

PREPARING FOR WAR.

Japan Is Making Energetic Preparations for Trouble.

CRISIS BETWEEN EMPEROR AND CZAR

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London (By Cable).—The Far Eastern situation continues an enigma to all European observers. Russia's apparent withdrawal or modification of her demands quite fails to restore confidence in an amicable settlement of the problem. It is pointed out with melancholy truth by one English writer that trifling with the Anglo-Russian incident at the Tientsin railway siding will probably cost Great Britain at least £20,000,000 in hard cash.

It was the news of this incident and the possibility of a conflict between Russia and Great Britain, it is now learned, which caused both the rejection of General Kitchener's peace terms.

Attention is directed more to Korea than to China at the present moment, the belief being general that the crisis between Russia and Japan is really grave.

There is ample information that Japan is making energetic preparations for war.

It may be taken for granted in this connection that Great Britain is fully aware of all that Japan is doing and also of her ultimate plans. The failure of the African peace negotiations may have some effect upon Japan's action.

BOERS NEAR JOHANNESBURG.

A Freight Train Is Derailed and Plundered—Other Wrecks.

London (By Cable).—The War Office has received advices from Lord Kitchener, dated Pretoria, reporting the capture of 72 Boers in Orange River Colony and officially announcing that General French has taken 51 prisoners and received the surrender of 93 Boers, already announced in news despatches. Lord Kitchener also reports upon recent wrecking of trains at several points.

A despatch from Pretoria says: "The Boers derailed and plundered a freight train near Johannesburg Friday night."

A despatch from Standerton says: "The Imperial Light Horse have captured Commandant Frimlock and a convoy of 28 wagons. Commandant Englebrecht," the despatch says, "has surrendered. The British are declared to be sweeping the eastern Transvaal clear of everything useful to the Boers. All standing crops have been destroyed, but the women and children are being cared for. Five hundred of them have been conveyed to Utrecht, where their wants are well attended to."

Five Firemen Injured in Kansas Fire.

Kansas City, Mo. (Special).—A fire in which \$200,000 worth of property was destroyed and five firemen, including Chief Hale, were injured, occurred at the Jacob Dold Packing Company's plant, on Eighth street, near the Kanstons line. The fire burned fiercely for three hours, during which time the firemen worked to prevent its spreading to the other buildings, but when the fire was under control the main building was a total wreck.

House Trailing Bank Robbers.

Somerset, O. (Special).—The Sheriff of Perry county and a posse, with a pack of bloodhounds, are in pursuit of a gang of seven robbers who wrecked the State Bank of Somerset, stole \$500,000, appropriated two livery rigs, held a posse of citizens at bay, and escaped in the face of a heavy fire. Bonds and securities to the amount of \$30,000 and \$500 in gold coin were overlooked by the bandits. The bank was fully insured and its business will not be interrupted.

Massacre of Gold-Seekers.

Phenix, Ariz. (Special).—It is reported that a party of gold seekers was massacred by Ceris Indians on the Island of Tiburon, in the Gulf of California. Two weeks ago six Mexican prospectors left Tepopa, on the west coast of Mexico, in a small boat and went to Tiburon Island. Pedro Parquila, one of the party, has reached the mainland and reported a fierce fight with the Indians. He escaped and believes his companions were killed.

James Carey Evans Dead.

Buffalo, N. Y. (Special).—James Carey Evans died here. He was born in Baltimore in 1809. In 1855 he, with others, formed the American Transportation Company, the pioneer of the Great Lakes corporations. Subsequently the firm of which he was a member organized the Evans Line and built the first iron steamer on the Lakes.

The Cancer Parasite.

Buffalo, N. Y. (Special).—"Cancer is caused by an animal parasite, which we have identified and located in the New York State Cancer Laboratory," said Prof. H. R. Gaylord, of the University of Buffalo, who has charge of the laboratory. A peculiar feature about the parasite is the length of time required to develop a culture, and this, Prof. Gaylord said, accounted for the failure to fully identify it before.

Bank Failure Affects Whole Town.

Oswego, N. Y. (Special).—The banking firm of W. J. Brewster & Co., of Hamilton, this county, failed with liabilities of \$125,000. The entire village is affected by the failure and many small depositors in Oswego, Wayne and Cayuga counties suffer severely. Among the depositors, it is said, was the State Grange, Patrons of Husbandry.

May Admit Sons of Veterans.

