# DID THEY SUPPLY SHELLS?

Asserted That Samoan Rebels Were Given Ammunition By the Germans.

BEAR GERMAN MARKS.

A Crime Under Provisions of Ber lin Treaty to Furnish Arms and Ammunition to Natives.

Said That Empty Shells of German Manufacture Were Found on the Battleground and the Same Brand as Used By Falke-German Government Urges the Despatch of Commission.

San Francisco, April 11.—A letter received here from an officer of the Philadelphia, dated Apia, March 24, says in part:

"It was asserted without contradiction that ammunition had been sent ashore to the rebels from the German gunboat Falke, and subsequent events seem to prove it, as unlimited firing has been indulged in by the rebels and still continues, at times being very lively.

"It being a crime under the terms "It being a crime under the terms of the Berlin treaty to furnish arms and ammunition to the natives, they would have no means of obtaining a supply elsewhere, and the fact that empty shells found on the battleground of German manufacture and the same kind as used by the Falke, almost proves the complicity of the Germans.

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"It is also a curious fact that after the first day's shelling by the ships the Mataafa men always rushed toward the waterfront and took postitions in the rear of the German consulate or German buildings so as not to be in the line of fire.

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"Another fact that needs no corroboration is that the German Tivoli Hotel has been a source from which information has been given to the rebels. It was from the upper porches of the Tivoli that the shots were fired that killed and wounded five of the English blue jackets. The owner is now a prisoner in his own building, and is liable to be for some time."

Berlin, April 11.—American Ambassador White and the British Ambassador, Sir Frank Lascelles have conferred with Baron von Buelow, Minister of Foreign Affairs, with reference to the latest Samoan developments.

ments.

The German Government urgently urges the speedy appointment and dispatch of the commission so as to prevent further difficulties.

A foreign Office official, empowered to speak for the Government, said that the action of the Americans and British is a clear violation of the Samoan act, that Germany intends to adhere to this view, that she considers the new government of Samoa illegal and that she has so instructed her Ambassadors at Washington and London.

Washington, Aprill1.—The British Government has selected Mr. C. N. E. Eliot, C. B., as the British member of the Joint High Commission for the settlement of the Samoan question. The British Ambassador, Sir Julian Pauncefote, called at the State, Department to-day and informed Secretary Hay of Mr. Eliot's appointment. The appoinment gave much satisfaction in Government and diplomatic circles, as Mr. Eliot is a member of the Embassy staff, and during his brief service here has made many friends.

friends.

Mr. Eliot has the reputation of being Mr. Eliot has the reputation of being one of the brightest lights among the schools of young Englishmen who have attached themselves to the British foreign service in the last decade. He is an orientalist of the highest repute, and has in a brief space of time acquired an experience in dealing with the half-civilized races that will without doubt make his services of value to the Samoan Commission.

Washington, April 11.—A long Diplomatic struggle over Samoa is inevitable. Germany's position was made known to the State Department today. She contends that as the provisional government was established by the unanimous action of the representatives of the three powers, it could not be legaily upset by only a majority action—that of Great Britain and the United States. In other words, Germany upholds Consul Rose's action in issuing a proclamation controverting Admiral Kautz's.

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This is taken to mean that Germany will resist all efforts to make her pay an indemnity for British sailors and the American marine who were killed by Mataafa's followers as a result of by Mataafa's followers as a result of Rose's incendiary utterances. Germany has taken the position that it was Kautz who was high-handed in attempting to force upon the Samoans a majority action when a unanimous action was in Germany's judgment required under the Berlin treaty.

The administration will stand by Kautz to the end. It is admitted that his firm actions in three weeks have done more to solve the Samoan difficulties than was previously accomplished in five years.

Detroit's Municipal Franchise

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Detroit, Mich., April 10.—Prosecuting Attorney Allen H. Frazer, of Wayne county, by his refusal to lend his official name to the quo warranto proceedings demanded by the dozen or so opponents to the municipal ownership of street railways, gaye the proceedings demanded by the dozen or so opponents to the municipal ownership of street railways, gave the opposition the hardest blow it has yet had. Outside the law firm interested in pushing these proceedings, the influence is all in favor of the action taken by the prosecuting attorney. The next step the opposition must take is to apply to Attorney-General Oren for his official sanction, but it is as good as refused already, as he has publicly expressed his belief that the opposition has no legal grounds upon which to base its demands for a quo warranto proceeding. There is a single avenue of belief left to the opponents of the measure, and that is to apply to the Supreme Court for a mandamus to compel Prosecuting Attorney Frazer to start proceedings. There is no doubt public sentiment is in favor of Pingrees commission, and not with the opposition.

