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TROUBLE WITH VENEZUELA

The Recall of Mr. Loomis Has Convinced Her People That We Are In Earnest.

SENOR PULIDO'S COURSE

Venezuelan Representative Will Not Leave Washington—Secretary Hay Approves Our Minister's Conduct of Affairs—His Zeal Aroused Antagonism of the Castro Government—Emergency Requires New Representative at Caracas—Mr. Loomis Ill—H. Clay Evans Mentioned as Successor.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, April 1.—The recall of Minister Loomis from Caracas for a consultation with the state department has awakened Venezuela to a realization of the fact that the United States is in a serious mood. Senor Pulido, the Venezuelan charge, has informed the state department that he does not intend to leave Washington. It is a decided change in his plans, as he intended a week ago to sail at once for Caracas.

Should he take that step and should Minister Loomis' post remain unfilled, the rupture of diplomatic relations between the two governments would be complete. Any further aggressions by the revolutionary president, Castro, on American citizens would be rebuked by a man-of-war.

H. Clay Evans, commissioner of pensions, is being suggested as a possible successor to Mr. Loomis.

It was believed for a while that Commissioner Evans could be appointed minister to Japan, but Mr. Buck, of Georgia, the leader of the Republican delegation in his state, refused absolutely to give up his post, and he will return when his present leave expires.

Minister Loomis' conduct of affairs has been approved by Secretary Hay, but the minister is really ill, and, although faithful to American interests, is not physically fitted for the emergency. The conditions in Venezuela are now so strained as to threaten punitive operations if the Venezuelans persist in their imprudent course.

Minister Loomis' recall from Venezuela, it is believed at the state department, will have some effect on conditions there. A sentiment has been aroused antagoniste to Mr. Loomis, and his further presence there could have no effect toward quieting the troubled relations between the two governments. Mr. Loomis has been following instructions from the state department to the letter, and Secretary Hay readily assumes full responsibility for our minister's representations to Venezuela, but his activity in following his instructions has been so zealous as to make him unpopular with the South American government. The official journals of Caracas accuse Loomis of sending out false reports of the conditions in Venezuela, and though our state department has repeatedly found the information sent by Mr. Loomis to be correct there has been no change in the antagonistic attitude of the Castro government toward the minister. It is believed that if Mr. Loomis is succeeded by some one who has not incurred the enmity of the Venezuelans, the present troubles can be more easily adjusted.

It is expected that Minister Loomis will reach New York on April 10, as the gunboat Scorpion was dispatched to La Guayra to make sure that he should connect at Kingston, Jamaica, with the regular passenger steamship for New York.

There is no present intention of sending the North Atlantic Squadron to Venezuela, as this government cannot decide how the matter should be treated until Mr. Loomis has been personally consulted. The squadron, which is engaged in manoeuvres at Culebra Island, will sail north in a few days. One or two of the vessels will be sent first to Kingston, Jamaica, but the delay will be temporary, and the whole squadron will soon be under way for Tompkinsville.

HOLLIDAY VINDICATED.

Charges in Connection with the Boggs Case Are Dismissed.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, April 1.—The civil service commission has dismissed the charges filed against Postmaster Holliday, of Pittsburg, Pa., of removing J. D. Boggs for failure to sign a petition remonstrating against what is known as the "ripper" bill," while that measure was before the Pennsylvania legislature. The commission sent an agent to Pittsburg to investigate the charge, and on his recommendation they are officially declared to be without foundation.

Boggs' removal, it is said, was contemplated by the previous postmaster and has been under consideration for a long while.

Argument on Pittsburg "Ripper."

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Philadelphia, April 1.—The supreme court today made a per curiam order fixing April 23 for the argument in the quo warranto proceedings to test the constitutionality of the Pittsburg "ripper" law.

Strike in Scotland.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

London, April 1.—Reports received at a mass meeting of the Lanarkshire Colliery Engine Handlers at Hamilton, showed that 20,000 miners were idle in Scotland, owing to the strike for an eight hour day.

Twenty Turks Drowned.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Jiddah, Arabia, April 1.—The Turkish transport Asian has been wrecked near Yembo. Twenty soldiers were drowned.

NO OPPOSITION TO FORAKER.

