

FRENCH WAR MANEUVERS

BATTLESHIPS BEING MADE READY IN GREAT HASTE.

SERIOUS OUTLOOK AHEAD.

A Demonstration Against Great Britain Believed to Be Meditated—Shore Leaves for Naval Officers Evoked—Ambassador De Courcel's Early Recall Expected—Other Foreign News.

PARIS, April 1.—That the feeling of the government against Great Britain and her Egyptian campaign has grown more threatening is not to be doubted and serious trouble is being predicted in the near future.

CUBAN REBELS TORTURED.

Five Men Condemned to Death by the Garrote Hangman Killed.

HAVANA, April 1.—Five Cuban rebels captured by the Spaniards were condemned to death by the garrote as "murderers, violators and incendiaries," and to-day the sentences were carried out.

The first man to die took his seat in the chair calmly. The iron collar was fixed about his neck and the cap drawn over his face. Then the deputy executioner undertook to apply the screw, but was so excited that his hand repeatedly slipped and the victim died by slow strangulation, emitting cries almost to the end.

BRADLEY'S BOOM BROKEN.

McKinley's Managers Claim to Be Sure of a Majority in Kentucky.

LEXINGTON, Ky., April 1.—McKinley's managers have heard from the nineteen counties in this state which have so far held conventions, and late last night gave out the following compilation: For Bradley, straight—Adair, 14; Campbell, 47; Mercer, 14; Taylor, 8 delegates. For Bradley first choice and McKinley second choice—Kenton, 39; Breckinridge, 19; Jessamine, 12; Uninstructed—Boarbon, 20; Owen, 10; Oldham, 4; Shelby, 15; McKinley, straight—Barren, 14; Calloway, 5; Carlisle, 3; McCracken, 10; Muhlenberg, 18; Pendleton, 13; Trigg, 11; Morgan, 8. The totals are: Eight counties, McKinley straight, 88; four counties, Bradley straight, 83; three counties, Bradley first choice, McKinley second, 80; four counties uninstructed, 49.

Mrs. Stockton Expelled From Church.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 1.—Mrs. M. A. Stockton, one of the principal figures in the recent scandal involving the Rev. C. O. Brown of the First Congregational church, has been expelled from the church.

An Otogenarian's Rapid Courtship.

MUNCIE, Ind., April 1.—Sunday evening "Shady" Childers, aged 82, met the Widow Winters of Green county, aged 46, and made her an offer of marriage, which she accepted.

A Free-for-All Election.

EXCELSIOR SPRINGS, Mo., April 1.—The people here decided some days ago not to have any politics in the municipal election next Tuesday.

Senator Sherman compares McKinley's condition to that of Cleveland in 1892, i. e., the politicians don't want him, but the people do.

OPPOSED TO FREE SILVER

Philadelphia Manufacturers Put Themselves on Record.

PHILADELPHIA, April 1.—The Manufacturers' Club of this city, held a special meeting last night, at which several resolutions were adopted opposing the free and unlimited coinage of silver.

"Resolved, That the Manufacturers' Club, speaking for its members, emphatically denounces as false the statement made by those of free silver and echoed by those of free trade that our Philadelphia manufacturers are willing to barter with the silver Senators for the free coinage of silver in exchange for additional protection."

He had no sooner finished when a dozen men were on their feet clamoring to be heard. Of these, Wharton Barker was recognized. He presented an amendment to the resolutions.

THE BIG STRIKE BEGUN.

Chicago Carpenters Quit Work to Hasten the Eight Hour Day.

CHICAGO, April 1.—What may develop into a strike that will paralyze the building industry in Chicago for a long period was begun yesterday.

Little Wonder He Awakened.

ARDMORE, I. T., April 1.—George Cole, a farmer living on Mud Creek, twenty miles west of here, was suddenly awakened last Friday night by some one cutting his throat from ear to ear with a razor.

Port's Wife Seeks Divorce.

FORT SCOTT, Kan., April 1.—Mrs. Minnie F. Paine has filed suit in the Bourbon County District court for a divorce from her husband, Albert Bigelow Paine, the well known Kansas author and poet.

Farmer Shoots His Tenant.