Chattanooga, Tenn. (Special).—The N. B. Forrest Camp of Confederate Veterans is preparing a new constitution and by-laws, which will allow all sons and grandsons of Confederate veterans to become members of the organization. An effort will be made to have the convention at Memphis in May adopt the plan, so as to make it a national law of the organization. It is thought that this, if adopted, may merge the organization of the Sons of Veterans into the United Confederate Veterans and dissolve the individuality of the sons' camps.

SUMMARY OF THE NEWS.

Domestic.

City Judge Kellogg, of Yonkers, N. Y., discharged Frank Jones, of New York, who had horsewhipped Samuel Walters because the latter had maligned him.

Col. John S. Mosby says the South will become richer and more powerful than the North, and that the negroes' status is bound to improve.

Fire broke out in the fine Commonwealth clubhouse, in Richmond, Va., and the handsome furnishings were deluged with water.

Prince Krapotkin, the Russian exile, delivered a lecture in New York on "Anarchism: Its Philosophy and Ideal."

Frederick Young, of Atlantic City, shot at his wife in Philadelphia, and then shot and wounded his sister-in-law.

Benjamin F. Fiery, treasurer of the Martinsburg (W. Va.) Gas Company, died at his home in that city.

Mrs. Mary Welch, of Canastota, N. Y., saturated her clothes with kerosene and set herself on fire.

The Victoria Furnace, at Goshen, Va., was closed down, throwing 100 men out of employment.

Charles Hastings, a dangerous counterfeiter, was caught near Welch, W. Va., after a long chase.

President Warfield, of the Fidelity and Deposit Company, of Maryland, arrived in New York on the Lucania, having been successful in establishing a London branch.

Joseph S. Harris, it is reported, will retire from the presidency of the Reading Railroad Company, and George F. Baer, a director, will succeed him.

Watchman Frank Kelly shot and killed Cornelius Doherty, whom he caught with others trying to get into the Newberry Building in Chicago.

Oscar J. Reed, ex-Councilman from Shamokin, Pa., a fugitive from justice, surrendered and began serving his term of four months.

The people of Richmond have determined to rebuild the Hotel Jefferson, which was destroyed by fire.

H. Goldschlager was arrested in Scranton, Pa., on the charge of setting fire to a stock of clothing.

William Wirt Lyons, a great-grandchild of Patrick Henry, died at Lehigh University.

The banking firm of W. J. Brewster & Co., of Hannibal, N. Y., failed.

Roland Reed, the actor, died at the home of his mother-in-law in New York.

J. F. Rawles committed suicide in Newport News, Va.

Three lives were lost in a fire in a New York tenement.

The general committee of the anthracite miners has decided against a strike, and in an address to the miners recommends that "as partial recognition of the organization has been secured, and with the hope that a greater degree of justice will be obtained in the not distant future," work be continued.

David L. Short and Morris Myers were arrested in New York on the charge of being concerned in the alleged forgery of Millionaire Rice's name to the Patrick will.

Samuel B. Wood, clerk of the Circuit Court, in Hampton, Va., was discovered to be \$500 short in his accounts, which, he says, is due to an error on his part.

Mrs. Mary Callahan, of Martinsburg, W. Va., was the fourth member of her family to be carried off by consumption within five years.

There was a panic on the ferryboat Elizabeth, of the Central Railroad of New Jersey, which collided with a steam lighter.

Maurice Barrymore, the well-known actor, was sent to the Bellevue Hospital Insane Pavilion, in New York.

A fire destroyed the Augusta, the principal hotel in Hampton, Va., and several stores in the neighborhood.

Foreign.

Investigation of the recent assault upon Emperor William continues. The Emperor believes the wound in his face was afflicted by a missile fired from an air rifle, and that Weiland was the tool of conspirators.

English advices from Yokohama state that the Japanese spirit is growing, and that prominent statesmen say it is impossible to allow Russia a free hand in Manchuria.

Three hundred men of the British West African Regiment deserted at Kumasi, in the Gold Coast Colony, and troops have been dispatched to suppress an expected revolt.

The North Atlantic Squadron, Admiral Farquhar commanding, arrived off San Juan, the Admiral, it is reported, expecting orders to Venezuelan waters.

The Premier of France, M. Waldeck-Rousseau, is timid about going to Toulon, fearing a hostile demonstration by the Marseilles strikers.

The funeral of James Stephens, the Fenian leader, took place in Dublin and the remains were interred in the Martyrs' Plot.

Lord Salisbury's condition is reported by his physicians to be slowly improving.

Prime Minister Sagasta, of Spain, is ill.

