

PUZZLES UNCLE SAM

Russia's Alleged Severance of Ties with Chinese Government.

FAR-REACHING RESULTS ARE FEARED

Looks Like Breach of Diplomat's Relations Between the Nations.

WASHINGTON OFFICIALS ARE MUTE

Admit Squares Cases, but Give No De.

CASSINI SAYS IT'S ALL IDLE TALK

Russian's Representative Argues that His Country Would Not so Contradict Recent Pledge of Neutrality.

WASHINGTON, April 7.—The administration is perplexed over a cable dispatch received yesterday from Mr. Squiers, now in charge of the American legation in Peking. This dispatch, according to a publication today, said that the "Russian minister refuses to receive official communications from Chinese commissioners," which carried the inference that diplomatic relations between the two countries interested would be broken off.

The officials are very reticent about the matter and decline to affirm or deny whether it is correctly stated. They will go only so far as to admit the receipt of a dispatch from Mr. Squiers, which is understood, for which reason it was not given to the press for publication. Another cablegram which reached here today from Mr. Rockhill, the special commissioner of the United States, enlarged in conducting the peace negotiations, made no reference to the alleged refusal of the Russians to receive official communications from the Chinese commissioners. As Mr. Rockhill is in a position to know promptly what develops between the ministers and the peace commissioners it is believed he would be prompt to report a step of such far-reaching importance as the published dispatch from Mr. Squiers would indicate.

At the Russian embassy no information on the subject was obtainable tonight. It was said there that no communications had come from the Foreign office at St. Petersburg since the Russian note of several days since, which declared that government's intention regarding Manchuria, a copy of which was handed to Secretary Hay. The impression of the officials at the embassy was that no special significance attached to the Squiers dispatch. According to them, it simply meant that the Russians had discontinued further negotiations at this time on the Manchurian question, which, for the time, is the further course of events. "Absolutely no concern was felt at the embassy on the subject, the officials apparently being perfectly satisfied that the communications referred to relate entirely to the Manchurian question."

In other diplomatic circles the report failed to receive credence, on the general theory that the interests of the Russian government in China were too great and far-reaching to permit the severance of diplomatic relations at this time, when substantial unity on many of the matters of negotiation were so promising.

CLUB ROCKHILL'S SERVANTS

German Soldiers Stop His Chair-Bearers and Beat Them.

PEKIN, April 7.—Mr. Rockhill, United States special commissioner to Peking, had a long interview yesterday with Li Hung Chang, who satisfied him that there is not likely to be any further important hitch in the negotiations for a settlement between China and the powers.

China has agreed to the list of punishments submitted by the ministers of the powers, asking only one concession, namely, deprivation of office instead of banishment in the case of a man who is 70 years of age. To this the ministers have agreed.

Li Hung Chang says the court is extremely anxious to return to Peking as soon as the foreign troops evacuate the capital. Some of the ministers, however, begin to think that so large a force as 2,000 troops acting as legion guards in the city proper would be a mistake. Such a force would have to remain in a space of one square mile. The troops could not be allowed outside the legation quarter armed, and it probably would not be safe for them to go unarmed.

Night Camp Out of Town.

It is thought by some of the ministers that if the encampment were made from twelve to fifteen miles away, with the necessary stores, this arrangement would be much preferable, as the troops could begin to think that so large a force as 2,000 troops acting as legion guards in the city proper would be a mistake. Such a force would have to remain in a space of one square mile. The troops could not be allowed outside the legation quarter armed, and it probably would not be safe for them to go unarmed.

CATHOLIC MARRIAGE RULING

Archbishop Bruchesi of Quebec Prohibits Excommunication for Disobedience of Church Law.

MONTREAL, Quebec, April 7.—Archbishop Bruchesi today issued a pastoral letter dealing with the judgment in the Deloit case, which declared marriage of Catholics by non-Catholics legal.

