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# PUZZLE TO UNCLE SAM

Russia's Alleged Severance of Ties With Chinese Government.

Looks Like Breach of Diplomatic Relations Between the Nations-Washington Authorities Admit Squiers Cabled a Conundrum, But Give No Details.

WASHINGTON, April 8.-The administration is perplexed over a cable dispatch received yesterday from Mr. Squires, now in Pekin, in charge of the American legation in Pekin. 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 the 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, whose purport was not clearly 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, engaged 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. ePtersburg 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 alone, which, for the time, is held in abeyance. This was in accord with the spirit of the official publications of the government on this faithful to its original and oft-repeated political program regarding Manchuria, "it will quietly await the further cern was felt at the embassy on the steadfast and faithful to me. subject, the officials apparently being perfectly satisfied that the communica-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 home. 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.

# RIO'S POPULATION IN DOUBT.

#### Sanitary Authorities Credit Janeiro With 793,000.

WASHINGTON, April 8 .- A wide discrepancy between the population figures given by the statistical authorities of Rio Janeiro and by the sanitary authorities there is called to the pending a hearing before that court attention of the marine hospital sermake the present population of Rio of the department of justice. Janeiro 793,000, while the statistical authorities make it 431,716.

The impression prevails that Rio has a larger population than that shown by the census, but not so large as esthe total births, a remarkable showing. The number of deaths has exceeded the births. Tuberculosis furnished almost one-fifth of the total mortality.

# Ten More Cases at Capetown.

CAPETOWN, April 8 .- During the of the bubonic plague have been officially reported. Of these four are Europeans and the others colored persons. | homecomers.

## REAL FIGHTERS STILL FIGHT.

Boers Who Have Surrendered Are Not Those Wanted.

LONDON, April 8.-Lord Kitchener has informed the War office that eighteen volunteer companies, freed by reliefs, are coming home and that ar-FAR-REACHING RESULTS FEARED rangements are in progress for the speedy reliefs of further companies. He thus appears to be endeavyring to meet the demand that fresh troops be sent to the front to replace the stale

The Pretoria correspondent of the Morning Post, who warns his countrymen against hoping for an early termination of hostilities or believing the stories that the Boers are tired of war,

"It becomes daily more evident that the Boers intend to fight to a finish. Many are surrendering, but they are men of no standing. The real fighting men are still on commando and, although recently successful British actions tend to bring the close nearer, it must be admitted that the Boers must be completely crushed before a general surrender is probable."

It is reported from Brussels that Acting President Sshalkburger has removed the seat of goevrnment to Leydsdorp.

Acording to a dispatch to the Daily Mail from Hilversum, Mr. Kruger, who has just arrived there, has expressed an intention to go to the United States in June and visit Washington, Boston and Chicago.

"It is definitely ascertained," says a dispatch to the Times from Kroonstadt, dated Saturday, "that General Dewet and General Botha met at

## KAISER WARNS HIS ARMY.

Tells His Troops That Serious Trouble is Undoubtedly Approaching.

BERLIN, April 8 .- Careful inevstigation at Potsdam today regarding the circumstances in which Emporer William delivered his latest military address developed the information that during a review last Tuesday a number of military bodies belonging to the Potsdam garison, including the First regiment of foot guards, extraordinary precautions were taken to prevent any repetition 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 inmatter, which asserted that remaining tense 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 course of events." Absolutely no con- it has taken. I know it will remain

"My conviction is especially strong regarding the guards and regarding tions referred to relate entirely to the this regiment, now present, which is tied to the Hohenzollerns by indiesoluble bonds, as the past has shown during the troublous times abroad and even during revolutionary times at

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

# Move in the Carter Case.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 8 .- Attorneys for Captain O. M. Carter, now serving a sentence in the Leavenworth penitentiary for defrauding the government, have given notice to the government that they will make application to the supreme court tomorrow for the release of their client on bail on his appeal from the judgment of vice in the annual report of Acting the lower court refusing him a writ of Assistant Surgeon Havelburg at that habeas corpus. The application will be port. He says the sanitary authorities | contested by Solicitor General Richards

# To Receive the President.

DENVER, April 8.-A Denver firm has selected a non-partisan committee of twenty-one citizens, including Unittimated by the sanitary authorities. ed States Senators Teller and Patter-The figures of the sanitary authorities | son, ex-Senator Wolcott and Congressshow a total mortality during 1900 of men Bell and Shafroth to receive and 18 per cent, aganist over 20 per cent entertain President McKinley upon his the previous year. The number of still visit to Denver. The president is exbirths is equivalent to 77 per 1,000 of pected to spend three days in Colorado; one at Denver, one at Colorado Springs and one at Pike's Peak,

# Thirteenth Reaches Chicago.

CHICAGO, April 8.-The Thirtieth volunteer infantry, just returned from of the Daily Graphic the Russian the Philippines, arrived home at midnight. In spite of the lateness of the last forty-eight hours ten fresh cases hour there was a considerable gathering of parents, brothers, sisters and sweethearts at the station to greet the

# CRISIS IS AVERTED

Russia Gives Sweeping Assurance of Treating With China Unselfishly.

