

THEY DEMAND RANSOM.

Thieves Threaten to Kidnap a Boy If It Is Not Paid.
VERY BOLD AND UNUSUAL SCHEME.
Three Thousand Dollars' Worth of Diamonds, and the Owner Is Told That If a Ransom of One Thousand Dollars Is Not Paid for the Return of the Gems, His Little Boy Will Be Kidnaped.

Kansas City (Special).—A theft of \$3000 worth of diamonds from Edwards Sloan, wholesale jeweler, and a threat to kidnap the young son of Mrs. H. Edwards, \$5000 should be paid immediately for the return of the gems, is a story with which the local detectives are wrestling. The boy is being guarded closely.

The theft, according to statements just made public by detectives, occurred late Monday afternoon last. The gems disappeared mysteriously from the first story, in the downtown district, and all efforts to trace them prove unavailing. On the following morning Mr. Edwards received a letter containing a proposition to return the diamonds upon the payment of \$1000. The letter stipulated that the money be in \$50 bills, be wrapped in a package and left at midnight Wednesday at Fort and McGee streets, in the southern part of the city. The letter expressly stated that the package should be sent out by William Dearduff, one of the firm's clerks, and closed by threatening to kidnap Mr. Edwards' son if the money was not forthcoming. Mr. Edwards immediately had his son taken out of school and he has since been guarded at the Edwards' home.

Wednesday night Dearduff, with a package of waste paper, went alone to the corner designated. In his story to two men, one of whom demanded a package, and then commented:

"Now you turn back, and don't look back, and don't say a word for twenty-four hours."

The next day Dearduff reported that he had found the missing tray in the basement of the Keith and Perry building. Later he reported that while working in the basement some one had stabbed him in the back. The wound was trifling. He could not give a description of his assailant. The detectives are still working on the case.

KILLED HOLDING HOSE.

Pittdsburg, Pa. (Special).—During the progress of a fire at the corner of Duquesne Way and Fort street one man lost his life and three others were badly hurt. The property loss will be fully \$50,000, well insured. All of the injured men are in the hospital, in rather bad shape, but all will recover.

The fire broke out in the boiler-room of the Hiram W. French Company's hair felt factory, just opposite the exposition main building. From the felt factory the flames jumped across the street and on a very short time the exposition building was burning fiercely. All the firemen could do here was to prevent the flames spreading across the street and this was accomplished by the main building was a complete wreck.

Gas Explodes in a Room.
Bluffton, Ind. (Special).—A girl 4 years of age caused a gas explosion here that wrecked a house and cost the life of the child and that of her 2-year-old sister and the fatal injury of her mother, Mrs. William Huffman. The girl's mother, Mrs. Huffman, was at work in the kitchen, while her two children were playing in an adjoining room. The elder pulled the gas connection from the stove, and the gas filled the room and, igniting from the heat of the stove, caused an explosion. Mrs. Huffman rushed into the blaring room and grabbed the younger child, and was herself burned so severely that there is no hope for her recovery.

The Mining Troubles.
Seranton, Pa. (Special).—The meeting of the district president of the United Mine Workers was held here instead of at Wilkesbarre, as had been proposed. President Mitchell is suffering from a severe cold and has given orders to let no one in his room to see him. District Presidents Nichols and Duffy, when interviewed, said that the meeting was simply to prepare plans for getting the operators to a conference, but nothing was determined upon.

Author of Juvenile Books Dead.
Harpersville, Me. (Special).—The Rev. Elijah Kellogg, author and preacher, whose fame rested on his books for boys and his recitation, "Spartacus to the Gladiators," which nearly every schoolboy has learned at some time, is dead. A constellation of ailments advanced years could not throw off the effects of bronchial pneumonia, from which he suffered for some days.

Boers Now Cutting Wires.
Capetown (By Cable).—The Boers have cut the wires on the telegraph line connecting with Natal, thus isolating that province from the forces in Transvaal for the time being. This taken in connection with De Wet's reported march Natalward, is regarded as serious.

Many Bodies Entombed.
Cumberland, E. C. (Special).—After nearly a week, during which a heavy column of water has poured continuously into the shaft of No. 2 mine and No. 6 mine, the task of pumping out the water has commenced.

Kaiser Has Recovered.
Berlin (By Cable).—The physicians who are attending Emperor William will not yet allow him to go outdoors, but he has practically recovered from his injury.