"All unions," says the archbishop, "contracted with invalid impediment for which competent authority has not granted dispensation, even though civil power looks upon such unions as valid and legal, must be considered as null and invalid. This is a point of doctrine that cannot be denied, for without faith we would be shipwrecked."

Bishop Bruchesi concludes by pronouncing sentence of excommunication on all those who disobey the laws of the church concerning marriage, reserving the right to himself and the vicar general to absolve those who become guilty of such a fault.

BODIES FLOAT IN THE FLOOD

Are a Ghastly Feature of the Merrimac River's Overflow in Massachusetts.

HAVERHILL, Mass., April 7.—From the Pennington valley in the north to the confluence of the Merrimac river with the sea, the freshest reports received here tonight indicate that the Merrimac river is likely to burst its banks at many places with a volume of water that will exceed that for many years.

The police sounded the flood alarm tonight and business men on the river front began energetic efforts to protect their property. At a late hour the levee water was three two and one-half feet of the street, and as high tide comes tomorrow it is expected that streets on a level with the levee will be flooded. All day communication was kept up with cities on the Merrimac and its tributaries, Plymouth and Lowell, reporting a rainfall during the night of 1.2 inches.

At Manchester tonight the water was six feet five inches on the dam and the rise of the Lawrence dam was five inches higher.

The more active volume of water which tonight was overflowing the lowlands at Concord and Manchester will not reach here until tomorrow noon, so the greater part of the damage will not be done until that time. There were also all sorts of reports during the day of bodies being seen in the river but none could be intercepted. A woman's body is known to have floated down from Lawrence and it was understood that a man's body and one of an infant had been seen below Lowell.

HIGH WATER AT PITTSBURG

Many Families Occupy Easter Mornings in Moving to Upper Floors of Dwellings.

PITTSBURG, Pa., April 7.—The danger line was passed by the rivers here at 3 o'clock this afternoon. At 7 o'clock tonight the flood reached its crest and the decline is expected tomorrow morning. Beyond flooding cellars in the low portions of the city of Pittsburgh and Allegheny no damage was done. The weather bureau sent out a flood warning this morning through the police departments of the two cities, and as a result hundreds of families spent Easter morning making a periodical move to upper stories of their homes.

At 7 o'clock tonight the stage of the Allegheny river was 23.4 feet, Monongahela river, 22.1, and Davis island dam, in the Ohio river, 20.8 feet. The rivers were stationary at all points. Reports received from stations at the headwaters show that the rivers are either falling or stationary.

QUEBEC TOWN IS SUBMERGED

Richmond in Midst of Raging Torrent—Costly Bridge is Totally Wrecked.

MONTREAL, Quebec, April 7.—Telegraphic advices received from Richmond, Quebec, this evening announce that the business portion of that town rests in the midst of a raging torrent.

At 10 o'clock the granite piers of the steel bridge, erected a few years ago at a cost of \$400,000, were carried away, totally wrecking the structure. The tracks of the Grand Trunk (Portland, Me.) are under water for a considerable distance. The people were compelled to take refuge in houses on the hills back of the town. The property loss will be heavy.

SEVEN CIGARS SECURE SECRET

Lieutenant Taylor Tells How Funston Got His Tip on Aguinaldo's Whereabouts.

NEW YORK, April 7.—A special to the World from Lake City, Fla., says:

J. D. Taylor, a prominent citizen of this city, has received a letter from his son, Lieutenant James D. Taylor, Jr., of the Twenty-fourth United States Infantry, which shows that the young man, with kindness and seven cigars won over seven Filipinos and secured the information which enabled General Funston to capture Aguinaldo.

In a modest, matter of fact way the lieutenant tells his father about his clever exploit and of General Funston's full acknowledgment of his services. The letter, dated at Bantabanan, Philippine Islands, February 19, 1901, is as follows:

"On February 2, seven insurgents, with one rifle and six cartridges, presented themselves. They were pretty well scared up and I fed them, gave them a cigar each and asked them a few questions and they answered me with all kinds of lies.