MILAN, Mo., April 1.—Humphreys, a town sixteen miles west of this city, was thrown into great excitement at noon yesterday, when the word was received that John Tunnel, a prosperous farmer near there, had shot and mortally wounded Ed B. Sims, his tenant.

Fast Mail Subsidies Refused.

WASHINGTON, April 1.—The Senate committee on appropriations took up the question of subsidies to proposed fast mail routes yesterday.

A Governor Assaulted.

PHOENIX, Ariz., April 1.—Governor L. C. Hughes was assaulted on the street yesterday by P. J. Clark, correspondent at Phoenix of the Denver Times.

A Noted Singer Stricken Blind.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., March 31.—Mme. Duret Berthel, leading contralto of Louisville, one of the best known vocalists of the South, has been stricken blind, and the probabilities are that her affliction will be permanent.

Twins Marry Twins.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, March 31.—At Burbank, Wayne county, this State, Sunday night, Irene V. and Irena V. Ropp, twin sisters, and Vernon R. and Vertol R. Stair, twin brothers, were married by the Rev. Nathaniel Lewis.

GRANITE REPUBLICANS

THE NEW HAMPSHIRE DELEGATION UNPLEGDED.

EITHER REED OR M'KINLEY

While They Recognize Reed as New England's Most Illustrious Son They Have No Particular Choice Between Him and the Buckeye Statesman—Either Would Suit Them Very Well.

CONCORD, N. H., April 3.—The New Hampshire Republicans held their State convention here to-day to elect delegates to the National Republican convention at St. Louis.

Only one ticket for delegates-at-large was named. Stephen S. Jewett of Laconia, General Frank S. Streeter of Concord, Charles T. Means of Manchester and Colonel James A. Wood of Aeworth.

Colonel Frank Rollins of Concord offered a substitute financial plank, identical with that adopted by the Massachusetts convention last week as an amendment to the resolutions, but Chairman Putney, Senator Galinger and others opposed the proposition.

FOUR OPINIONS.

Carter Booms Cameron, Clarkson Allison, Hahn McKinley and Manley Reed.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., April 1.—United States Senator Thomas Carter, chairman of the Republican National committee, asked last night: "Is it true that you have discerned the premonitory rumbling of a boom for Don Cameron, in the Northwest?"

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Charles E. Clark of Omaha has been appointed superintendent of the Childs-Drexel Printers' Home.

It has been discovered that Oklahoma is entitled to but two votes in the Republican convention. Six delegates have been elected.

GOOD WORDS FOR CUBANS.

The Spaniards Kept on the Defensive by the Rebels.

NEW YORK, April 1.—Among the passengers on the steamer Yucatan, which has just arrived here, was Elbert Rappelye, the newspaper correspondent, who after three months' stay in Cuba, was banished from the island by a decree of Captain General Weyler.

Big Telephone Profits.

BOSTON, April 1.—The stockholders of the American Bell Telephone Company to-day reelected the old board of directors and voted to increase the capital stock ten per cent to \$83,650,000.

Runaway Team Demolishes a Saloon.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., April 1.—The front of Frank Haffenbrand's saloon was demolished yesterday afternoon by a runaway team.

Sues Snodgrass for Damages.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., April 1.—Colonel John R. Beasley has entered suit in the Circuit court of this county against Chief Justice Snodgrass for \$10,000 damages alleged to have been sustained by reason of the pistol shot inflicted on the person of the former by the latter in a personal difficulty growing out of an offensive publication, in which Beasley charged the Chief Justice with improper conduct on the bench.

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Cyrus Leland for Chairman.

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THE TAYLORS MUST HANG

SUPREME COURT DECIDES THAT THEIR CONVICTION WAS JUST.

TO BE EXECUTED APRIL 30.

The Missouri Supreme Court Overrules All of the Allegations of Error in the Famous Case and Affirms the Judgment of the Trial Court—The Evidence Was Overwhelming.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., April 1.—The State Supreme court has affirmed the convictions of murder in the first degree of William P. and George E. Taylor, the notorious murderers of the Meeks family, and sentenced the brothers to be hanged April 30.

The opinion, which consists of forty typewritten pages, opens: "It appears that the defendants were intimate associates of Gus Meeks; that Bill Taylor and Gus Meeks had, prior to May 10, 1894, been jointly indicted by the grand jury of Sullivan county for stealing cattle. To this charge Meeks pleaded guilty and was sentenced to the penitentiary; but at the same term Bill Taylor's case was continued."