No Peace Through Both.
London (By Cable).—The British War Office has practically given up the idea of peace being brought about in South Africa through the Botha negotiations. The War Office has just issued an appeal from Lord Kitchener, in which the British commanding general says: "Any comports which individuals may desire to send to the troops in view of the Approach of the South African winter will be acceptable and should be dispatched as early as possible."

SUMMARY OF THE NEWS.

Domestic.

A fire that started in the plant of the Anheuser-Busch Brewing Company, St. Louis, burned the ice storage plant of that company and other property. Aggregate loss \$100,000. Two men were injured.

All of Mr. John D. Rockefeller's interests in the iron business are to go into the United States Steel Corporation.

Charles Resick was shot and killed in Chicago by Daniel Peters, whom he accused of stealing his chickens.

The National Witch Hunt Company, a trust combining the various concerns, is now assured.

Mrs. John McMahon committed suicide by jumping from a railroad bridge in Newark, Ohio.

A mob of coal miners wanted to lynch Deputy Sheriff Frank McCoy, of Middlesburg, Ky.

A mysterious collision occurred off Atlantic City and a large three-masted schooner lies on the bottom in 12 fathoms, with all sails set. It is supposed that all on board perished.

Judge Blackstone, Accomac county, Va., announced his candidacy for the constitutional convention, and declared himself in favor of disfranchising all negroes and letting all the whites vote.

Miss Bessie Gast, of Lancaster, Pa., confessed having swindled the Fulton National Bank out of \$200, which she gave to a male impersonator.

Emma Sheetz, of Bridgewater, Va., after being rejected by Miss Campbell, to whom he had proposed, shot and killed himself.

Abraham Ford, colored, was found burned to a crisp near his shanty, about a mile from Martinsburg, W. Va.

The United Mineworkers' Convention, in session at Hazleton, Pa., passed a resolution authorizing the executive board to order a strike if the operators refused to attend a joint conference to be called.

John Kennedy Tod, a New York banker, killed the Dewey Arch, which he will place at the entrance to his summer residence at Sound Beach, Conn.

Balfie Crutchfield, a colored woman of Rume, Tenn., who was suspected of larceny, was shot to death by a mob and her body was thrown into a creek.

The strikers refused an offer of 12 per cent. increase made by the proprietors of the Bank of the Sanquhar Silk Mill, in Scranton, Pa.

George Kerr, one of Jennie Bosscheter's murderers, is reported to be on the verge of physical collapse in New Jersey State Prison.

Four contraband Chinamen were arrested at Morristown, N. Y., and put in jail. They crossed the ice from Canada.

Messenger Dougherty, of the United States Subtreasury in Philadelphia, was fined \$1,000 by a pickpocket. Eight hundred miners employed at the Rick Fork and Logan mines, in West Virginia, struck.

Militiamen on guard at the Nebraska Penitentiary prevented the escape of 12 convicts from the prison.

Congressman Mariotti Brosius, of Pennsylvania, died at his home in Lancaster.

A Virginia Court of Appeals handed down a decision sustaining the ouster of Chief of Police Harwood and finally ending the fight between him and Mayor Moss, of Newport News.

Miss Edith Quincy, of Grand Rapids, secured the arrest of Mrs. Belle Fitzgerald, a fortune-teller in New York, who got money and jewelry from her dupes.

The United States District Court in Boston found an indictment against George M. Foster, formerly cashier of the South Danvers National Bank. Signor Marconi arrived in New York and is going to Washington to arrange for the establishing of wireless telegraph stations along the coast.

Ralph C. Bateman, of Norwood, Mass., killed Miss Ella F. White, who rejected his attentions, and then committed suicide.

Foreign.
The Royal Munster Fusiliers laid a Celtic cross of shamrocks and lilies upon the tomb of Queen Victoria.

Small detachments of British and Russian troops continue guarding opposite sides of the railway siding in dispute at Tientsin, while negotiations are pending. The Russians continue to purchase land and their new concession, German military officers in China say the instructions to the American troops to leave China are a "great mistake," on the ground that it will be necessary to retain a large body of foreign troops in China for at least two years.

The arrest of an official of the Korean government on the charge of plotting to murder ladies of the imperial household has caused a Cabinet crisis.

Mr. Rockhill, the American commissioner in Peking, says Li Hung Chang is a physical wreck, and his death may occur at any moment.