"I told them they were tired and no doubt wanted to see their families, so after signing the oath of allegiance they could go home and report the next morning, ready to tell the truth.

"The next morning they came in, a little more at ease and told a different tale. By questioning I found they had concealed some letters in the woods and I went right out and got them.

"After reading their letters I found that they had not told me the whole truth and began questioning them again and found that Aguinaldo was in the town they came from and all about him.

"Two days later I got his special messenger, who had all orders from Aguinaldo to his generals and letters of great importance. I hurried him, with all letters out that night in moon light, and in three days he was in Manila. For my work I received the inclosed message from General Funston."

"SAN JERONIMO, Feb. 13, 730 p. m.—Lieutenant James D. Taylor, Twenty-fourth Infantry, Bantabanan: General Funston desires to express his thanks to and appreciation of your judgment and energy in setting the valuable letters and information from Aguinaldo's messengers. Also please convey his appreciation to your president."

"By command Brigadier General Funston." "E. V. SMITH, A. A. G., Fourth District."

TO RECEIVE THE PRESIDENT

Denver Firm Selects Non-Philippine Committee for Occasion of McKinley's Visit.

DENVER, April 7.—A Denver firm has selected a non-Philippine committee of twenty-one citizens, including United States Senators Teller and Patterson, ex-Senator Wolcott and Congressman Bell and Shafroth to receive and entertain President McKinley upon his visit to Denver. The president is expected to spend three days in Colorado, one at Denver, one at Colorado Springs and one at Pike's Peak.

ARRIVAL OF LADY CURZON

With Her Two Little Daughters and Numerous Suite She Reaches Cimex.

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SIXTEEN.—(New York World Cablegram—Special Telegram)—Lady Curzon, her two little daughters and her numerous suite have arrived at Cimex from India.

KAISER WARNS HIS ARMY

Tells His Troops that Serious Trouble is Undoubtedly Approaching.

THEY WILL HAVE THEIR METTLE TRIED

Disturbances Severe Enough to Serve as a Test-Crown's Defense Above Everything Else.

BERLIN, April 7.—Careful investigation at Potsdam today regarding the circumstances in which Emperor William delivered his latest military address developed the information that during a review last Tuesday a number of military bodies belonging to the Potsdam garrison, including the First regiment of foot guards, extraordinary precautions were taken to preserve any portion of the press or other civilian obtaining knowledge of his majesty's remarks, which were uttered in the Lustgarten, adjoining the royal castle.

From persons who were present it was learned that the kaiser spoke substantially as follows:

"A hand from out of the people was recently raised against me, to my intense sorrow. Evidently serious times are coming, which will try our mettle. I know that the army is true to its traditions and to the solemn oath it has taken. I know it will remain steadfast and faithful to me. My conviction is especially strong regarding the guards and regarding this regiment, now present, which is tied to the Hohenzollerns by indissoluble bonds, as the past has shown during the troublous times abroad and even during revolutionary times at home.

"The authority of the crown must be maintained at all hazards. Woe to the soldier who listens to the voice of the tempter."

Orders seem to have been given by the Prussian minister of the interior to suppress all public mention of quotations from the emperor's speeches. At Strum, near Essen, during a recent meeting called to protest against an increase of the corn tolls, the police arrested the speaker when a speaker cited a sentence from his majesty's speech to the Emperor Alexander Grenadier regiment, at his first appearance on horseback after the attack upon him at Bremen. The papers mention similar instances elsewhere.

COMMISSION WITHOUT SALE

Benjamin Seymour of Denver Awarded \$200,000 in Suit Against E. A. Colburn.

CHICAGO, April 7.—A dispatch to the Chicago News from Denver says: In the suit for a commission on a mining sale that was never made the jury in the district court today brought in a verdict awarding the plaintiff \$200,000.