The French Government has bestowed upon Captain William E. Horton, U. S. A., a colonial decoration for finding the remains of Baron Dumairis, a French nobleman murdered by Filipinos.

Herbert Gladstone, in an address to his constituents, sharply arraigns the British Government for the war in South Africa and the absence of a clearly defined policy in the East.

Queen Alexandra of Great Britain made a speech in Copenhagen, in reply to an address presented by 500 Danish associations.

The steamer Kron Prinz Wilhelm, of the North German Lloyd Line, was launched at the Vulcan Works, at Stettin.

Chancellor von Bülow proposes method to check the continued growth of Polish influences in Germany.

The diary of Major Andre was found by Lord Grey in London among a lot of old family papers.

Financial.

Mr. Morgan sailed for Europe Wednesday.

The Swedish State Bank made a profit of 4,178,942 Kr. in 1900.

Seats in the New York Stock Exchange have advanced to \$55,000.

BIG STEEL COMBINE.

Giant Corporation's Capital Raised to \$1,100,000,000.

NEW OFFICIALS ARE SELECTED.

Charter Amended to Permit Two-Thirds Vote of Stockholders at Meeting to Mortgage Property—Fee of the State Amounted to \$220,000—Reasons for Filing the Separate Articles—Will Absorb the Olive Mining Co.

Trenton, N. J. (Special).—The United States Steel Corporation filed with the Secretary of State here articles amending its charter and increasing its capital stock to \$1,100,000,000.

The State's fee for the filing of the papers was \$220,000.

The original articles filed some time ago were amended in only one particular. This amendment was made for the purpose of taking advantage of an act passed by the recent Legislature. Originally the corporation could not mortgage or pledge its real property or any of the stock of any other company except by the affirmative vote of the owners of two-thirds of the capital stock.

Under the amended charter it is necessary to have only the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the stock represented in person or by proxy at any meeting of the corporation.

The reason for the change is the fear that the stock might become so scattered that it would be impossible to get two-thirds of the entire stock represented at a meeting.

It was thought that the capital stock would be increased to \$1,000,000,000, and the extra \$100,000,000, it is believed, will be used to purchase the stock of the American Bridge Company, of which the old New Jersey Steel and Iron Plant in this city is a part.

Of the stock, \$550,000,000 is preferred and the remainder common. The former bears 7 per cent. cumulative dividend.

THREE FALL OVER A PRECIPICE.

Excited Woman and Girl Follow a Falling Child.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y. (Special).—Between 5 and 6 o'clock in the afternoon Mrs. Daniel Patterson, wife of a mechanic, her 12-year-old daughter, and Nellie Chase, 14 years old, all of Cold Spring, while strolling, stopped on Table Rock, half way up Breakneck Mountain, to watch the forest fires burning on Crow Nest Mountain, across the river. The Patterson child slipped and fell over the cliff. The mother sprang forward to save her and also fell over. Nellie Chase became greatly excited as she saw her friends go over and she too fell after them. Table Rock is 200 feet above tide water and the side of the mountain under it is very steep. Nellie Chase fell in the branches of a large tree and was uninjured. The Patterson girl was found a few feet away with a broken arm and a cut and bruised body. Mrs. Patterson was found further down the mountain dead. She had fallen at least 100 feet and was dashed to death on the rocky side of the hill.

NI.W. PRESIDENT FOR READING.

George F. Baer, a Member of the Executive Committee.

Philadelphia (Special).—"Announcement during the week of important changes in the management of the Reading Company is expected. Joseph S. Harris will retire from the presidency of the company; George F. Baer, a director of the company and a member of the executive committee, will succeed him.

"The proposed change in the presidency of the Reading Company is the result of several recent conferences with Mr. Morgan, who, with the Vanderbilts, is the dominating factor in the affairs of that company.

"The Reading Company owns and controls the stock and bond of the Philadelphia and Reading Railway Company, the stock of the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Company, and stocks and bonds of various other corporations which go to make up the Reading system."

Boy Murderer Sentenced.

Union, W. Va. (Special).—In the Circuit Court here the jury in the case of Charlie Crawford, the 14-year-old boy who shot and killed his 16-year-old brother, Frank, on February 11, because he refused to let him have dogs to go hunting found him guilty of voluntary manslaughter, and he was sentenced to the Reform School till he is 21 years old. The father of the boys is serving a six-year term in the penitentiary for attempting to murder his brother-in-law, and is also under indictment for forgery.

To Admit Hawaiian Chinese.