## UNITED STATES HAS THE PLEDGE.

Secretary Hay Receives the Communication from Ambassador Cassini-It Renders Less Alarming Former Reports Regarding Military Activity.

WASHINGTON, April 6 .- The United States government has received a communication from the government of Russia of unusual conditions. It Sears on conditions in China and particularly those relating to Manchuria. The document has created a profoundly favorable impression and at the State department it is looked upon as the most salutary event that has occurred for several months in the eastern situation. Secretary Hay received the communication from Count Cassini last night and communicated it to the president.

known that Russia takes occasion to give strong assurances of her disinterested purposes throughout her dealings with China. As to Manchuria, it is stated that Russia's course never has varied in the determination to leave that province as an integral part of China and to retire the Russian troops as rapidly as safety will permit. But, as a more signal evidence of Russia's purposes and as an evidence of the emperor's devotion to the principle of peace, assurances of a definite and satisfactory character are now given as to the execution of these purposes. The belief is held in official quarters that the assurances of Russia are so sweeping as completely to avert the threatened crisis in Manchuria.

The Russian communication is the more significant, coming at a moment when the press advices from Europe asserted that Russia was collecting an army of 300,000 men for the purpose of holding Manchuria without reference to the desire of the other powers. There is no doubt that Russia has a large military force in Manchuria, so that had the czar determined to hold the province he has the military establishment already on the ground prepared to maintain occupancy.

To the officials in Washington one of the most gratifying features of Russia's action is that it is responsive to Secretary Hay's note of March 1 last. This note had been previously communicated to the Chinese minister at Washington and advised him that the United States viewed as inexpedient and dangerous to the interests of China the conclusion of any private territorial or financial agreement. A copy of this communication was sent to the United States ambassador at St. Petersburg, Mr. Charlemagne Tower, and the Russian ambassador at Washington also was made aware of its contents. While the note never was addressed directly to Russia yet by the foregoing means it came fully to the attention of the Russian authorities.

# WHAT'S TO BE DONE AT MANILA?

War Department Receives Plans of Harbor Improvements.

WASHINGTON, April 6 .- The division of insular affairs, War department, has received copies of the specifications and blue prints showing the proposed improvement of the port of Manila, authorized by the Philippine commission. The work includes about 150,-000 cubic yards rip-rap, 21,000 cubic yards concrete and rubble masonry in breakwaters, about 5,000,000 cubic yards of dredging and a pile of bulkhead 4,700 feet long. The dredging will be in mud, sand and shells to a depth of thirty feet, the dredged material to be used for reclaiming land.

#### St. Joseph Cashier Missing. ST. JOSEPH, April 6 .- E, V. Harding, cashier of the German-American bank, left the city some time yesterday and cannot be found. He wrote two letters, one to his wife and the other to the officials of the bank, stating that he had left the city for good. He said his accounts would be found to be straight and a careful examination, the officials say, prove this to

Myriad Russians There.

LONDON, April 6 .- "By the end of May," says the Moscow correspondent army in Manchuria will number 300. 000 men. It is understood that the Russian minister of war, Ceneral Kourapatki, reckons upon the possibility of having to dispatch an army corps southward into Korea.

## THURSTON FAVORS CARTER.

Does Not Wish to Be Permanent Chairman for St. Louis.

WASHINGTON, April 5.-It is expected that the newly appointed\_St. Louis World's fair commission will meet in St. Louis Monday, April 15, or within a day or two of that date. Senator Thurston, who is acting as temporary chairman until the board selects its president and secretary, said today that in all probability Secretary Hay of the state department would call a meeting for April 15, although ex-Senator Lindsay had said it would be impossible for him to leave New York before April 20, but as the people of St. Louis are clamoring for the government commission to get together there is every reason to believe that the board will be convened speedily.

Ex-Senator Thurston was considerably put out today when he read reports in morning papers to the effect that he had been selected as chairman of the commission.