The suit was brought by Benjamin F. Seymour against E. A. Colburn. The latter owns a controlling interest in the stock of the Gold King Mining company of Cripple Creek. A contract was made last June, the complainant alleges, by which Mr. Colburn agreed to pay Mr. Seymour \$200,000 if he found a purchaser who would pay \$2,000,000 for the mine. H. H. Frazer, formerly of Chicago, was interested in the deal, but Mr. Colburn then refused to sell.

LOUBET GREETS SQUADRON

President of France Will Welcome Italian Ships Without Rousseau, Who is No Better.

PARIS, April 7.—There was no important change today in the condition of M. Waldeck-Rousseau, and President Loubet, whose movements have been materially affected recently by the illness of the premier, started for Nice on his way to Toulon to greet the visiting Italian squadron under the duke of Genoa. M. Loubet was accompanied by M. Delcasse, minister of foreign affairs, and General Andre, minister of war.

SPEZZIA, Italy, April 7.—The Italian squadron called for tonight today in two divisions, the first commanded by the duke of Genoa, consisting of six ironclads and two torpedo boats, and the second under Rear Admiral Colletti, consisting of seven ironclads and one torpedo boat.

The duke of Genoa bears an autograph letter from King Victor Emmanuel to President Loubet.

EDWARD'S HERALDS IN BERLIN

Emperor William Will Give Them Audience at Noon and Dinner Later.

BERLIN, April 7.—The special embassy appointed to announce to the German emperor the accession of King Edward VII will arrive in Berlin tomorrow night. It consists of the duke of Abercorn, the earl of Kinross, Major General Sir Archibald Hunter and Mr. George R. Clerk of the British Foreign office.

Emperor William will receive the members of the embassy in solemn audience at noon Tuesday and will entertain them at dinner that evening at the Schloss. On the following evening they will probably dine at the barracks of the Dragon Guards. On Thursday they will dine informally, because of the mourning for Queen Victoria, at the British embassy and on Friday they will leave for England, from which city they will return to England.

JAPAN PREPARES CRUISERS

Ships on Reserve List Prepared for War Service—Merchant Vessels to Be Transports.

LONDON, April 7.—The Yokohama correspondent of the Daily Mail, writing yesterday and dealing with the attitude of Japan toward Russia's Chinese policy, says: "Shipping companies have been ordered to hold their vessels in readiness for transport service. Cruisers on the reserve list have been commissioned for active service. All leave has been recalled and officers of the first reserve have been warned for service. There is much popular excitement."

RAIN DEFEATS THE CYCLISTS

Mounted Corps Outgeneraled London's Defenders, but Loses Victory Through Accidents.

LONDON, April 8.—In the volunteer cyclists' maneuvers ordered by the British War office the attack on London this morning proved that the military value of wheelmen is largely dependent on the weather. The attacking force outnumbered the defenders, but lost so many men in the rain and owing to the bad roads that it was unable to attack in force at the proper time.

PLAGUE CLAIMS TEN MORE

Four Europeans and Six Colored Persons Die in Forty-Eight Hours.

CAPTOWN, April 7.—During the last forty-eight hours ten fresh cases of the bubonic plague have been reported. Of these four are Europeans and the others colored people. The corpse of a colored person who had died of the disease was found today.

PORTRAIT MYSTERY CLEARED

Adam Worth Said to Be the Man Who Stole Famous Gainsborough Painting.

NEW YORK, April 7.—The Herald says tonight:

"Mystery no longer envelops the identity of the man who stole the Gainsborough portrait of the duchess of Devonshire from the art gallery of William Agnew, rooms in London. The police say the man who took the picture is Adam Worth. Time, however, has outwitted the crime and, though Worth is well known to Scotland Yard authorities and to the police of this country, he has no fear of prosecution."

"After having the famous painting under his control for twenty-five years, lacking two months, Adam Worth, on the 26th of March of this year, transferred the picture to the public Agnew gallery.

"The picture came to the United States for the purpose of gaining possession of the Gainsborough canvas. Having accomplished his purpose he immediately started home. He should arrive in London today (Monday) with the precious picture and it is probable Adam Worth will travel from London to Liverpool on the same train with him."