Vote at the Ohio Elections Yesterday.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Cincinnati, April 1.—Fair weather prevailed in Ohio today for municipal and township elections. The large vote for April indicated more interest than usual in these local contests. This was due to the fact that a full state ticket is to be elected next November, as well as members of the legislature, who will choose a successor to Senator Foraker. In a few localities legislative nominations were made by popular vote. None showed any opposition to Foraker among the Republicans and there was not enough action to indicate any preference for John R. McLean, Tom L. Johnson or any one else as the Democratic favorite for the senatorship. There was no election in Cincinnati. Mayor Fleishman and the other Republican city officers were elected one year ago for a period of three years. There will be no election at Dayton for mayor until next April, the contest in that city today being for police judge only. Special interest was taken in the contest at Columbus, where the Republicans for the past two years had all the city offices, Governor Nash and former Congressman Lentz both reside at Columbus and both took great interest in the contest there. Sam Jones made his race for the third term for mayor of Toledo, independent of all parties and on his golden rule platform.

While the Democrats carried the larger cities and some of the smaller places, yet the Republicans show slight gains in the state as a whole. In the three larger cities, Cleveland, Columbus and Toledo, the Democrats show gains, which are offset in the smaller cities throughout the state.

At Columbus, where the Republicans have had the city government, the Democrats elect their mayor by a close margin, while at Cleveland, ex-Congressman Tom L. Johnson, Democrat, was elected mayor by about 3,000 plurality.

KWANG SU WILL NOT SIGN

Russia, However, Seems Disinclined to Slam the Door at Present.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

London, April 2.—Dr. Morrison, wiring to the Times from Pekin, March 28, says:

"The Kang-Tse viceroys have carried the day. Li Hung Chang, who wired Tuesday, urging Emperor Kwang Su to reconsider his decision, received an answer that the throne's decision, in the presence of the unanimous advice of the chief provincial officials, was irrevocable and that the Manchurian convention could not be signed.

"In spite of her threats, Russia seems disinclined to slam the door. Negotiations between Li Hung Chang and M. De Giers were certainly proceeding yesterday, when M. De Giers agreed to several formal amendments of the text. Russia's cynical and bold diplomacy appears for once to have overreached itself."

MINISTERS OF THE POWERS MEET

A Decision Is Made as to the Tsung Li Yamen and the Court Ceremonial.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Pekin, March 29.—The ministers of the powers met today to consider the resolutions of the special committee for the reformation of the tsung li yamen and the court ceremonial. It was decided that the tsung li yamen should hereafter consist of one prince and two appointed ministers, who should be responsible to the world for the behavior of China.

The court ceremonials will be organized on western lines, making due allowances for Oriental ideas and prejudices.

The indemnity committee is not yet ready to report, but it is generally conceded that the demands cannot be immense.

Mr. Rockhill, acting upon instructions from Washington, has sent a letter to the ministers of the powers, asserting that in the event of the amount being larger than China could possibly afford, without the disruption of the empire, the ministers should agree to reduce their demands in proportion to the losses and expenses of their respective countries and that in the event of being unable to agree, the matter should be left to the arbitration of The Hague tribunal.

Missionaries have reported to the United States legation that they have received reliable information that a German expedition from Shanghai, 2,000 strong, has reached Thai Yuan. The German headquarters deny having any knowledge on the subject.

Today Li Hung Chang entertained at luncheon the ministers of the powers and Count Von Waldersee.

Glass Factories Close.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Pittsburg, April 1.—The official announcement is made today by the two largest producers of window glass that the factories controlled by them will close down for the summer stop May 11, instead of May 15, as formerly announced. The American Window Glass company controls 17,20 pot capacity and the independent glass companies 1,170 pot capacity of the entire production of the United States.

Roosevelt at the Pan-American.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Buffalo, April 1.—Vice President Roosevelt has accepted an invitation to take part in the dedication of the Pan-American exposition, which will not take place until May 20, although the exposition will be formally opened on May 1, as heretofore announced.

Gans Defeats Flaherty.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Baltimore, April 1.—"Joe" Gans, of Baltimore, tonight defeated Martin Flaherty, of Lowell, Mass., in the fourth round of what was scheduled to be a 20-round bout.

FRAUDS IN THE PHILIPPINES

Chief Commissary at Manila Says Reports of Irregularities Have Been Greatly Exaggerated.