San Francisco (Special).—Collector of the Port of Straton has expressed an opinion from Attorney General Griggs affirming the right of Chinese who were citizens of the Hawaiian Islands prior to August 12, 1898, by birth or naturalization, to enter the United States. It was clearly the intent of Congress, the Attorney General is quoted as saying, to throw the cloak of adoption over all who were Hawaiian citizens on the date mentioned in the treaty.

FUNSTON NOW A BRIGADIER. AGUINALDO TO BE TRIED.

President McKinley Announces the Appointment of the Brave Kansan.

WHEATON MADE A MAJOR GENERAL.

Colonel Smith Also Promoted to Be Brigadier General—A Long List of Appointments and Promotions in the Army that Will Finally Relieve the Suspense of Many Who Have Been on the Anxious Bench.

Washington (Special).—The question of rewarding General Funston for the capture of Aguinaldo was decided by the President at a conference with the Secretary of War. The decision of the President is contained in the following despatch sent to General MacArthur, at Manila:

"The following appointments made: Wheaton, Major General; Smith and Funston, Brigadier Generals; the Secretary of War joins me in congratulations to all. Corbin."

The following announcement was made at the White House:

"To Be Major General United States Army, Brigadier General Loyd Wheaton, vice Miles, promoted Lieutenant General to be Brigadier General in the regular army, Colonel Jacob H. Smith, Seventeenth Infantry, Brigadier General of Volunteers, vice Daggett, retired; Brigadier General Frederick Funston, United States Volunteers, vice Wheaton, promoted."

This announcement was followed later by another giving the appointments decided upon by the President to the Pay Corps, Subsistence Department, Quartermaster General's Department, and the appointments of chaplains.

General Loyd Wheaton, just promoted to be major general, was promoted to be a brigadier general only a few weeks ago.

Representative Bellamy in a Fight.

Wilmington, N. C. (Special).—As an outcome of the heated municipal campaign, there was a street fight here between Representative John D. Bellamy and City Attorney Iredell Meares. The immediate cause of the difficulty was a written statement by Meares regarding back taxes alleged to be owed the city by Bellamy. Bellamy told Meares that his statement was a lie. Meares responded with a blow and Bellamy defended himself. Both received blows in the face, but neither was badly hurt.

Zimmerman to Pay the Duke's Debts.

London (By Cable).—The Duke of Manchester appeared in the Bankruptcy Court for public examination, but the case was again adjourned to May 10. It was represented that Mr. Zimmerman, the duke's father-in-law, had just arrived in England and was investigating the debtor's affairs, and that, therefore, it would be for the benefit of the creditors to adjourn the case until the investigation was completed. This is taken as an intimation that Mr. Zimmerman proposes to extricate his son-in-law from his embarrassments.

FRAUDS STIR UP MANILA.

Quartermaster, Contractor and Many Others Are Arrested.

Manila (By Cable).—Interest in the capture and fate of Aguinaldo is well-nigh overshadowed in Manila by sensational developments, present and prospective, of frauds in the Commissary Department. How widely these extend has not yet been ascertained, but enough is already known to justify the belief that they are far-reaching.

Capt. Frederick J. Barrows, of the Thirtieth Volunteer Infantry, quartermaster of the Department of Southern Luzon, together with seven commissary sergeants, several civilian clerks, a prominent government contractor, the assistant manager of the Hotel Oriente, the proprietors of three of the largest bakeries in Manila, a number of storekeepers and other persons have been arrested.

The investigation has scarcely begun; but thousands of sacks of flour, a quantity of bacon and wagon loads of other goods, all bearing government marks, have been found in the possession of unauthorized persons.

It is alleged that the contractor in question, who has been doing a business approximating \$100,000 per month, has spent huge sums in entertaining officers.

A prominent commissary officer is accused of leading a scandalously immoral life.

It is asserted that large quantities of stores have been lost or stolen in transit, and also that there is a shortage in the commissary depot.

New scandals are developed daily. Illicit transactions have been traced back to June, 1900, and it is possible that there are others of earlier date.

The exorbitant tariff on provisions makes the surreptitious sale of commissary supplies immensely profitable.

It is understood that other United States officers may be arrested.

Lieutenant Philip K. Sweet, of the Forty-sixth Volunteer Infantry, is prosecuting the investigation, under the direction of Colonel Wilder, chief of police.

DIVIDED AT HAVANA.

Motion to Appeal to Washington Beaten By One Vote.

THE DELEGATES MAY RECONSIDER.