Passenger with Agnew.

"These two men were fellow passengers on the Etruria when that steamship left this port ten days ago. Worth traveled under an alias, his name not being on the Etruria manifest. It is even possible that he and Mr. Agnew formed a friendship for each other during the voyage. Mr. Agnew never knew with whom he was dealing when he was negotiating for the return of his picture. He had no suspicion that the man who received the major part of the gold he paid to get his canvas would sail with him.

"Adam Worth's life has been filled with rare adventure and for the benefit of those who may think it worthy of emulation it should be added that he has spent many years at the hardest kind of labor behind prison walls.

"Worth is said to be a younger son of a family whose name has been respected and honored in England for generations."

The Herald quotes a detective as saying that Worth fell into evil ways and together with Suskovich, Joseph Kelly, Becker and others stole the painting from the Agnews, but that later he gave up his life of crime.

PLANS CIVIL GOVERNMENT

Philippine Commission Outlines Form for Temporary Use.

GOVERNOR, CABINET AND COUNCIL

Taft Will Probably Act as Executive, Commissioners as His Advisors and Filipinos Have Place in Legislature.

CAGAYAN, Mindanao, P. I., April 7.—In response to interrogatories from Elhu Ruffo, United States secretary of war, the Philippine commission has prepared recommendations as to the form of civil government to be established for the Philippines July 1 and to continue until congress shall have organized a permanent government for the archipelago.

This temporary civil government is expected to consist of a governor, a cabinet and a legislative council and it is believed that the members of the present commission will act as the principal advisers of Governor General Taft, although there will probably be a few Filipinos in the council. The members of the provincial legislature will probably all be appointed.

The commission will reach Manila May 1, after which the provisional government in all the larger islands, excepting Samar and Mindoro. As soon as business can be disposed of the commission will proceed to the organization of Luzon and will also deal with the matter of city government for Manila.

Conferees last week with many Moros, Mindanao tribesmen and others confirmed the members of the commission in their intention not to substitute provincial and the Sulu group, should be organized by the province of Northern Mindanao.

Judge Taft says the matter of abolishing slavery can and will be handled deliberately and tactfully, but that no legislation affecting polygamy among the savages is probable.

Captain Ruffo made a speech of welcome to the commissioners and participated in today's discussion at Misamis. After completing the work of organization there the commission visited Davao.

BLOW UP THE MERRIMAC

Captain Irvin Begins Clearing Sinking Ironclad by Explosives of 1,500 Pounds of Dynamite.

SANTIAGO, Cuba, April 7.—Fifteen hundred pounds of dynamite were used by the authorities of the port yesterday in blowing up the forward superstructure of the sunken United States collier Merrimac, which has long impeded the entrance to the harbor. The explosion was plainly heard in the city, five miles away.

Divers immediately descended and found forty feet of clear water over the forward portion of the wreck. Port Captain Irvin will begin tomorrow to place mines, which he expects will explode in a week, thus completely clearing the harbor's entrance.

Yesterday's incident was highly spectacular. Residents on Smith key, adjacent to the wreck, left the island, fearing that their homes would be demolished. The overcooking of the dynamite, which had people and large numbers of pleasure vessels encircled the wreck at a safe distance. When the electric button was touched a pyramid of water rose forty feet and the surface was immediately covered with wreckage and tons of dead fish. The launches and yachts returned to the city laden with souvenirs of the wreck.

COW IS AGENT OF DEATH

Causes a Wreck in Tennessee that Costs a Life and Injures Several.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., April 7.—A special Sunday double-header freight train, running from Okladie to Dayton, Tenn., on the Cincinnati Southern railroad, carrying coal and coke, was wrecked north of Spring City this afternoon by a cow. Both engines were derailed at the same time, exploding their boilers.