TROOPS WELL SUPPLIED

Washington Awaits Official Advices. Army Regulations Governing the Sale of Commissary Supplies—Loss of Stores in Transit a Common Condition of War Times—A Minneapolis Man in Trouble.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Manila, April 1.—Colonel Woodruff, the chief commissary at Manila, says that the irregularities in the commissary department have been exaggerated, and that the troops have always been well supplied with stores. Colonels of the returning volunteer regiments wrote to him in praise of the commissary service.

Nevertheless, the authorites are rigidly investigating the alleged frauds, which developed yesterday in the arrest of Captain Frederick J. Barrows, of the Thirtieth volunteer infantry, quartermaster of the southern department of Luzon, together with seven commissary sergeants, several civilian clerks, a prominent government contractor, the assistant manager of the largest bakeries in Manila and a number of storekeepers. The number of the men implicated in the frauds is undetermined, and high rank will not suffice to shield delinquents.

Washington, April 1.—No report has been received at the war department from General MacArthur concerning the alleged frauds in the disposition of government supplies in the Philippines. He has, however, been advised of the published reports and requested to send facts.

Commissary General Weston's advices from Manila today contained nothing concerning the reported arrests for commissary frauds. Captain Barrows is not directly connected with the commissariat, and the only way in which he could become involved in the troubles would be by the illegal sale of company stores.

Savings may be made in the regular rations issued to a military company and the surplus may be sold to civilians for the benefit of the company. That is permitted under the law. Outside of rations, however, there are certain canned goods and other merchandise which is sold to the soldiers. To dispose of such stores to a civilian would be criminal, and that is suggested as a possible cause of the reported arrests.

That quantities of commissary stores have been lost or stolen in transit is admitted by the war department. It is said to be a common condition in war times, and it has prevailed within a moderate limit since the beginning of the Spanish war.

Minneapolis, April 1.—Frederick J. Barrows, who is under arrest at Manila for alleged complicity in the commissary department frauds, is a Minneapolis man, well known here, where he lived for many years previous to his entry into the volunteer army. He is the son of F. C. Barrows, a prominent lumberman, and was, previous to his departure for the Philippines, a member of the Fifteenth Minnesota volunteers. He is about 30 years of age.

HALF TIME AT MINES.

Four Thousand Men and Boys Affected in Wyoming Region.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Wilkes-Barre, April 1.—Notices were posted at all the mines of the Delaware and Hudson company today that until further notice the collieries would work only half time. In the Wyoming region about 4,000 men and boys are affected.

During March, or since a strike of miners was first talked of, the output of coal has been very heavy. Everybody who could, stocked up. But now the operators and miners have settled their differences and production will now be restricted. There is a big falling off in the demand.

Conspirators at Liberty.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Sunbury, April 1.—Ex-Councilmen E. O. Zeigler, William Zimmerman, Thomas Holl, Oscar J. Reed and William Reppard, who were convicted of conspiracy in connection with Shamokin street paving contracts, today secured a stay of execution of sentence. They asked the court to allow them to remain at liberty until the board of pardons meets. The court accepted $1,000 bail from each of the defendants until next Saturday when at a habeas corpus hearing the court will finally dispose of their cases.

Twelve Cottages Burned.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

New York, April 1.—Twelve cottages, situated on the grounds of the Long Island Camp Meeting association near Merrick, L. I., were destroyed by a fire today and six others, as well as a large portion of the woodland, damaged by the flames. The cottages belonged to people living in Brooklyn and Manhattan. The loss is estimated at $20,000.

Census Enumerator Arrested.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Baltimore, April 1.—Daniel J. Bolles, the fifth man arrested in connection with the census frauds in St. Mary's county, was brought to Baltimore and given a hearing today before Commissioner Rogers. Like the other accused enumerators, Bolles waived an examination and was released on $1,500 bail for the action of the grand jury.

Dying of Hiccoughs.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Newburgh, N. Y., April 1.—F. W. Magee, a hotel clerk, is dying here of hiccoughs. He became ill with the grip on March 22. Pneumonia developed, and on Sunday the last symptoms of inflammation of the brain. With this came hiccoughs and since Monday he has hiccoughed almost incessantly and is steadily growing weaker.

READING RUMOR EMPHATICALLY DENIED.

