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FIGHTING OVER SPOILS

Indemnity Question a Sore One For the Powers.

Desire Expressed by the United States That the Total Be Kept Beneath \$200,000,000 Is Discussed, But Meets Opposition—Individual Claims Will Be Allowed First.

PARIS, April 16.—It is learned here that the outlook for an early settlement of the Chinese indemnity question is less promising than a week ago. The negotiations between the powers are bringing out conflicting ideas and interests and are likely to be very protracted. The proposition of the United States to limit the total indemnity to \$200,000,000 is the only one under discussion and is not regarded with favor by many of the other governments. The others consider the sum too small and are disinclined to reduce their claims to the figure the United States desires.

A Washington dispatch, published in London, affirming that the United States proposes that the indemnity be divided between the powers in proportion to the number of troops which participated in the actual relief of the legations at Peking is regarded as incorrect. No such proposal has reached the French government, which considers that the entire expense incurred as a result of the whole operations carried out must be taken as the basis for indemnity. It is believed that the claims of individuals will be first presented and paid. This matter will be expeditiously handled as far as possible in order to allow an early resumption of consular and work on other foreign enterprises.

Nothing is known here of the reported intention of the emperor to return to Peking without the dowager empress, and no faith is placed here in the reported hostility between Russia and Japan. French information indicates that conciliatory negotiations are proceeding between those two countries with the prospect of a thorough understanding regarding the position of both towards Manchuria and Korea.

BURNED SCHOOLHOUSE.

Bradford Mob Offered to Its Use as a Posthouse.

BRADFORD, Pa., April 12.—This town is greatly excited over the burning by a mob of a public building. Three weeks ago a small box developed, the patient being a railroad man, named William Meyers. The victim was isolated in his rooms in the Armstrong block, the town lacking a posthouse, and soon recovered.

Later five new cases developed and the board of health decided to remove a temporary posthouse. A vacant schoolhouse in the second ward was selected, and carpenters and plumbers were put to work fitting it up.

Last night at 8:30 o'clock a mob of over 300 men and women surrounded the schoolhouse. Their leaders clutched the night watchman, Charles Story, and held him firmly while the incendiaries battered open a door and set fire to the place. All who attempted to prevent the fire were hurled back, and in a few minutes the entire structure, a large two-story and a half wooden building was in flames.

Plumbers' tools and other articles in the house were destroyed, and the excitement ran high, men and women running up and down the streets, crying against the board of health. No arrests have been made.

WYOMING CONFERENCE.

Bishop Fowler Announces the List of Appointments.

PITTSBURGH, April 16.—The Wyoming conference of the Methodist Episcopal church came to a close yesterday. Bishop Fowler read the list of appointments. The changes in the Birmingham district are as follows: Birmingham, Centary, W. H. Pearce; Birmingham, Chennango street, George Forsyth; Birmingham, Clinton street, Samuel Moore; Brooklyu, H. D. Smith; Factoryville, J. H. Lee, Falls, Phillips; Houch; Foster, A. C. Austin; Gibson and South Gibson, Gustav Gerries; Great Bend, G. G. Snowden; Heart Lake, Harry Harned; Kirkwood, W. N. Shaw; Lesterberg, S. B. Weeks, Rush, H. B. Barnes; Scrabbleville, J. H. Cashel; Stonehookman, J. N. Shipman; Union, A. D. Decker; Union Center, F. C. Taylor.

No changes are made in the presiding elders of the several districts, except that H. H. Drosser succeeds George Forsyth as presiding officer of the Oswego district.

Silver Bars Stolen From Steamer.

NEWARK, N. J., April 16.—It has been discovered that 40 bars of silver bullion, valued in all at \$1,200, have been stolen from the steamer Lido, now lying at Balloch's dock. No clue to the thieves has as yet been obtained. The police believe the bars were stolen by river thieves, who operated from a boat and secured the bars while the watchmen on the dock were engaged in dragging boxes containing the bullion into the yards.

Insane Man Arrested His Brother-In-Law.

SYRACUSE, April 16.—Jacob Emerick, an insane man, went to the home of his brother-in-law, Fred Prickey, Sunday and asked for a gun. When it was given to him he made Prickey march to the police station. Prickey was given the gun and released, and Emerick was put into the cells for insane for examination.

Third Suit In Bridge Accident.

SYRACUSE, April 16.—Charles Edward Decker, the motorman of the car which went down with the James street bridge over the Oswego canal on the night of April 6, has brought action for \$25,000 against the state because of his injuries. He was injured severely about the spine, also internally.

Quotations Again Sent by Telegraph.

CHICAGO, April 16.—After several months' interruption board of trade quotations showing the price movements of the leading speculative grains and hog products were sent out by the telegraph companies yesterday. Resumption of the service caused no noticeable increase in the volume of business.