Engineer Williams of the first engine was seriously injured. Fireman Will Dugan was scalded to death. Will Dorman, engineer, and Frank Elliott, fireman, of the second engine were both seriously injured. Brakeman Robert Schorham had his face, head and arms seriously cut.

COLORADO BROKERS WANTED

Mouler and Chessman of Colorado Springs Will Be Arrested if Caught.

COLORADO SPRINGS, April 7.—A. B. Mouler and George S. Chessman, brokers of Colorado Springs, disappeared two weeks ago and warrants have been issued for their arrest on charges of defalcation. The firm, it is alleged, held stocks and securities for various clients to the amount of \$50,000. They did business under the name of the Colorado Springs Investment company and were supposed to be in good financial condition. Mouler is a bachelor and was a prominent clubman here. Mr. and Mrs. Chessman were social leaders.

RESTRICT O'LENE OUTPUT

Smelters of Idaho District Have 50,000 Tons of Reserve Necessitating a Reduction.

SPOKANE, Wash., April 7.—It was announced today that the output of lead and zinc of the Coeur d'Alene district of northern Idaho is to be restricted to maintain the market. The smelters have 50,000 tons of reserve, twice as large a surplus as necessary. The reduction will amount to 25 per cent.

George Hunt has returned from a trip through the district where the mines two years ago made martial law necessary. He says the district is pacified and martial law declared off.

KNOCKED DOWN IN HIS PULPIT

Rev. Haas of Elwood, Indiana, Attacked in the Midst of His Discourse.

ELWOOD, Ind., April 7.—Last night during a convention of the members of the Holiness church, which is being held in this city, Rev. Haas, in the midst of his discourse, was attacked by a gang of young men, their ages ranging from 17 to 29 years. Rev. Haas was knocked down and trampled upon in his pulpit. A general scuffle took place, the women and children fainting and screaming. A riot call was sent in and the police arrested three members of the gang.

ST. JOSEPH PAPERERS RESUME

Compromise Their Strike Demand, Agreeing to Return to Work Monday Morning.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., April 7.—The journeyman paperers and despatchers compromised on their strike and tomorrow morning, it is announced, all the men will return to work.

There were several things the men struck for, but the most important feature was increase in wages. They demanded 35 cents an hour, but this morning agreed to accept 22 1/2 cents an hour.

MISS RIGGERS OF ADA, MINNESOTA, LOSTS HER LIFE IN PREPARING EASTER TOILET.

ADA, Minn., April 7.—Miss Maggie Riggers, a milliner, while preparing her Easter toilet this morning, was burned to death. Miss Riggers lived in the rear portion of her millinery store. She had heated a curling iron over a small gasoline stove and in some manner her hair caught fire and in her endeavors to extinguish it the flames communicated to the inflammable millinery stock, and the building and its contents were destroyed. Miss Riggers screamed were heard by neighbors, but before she could be rescued she was burned to a crisp.

CONDITION OF THE WEATHER

Forecast for Nebraska—Generally Fair Monday and Tuesday; Colder Monday in Western Portions; Variable Winds.

Hour.	Temp.	Hour.	Temp.
5 a. m.	32	1 p. m.	48
6 a. m.	34	2 p. m.	50
7 a. m.	36	3 p. m.	54
8 a. m.	39	4 p. m.	56
9 a. m.	40	5 p. m.	56
10 a. m.	42	6 p. m.	55
11 a. m.	43	7 p. m.	54
12 m.	47	8 p. m.	48

ST. LOUIS ELEVATOR BURNS

Building and 800,000 Bushels of Grain and Corn Consumed—Loss \$650,000.

ST. LOUIS, April 7.—Sparks from a switch engine today set fire to the big elevator on the river front at the foot of Middle street, owned by the St. Louis Elevator and Storage company, and within less than two hours the building was reduced to ashes, entailing a loss of nearly \$650,000.

H. C. Harnstiek, president of the company, said the building and the contents, which consisted of about 800,000 bushels of wheat and corn, were fully insured. It was his opinion that the loss of the grain would not affect the local market.