United States Minister Conger is reported to have said before leaving Peking that if the Manchurian Treaty between China and Russia was ratified it would certainly affect the peace negotiations.

With interesting ceremonies the steamer Oghris, having on board the Duke and Duchess of York and Cornwall, started on its tour, which is to include all the British possessions.

Pressure is being brought to bear on the British government to bring about a countervailing, in addition to the half-penny per pound tax to be imposed on sugar.

The Reichstag passed to second reading the supplementary estimates for the China expedition, amounting to 123,343,000 marks.

In the duel fought between Count de Castellane and M. de Rodays the latter was shot in the thigh and the Count was unharmed.

Advices from Durban, Natal, state that the Boer commandants met at Pietersburg to discuss the situation.

The docks in Marseilles are guarded by troops, and the imported laborers were undisturbed.

Financial.
Bank clearings are one-third larger than in 1900 at this time.

The gold owned by the Treasury has lately increased about \$8,000,000.

The United States Steel will be listed in London as soon as practicable.

The Bank of England will receive \$500,000 in gold from India about April 1.

The exports of British and Irish produce and manufactures to India, the Straits and the far East for the year 1900 amounted to \$7,521,211, against \$6,040,024 for 1899.

COSSACKS' PLY WHIPS.

They Slash at Crowds of Students in St. Petersburg.

MANY OF THE TROOPS KEPT BUSY.

Trying to Suppress a Demonstration of the Students in Memory of the Death of Victoria, the Girl Who Committed Suicide Some Years Ago in a Prison, in Order to Escape Inhuman Persecution.

St. Petersburg (By Cable).—The students organized what was intended to be an imposing demonstration in front of the Cathedral of Our Lady of Kazan, the occasion being the anniversary of the death of Victoria, the girl who committed suicide some years ago in a dungeon of the political prison in the Petrosses SS, Peter and Paul in order to escape inhuman persecution.

Immense crowds assembled on the Nevsky Prospekt, the principal street of the city, and the adjacent thoroughfares. The military, in even greater numbers occupied the district, closed the entrances of all houses and shops, patrolled the streets, and made many arrests, including teachers and pupils of the higher grade girls' school. Several of these young women resisted arrest.

A number of students who had been recently protested against the excommunication of Count Tolstoi assembled inside the cathedral and began striking the statues and whirling things at the holy elements were being prepared for the sacrament.

One of the cathedral banners was seized by the students, who used it in the lighting outside the cathedral, where proclamations were thrown among the crowd containing such phrases as: "Long live liberty and free government," "Down with the czar" and "Down with rotten officials."

Finally the students unfurled a red flag, and an attempt by the police to seize it was the signal for a general fight.

Faces were cut open by the whips of the Cossacks. Old women were crushed under a flying child was killed, and it is reported that there were other fatalities, though it is impossible to confirm the rumor. Further disorders are expected to-morrow.

MAY HAVE ISLE OF PINES.
Cuba Will Also Submit to Sanitary Supervision, But Nothing More.

Havana (Special).—It is stated that in a majority of the individual reports of the members of the constitutional convention committee on foreign relations it will be recommended that the United States be given a right of sanitary supervision under the direction and control of the Washington government, but that the other provisions as outlined in the amendment will not be agreed to. The report of the committee will be an extensive document, giving reasons in detail why the amendment cannot be accepted.

Information received at the War Department from Cuba is to the effect that the island is in a more tranquil state than ever before, and that the people are not giving up their hope that the Cuban constitutional convention has rejected the Platt amendment, but has not been officially communicated to the War Department.

Disastrous Fire in Kansas.
Armourdale, Kan. (Special).—Ten homes, two saloons and five business houses were destroyed by fire here. An empty gasoline can and other mite testaments are blamed for the conflagration, which was caused by the fact that some people, angered at the lines imposed upon two saloons for wrecking of the building, had thrown dynamite at the saloons, which destroyed the saloons and got revenge. Fire was first discovered in Bowman's saloon. While the firemen were at work, however, the fire started the flames destroyed the saloons and got revenge.

The Board of Awards of the Navy Department recommended the advancement of Colonel Meade and Lieutenant Winslow.