Herr Krupp Dismisses 5,000 Workmen.

BERLIN, April 12.—The Lokat Anzeiger and The Frankfurter Zeitung confirm the report that 5,000 of the workmen of Herr Krupp have been dismissed, including 3,000 who were employed in the cannon works.

WOULD SERVE TWO ENDS

Postoffice Department Seeks to Help Itself and Newspaper Publishers.

WASHINGTON, April 15.—Having repeatedly failed to secure remedial legislation from congress to prevent abuses of the privileges of second class mail matter the postoffice department officials have under consideration the question of the adoption of a proposed rule by authority of the postmaster general to bring about the desired reforms.

With this object in view Edwin C. Millam, third assistant postmaster general, has addressed a long circular letter to about 400 publishers of newspapers and periodicals, setting forth the objects sought to be accomplished by the proposed rule and asking the following questions: "In the judgment of those addressed will a departmental rule be regarded as injurious to legitimate newspapers and periodicals which will stop absolutely all premium inducements, direct or indirect, of whatever character, for subscriptions?" In other words, after a publisher has fixed a price on his publication, any bonus or premium given to the subscriber or any combination with another thing except a second class publication, shall vitiate that subscription in its relation to the second class rates of postage.

Mr. Madden adds: "It is believed that such a rule as that proposed will be of great direct benefit to legitimate journalism and that in every large measure it will check this draft upon the public treasury for private advantage, with no compensating public benefit, through the elimination of the immense number of publications which are solely sustained in their second class status by patronage induced by some extraneous thing in connection with the direction of better postal facilities and cheaper rates for other classes of matter."

The circular asserts that the loss of revenue to the government from the abuses of the privileges of second class matter is enormous, being estimated conservatively to be between \$15,000,000 and \$25,000,000 a year. Existing regulations, however faithfully administered, are inadequate to accomplish material reform and the most prolific means by which the law is circumvented remains undisturbed by regulation.

MINISTERS WASTING TIME

Dilatory Tactics Have Held Up Negotiations For Many Days.

PERKIN, April 15.—Prince Ching says all his reports go to show that the missionary statements regarding a rebellion in Mongolia are not supported by the facts. Neither does he believe that the rebellion of General Tung Fu Hsiang amounts to much.

"It is the object of certain elements," he asserts, "to make it seem that China is in a condition of constant broils, rendering it unsafe for the foreign troops to be withdrawn. Those who have this in view will magnify a village quarrel into a big rebellion. The missionaries, naturally timid, take those reported in good faith."

The conduct of the ministers of the powers over the negotiations with the Chinese plenipotentiaries causes much adverse comment among the military authorities. Their dilatory tactics have prevented what might have been accomplished two months ago. Even now the meetings of the ministers are postponed for the most trivial causes. For instance the desire of one minister to go on a picnic to the tombs of the Ming dynasty prevented the holding of a meeting for a number of days. Then Mr. De Giers and other ministers insisted upon celebrating Easter, and thus a week was consumed. In a third case an unnecessary visit by one minister to Tien Tsin held up the negotiations for four days. These are fair illustrations of what has been almost continuous from the beginning.

MISSING GOLD FOUND.

Three Bars Discovered by a Steward in Corridor on the Kaiser.

BRREMEN, April 15.—The three gold bars supposed to have been stolen from the strong room of the steamship Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse have been found. Steward Meyers made the discovery of the gold bars at Bremerhaven while cleaning a corner in the corridor outside the second-class saloon. Meyers' reputation is excellent.

Sultan Dead In Contraband.

ROME, April 16.—A dispatch received here from Aden says that the Italian consul general at Zanzibar has arrived at Aden from Somali coast, where he went on a special mission to break up the trade in contraband. He carried the palace of the Sultan of Mijeratu, Italian Somaliland, who was largely concerned in contraband transactions, to be hoarded. The sultan's son was captured and large quantities of arms and ammunition were taken. The sultan fled to his interior with a small following.

Train Fell Through a Trestle.

POINT PLEASANT, W. Va., April 16.—A south-bound freight train on the Ohio River railroad ran through a temporary trestle near here yesterday. The engine and five cars went through and were destroyed. Engineer John Penzack of Parkersburg was killed. Several trainmen were slightly injured, among them F. W. Johnson, F. E. Frost and Bart Wray of Parkersburg.

Lived Two Weeks Without Stomach.

NEWARK, N. J., April 13.—David G. Bodman, who had his stomach removed two weeks ago on account of cancer, died yesterday. His condition up to Thursday was most favorable and it was thought he would live.

Death For Opium Smoking In Korea.

SEOUL, April 15.—According to the St. Petersburg correspondent of The Daily Mail the Korean government has promulgated a law enforcing the penalty of death for opium smoking.