The burned elevator was the second largest in St. Louis, and was used for storage purposes by others than the members of the St. Louis Storage company, but the latter just at this time happened to own almost all the grain. The building contained corn and wheat of grades below No. 2. Only a small amount of high class cereals was stored there.

The building was insured for \$500,000, and the storage company's grain for \$500,000. Other insurance on private storage will aggregate \$50,000. Nearly every insurance company represented in St. Louis carried policies on the grain. There will be little, if any grain salvage, the fire and water having made a clean sweep.

KANSAS CITY CREW SCALDED

Wreck on Suburban Belt Line Terribly Injures Five, One Perhaps Fatally.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 7.—By the derailing of the engine and a number of empty freight cars being brought into the city this evening on the Kansas City Suburban Belt line railroad, four members of the crew were injured, one fatally.

The injured: William Prime, brakeman, broken skull, eyes scalded, will die.

Barley S. Leavitt, engineer, pinned under boiler, severely cut about head and body.

E. F. DeFever, brakeman, badly burned about head and body, broken leg, severely injured.

Michael Powers, fireman, had laid open, terribly scalded.

The train was derailed at First and Lydia streets, a mile from the center of the city in the east bottom, while running at the rate of twenty-five miles an hour. The engine was demolished and ten cars were reduced to kindlingwood. The injured were released promptly and removed to the city hospital. All save Prime will recover.

MONTANA MOB WANTS WARNE

Medical Examination Seems to Confirm Suspicion that He Murdered Evaline Blewitt.

BUTTE, Mont., April 7.—Medical examination of the body of Evaline Blewitt, whose body was nearly consumed by the fire in the cabin of John Warne, the aged watchman at the Walkerville receiver, was made today. It demonstrated beyond doubt that the child had been murdered. The back of the head was crushed in as by a blow from a hammer, and the neck broken.

Warne is in Anaconda, having been taken there by private conveyance early last night when word reached the jail that a man was forming a mob to get away with him. It is likely he will not be brought back until ready for trial, and possibly an effort will be made to remove the case to another county.

CUBAN RADICALS STAY AWAY

Make Necessary Another Meeting to Consider Resolving Commission to Washington.

HAVANA, April 7.—The radical members of the Cuban Constitutional convention did not attend the special session called last evening to discuss the question of sending a commission to Washington. Their absence made a quorum impossible and another call was issued for a meeting to consider the same matter tomorrow afternoon.

CLAY IS WRITING SECRETS

Belleisle Master of Whitehall at Work on Record of Private Life.

LEXINGTON, Ky., April 7.—General Cassius M. Clay is still holding the fort alone and no one was admitted to Whitehall today except James Bell, his bodyguard. Yesterday General Clay intimated that he would give a supply of meat and canned goods which he had stored away, but he changed his mind this morning and ordered Bell, who lives about 100 yards from the mansion, to have his wife prepare his meals.

General Clay is working on the second volume of his autobiography, which will contain the secrets of his private life and is to be published only after his death. The first volume, a record of his public life, has already appeared, but the circulation is limited, as only Clay's intimate friends received copies.

PALMER SETTLES FOR HALF

President of Ashley Bank Will Pay Creditors Fifty Cents on Dollar.

NASHVILLE, Ill., April 7.—At a conference with attorneys, Edmund Palmer, president of the defunct private bank at Ashley and Desplains, Ill., and Emmetville, Ind., offered to settle with the creditors of the Ashley institution at 50 cents on the dollar and give his note for the balance. The offer was accepted and Palmer expects to make the settlement the latter part of this week. In the meantime he will remain under guard in this city.

The preliminary trial of Walter Offill, cashier of the Ashley bank, charged with embezzlement, has been continued pending the settlement by Palmer. The money with which Palmer expects to pay his Ashley creditors has been advanced by Chicago friends.

DESPERADO IS SHOT DEAD

McPeak, Alias McGarhery, Killed in North Dakota Trying to Escape.