COURTS AND ARMY CLASH.

Havana Judge Protests Against Gen. Lud. w's Orders-Forbids Keeping American Prisoners Incommunicado.

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Havana, April 11.—Judge Ortz, of the Guadalupe district has recommended to Secretary of Justice Lanuza that Gen. Ludlow be prosecuted for violation of the laws. According to Ortiz, Gen. Ludlow should be punished for violation of a certain section of the Spanish Penal Code, prevailing here, which forbids the interference of the military authorities with the courts of justice. Though this provision is in the code, however, the Spanish military authorities always ordered the Judges to pronounce sentences in accordance with their wishes. Gen. Ludlow's offence was that he sent a note to the Judge forbidding him to put any more American citizens in jail incommunicado or without letting him know the nature of the charges against them. He also forbade the Judge to appoint counsel, at the same time keeping proceedings against prisoners secret. Gen. Ludlow declares that the Americans are under the American flag and cannot be treated in so inhuman a manner. Judge Ortiz says that such laws are in force and must be obeyed by all.

The Cuban press demands the enforcement of the same constitution as that promulgated by Gen. Wood in Santiago, which puts in force the writ of habeas corpus and conserves individual rights. The pro-Spanish papers are all against Gen. Ludlow, calling him a tyrant. All the members of the court appointed by Spain are also bitterly against him.

The Cuban Generals met and elected Gen. Maximo Gonez Commander-in-Chief of the Cuban Army in the provinces of Havana, Pinar del Rio, Matanzas and Santa Clara. Gen. Gomez has conferred with Gen. Brooke. It is said to-day he will be officially notified of his appointment. The Cuban Generals cabled to the Cuban Commanders in Puerto Principe and Santiago to accept the election of Gomez. El Reconcentrado continues its savage attacks upon Gen. Gomez.

### IGNORED HIS FAMILY DEAD.

Peculiar Case of Suicide or Murdea in Louis, With Singular Conduct By One of the Family.

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St. Louis, Mo., April 11.—In two little rooms in the rear of 1318 Biddle street there were found the bodies of John Sullivan and his daughter, Mrs. Minnie Dunn, supposed victims of poison. They had been viewed yeserday afternoon by the son, John Sullivan, who resides at 2023 Morgan street, and who left without reporting to the police. The father and his daughter were insured in a local mutual insurance company. Whether they committed suicide because of their poverty and in order that relatives might get the money, or whether they were poisoned by some one else, are theories upon which the police are divided.

Tried to Wreck Express Train.

Chattanooga, Tenn., April 10.—An attempt was made to wreck and rob a northbound passenger train on the Chattanooga, Rome & Southern Railway, on a trestle near Lafayette, Ga. Had the plan succeeded many persons would have been killed. The train was running slowly on account of high water, and this prevented a catastrophe. Early in the night a pile ofcrossties was discovered on the main line and the obstruction removed by section men. Soon after they departed a second lot of ties were placed, and the train struck the timber, derailing and parially wrecking the locomotive and one car. Detective Phipps, of Chattanooga, and his famous bloodhounds arrived on the scene. After a lively chase of several miles through North Georgia the officers arrested George Scribe and Duffy Morgan, two white men. They were found in a log cabin, broke down and confessed. Scribe says that they had arranged a plot to wreck the train on the trestle throwing it into a deep gulch. after which they expected to rob the express car, dead and dying. A lynching may follow.

Yankee Sentenced By Bogota Court, Washington, April 11.—Sec'y Hay has received a telegram from McNally, the Charge d'Affaires of the United States at Bogota, United State of Co-lombia, stating that Francis C. Ran-dolph, alias Radford, of Alabama, has been sentenced to fourteen years imbeen sentenced to fourteen years im-prisonment for the "deliberate homi-cide" of one Simmons. Randolph was in chains for two years. This Govern-ment ultimately secured him a trial.