Mr. Baer Claims That Consolidation Stories Are Unfounded.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Philadelphia, April 1.—George F. Baer, who will on Wednesday be elected to the presidency of the Reading company, when questioned tonight relative to reports that the Lehigh Valley would be taken over by the Reading, said the rumors were absolutely unfounded and that no change in the Lehigh Valley property was contemplated.

He said that his election to the Reading presidency would in no way affect his present relations with the Lehigh Valley, and that he would continue in the directory of that company.

HONESDALE PARTY MEN DECLARE THEMSELVES

Democrats and Republicans Hold Important Meetings—Newspapers Will Change Hands.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Honesdale, April 1.—Both Democrats and Republicans held important meetings here today. The Republicans chose Warren E. Parham, of Niagara, and Dr. H. A. Plum, of Hawley, delegates to the state convention and adopted a resolution asking for the passage of the judicial apportionment bill making Wayne county a separate judicial district.

The Democrats re-elected C. A. McCarty county chairman and chose J. D. Brennan, Leopold Fuerth and C. A. McCarty delegates to the state convention. Resolutions were adopted condemning the several ripper bills and the judicial apportionment bill and endorsing the action of Representatives Brennan and Fuerth.

Both party newspapers are changing hands. The Honesdale Herald (Democratic), established in 1832, has been purchased by Hon. P. A. Clark for a stock company and Nelson J. Spencer, principal of Pleasant Mount High school, is slated for the editorship.

The Citizen (Republican) is now being negotiated for by a stock company of which Senator Hardenbergh is leader, and it is expected the change will be consummated by May 1 and the paper issued semi-weekly. W. H. Wilson, of Philadelphia, is slated for editor.

COURT FINDINGS IN THE BOOZ CASE

Opinion That the Statement That the Cadet's Death Was Due to Hazing Is Untrue.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, April 1.—The findings of the military court of inquiry which investigated the treatment alleged to have been accorded to the late Oscar L. Booz, a former cadet at West Point military academy, have been made public at the war department.

The findings of the military court are summed up in a letter written by Secretary Root, which accompanies the report. This letter says:

"The findings of this court of inquiry, which are sustained by the evidence, show that the statements which led to the convening of the court, to the effect that former Cadet Oscar L. Booz came to his death by reason of injuries received by hazing at the academy were not true. They show that at the time Cadet Booz was a member of the academy hazing was prevalent there to a deplorable extent; that the present officers of the academy have shown commendable energy, zeal and efficiency in detecting and punishing offences of this character and that they greatly decreased the practice and improved the public sentiment among the cadets upon the subject. The testimony and findings of the court were placed in the hands of the committee charged at about the same time with the investigation of the subject and the very efficient and beneficial action of that committee, followed by the legislation upon the subject contained in the act of March 2, 1901, renders further action by the department unnecessary."

NAMED HOUR OF HIS DEATH.

Veteran Boatman Said Life Would End at Six O'Clock.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Easton, Pa., April 1.—Harry Glessner, a veteran boatman, died at 6 o'clock this morning, after a long illness.

Last night he told his grandson, Harry G. Scip, late supervisor of census for this district, that he would die at 6 o'clock this morning. When the latter went to see him today he was dead, having died precisely at the hour he predicted.

Barrymore Hopelessly Insane.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

New York, April 1.—Doctors Stewart, Wildman and Fitch today made an examination of Maurice Barrymore, now a patient in Bellevue hospital. Barrymore had passed a quiet night, sleeping the deep sleep of utter exhaustion. At the conclusion of the examination Dr. Stewart announced that the patient was hopelessly insane. It was also given out that tomorrow he will be taken to River Crest asylum at Astoria.

Botha Joins De Wet.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

London, April 2.—The despatches from Cape Town and Brussels talk of General Botha and General De Wet joining a gathering of 15,000 men for operations against General French in the Transvaal. Two hundred Boers have reappeared near Richmond, Cape Colony, and the town guard has been called out to defend the place.

Small-Pox in West Virginia.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Weston, W. Va., April 1.—The small-pox epidemic in Webster county has reached such a stage as to cause serious alarm. The circuit court should have opened at Addison today, but on account of the prevalence of the disease, Judge Brannon, whose home is in this city, decided to postpone all cases until the next term.

