

A RUSSIAN MILITARY BRIDGE OVER THE YALU.

ALEXIEF WANTS TO RESIGN.

St. Petersburg, April 20.—Viceroy Alexieff has applied by telegraph to the emperor to be relieved of his position of viceroy in the far east. It is expected that the request will be im-mediately granted.

The immediate cause of the vice roy's application is reported to be the appointment of Vice Admiral Skrydloff, one of Admiral Alexieff's strong est enemies and sharpest critics, as successor to the late Vice Admiral Makaroff in command of the Russian navy in the far east.

Navy in the far east.

Vice Admiral Skrydloff had an interview with the emperor yesterday and discussed with his majesty the question of his (Skrydloff's) relations with Alexieff. Skrydloff has not hesitated in talk-

ing to his friends to charge Alexieff with responsibility for the disasters to the Pacific squadron by his division of the fleet, which segregated four armored cruisers at Vladivostok and ationed the Variag and Korietz at

Chemulpo. It is said that Vice Admiral Skrydloff in his interview yesterday let his majesty understand that he does not care to assume command of the fleet until Alexieff has withdrawn. Therefore the two men will not meet at Port Arthur.

FLANK MOVEMENT BY JAPS.

St. Petersburg, April 21.—What may turn out to be the anticipated flanking movement of the Japanese troops is the appearance of a number of Japanese ships off Potinsa, near the Gulf of Ching-Tai Tse, as reported to the emperor Wednesday by Jen. Kuropatkin. Military experts here have long regarded that vicinity as the probable point of disembarka tion of the second Japanese expedi-tion. It is not far away from Taiku-shan (12 miles to the east) and connects by road with Port Arthur, (150 miles to the southwest) and Feng Huan Cheng (50 miles to the northwest), where the Russians will make

their most obstinate resistance.

Though the Japanese are building entrenchments on the Yalu, it is be-lieved that they will advance soon. The arrangements for a turning movement are complete and experts say that such a movement could properly begin at Takushan, as Feng Huan lies at the angle of an equilateral triangle, with Takushan and the outh of the Yalu as the base of the triangle.
The Japanese disembarkation will

undoubtedly be covered by a warship and the Russians recognize that it will be impossible to prevent it.

"We will strike after they have landed," grimly said a member of the Gen. Kuropatkin is aware of the

strategic importance of the vicinity of Takushan and it is understood that he has made his arrangements ac-

Paris, April 21.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Journal says a friend of Gen. Kuropatkin has re-ceived a letter from him in which the-general says he intends to await the arrival of another hundred thousand men before risking a battle with the

Seoul, April 21.—The Japanese authorities here admit that constant skirmishing is occurring between the opposing armies on the Yalu river.

MANY RUSSIANS DROWNED.

London, April 22 .- A correspondent of the Times cabling from New-chwang says that a messenger has ar-rived there from the Yalu river with the information that the Russians are fleeing north across the river in over-crowded boats and are losing hun-

cific to prey upon Japanese commerce
Harbin, Manchuria, April 22.—The
two officers of the Japanese general
staff who were arrested 18 miles
from this place on April 6, were found
guilty by court-martial and sentenced

Convicted of Forgery.

York, April 22.-James N. Abeel, who through a letter purported to be signed by J. B. Van Every, vice president of the Western Union Telegraph Co., secured an introduction to Miss Eleanor Anderson, a telegraph Miss Eleanor Anderson, a telegraph operator in the Grand hotel, under the name of J. Ogden Goelet, jr., and subsequently became engaged to her, was yesterday adjudged guilty by a jury of forgery. The statute fixes the penalty for this offense at imprisonment for not more than five years. Abeel was brought back from Canada some months ago, some months ago,

to be hanged. The officers asked that their lives be spared. Gen. Kuropat-kin confirmed the findings of the court, but taking into consideration the fact that the accused were sol-diers, he ordered that they should be shot instead of being hanged.