"There has been no chairman selected," said the Nebraskan. "I was asked to look after a few preliminary matters by the secretary of state Although the terms of the Russian | pending a formal meeting of the board communictaion are withheld, it is in St. Louis. I have never been a candidate for president of the commission and I am for Senator Carter for that place. There is too much work attached to the chairmanship for me, and realizing this I cannot understand why the report was sent out that I had been made chairman. My name was first of those mentioned as appointees for the reason. I presume, that President McKinley tendered me the place first. I know of no other reason. I have, as I said before, no desire to be president of the commission. I realize the responsibilities and my only desire is to help St. Louis make the greatest exposition the world has ever seen."

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 department. 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.

# DENIES STORY OF VISIT.

Hay Says There is No Truth in Report of Aguinaldo's Coming.

WASHINGTON, April 5.-The president and Secretary Hay were in conference for almost an hour this morning. Secretary Root was present a portion of the time. The subject of the consultation was not disclosed, a!though it was surmised that it related to the Chinese situation. Secretary Hay stated that the government had no official advices confirming the press reports that China had definitely refused to sign the Manchurian agreement with Russia.

Secretary Root pronounced the stories that Aguinaldo had been invited to come or that he was coming to the United States in the immediate future to be baseless. After the secretary of state and secretary of war departed Lord Pauncefote, the British ambassador, called at the White House and was received by the president in the blue parlor. The official explanation of the British ambassador's visit, given out at the White House, was that he called to impart the acknowledgment of the British government for the expressions of regret on the death of Queen Victoria.

# WASHINGTON CREDITS IT.

Believes Spain Has Ratified Treaty of Friendship.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 5 .- Although so far without official confirmation, the report that the Spanish council has approved the draft of the new treaty of commercial friendship between the United States and Spain finds credence here. Minister Storer has been working negotiating a whole fabric of treaties to take the place of those wiped out by the Spanish war. His first work was the proposition of an extradition treaty and this is now practically complete.

Great difficulty was found in arriving at a common basis for the negotiations for the treaty of commerce and friendship. But it is believed that Mr. Storer has succeeded and that American imports to Spain, which since the war have paid almost prohibitory maximum duties, will secure substantial reductions that will result in enlarged trade.

# Two Deaths From Plague.

CAPETOWN, April 5 .- Two deaths from bubonic plague and one suspected case were officially reported today the lowest record since the outbreak of the disease in Capetown.

# GLAD TO BE PRISONER

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Agninaldo Never Dreamed Americans Would Be so Fair and Liberal.

# TAKES OATH WHEN ENLIGHTENED

Chief Justice Arellano Finds in Him

Ready Convert-Complete Surrender Possible Soon-Probably Quit by April on page 11 of my annual report.

MANILA, April 4.-Chief Justice Arellano, who administered to Emilio Aguinaldo the oath of allegiance to the United States government, described today to a reporter of the Associated Press the conditions leading up to and attending the ceremony, which was semi-private.

Aguinaldo, still detained in an apartment of the Malacanan palace and awaiting orders from Washington, had expressed himself as anxious to learn more regarding the American system of government and had asked Chief Justice Arellano to enlighten him. The chief justice carefully explained the various measures passed by the Philippine commission, headed by Judge Taft, and showed him what provisions were made for education and progress and for municipal and provincial self-gov-

Listening with deep interest, Aguinaldo finally exclaimed: "I never dreamed the Americans would be so fair and liberal."

Before the conversation had ended he had agreed to take the oath of a'legiance and this was immediately ad-

Senor Arellano says:

"Aguinaldo's action will induce all the insurgents to surrender and I predict that the islands will be completely pacified by June.

"Aguinaldo is eager to visit the United Sttes, but when I questioned him on the subject of holding office he replied that he had no desires in that direction and intended to retire to private life after a trip to America.

"It is rumored that President Mc Kinley has invited Aguinaldo to visit the United States and that the former insurgent leader may sail from Manila on-April 15. General MacArthur, when questioned regarding the rumor, said he had absolutely nothing to communicate."

WASHINGTON, April 4.-After a consultation with the president Secretary Root tonight sent a cable message to General MacArthur giving him instructions regarding Aguinaldo and the views of the administration on some recommendations as to Philippine affairs made by General Mac-Arthur. The contents of the cablegram will not be made public for the

It is stated at the War department today that General MacArthur had made no communication relative to Aguinaldo today and that the attitude of this government toward the insurgent chief had not changed. He is yet held as a prisoner, and while he will be treated with kindness, there is no disposition to allow him liberty unless it is demonstrated that he intends to comply fully with the amnesty terms and his oath of allegiance. The cable message sent tonight was of considerable length and was quite specific as to the policy of the government. It is understood that Aguinaldo would like certain assurances or promises from the government and the message informed General MacArthur just what the government would do.