Constitutional Convention in Secret Session Turns Down Proposition on Platt Amendment—Senator Alejandro Rodriguez, Who Was Elected Mayor of Havana Last June, Has Resigned the Office.

Havana (Special).—A secret session of the Cuban Constitutional Convention was held Monday and was attended by twenty-five delegates. Among the absentees were Senors Giberiga, Quilas and Sanguly, strong supporters of the Platt amendment.

The first question considered was a resolution from the Planters' Association recommending the convention to accept the amendment, with a proviso that the United States Government should make a reduction of 50 per cent. in the duties on Cuban products, or at least make a preference in their favor over similar products from other countries. This resolution was tabled without discussion.

The majority report of the convention's Committee on Relations, signed by Senors Gomez, Silva and Villuendas, and opposing the Platt amendment, was read. After a discussion which showed that most of the delegates were opposed to the report a motion to lay it on the table was carried. A similar disposition was made of reports from Senors de Quesada, Tamayo, Nunez and Giberiga.

A motion by Senor Monteagudo to appoint a commission to go to Washington was defeated by a vote of 13 to 12.

Alejandro Rodriguez, who was elected Mayor of Havana June 16, 1900, has resigned the office.

"SIGNS OF MENTAL DEPRESSION."

The German Press Is Still Puzzling Over the Emperor's Pessimistic Talk.

Berlin (By Cable).—Emperor William's speeches at the dedication of the new barracks, near the imperial castle, of the Emperor Alexander Grenadier Regiment, are still the sensation of the hour. The Vorwaerts vouches for its sharpest version of His Majesty's speech. The Hamburger Correspondent also says that the version published in the Kreuz Zeitung is much milder than the Emperor's original words. The press is still puzzling over what caused Emperor William recently to indulge in such pessimistic talk, and considers his words to be unwarranted by facts. They point out also that the Emperor's prediction answering a toast Thursday night to the effect that Germany would soon have to fight against overwhelming odds, is at variance with all the declarations of Count von Bulow, the imperial chancellor, who presents Germany as surrounded by friends. The Vorwaerts is of the opinion that the Emperor's speeches are momentary signs of mental depression occasioned by the Bremen outrage, which the Emperor continues to attribute to a deep laid plan, instead of regarding it as the irresponsible deed of an epileptic. This opinion is systematically strengthened by the conservative press, clippings from which persons of the Emperor's entourage take care regularly to place before him.

HIS STOMACH REMOVED.

Expert Accountant Bodman Will Have to Eat Predigested Food.

Newark, N. J. (Special).—D. G. Bodman, an expert accountant, who is between 55 and 58 years old, was the subject of a rare surgical operation in his home here. About two-thirds of his stomach was removed and the remaining portions were sewn together. There is reason to believe he will recover. When the abdomen had been cut through it was found that the removal of the stomach would be necessary, as it contained a large hard tumor, which caused the tissues of the stomach to harden and made them unable to perform their natural functions. The center of the stomach containing the tumor was removed and the other portions were sutured and are expected to form a good adhesion by first intention.

A Desperate Burglar Killed.

Chicago (Special).—After having been wounded in a previous attempt at burglary a few hours before, Cornelius Doherty, one of four who attempted to break into the Newberry Building, on East Ontario street, met a tragic death while running away from Watchman Frank Kelly, who shot him in the left temple and the left thigh. Kelly had driven away three men earlier in the evening, discovering them as they were climbing the fire-escape. He fired several shots at the fugitives, and one, who fell, but regained his feet, is believed to have been Doherty. Shortly after midnight the men returned. Kelly again discovered them, and, as the men ran, fired, killing Doherty.

Complaisant Officer's Discomfiture.

Moundsville, W. Va. (Special).—Constable J. I. Barnett went to the home of John Barcus to serve a warrant sworn out by John Dardinger, charging Barcus with abducting Dardinger's 17-year-old daughter. Barcus asked permission to go upstairs for a heavier coat. The constable waited downstairs for an hour, and then went up to find that his prisoner had dropped 15 feet out of a window and had escaped.

Robbers Get \$4,000 State Money.

Montgomery, Ala. (Special).—At Reform Pickens county, the safe in the express office was dynamited and \$4000 in money secured. The police here were notified. The robbers escaped. The money is understood to be State funds which were sent there for the quarterly payment of the public school teachers.

Express Company Robbed.