Lemona's Condition Improved.

OSWEGO, N. Y., April 16.—Eccles Commissioner Lyman's physicians say that the patient's condition is somewhat improved and they expected he will rally temporarily, but are doubtful of his recovery.

Gage Buys Back Bonds.

WASHINGTON, April 16.—The secretary of the treasury yesterday purchased \$1,000,000 short-term 1 per cent bonds at \$113.55.

MOB "LOST" A NEGRO

Rather Shady Explanation of Supposed Lynching.

His Queer Chance For Life—Told Him He Could Run or Be Lynched, and as He Tried to Escape He Was Shot In the Back and Left For Dead—Met His Fate Later.

SYLVANIA, Ga., April 13.—Last Monday a negro man entered Dave Cowart's home, near Port, in Bulloch county, and went into his daughter's room. Miss Cowart screamed and Mr. Cowart entered. After a desperate struggle the negro escaped through the window.

Next day the chase was taken up and the trail led to the arrest of a negro from South Carolina named Kennedy Gordon. Mr. Cowart and other citizens then gave the negro a "chance for his life" and told him he could run or be lynched.

The negro made an effort to escape, when two loads of buckshot were fired at him. Some of the shot went into his back, passed through his body and stopped under the skin on his breast. He was then left, supposed to be dying.

SENTENCED FOR LIFE.

Sue Sing, Chinese Highbinder, Had Killed a Countryman.

NEW YORK, April 16.—Sue Sing, a Chinaman, 40 years old, pleaded guilty to murder in the second degree before Justice Purnsuan in the criminal term of the supreme court yesterday and was sentenced to life imprisonment.

Sing was charged with the killing of Ah Fee, another Chinaman of Newark, N. J., in Pull street on Sept. 21 last. The murder grew out of a rivalry of different Chinese societies. Sue Sing is what is known as a "Hatchet" man, or Highbinder, and belonged to the Hip Sing Tong society, while Ah Fee was a Mason and belonged to the Lung Gong society. It appears that Ah Fee was a witness in the trial of a Chinaman who was killed in Chinatown last August. When he appeared in front of 191st street on Sept. 21 he was surrounded by a throng of "Hatchet" men. Some one threw red pepper at him and as he started to run Sue Sing pulled a revolver and shot him in the back.

Detectives rushed into the crowd, in which nearly every member had a revolver of a knife, and managed to capture Sue Sing.

THEY LIKE ALLEN.

Porto Rican Legislature Expresses Its Gratification At His Return.

WASHINGTON, April 13.—The state department yesterday received the following dispatch signed by Speaker Rosay of the Porto Rican legislature and other members of that body, expressing their gratification at the news that Governor Allen is to return to the island: "Secretary Hay, Washington. 'Please say to president news of governor's return received with rejoicing. Will tender him ovation on arrival. People of Porto Rico fully represented by members of the legislature express their complete and absolute accord with president's and governor's policy in government. They all approve their actions, placing their hopes for the future in governor's caution, tact and sound judgment. He has the respect and devotion of the great majority of the people of Porto Rico, representing loyalty and love to country, striving for its progress, sweeping away of traditional obstacles.'"

NUMBER OF BOER LOSSES

Kitchener Reports Results of Recent British Operations.

LONDON, April 15.—The war office has received the following dispatch from Lord Kitchener, dated Pretoria, April 13: "Colonel Sir Henry Rawlinson's column rushed the south laager, northeast of Klerksdorp, at daylight. Six Boers were killed, 10 wounded and 23 taken prisoners. He captured a 12-pounder, one pom-pom, complete, and two ammunition wagons with ammunition.

Several Boers were three wounded. Colonel Plumer captured a field gun and seven men, with 10 wagon, and 18 rifles.

"During Colonel Pilcher's operations in Orange River colony seven Boers were killed."

Swindler Still at Large.

TORONTO, April 16.—The slick individual, who under the name of G. A. Vindal, swindled the Bank of Commerce and Imperial bank out of \$5,500 Saturday by means of raised checks, still eludes the police. He is believed to have left a dozen stores on Market street, recently sold by Mr. Hooper to Judge A. V. Barker of Johnstown and Greensburg and Johnstown people. A big body of the land is now claimed by the Pennsylvania Railroad company. Most of the buildings, machinery and improvements on the tract are located on the land claimed by the railroad company.

Chester Fire Blamed on Incendiaries.

CHESTER, April 12.—Wednesday night's fire, which nearly swept away half a dozen stores on Market street, is thought to have been of incendiary origin. It started in the junk shop of J. Brown, and after the flames were extinguished a can of oil was found near a quantity of excelsior and other inflammable material. Mr. Brown, who ran the shop, was sick at home at the time of the fire.

Killed by Mine Superintendent.