SHORT SESSION OF THE HOUSE

Senate Bill Creating a Juvenile Court Is Sent Back to Committee.

WADSWORTH RESOLUTION

Provides for a Committee of Senators and Members Who Will Confer with Members of Congress with a View to Securing an Amendment to the Constitution to Provide for the Election of United States Senators by Popular Vote.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Harrisburg, April 1.—A short session of the house was held tonight, the order of business being original resolutions and bills on first reading. On motion of Mr. Bedford, of Philadelphia, the senate bill creating a juvenile court was sent back to committee for a public hearing.

Mr. Voorhees, of Philadelphia, offered the following concurrent resolution, which was referred to the education committee:

Whereas, It is claimed that the large increase in the state appropriation to common schools, together with the money expended for other educational purposes, has not yielded everywhere throughout the commonwealth satisfactory results, and

Whereas, There has been no adequate attempt to codify the school laws since 1854; therefore, be it

Resolved (if the senate concur), That the colleges and university council be authorized and empowered to make inquiry and to report to the legislature at its next session by bill or otherwise a plan by which existing laws can be harmonized and amended or codified so as to improve the organization, administration and management of our system of education; also to suggest any other changes by which the efficiency of our system of public instruction can be increased and the sums expended for public education made to yield results commensurate with the generous aid given by the state to educational purposes. The members of the council shall serve without pay, except for necessary expenses, legal aid and clerk hire actually incurred by the council and approved by the governor; further, be it

Resolved, That the committee on appropriation of the house and senate be requested to include in the general appropriation bill of the current session of the legislature an item appropriating the sum of $2,000 for the purposes hereinbefore named, unexpended balance to be returned to the treasury of the state.

Wadsworth Resolution.

A concurrent resolution was offered by Mr. Wadsworth, of Philadelphia, and adopted, that a committee of two senators and three members be appointed to confer with congress and the legislatures of the various states of the Union with the object of securing such an amendment to the United States senate to provide for the election of United States senators by popular vote, the committee to report to the next legislature and its expenses not to exceed $200 a year.

Mr. Haag, of Schuylkill, offered a resolution, which was adopted, that the senate be requested to appoint a committee to confer with a like committee from the house to consider the date of final adjournment.

After clearing the calendar of first reading bills the house adjourned until 10 o'clock tomorrow.

THE VACCINATION LAW SUSTAINED

Appeal of Charles G. Field Is Dismissed by the Supreme Court at Philadelphia.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Philadelphia, April 1.—The Supreme court today dismissed the appeal of Charles G. Field from the decision of common pleas court. The lower Philadelphia court had refused to order Martha L. Robinson, principal of the Keystone grammar school of Philadelphia, to admit the child of Mr. Field as a pupil in the school, the refusal to admit her having been based on the ground that she had not been vaccinated. The Supreme court says:

"We think the court below did not err in the ruling referred to in the assignments. In Duffield vs. Williamsport school district, we held that school directors, in the exercise of a sound discretion, may exclude from the public schools pupils who have not been vaccinated. Whether a resolution from the school's pupils who have not been vaccinated is a reasonable one is to be judged in the first instance by the school directors. In the present state of medical knowledge and of convincing opinion of those having charge of the public health, the courts will not say that such a resolution is an abuse of official discretion.' It has not been shown to our satisfaction that the act of June 18, 1895, is unconstitutional. For the reasons above stated we dismiss the assignments and sustain the conclusion of the court below."

DEATHS OF A DAY.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Philadelphia, April 1.—Dr. Alfred Spearman, a well known physician of Milwaukee, Wis., died tonight at a hospital here, as a result of an operation. He came here about three weeks ago for treatment for an internal trouble. Dr. Spearman was born in Smyrna, Del., in 1839, and graduated from Jefferson Medical college in this city twenty years later. The remains will be sent to Appleton, Wis., tomorrow, where they will be interred.

New York, April 1.—Former Congressman Thomas J. Bradley died today at his home in this city. Mr. Bradley was 55 years old. He was twice elected to congress from the Ninth district, his last term ending on March 4.

Berlin, April 1.—Dr. Schleitcher, the African traveller and geographer, is dead.

Hazleton, April 1.—Mrs. Frank Pardoe, wife of the wealthy coal operator of this city, died today of pulmonary heart trouble. She had been in ill health for some time. She is survived by her husband, two sons and two daughters.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING.

