves nearly 2,000,000 francs and is in many respects a test case. On the points of law now decided in our favor, additional claims aggregating nearly 18,000,000 francs are pending."

Ex-Judge John A. Dillon, chief counsel for the Gould trustees, said: "The majority of the court held that the party substantially interested here is the Countess de Castellane; that the complaint showed on its face that she was without the jurisdiction of the late of New York, and within the jurisdiction of the Republic of France, and that they could not obtain service upon her within the state of New York; that in the absence of service of process upon the Countess Castellane in the state of New York, the court of New York had no jurisdiction over her person or her property either whether she owed the debt or what was a proper allowance for her support; in fact, could determine nothing which affected her substantial rights in any case in which she was not served with process."

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GENERAL AND EDITOR FIGHT

Castleman and Forrester Settle Old Differences with Plots on Louisville Street.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., April 4.—General John B. Castleman, who was colonel of the First Kentucky regiment, and was later appointed by President McKinley to be a brigadier general of volunteers, and Walter Forrester, managing editor of the Louisville Commercial, fought on the street today.

There had been bad feeling between them since the Spanish-American war, when Forrester, then a member of the staff of the Louisville Commercial, and Castleman, then a member of the staff of the Louisville Commercial, fought on the street today.

COMMERCE OF PORTO RICO

United States Credited with the Larger Portion of Both Imports and Exports.

WASHINGTON, April 4.—G. W. Whitehead for Porto Rico has reported to the treasury the amount of imports and exports of the island from May 1, 1900, to February 28, 1901.

From all other countries the free imports aggregated \$2,350,000 and the dutiable imports \$2,616,000. The total duties collected were \$30,820.

Referendum Petition Not Filled.

FERRIS, S. D., April 4.—(Special Telegram.)—A petition for a referendum on the proposed amendment to the constitution providing that the Board of County Commissioners should re-select official papers at the annual meeting, which they suppose to be worthless and were removing the balls to get the powder, when one of the cartridges went off in Ryan's hand, setting fire to a quantity of powder nearby in a hall.

Powder Explosion Burns Three.

DEALWOOD, S. D., April 4.—(Special Telegram.)—Elmer Day, Patsy Ryan and a little Chinese boy named Quong Lang were severely burned yesterday in an explosion of powder. Day and Ryan had obtained a quantity of cartridges, which they supposed to be worthless and were removing the balls to get the powder, when one of the cartridges went off in Ryan's hand, setting fire to a quantity of powder nearby in a hall.

Cleveland Mayor Sworn In.

CLEVELAND, O., April 4.—Tom L. Johnson was today sworn in as mayor of Cleveland and at the same time as chief of police.

Northwestern Iowa Hall League.

FORT DODGE, Ia., April 4.—(Special Telegram.)—The Northwestern Iowa Hall League is being planned for Northwestern Iowa, to include Sioux City, Fort Dodge, Manson, Sioux Falls, Plaudreaux and Coleridge, Neb.

Yellowstone Park Opens June 10.

ST. PAUL, Minn., April 4.—It was officially decided today to begin the season of Yellowstone National park on June 10, five days earlier than ever before. The season will last until September 15.

ECONOMY FOR KING EDWARD

He May Have to Worry Along on Less Than Three Million a Year.

RELATIVES, PARKS AND YACHTS WILL BE MAINTAINED, BUT CHANCE OF WINDSOR TAM DEER IS TO BE ABANDONED.

MUST SACRIFICE ROYAL BUCKHOUSES

(Copyright, 1901, by Press Publishing Co.) LONDON, April 4.—(New York World Cablegram.—Special Telegram.)—The British nation will appropriate for King Edward's personal and household expenses for the coming fiscal year £2,250,000, the House of Commons special committee's recommendations are adopted. But that amount is scarcely, if any, more than half the cost of having a sovereign.

George D. Meiklejohn, ex-assistant secretary of war, is to be given, it is understood, a loving cup on behalf of the army officers, bureau chiefs and clerks connected with the war. The cup is to be a massive silver piece and if it cannot be made in time for its presentation to Mr. Meiklejohn before he leaves for the west, it will be sent to him.

Drop the Royal Buckhouses.

In a spirit of economy the committee suggests that the royal buckhouses be dropped. The saving is not much in cash, only about \$10,000 a year, but it will be large in ridicule and in the eyes of the public.

In olden times, when there was real buck and stag hunting, there was reason in keeping packs of hounds, with the necessary master of the buckhouses, huntsman, whippersnapper, groom to the hounds and so on. Nowadays, when the chase of the same deer at Windsor makes the public laugh or sneer and the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals protest, the king is not likely to complain of being bereft of his prescriptive sovereign rights if the nation decides not to pay any longer for this so-called royal sport.

Kaiser Praying for Sultan

Emperor William Sends Abdul Note of Congratulations After Earthquake Adventure.

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Judges Fail to Agree

Choice of Supreme Court Commission Goes Over to Next Week.

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Wall Street Rumor of Corporation Project Involving Hill's Interests.

Burlington Road Included in List

Mentioned with the Erie, Northern Pacific and Great Northern.

Two Arguments for the Promoters

Would Make Less Capital Necessary and Give Alliance Stability.

Akin to Steel Corporation Plan

Shares of the Consolidated Concern to Be Exchanged for Those of the Component Companies.

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"It is said that the same plan will be followed as was adopted in the steel combination, the shares of the larger company being exchanged for those of the constituent companies. The purpose is to enable the financial interests who are putting through the big deals to do so with less capital than would otherwise be required and also to secure greater permanency to the great alliance. The total capital of the four companies mentioned is more than \$500,000,000."

Fix Rates for Pan-American

Lines in Western Passenger Association to Consider One Than Fair Management Wanted.

CHICAGO, April 4.—Lines in the Western Passenger association practically reached an agreement today regarding Pan-American rates.

The agreement which makes the rates the same over differential and standard lines is as follows: A rate for one fare, plus \$1, for the round trip on May 7, 14, 21 and 28, tickets good only on dates of sale and for continuous passage, return limits to be as follows: Tickets sold on May 7, return limit May 16; tickets sold May 14, return limit May 23; tickets sold May 21, return limit May 30; tickets sold May 28, return limit June 6.

Demand Three Thousand

Anonymous Correspondents Say They Will Murder if Merchant Fails to Pay.

AVA, Ill., April 4.—Murray Dean, a wealthy merchant of this place, found a letter on his doorstep today saying that if he failed to deposit \$3,000 at a certain place by midnight, he would be murdered and his property destroyed.

Chardon Robbers Captured

Two of Five Men Implicated in Bank Theft Already Under Arrest.

CHARDON, O., April 4.—Two of the five men implicated in the robbery were arrested at Willoughby this afternoon and taken to jail here. They gave fictitious names and both registered as John Doe. A bundle of the bank's checks, some old coins and other articles were found on the men.

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CONDITION OF THE WEATHER

Forecast for Nebraska—Rain or Snow in Western, Hail and Sleet in Eastern Portion Friday; Winds Becoming High Westward Northwest; Saturday Fair and Warmer.

Table with 4 columns: Temperature at Omaha Yesterday, Hour, Deg., and 4 columns for Today's forecast (Hour, Deg., 4 p.m., 5 p.m., 6 p.m., 7 p.m., 8 p.m., 9 p.m.).

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