TWENTY-ONE RUSSIANS KILLED. St. Petersburg, April 23.—The emperor has received the following tele-

gram from Viceroy Alexieff bearing Friday's date "I respectfully report to your maj-esty that to-day during the placing of

esty that to-day during the placing of mines by some steam launches, Lieut. Pell and 20 men were killed through a mine exploding prematurely under the stern of one of the launches." London, April 23.—A dispatch from Port Arthur says news has been received there of the complete destruction of a Januages column on the tion of a Japanese column on the Yalu river. No details were obtain-

Rumors of severe fighting on the Yalu are reported from various sources. For instance, the Shanghai correspondent of the Times says he correspondent of the Times says he hears that the first Japanese army has crossed the Yalu almost without opposition, and the Dally Chronicle's representative at Seoul says that heavy fighting has occurred.

Liao Yang, April 23.—Gen Kuropatkin is expecting that the Japanese will soon attempt to cross the Yalu.

There was a skirmish Thursday on an island opposite Wiju which the

an island opposite Wiju which the Japanese occupied in order to pave the way for the laying of pontoons. Rnussian troops in boats were at-tacked and driven back, Capt. Sneizwho was in command, being badly wounded.

SMOOT INVESTIGATION.

Senate Committee on Privileges and

Elections Resumes Its Sessions.

Washington, April 21.—With the reopening of the investigation in the Reed Smoot case, before the senate committee on privileges and elections, sesterday, the proposetting develop yesterday, the prosecution devoted considerable time to drawing from Brigham H. Roberts the character of the oaths which are said to be necessary for a Mormon official to take in order to have the support of the church for political office.

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Members of the committee showed an equal interest in the obligations which are said to be taken by Mormons who "go through the endowment house." Along both lines much evidence was brought out. It was shown by Mr. Roberts' testimony that without the content of t without the consent of the Mormon church he falled of election to a seat in congress, and later with church recognition of his candidacy he was

In relation to the endowment house obligation Mr. Roberts was extremely reticent. He said that the sacredness of the ceremony was such that he could not reveal it to the world.

Vashington, April 22. -The feature of Thursday's hearing in the Smoot hase before the senate committee on elections was the testimony of Angus M. Cannon, for 25 years president of the largest Mormon stake in the world. The testimony was of a per-sonal character, dealing with the con-viction of the witness on charges of polygamous cohabitation, and was dragged from him under protest that he be protected from any liability to he be protected from any liability to prosecution for what he revealed When assured that his plural mar-riages under the statute of limitation could not be used as evidence against him, he answered most of the questions asked.

The sensation of the hearing oc-curred when Mr. Tayler examined Mr. Cannon in regard to his various mar-riages. The witness confessed to hav-

fleeing north accorded boats and are losing the dreds by drowning.

St. Petersburg, April 22.—The admiralty intends to fit out two ships purchased from Germany, which formerly were in the trans-Atlantic service, together with a number of ships of the volunteer fleet, with rapid fire guns, and send them to the Pacific to prey upon Japanese commerce cife to prey upon Japanese commerce the Manchuria, April 22.—The general were met with an array of statements of

Arrest of a Smuggler.

Detroit, Mich., April 23.—Alonzo Burrows, a traveling salesman, has been arrested here by Treasury Agents Lewis, Dowling and Parschelsky, on the charge of smuggling \$3,000 worth of Sumatra leaf wrapper tobacco across the river from Canada to Ecorse, a suburb of this city. He was given a hearing before Commissioner Davison and the offi-cers say he broke down and confessed to his connection with the smuggling and also with two other smuggling affairs. Burrows was released on

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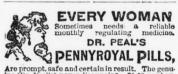
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Result Was Accomplished in Paris by Canal Company's Officers and Agents From This Government.