Weather Indications Today:
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Russia Sends an Ultimatum to China.
Irregularities in the Philippines Exaggerated.
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Note and Comment.
5 Local—Reorganization of the Scranton City Government.
6 Local—Machinists Hold a Mass Meeting.
Opinion on the Lackawanna Township Indebtedness.
7 Local—Judge Archbald Now a Federal Court Judge.
North End Citizens Want Vosburg for the Bench.
8 Local—West Scranton and Suburban.
9 General—Northeastern Pennsylvania.
Financial and Commercial.
10 Local—Reorganization of City Government (Concluded.)

TROLLEY ACCIDENT NEAR EASTON

A Car on the Slate Belt Jumps the Track—Seventy Passengers Are Injured.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Easton, Pa., April 1.—A trolley car on the Slate Belt road jumped the track near Bangor this afternoon and the motorman and conductor and every one of the seventy passengers were injured. Some of the latter, were, however, only cut by broken glass. The most seriously injured are:

Mrs. Owen Jones, who is injured internally and whose face is cut in several places; Mr. John Perry, nose fractured and teeth knocked out; Mrs. David Jones, leg broken; Mrs. Thomas Humphrey, face cut. All of the above reside at Wind Gap.

Patrick Penders, Edward Treanor and Dr. J. C. Keller, of Pen Argyle, sustained cuts and bruises about the face and body. Motorman Brader and Conductor Ricker, of Easton, were badly injured. When the car left the track it went over a steep embankment and turned completely over.

Most of the passengers were Welsh people, who were on their way to Bangor to attend a funeral.

KARAPOVICH SENTENCED

The Assassin of M. Bogoliepoff Will Spend Twenty Years in Siberia and Will Lose Civil Rights.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

St. Petersburg, April 1.—Peter Karapovich, the assassin of M. Bogoliepoff, the Russian minister of public instruction, has been sentenced to twenty years penal servitude, with a loss of civil rights. The trial was strictly secret.

Admittance was only by card. Among those present were the ministers of justice, of the interior and of finances. Only fifty cards were distributed. Karapovich spoke for an hour regarding the student troubles under Bogoliepoff and the disorganization of the universities. The prisoner characterized Bogoliepoff, whom he knew as a curator at Moscow in 1886, as the "baleful spirit of reaction."

Karapovich declared that he was indifferent, when shooting, whether Bogoliepoff would be killed, desiring in any case to inflict a dangerous wound. He refused to say where he lodged or whom he saw after his arrival from Berlin.

The prosecuting attorney described Bogoliepoff as a noble official and demanded the infliction of the most severe penalties. Counsel for the defense, M. Turcharoff, pleaded for a milder punishment, declaring that severity was unable to effect anything in a struggle with ideas and idealists, who joyfully sought martyrdom for their principles.

The court deliberated for twent-five minutes and condemned Karapovich to twenty years hard labor in Siberia and the loss of all civil rights.

The police are continuing their inquiry into Karapovich's connection with the general revolutionary movement in Russia.

Three Miners Killed.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Cumberland, Md., April 1.—Three coal miners were killed in Allegheny county today, John Clapp and John Kirkpatrick, of Lonaconing, by a fall of roof coal in Pine Hill mine near that place, and Thomas Charles, of Eckhart, by a similar accident at the Hoffman mine.

James I. Blakslee Dead.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Manch Chunk, April 1.—James I. Blakslee, a former associate of Asa Packer in the construction of the Lehigh Valley railroad, and a director of the road from its conception to the passing of the Wilbur regime, died at his home here last night.

General Gonzales Surrenders.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Manila, April 1.—The recent surrenders include General Gonzales, eleven officers and forty-four men, with forty-two rifles at Malabon, and Colonel Herrera, three officers and twenty-five men with rifles at Lagnan, and Colonels Pablo, Tecson and Sibal at Bulacan.

Asphalt Plant Destroyed.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Toledo, April 1.—The plant of the Lake Erie Asphalt Block company, in Ironville, was destroyed by fire early this morning. Loss, $60,000; insurance, $20,000.

Youngstown Still in Second Class.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Youngstown, O., April 1.—The entire Republican ticket was elected here by majorities ranging from 800 to 1,200, showing large Republican gains. The vote was two to one against advancing the city to first class.