Columbia, S. C. (Special).—Information about a robbery of \$5000, supposed to have been committed in the New York office of the Southern Express Company, just leaked out here. General Superintendent Sadler was here investigating. A few days ago an official of the Bank of Columbia personally expressed a package containing \$5000 to the Bank of Commerce, New York. The package laid over night in the New York office. On being opened at the Bank of Commerce it was found to contain slips of brown paper, the size of bank bills.

LIVE NATIONAL AFFAIRS.

Minister Loomis Recalled.

Although the officials of the State Department adhere to their statement that Mr. Loomis, the United States Minister at Caracas, has been recalled for the purpose of consultation, a technically correct explanation of his homecoming has an international significance of a serious character. From what has been learned of the existing relations between Venezuela and the United States, it is believed that no single incident was the basis for the Minister's recall. General conditions are responsible for the turn affairs have taken.

Summed up briefly, the circumstances that Administration to summon Mr. Loomis to Washington was due to the fact that the attitude of the Venezuelan Federal authorities toward the American Government and American citizens in that country had become well-nigh intolerable, and the tension had become so great that it was apparent to everybody familiar with the circumstances that trouble between the two nations was likely to occur at any time and could not, in fact, be long postponed unless something was done to avert it.

Presidential Appointments.

The President just announced that he had made the following appointments: To be delegates to the international Conference of American States, Cyrus Northrop, of Minnesota; Henry C. Davis, of West Virginia; William I. Buchanan, of Iowa; Charles M. Pepper, of the District of Columbia; Volney W. Foster, of Illinois. To be members of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition Commission, John M. Thurston, of Nebraska; Thomas H. Carter, of Montana; William Lindsay, of Kentucky; George W. McBride, of Oregon; Frederick A. Betts, of Connecticut; ex-Congressman John M. Allen, of Mississippi; Martin H. Glynn, of New York; John F. Miller, of Indiana; Philip D. Scott, of Arkansas.

Receipts From Revenue Tax.

The following statement prepared at the Internal Revenue Bureau shows the receipts, by items, from the war revenue act only from June 13, 1898, the date on which the act went into effect, to February 28, 1901, totals omitted:

Schedule A (documentary stamps), \$9,420,999; schedule B (proprietary stamps), \$12,784,634; beer, \$26,154,822; special taxes, \$14,026,359; tobacco, \$22,405,859; snuff, \$2,393,275; cigars, \$8,201,608; cigarettes, \$3,547,490; legacies, \$6,889,055; excise tax, \$2,398,823; mixed flour, \$20,609; additional taxes on tobacco and beer, \$978,816. Total, \$281,314,515.

New Official for Venezuela.

Senor Pulido, the Venezuelan Charge d'Affaires, received a cablegram from his Government stating that the constituency has appointed President Castro to be Provisional President of Venezuela. The constituency is framing a constitution for this South American republic. When the presidency changed hands not long ago Castro proclaimed himself President, and this action of the constituency invests him with the full powers of a presidential ruler to the limit of its authority.

Commissioner of Patents Qualifies.

Frederick I. Allen, of Auburn, N. Y., was sworn in Saturday as Commissioner of Patents, succeeding Charles H. Duell, resigned. All the employees of the office were introduced to their new chief and took leave of the outgoing commissioner.

Capital News in General.

It was reported in diplomatic circles that Russia has notified China that further delay in signing the Manchurian agreement will result in an interruption of diplomatic relations. From Peking comes the report that China has asked for a further extension of time.

The Booz military court of inquiry came to a decision that while hazing existed to a deplorable extent at the Military Academy, it did not cause the cadet's death.

Colonel John J. Clague, assistant commissary general, retired, and Lieutenant Colonel Frank E. Nye was promoted.

President McKinley appointed Calvin F. Titus a cadet-at-large at the United States Military Academy.

The Navy Department received a cablegram from Admiral Remy saying that during a fire in the saloon of the gunboat Petrel, Lieutenant-Commander Jesse M. Roper was suffocated and 22 officers and men prostrated.

Secretary Gage gave his reasons for questioning the expediency of using the growing surplus either to buy government bonds or increasing the deposits in the banks.

The recall of Minister Loomis, our diplomatic representative in Venezuela, is significant, as showing that this government's relations with Venezuela are strained.

President McKinley will make an address and Chauncey Dewey will deliver the oration at the unveiling of the Logan statue in Iowa City.

Minister Loomis has been recalled to Washington to explain in detail the circumstances connected with the Venezuelan controversy.

President Orcutt, of the Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock Company, signed the contract to build the cruiser Charleston.