In regard to the challenges of the panel of forty veniremen, it is held that the array must be in writing, and this is the case where the common law has not been abrogated by statute, and if challenges be made first to the polls, they cannot be made afterward to the array.

Among the thirty-one assignments in the motion for a new trial, the court says, the seventeenth states that the evidence is not sufficient to support the verdict, but this argument seems to have been abandoned of late. Certainly more cogent evidence of guilt is rarely presented in a criminal case than the record herein furnished.

"The objections presented by the defendants' counsel that both were not present is not warranted by the instructions. Each of them required the presence of each of them in order for the conviction of both. The law required the prosecution to prove the defendants guilty beyond a reasonable doubt, but it did not require it to prove an alibi beyond a reasonable doubt."

A MOTHER'S MAD CRIME.

Mrs. Demus of San Francisco Kills Her Three Children and Herself.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 1.—The asphyxiated bodies of Mrs. Olga Deuss and her three little children were found this morning by her husband, a prosperous jeweler. Deuss said that he had been to the lodge last night, returning about daylight today.

Murdered for Money.

WICHITA, Kan., April 1.—W. W. Huddleston, a Douglas stock raiser, came to Wichita last Wednesday on business, but failed to return. A search was begun and yesterday morning the Rev. Mr. Moore and his sons found a hat which proved to be Huddleston's, in some brush on the bank of the Walnut river.

A School History's Removal Asked.

CHELSEA, Mass., April 1.—The board of aldermen, by a vote of 11 to 4, has requested the school commission to remove from the public schools Montgomery's history of the United States. This is the result of agitation started two months ago by members of the G. A. R.

The Missouri delegation in Congress appeared before the River and Harbor committee and made a plea for money to improve the Missouri and Mississippi rivers.

CONVENTION TICKETS.

You Must Get Them From Sergeant-at-Arms Byrnes.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., April 1.—The subcommittee of the Republican National committee met at the Southern hotel yesterday for the transaction of business in connection with the National convention to be held here next June.

MURDER AND SUICIDE.

Henry Hill, a Hotel Porter Shoots Down His Wife and Commits Suicide.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 1.—Wife murder and suicide were the crimes Harry Hill, a colored man, committed in his rooms at 612½ Cottage Lane at 3:55 yesterday afternoon.

Just a week ago yesterday morning, Hill, accompanied by his wife, Bettie, arrived in Kansas City from Carrollton, Mo. Hill secured a place as scrubman at the Auditorium hotel and everything seemed bright and happy.

Flynn by Acclamation.

KINGFISHER, Okla., April 1.—The Oklahoma Republican congressional convention met here yesterday and nominated Hon. Dennis T. Flynn for Congress for his third term.

Missing Missourian Located.

DEXTER, Mo., April 1.—Judge R. W. Thompson, probate judge of Stoddard county, who so mysteriously disappeared from Cairo a few days ago, has notified his friends here that he is at Paducah, Ky., without money.

Worst in Its History.

BUFFALO, N. Y., April 1.—Western New York is having its annual floods and they are the worst in its history.

THE MARKETS.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 1.—There was fair demand for the few samples of wheat offered to-day. There was no change in prices.

Corn—No. 2, 23½; No. 3, 22½; No. 4, 21½; No. 5, 20½. Oats—No. 2, 18½; No. 3, 17½; No. 4, 16½; No. 5, 15½. Hay—Timothy, choice, \$1.10; No. 1, \$1.05; No. 2, \$0.95; No. 3, \$0.85; No. 4, \$0.75; No. 5, \$0.65.

Chicago Board of Trade.

CHICAGO, April 1.—The following is the range of prices of the grain and provision market on the board of trade:

Table with columns: High, Low, Close, Mar. 31, Close, Mar. 30. Rows include WHEAT (March, April, May, July), CORN (March, April, May, July), OATS (March, April, May, July), FLOUR (March, April, May, July), LARD (March, April, May, July), SUGAR (March, April, May, July).

Live Stock.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 1.—Cattle—Receipts, 6,343; calves, 467; shipped yesterday, 1,616 cattle, 189 calves. The market was dull and steady to the lower.