Names for New War Vessels.

Washington, April 8.—The Secretary of the Navy has bestowed the following names upon the war vessels authorized by the Naval Appropiation bill of the Fifty-fifth Congress; the three battleships—Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Georgia: three armored cruisers, West Virginia, Nebraska and California; six protected cruisers, Denver, Des Moines, Chattanooga, Galveston, Tacoma and Cleveland.

Havana, April 10.—A soldler at Matanzas yesterday—one of a squad cleaning the courtyard of the Castle—found a Spanish goldpiece. The members of the squad immediately staked off claims and dug up the whole yard, finding coins dated all the way from 1730 to 1808, and worth \$306 in American money.

Lunatic Jumps Into Mine Shaft. Wilkesbarre, Pa., April 11.—Terrence Anderson was pursued by his wife and two sons for half a mile, but he outran them and reached an 80-foot shaft in the Delaware and Hudson mine, which he leaped into. Anderson was demented. His body has not been found.

# DEBT MEANS LIFE SENTENCE

Judge of Jersey Court Rules That Man Must Languish In Cell.

FEDERAL LAW DID IT.

Decision Rendered In the Case of Joseph Schnitzer, a Second-Hand Furniture Dealer

Congress Alone Can Release This Unfortunate Man From His Fix -- Pre-Makes Provision For Imprisonment, But Not Release.

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Jersey Gity, April 11.—Hereafter if a man is sent to jail for debt in New Jersey he will have to stay there all his life unless Congress takes some action to get him out. Such was the decision made by Judge Blair in Jersey City. He ruled that the new Federal bankruptcy law supercedes the old insolvent debtors haw of New Jersey, and declared that while the new law permits a man to be sent to jail for debt it makes no provision for getting him out. Consequently, he declared, the imprisoned man must stay there unless Congress passes an amendment to the law which will let him out.

The decision was rendered in the case of Joseph Schnitzer, a second-had furniture dealer of Newark and Summit avenues, Jersey City. When unable to pay his debts Schnitzer, under the old New Jersey laws, agreed to divide all his property among his creditors and gave a bond that he would do so. Yesterday his lawyer applied to Judge Blair for an order to distribute his property.

Judge Blair refused to grant the request, and said that the State law had been superceded by the Federal.

"Under this law," he said, "I shall be compelled to follow the precedents established by Judge Van Sickle in 1870 and more recently in the Federal Courts. These declare that as the Federal law makes no provision for the release of an imprisoned debtor, the man must stay in jail as long as he lives unless Congress comes to his aid with an ameadment.

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"In this case the bond given by Schnitzer was approved before the Federal law ment into effect. It consequently holds good." Judge Blair said. "I cannot, however, order the distribution of his goods. It this case the only remedy his creditors have is to sue his bondsmen.

"In the future, however, no bonds can be accepted, and the c

Reed Enjoys Joke on Himself.
Washington. April 11.—Thomas B.
Reed has returned to the Shoreham,
where he will remain several days before returning to his home in Maine.
With him is his daughter, Miss Kitty
Reed.
A correspondent sevent sevent

Reed.

A correspondent asked the Speaker about the report connecting his name with the Vice-Presidency. An imaginative reporter sent from Jekyl Island a story that in an alleged conference there between Hanna and Reed



SPEAKER REED

the latter agreed to support McKinley for the Presidency in consideration of the Vice-Presidency being thrown to him (Reed)

"And that was the story, eh?" said "And that was the story, eh?" said the Speaker, and his ponderous frame almost shook the floor as he laughed. "Ha ha!" he said. "The inventive genius of Jekyl Island and Brunswick have unearthed a deep-laid plot," and he laughed again.
"You have no opposition for re-election to the Speakership. Mr. Reed?" was suggested.
And the smile which the Speaker fiashed upon this caller meant, "None whatever." The Speaker contemplates a three or four months' trip abroad. He will leave New York early in May.

MONTE CARLO'S BIG SEASON The Year's Receipts of the Great Gambling Resort Breaks All Records.

Resort Breaks All Records.