# Leaves Pekin for Good.

WASHINGTON, April 4-Although no official notice has reached here of the reported departure of Prince Li Hung Chang from Pekin for Shanghai, the officials are inclined to believe it is true, and that Li Hung Chang is really leaving Pekin for good and because the emperor is displeased with his conduct. It was Chang was made one of the peace envoys that he was pro-Russian.

#### Commission Calls on President. WASHINGTON, April 4.-Ex-Sena-

tors Thurston, McBride and Lindsay, ex-Representatives Allen of Misissippi and John F. Miller of Indiana, five members of the recently appointed St. Louis exposition commission, called upon the president today. Mr. Allen remarked humorously after the interview that the commission had simply called to thank the president on behalf of the country for the wie selections he had made.

### AGUINALDO IS SWORN IN.

Takes Oath of Allegiance to the United

States Government. WASHINGTON, April 3 .- Secretary Root has just made public the following cablegram, received at the War department this morning at 8 o'clock: "MANILA. - Adjutant General, Washington: Since arrival at Manila Aguinaldo has been at Malacanan, investigating conditions in archipelago. He has relied almost entirely upon the instructive advice of Chief Justice Arellano. As a result today he subscribed and swort to the declaration

"MACARTHUR." The oath referred to is as follows:

"I hereby renounce all allegiance to any and all so-called revolutionary governments in the Philippine islands and recognize and accept the supreme authority of the United States of America therein. I do solemnly swear that I will bear true faith and allegiance to that government; that I will at all times conduct myself as a faithful and law-abiding citizen of the said island, and will not, either directly or indirectly, hold correspondence with or give intelligence to an enemy of the United States, nor will I abet, harbor or protect such enemy; that I impose upon myself these voluntary obligations without any mental reservations or purpose of evasion, so help

Four asterisks in the cablegram mark a passage withheld from publication, about which the officials will say nothing now.

## UNITED STATES ATTORNEY SHOT

Wounded in a St. Louis Election Row by a Bullet Meant For Another.

ST. LOUIS, April 3.—It is just reported that United States District Attorney Rosier was shot in the arm at a polling place near Vandeventer and Manchester avenue. A row was in progress and Mr. Rosier received a shot that was intended for another. The wound is not serious.

While Mr. Rosier was standing at the polls in the Twenty-fifth ward, John Banks, one of a crowd of twenty or more negroes, attempted to vote. His vote was challenged by Mr. Rosier who said the negro had already voted elsewhere. He requested the police officer there to arrest Banks. This was done, and while the officer was telephoning for the patrol wagon, the crowd of negroes surrounded him and his prisoner whom they rescued. Between forty and fifty shots were fired by the negroes, more with the purpose of intimidation than to hit anybody. After the negroes had escaped. it was found that Mr. Rosier had stopped one of the balls. His wound is not serious, however.

# HARRISON REMAINS MAYOR.

Chicago Re-Elects Him, But Cuts His Plurality to 28,275.

CHICAGO, April 3.-Carter H. Harrison has been re-elected mayor of Chicago for the second time and will next week commence his third term as the chief executive of the city. His official plurality over Judge Elbridge Hanecy, the republican nominee, is 28,257. The total vote of the city is: Harrison, 156,952; Hanecy, 128,695.

In the last mayoralty election the vote was: Harrison, democrat, 148, 496; Carter, republican, 107,437; Harrison's plurality, 41,059. In the presidential campaign last fall the city vote for president was: McKinley, 184,786; Bryan, 177,165; McKinley's plurality, 7,621.

Out of the thirty-five wards of the city Harrison today carried twenty-si and Hanecy nine. The city wards were redistricted after the presidential election and the regular majorities in some of the wards were turned squarely around from what they have always been.

# FORTS ARE TO BE DISMANTLED.

Foreign Generals Unanimous on the Proposition.

PEKIN, April 3 .- Regarding the destruction of the forts the generals are practically agreed that those at Taku, Shan Hai Kuan and Tien Tsin must known here that when Li Hung at least be rendered useless, while the north fort at the entrance of the river Taku must be destroyed entirely on account of the fact that ever since it was built it has caused lower water on the bar, having diverted the course of the stream. The merchants have frequently complained to the consuls, but no government has liked to ask China to destroy a fort at the entrance to an important river. This, however, can now be done as a matter of military necessity, and will give foreign merchants intense satisfaction as in consequence of its being done the river will in a short time again be navigable as far as Tien Tsin.