Democratic Mayor for Columbus.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Columbus, O., April 1.—John N. Hinkle (Dem.) was today elected mayor over Henry C. Taylor (Rep.) by about 200 plurality. The present administration is Republican.

THE RUSSIANS THREATEN

A Practical Ultimatum Has Been Forwarded the Chinese Government.

PROTEST OF THE POWERS

Has Caused Anxiety on Part of the Russian Government—No Further Delay Will Be Tolerated in Connection with Manchurian Agreement—Mr. Wu Says the Chinese Envoys Have Been Ordered Not to Sign It—England Has Made No Protest.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, April 1.—Information has been received here that the Russian government, being seriously perturbed by the course of China in not signing the Manchurian agreement, largely because of the protest made by the several powers, has conveyed a distinct and unmistakable indication to the Chinese government that if that course is persisted in there may be an interruption of diplomatic relations between Russia and China and a termination of the present intercourse between them.

To what extent the United States will take cognizance of Russia's threat is not known. It appears to be the policy of the Chinese authorities to consider the subject one which concerns the powers as much as it does China. The matter has become further complicated by reports received in Washington that the Chinese authorities themselves are divided on the course to be pursued. Some of the most influential, including Li Hung Chang, urge that acquiescence be given to the Russian proposals, while others insist on rejecting the agreement.

Li Hung's Attitude.

The attitude of Li Hung Chang is accounted for by his well-known friendliness, to use the mildest term, to Russia. Arrayed against him, however, is the strong influence of the southern viceroys, Chan Chi Tung and Lia Kun Yi, who oppose the signing of the treaty.

The reports received here today showed that the agreement had not yet been signed. Its status is most peculiar. The time within which it was to be signed expired last Tuesday, but on that day Yang Yu, the Chinese minister at St. Petersburg, met with an accident. He fell in the legation and hurt his head. He was unable, consequently, to transact business. That misfortune caused much talk here, and some irritation in certain quarters. It was regarded as a most timely means of avoiding a direct issue on the subject.

Notwithstanding Russia's insistency Minister Wu, the Chinese representative, who was at the state department today, informed Secretary Hay that he had received information that his government had issued instructions to the Chinese plenipotentiaries not to sign the Manchurian agreement with Russia. Similar advices were received today by the department from Special Commissioner Rockhill.

NO FEVER IN HAVANA.

The City Free from Yellow Jack for First Time in April.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Havana, April 1.—For the first time in the history of Havana, the month of April begins without a single case of yellow fever in the city.

Major W. C. Gorgas, chief sanitary officer, is confident that with the sanitary measures now being enforced and the valuable information gained during the recent investigations of the yellow fever comma, there will be but few cases during the coming season. The marine hospital service is also taking precautions against bringing into Havana infected persons or baggage from Mexican or other parts.

PENNSYLVANIA EARNINGS.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Philadelphia, April 1.—The Pennsylvania Railroad comparison of earnings and expenses for month of February, 1901, and for two months ending Feb. 28, 1901, with same periods of 1900 is as follows:

Lines directly operated—Month of February, 1901: Gross earnings, increase, $483,400; expenses, increase, $367,800. Net earnings, increase, $85,500.

Two months ending Feb. 28, 1901: Gross earnings, increase, $1,525,200; expenses, increase, $754,100; net earnings, increase, $771,000. The above figures don't include the operations of the Buffalo and Allegheny Valley divisions.

New Industry for Sharon.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Sharon, April 1.—The Sharon Steel Hoop plant at South Sharon has just been completed and will go into operation this week, giving employment to several hundred men. Orders enough are booked to keep the plant in steady operation for six months.

Corporations Chartered.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Harrisburg, April 1.—Charters were issued at the state department today as follows: The Heilman Coach company, Montgomery, Lycoming county, capital, $15,000. Pike Water company, Hawley, Wayne county; capital, $1,300.

Parlor City Carpenters Strike.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Binghamton, April 1.—The majority of the union carpenters in this city went on a strike today. They demand an eight hour day with full nine hours' pay.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, April 1.—Forecast for Tuesday and Wednesday: Rain by Tuesday afternoon; warmer in southern portions; fresh north to east winds. Wednesday, rain, probably warmer.