Paris, April 10.—The Casino at Monte Carlo wound up its financial year on March 31, with a total income of £1,104,000, being an increase of £40,000 over 1898. The season oppend badly, with a shortage, compared with 1897, with over a million francs at the end of January. But such a rush set in during February and March that the receipts not only covered the ground lost, but established a record. The Prince of Monaco now receives £100,000 yearly from the concession, and will get a lump sum of £1,000,000 extra for the renewal of the concession, which expires in 1913. The Prince is estimated to be worth £2,000,000.

Wireless Telegraphy.

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Washington, April 10.—Marconi's experiments in wireless telegraphy are of much interest in Signal Service circles here. Col. Allen, speaking of the report that Marconi had weathered a gale in the English Channel, said there was nothing remarkable in that. Had there been thunder and lightning the electric wave, the medium of wireless telegraphy might have been broken, and the coverer or receiver might have gathered lightning shocks. Wind and rain do no effect wireless telegraphy. In an experiment conducted by Sergt. Balth, in the electric experiment station of the Signal Service at the suggestion of Col. Allen a wave was sent through the heavy wall with perfect effect.

### TELEGRAPHIC TICKS

News Notes From Every Part of the Civilized World.

Pullman siceping car rates will be reduced next Saturday.

Americans with social aims spend at least \$10,000,000 in London every sea-

The initial issues of the two pioneers in London Sunday journalism ap-peared April 9.

Leading churches in Columbus, O,, bave decided to enforce a rule that addes must remove their hats.

Tammany will make an effort to pass a bill for a city gas plant to supply New Yorks parks, streets and buildings.

Minister Ye, of Korea, has startled Washington by adopting trousers, following the example set by the Korean Emperor.

Emperor.
C. Oliver Iselin and J. Pierpont Mor

C. Oliver Iselin and J. Pierpont Morgan are owners of the new cup defender. Mr. Iselin will have control luring the international contest. Clubmates of Dr. Kennedy, convicted of the unirder of Emiline C. Reyaolds in New York, have raised money to fight for a new trial.

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Governor Reosevelt, of New York, has selected William Church Osborn for State Lunney Commissioner, in place of William Van Amee.

There are 266 entries for the Grand American bandicap, to be shot at Elkwood Park, N. J., this week, for the pigeon shooting championship.

pigeon snooting championship.

Two magnificent Sevres vases have been presented by the French Ambassador to President McKinley. They are from the French President to the American people to carry out the wish of the late M. Faure to commemorate the opening of the new Franco-American cable.

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can cable.
Captain J. T. Weldon, of Kansas
City, has presented a claim against
the Government for \$51,000 back pay
alleged to be due him. He was captain of a gunboat on the Misslssippi
River on the Union side in the Civil
War, and by an oversight has never
been mustered out of the navy.

Catherine Strain died at Syracuse, N. Y. aged 107 years.
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Nomes of many dead men are found on the Jersey City voting list.
Ardrew Carnegie has cleared \$100,000 ty a Fifth avenue speculation.
The Earl of Rosslyn will appear on the New York stage very shortly.
RileyShepard, of Anderson, Ind., is the father of twenty-seven children.
"Fob" Fitzsimmons claims to have \$500 worth of diamonds in his teeth.
Montreal had a \$150,000 fire. Garth

Montreal had a \$150,000 fire. Garth & Ce.'s iron foundry was destroyed.

Because of many turf misfortunes,
Mrs. Langtry will probably quit rac-

The Kaiser yesterday gave an audi-ance to United States Ambassador White.

A new law in Arkansas makes it a penalty even to display birds' feathers

The Prestytery in Indiana has re-fused to adopt a resolution forbidding the use of tobacco.

The wreck of the Labrador, the British Court of Inquiry decides, was due to improper navigation.

The actual nequisition of the Holy Land by the Jews is the programme of a new party in England.

Derothy Crouse, twelve years old, a milionaire heiress, will receive \$12,-000 a year allowance from now on.

Massachusetis is considering the advisability of having a State Bug Hunter to "gun" for dangerous insects.

Mayor Harrison, of Chicago, has ordered the police to at once close all pool rooms and gambling houses.

Judge Peabody, of St. Louis, de-clares a man has a legal right to chas-tise his wife under certain circum-

stances. Captain Norman, of Bath, Me., who recently gave the Adventists \$400,000 is to wed Miss Catherine Miller, one of the order.

Leo Manger, proprietor of the Casino Restaurant in Buffalo, was fatally wounded. Manger was able to say he was shot by a highwayman.