DUBOIS, Pa., April 12.—A singular tragedy is reported from McCortney, a little mining town in the eastern part of Clearfield county. A number of Hungarians applied for work to Superintendent John Howard, upon his refusal to give them employment a altercation followed. Howard struck one of the men with a shovel, killing him almost instantly.

Injunction Involving Apprentices.

STROUDSBURG, April 12.—The East Stroudsburg Glass company served an injunction on Vice President William M. Donoghue of the Green Glass Bottle Blowers' association of the United States to restrain him from endeavoring to induce the apprentices of the East Stroudsburg Glass works to break their contract and join the union.

THREE KILLED BY TRAIN

Railway Crossed Freely at South Wilkes-Barre, Va. Escaped.

WILKES-BARRE, Va., April 15.—A party of four people while crossing the tracks of the Lehigh Valley railroad at South Wilkes-Barre at an early hour yesterday morning, were run down by the Buffalo express going north. Three of the party were killed and one injured.

The dead are: Morris O'Connell, aged 41. Mrs. Morris O'Connell, aged 28. Mrs. Frank Cranner, aged 40. The injured one is Frank Cranner. O'Connell and his wife were entertaining the Cranner couple, whose home is in Bradford county. During the evening they visited relatives in this city and at 1:30 in the morning started to return to the home of the O'Connells. When they reached the crossing at South Wilkes-Barre a freight train was blocking it.

As soon as the freight train moved out the party started to cross the tracks, but did not notice the approach of the passenger train from opposite direction. The engineer of the express failed to see the people on track until the locomotive had ploughed into them. The two women were hurled a great distance in the air and when picked up were dead. Both bodies were badly mangled.

Mr. O'Connell had both legs and one arm broken. He was taken to a hospital, where he died, in a short time. Mr. Cranner was able to step back from the track before being struck with full force and escaped with slight injuries.

SPECIAL LAW FOR HIM.

To Transfer Property Which a Man in Jail Seven Years Refused to Do.

HARRISBURG, April 12.—The senate yesterday passed a house bill authorizing the courts in any proceeding at law in which a conveyance of land or tenements shall be ordered and where the person who is ordered to execute the same neglect to do so, to direct that such conveyance be executed with the same effect by the sheriff, prothonotary, clerk or trustees appointed by the court.

An interesting story lies behind the bill, and if the governor approves the measure it will liberate a founderless man who has been in contempt of court for seven years. The case is that of James Gannon of Scranton, who had been sued by his brother-in-law, Thomas Reel, for the possession of a piece of land worth about \$3,000. Gannon lost the suit, and he was directed to make a deed in favor of Reel for all his interest in the land. This he refused to do. He was adjudged in contempt of court and thrown into prison. During the last seven years he has firmly refused to obey the order of the court and had made up his mind to die in jail rather than make the deed. If the governor approves the bill a Lackawanna jail official will probably be directed by the court to execute the deed, and Gannon will be liberated from his confinement.

The brother-in-law and the judge who committed Gannon to prison are both dead.

CANDIDATES NUMEROUS.

Many Men Want to Be Poor Directors of Westmoreland.

GREENSBURG, Pa., April 13.—An unprecedented array of candidates has applied in this county. The number of candidates for the office of poor director, on the Republican side, is now said to be 46, and each day is adding to the list. Over 20 Democrats are seeking the nomination of that party. There are five candidates to be nominated on both sides, three going to the majority party.

John H. Trovcher of Jeannette has announced his candidacy for sheriff, the only other office to be filled this year. Trovcher is looked upon as a Quay candidate. It was announced that Benjamin Steel of Irwin, long known as an anti-Quay man, would enter the race.

Vestrymen Chosen at Ardmore.

ARDMORE, April 12.—These gentlemen were elected vestrymen of St. Mary's Protestant Episcopal church for the fiscal year commencing May 1: James M. Rhodes, Richard Montgomery, C. S. Powell, Walter Graham, E. T. Harter, James, Edmund B. Foy, W. Foster Jones, Thomas E. Baird and Allen Evans. The church of the Redeemer at Bryn Mawr selected these persons: N. Parker Shortledge, George F. Curven, F. Philip Godley, F. W. Morris, J. E. Williams, James Ravel, Rowland Evans, A. B. Montgomery and M. Ewing.

Railroad Claims Land.

GREENSBURG, Pa., April 13.—An act of ejectment may be the outcome of recent sales of ridge land by D. C. Hooper of New Florence. Vest buildings were recently sold by Mr. Hooper to Judge A. V. Barker of Johnstown and Greensburg and Johnstown people. A big body of the land is now claimed by the Pennsylvania Railroad company. Most of the buildings, machinery and improvements on the tract are located on the land claimed by the railroad company.

SUMMARY OF THE NEWS

Short Items From Various Parts of the World.