DICKINSON, N. D., April 7.—Sheriff John Goodall today learned that a man named McPeak, alias McGarhery, a desperado, wanted both in this state and Montana for a long time, was near here. He secured a posse, went after McPeak and arrested him on a charge of horse stealing. Later McPeak attempted to escape and was shot dead.

CZAR NICHOLAS IS A DONOR

Contributes \$1,000 to Fund for Building Syrian Greek Church in Brooklyn.

NEW YORK, April 7.—At the services today of the Syrian Greek orthodox church in this city, it was announced that Czar Nicholas II of Russia has given 2,000 rubles, or about \$1,000, toward the building fund of the church, which is soon to be erected in Brooklyn.

ESCAPE FROM POLICE

Prentice Tiller and George H. Grant Outwit Omaha Officers.

TILLER IS RECAPTURED AFTER A CHASE

His Pal Disappears Completely When the Hunt is Hottest.

PICK A POCKET FOR KEY OF HANDCUFFS

Marshal Moore Sends Sergeant Dempsey to Find Lost Article.

IN HIS ABSENCE THEY BREAK FOR LIBERTY

Discover Their Unlocked Wristlets and Use One at a Time—Chief Donahue Sorry His Warning Proves Unavailing.

Prentice Tiller and George H. Grant, the notorious mailbox thieves wanted at Cincinnati by the federal authorities, made a sensational escape from United States Deputy Marshal J. O. Moore and Police Sergeant Michael Dempsey, in whose custody they left Omaha Saturday afternoon, at the union depot in Chicago Sunday morning. Tiller was soon recaptured, but at last report Grant was still at liberty, though the Chicago police had searched for him all day and night. The train carrying the prisoners and officers over the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy road arrived at the Chicago union depot at 7:30 o'clock Sunday morning. The escape was made in the sight of 200 persons, when the prisoners were about to be transferred to a train for Cincinnati. During the journey Grant and Tiller had been chained to a seat of the stationery they occupied. As the train neared Chicago Deputy Marshal Moore gave orders that the train be stopped, so that the men might be taken to breakfast. They were secured with handcuffs, which could easily be unlocked when they sat down to their morning meal. Sergeant Dempsey left the train for a short time to make arrangements for the party's breakfast, leaving Deputy Marshal Moore alone with the prisoners. When he returned preparations were made to go to the dining room. Moore misses the key. Just as the four, prisoners and officers, were leaving the train Moore discovered that he had lost the key to the handcuffs. Remaining with the prisoners himself, he turned Dempsey, then Tiller, to look for the key. Dempsey's search was unavailing, for the reason that the prisoners had managed to remove the key from Moore's pocket. While still in the train they unlocked their handcuffs, but allowed them to remain around their wrists. Their cleverness on their part was the reason for the escape. As soon as Dempsey had re-entered the train and was well out on the way Tiller sprang upon the deputy marshal and the key from his hand, unlocked his handcuffs, and Moore started after Tiller, shouting at the same time to the railroad employees to guard Grant. Before he could overtake the runaway train, however, John Gibbons, the depot policeman, had caught him just as he was about to turn from Adams street into Market street. Gibbons brought the prisoner back to the depot and, meeting Moore and Dempsey on the way, returned to the train, where Moore believed to be under guard at the depot. Grant watches his chance. Grant made no attempt to escape when Tiller did and Moore was led to believe that he was still handcuffed, but he found that the man who had seemingly been recaptured was not Grant, but a prisoner. None of the railroad employees who were at the depot when the encounter between Tiller and Moore took place had cared to undertake the job of guarding the man. According to the stories that were told by the men, Grant was handcuffed to the train and then, seeing his opportunity, had quietly walked toward the rear of the train, from which he alighted. Dodging around the last car, he disappeared from sight among the numerous trains then standing on the tracks. A detail of detectives was soon at the scene and a thorough search was made of the vicinity. A message containing Grant's description was sent to all the