James S. Patterson, banker, manufacturer and oil operator, and one of the wealthiest men in Western New York, died suddenly at Jamestown.

The market for Onondaga growth tobacco is very active. Deliveries are being made and already \$400,000 has been paid out by the banks at Baldwinsville, N. Y. Such activity has not been experienced in a number of years.

James Wylie, the famous Scotch checker champion, is dead. A ballation of 400 native Porto Rieans will shortly be formed by Gen. Henry.

General Gomez will soon be reinstated as Commander-in-Chief of the Cuban army.

Captain Clark, the Oregon's war commander, is now in charge at the League Island Navy Yard.

An explosion occurred in the Government powder warehouse at Ochta, Russia. One man killed.

The buildings on the stock farm of Preserved Arnold in Lincoln, R. I., were burned. Loss, \$10,000.

Col. W. J. Bryan has written a book on "Imperialism," which will shortly be published in Chicago. Title, "Re-public or Empire."

About 2,500 cotton operatives are out in Rhode Island, and there is some danger of the strike spreading in the Pawtuxet Valley.

Dr. Alexander Connell, of London,

has received a unanimous call to succeed Dr. John Hall at the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Cfihurch, New York.

V'CTORIA WILL ALTER WILL

Solicitor to Consider State Consider Solicitor to Comber From his fact grows the report that since the death of Prince Alfred of Coburg, which has brought about some changes in her family relations, she intends to alter the distribution of her property.

Only Viscount Cross and the solicitor really know what the Queen's personal wealth is. The former advises the Queen as to the investment of her money, while the solicitor conducts the actual business.

An investment of fully one million pounds of the Queen's estate must be represented by purely personal belongings in the shape of thousands of costly presents, private plate, fewels, rich laces and countless articles of bijouterie, which she has gathered during her long life.

These belongings, while adding materially to the Queen's capital account, of course means nothing in the way of revenue. It is probably under rather than over the mark to assess the Queen at five million sterling and her

revenue. It is probably under rather than over the mark to assess the Queen at five million sterling and her private income at about one thousand pounds per day. This, in spite of heavy drains upon her exchequer in providing dowerles for her daughters and granddaughters and in discharg-ing the debts of others of her decend-ants.

Madrid. April 10.— Madrid fs full of money. The people who have arrived here from Cuba ha e heaps of gold and the shopkeepers and theatres are profiting thereby. B diding operations are in full swing, and the country is prospering, notwith/tanding its reverses. The Spanish would like to see the Americans defented by the Fillipinos, and even the prominent statesmen do not disguise their satisfaction that the Americans are having a difficult job in the Philippines.

Toung Woman Murdered on Country Road New Frunswick, N. J., April 9.— Elizabeth Schumacher, a young mar-ried woman of about eighteen years, was found dead on the road between Menlo Park and Metuchen, a short distance from her home, with a bullet wound in the back. Her brother-in-iaw, Albert Schumacher, an idiot, was arrested as being responsible for the crime.

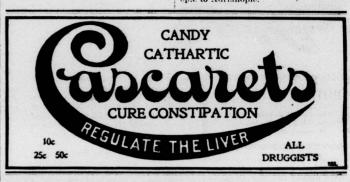
Race Riet in New York.

New York, April 9.—William J.
Murray, negro, shot Frank McBride,
a white crook, on West Twenty-seventh street, in the district known as
Poverty Gap. A howling mob quickly
assembled and were preparing to
lynch Murray when the police arrived.
McBride was the aggressor.

Convict Losse System

Atlanta, April 3.—The old convict lease system, which caused widespread scandars, has expired, and for the next five years at least the State will try the experiment of taking care of its own convict labor. The new prison farm at Millodgeville, which is to be operated by the labor of those convicts who are physically unable to work in the prison camps, is not ready for the reception of its immates, and the 200 prisoners selected to operate the farm will not be sent to Milledgeville until April 10. By this revolution in the conduct of the convictsystem the barbarities which are known to have been practiced under the old regime, and which led to protests that extended even to England, will be wiped out.

London, April 3.—A despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company from Lucharest says there is a general impression there that Turkey is actively preparing for war with Bulgaria. Trains laden with war material are constantly running from Constantinople to Adrianople.



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