Parls, April 23.—The Associated Press is authorized to announce that the contract by which the ownership the contract by which the ownership of the Panama canal passes to the United States is signed, sealed, deliv-ered and complete. The title to the canal route is now vested in the government of the United States

The document by which this transaction is consummated bears the sig-natures of President Bo and Director Richman, of the Panama Canal Co., who signed for the company as its responsible officials.

The transfer is complete and without reservation and the United States secures a perfect title.

This result has been accomplished This result has been accomplished quietly and most unexpectedly, as the public had been given to understand that the contract would not be executed until after the meeting of the stockholders of the Panama Canal Co. to-day, at which the question of ratification would be presented. As al matter of fact, however, when the neeting takes place President Bo will announce that the sale has been completed and instead of asking for auctions. pleted and instead of asking for authority to execute a future contract, it will only remain to ratify the contract of sale which the officers of the com-pany have already formally com-pleted.

When W. A. Day and Charles W. Russell, the United States assistant attorneys general, who are in Paris to attorneys general, who are in Paris to assist in the transfer of the property, were seen last night by the Associated Press, they admitted that the transfer had been consummated, and in order to avoid misunderstandings regarding a transaction of this magnitude they furnished the following official statement in writing:

"The arrangement includes a gen-

eral conveyance and provisions for deeds and resignation in the republic of Panama and in the canal zone now under the jurisdiction of the United States, in which zone the civil law continues in force by reason of the cession of the zone from a civil law sovereignty.

"The property will shortly be de-livered on the isthmus and upon that being done the purchase price will be immediately paid."

PAID THE PENALTY.

The Three Chicago Car Barn Bandits Were Hanged.

Chicago, April 23.—Atheist to the last, but seemingly unnerved com-pletely, Peter Neidermeier, the leader of the car barn bandits, was hanged Friday from a chair, contrasting with his companions in crime, Gustav Marx and Harvey Van Dine, who, standing erect, kissed an mage of Christ and died without a tremor. The three executions were separate, 20 minutes apart, the same scaffold being used for all.

The crime for which the three bandits paid the penalty was one of eight murders which the three men are known to have committed—that of Francis W. Stewart, a clerk in the car barns of the Chicago City Railof the car barn bandits, was hanged

car barns of the Chicago City Rail-

way Co.

Neidermeier had boasted continually of his courage, but at the last moments approached he collapsed and was unable to take three con-secutive steps of a march to the gal-

Straps were placed over his ankles and just above his knees. He was then placed on a truck and wheeled to one of the lower floors of the jail, after which he was carried to the scaffold and placed in a chair on the

When the drop fell, the shroud about Neidermeyer's body fell apart and to the onlookers was revealed for 20 minutes the horrifying struggles of the desperate Niedermeier.

BAD WEATHER.

It Is the Chief Drawback to Improvement in Business.

New York, April 23.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade says: Unseasonable weather is still the chief drawback to improvement in business, complaints being received from every section of the country, and slower collections are also attrib uted to this factor. Not only is current distribution of merchandise, particularly dry goods, affected by the thermometer, but future commitments are undertaken most conservatively on account of the possible injury to crops. There has been much talk of damage to cotton, but replanting may prevent any reduction in the total yield, and a few weeks of desirable weather would remove anxiety

There is much confidence regarding the future, despite the fact that at many points supplies of merchandise

are burdensome.

While no further improvement can be discerned in the iron and steel in dustry, it is gratifying to find no dis-tinct evidence of a setback. Failures this week numbered 241 in

the United States, against 166 last year, and 12 in Canada, compared with 15 a year ago.

Can Play Ball on Sunday.

New York, April 23.—In a state-ment issued Friday, Police Commissioner McAdoo says that the playing of baseball games on Sunday will not be permitted at either of the league grounds in Manhattan, but that match games will be permitted in isolated neighborhoods, provided there be no violation of the law in regard to such games. In the commissioner's opinion the Brooklyn league park is in an "isolated place" and therefore he will take no action against the league games now being played on Sunday

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