Four Boilers Explode as One.
Oleostee, Fla. (Special).—Four large boilers at Eppinger & Russell Company's saw mill and lumber works blew up simultaneously, ten minutes after they had quit work. The entire plant, one of the largest in the State, was completely wrecked. The explosion was caused by several mites. No person was in the factory, and only one person, who was the last in leaving, was injured. He was a considerable distance away from the explosions, which occurred ten minutes earlier scores of miles would have been lost. The loss is estimated at \$200,000.

Bob Acted When Jury Failed.
Nashville, Tenn. (Special).—At Tip-topville, in Lake County, a mob hanged Ike Fitzgerald to a tree near the court house. The negro was charged with assaulting a white girl, Miss Mina Day, nineteen years old, and a trial jury had just reported that they could not agree and had been discharged. The mob seized the prisoner before the sheriff could hurry him from the court room and hanged him to the first tree.

Slow in Settling Indemnity.
Pekin (By Cable).—Little was accomplished at the meeting of the foreign ministers on account of the delay of the various governments in agreeing to the conditions reached in the matter of indemnity claims. No minister is allowed full liberty to act for his government.

Woman Sat on Burglar.
Denver, Colo. (Special).—Georgiana Thompson, a pretty blonde, sat on a burglar for half an hour Saturday, shrieking when he attempted on several occasions to free himself from her grasp and stinging him violently with a long hairpin which she held in her hand. She was found by the police in the hall of a building on Seventeenth street. The burglar is now in jail. Thompson will give evidence in her own defense, but withal proud of her experience.

LIVE NATIONAL AFFAIRS.

May Make Evans Minister to Japan.

One of the interesting rumors in Washington is to the effect that Hon. Henry Clay Evans, Commissioner of Pensions, is to succeed Hon. Alford E. Buck as Minister to Japan. Mr. Buck is now in this country on a leave of absence, and it is reported may not return to his post. No confirmation of this rumor can be obtained. State Department officials deny any knowledge of a contemplated change, and the Japanese mission. It has been understood, however, that Mr. Evans would be given a good foreign appointment if a vacancy occurred in any desirable mission. Should Minister Buck conclude to retire the post at Tokyo would, it is believed, be very acceptable to Mr. Evans.

May Negotiate New Treaty.
Secretary Hay had a long conference with Senator Morgan respecting the naval canal matters and the treaty with Great Britain on the subject. The Secretary is losing no opportunity of acquainting himself with the views of the Senators on this subject, and the Secretary is only one of nearly a dozen he has had on the same subject with leading Senators and Representatives since the adjournment of Congress.

President Seems Merciful.
The President has commuted to life imprisonment the sentence of Private John H. Schmidt, of Co. A, Thirty-sixth United States Volunteers, convicted of murder at Lingayen, P. I., by a general court martial. Not since the beginning of the Spanish-American War has the President permitted a United States soldier to be executed. Several have been sentenced to death by court martial for murder, desertion or other offenses made capital by the articles of war, but in every case executive clemency has been extended.

Exploiting Dairy Products.
R. A. Pearson, first assistant in the Dairy Division of the Department of Agriculture, has left for Porto Rico with instructions to establish agencies for selling American dairy products. He will visit Cuba, Haiti and San Domingo also. The determination of the department is to establish agencies for the sale of American dairy products in the West Indies and Central America.

Capital News in General.
A protest has been made to the Venezuelan government on account of an order to which our consular agent at Barcelona was subjected.

Our Minister to Peru has been instructed to accept that government's offer to pay \$200,000 in settlement of the Peru claims.

Arrangements have been practically completed for the conference of the American republics, to be held in the City of Mexico.

In reply to the criticisms made of the new method of customs inspection at New York, Assistant Secretary Spaulding shows that under them \$19,413 was collected in 11 days, against \$1,387 for the same period last year.

The official of the Treasury Department making arrangements to re-establish revenue stamps when the War Revenue Reduction Law goes into effect.

The Civil Service Commission has announced its recommendations to be held throughout the country for federal positions in the Philippines.

Captain John McGowan, U. S. N., has been ordered to Washington to be examined for retirement.

The Naval Board reported upon the results of the trial of the battleship Alabama.

The government has sent an order to General Chaffee for the evacuation of China by American troops, leaving only a garrison guard of 150 men. General Chaffee and his staff will accompany the troops to Manila.

All of the army officers stationed in Washington, by order, appeared at the Department in uniform and met the new Assistant Secretary of State.

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Elaborate arrangements have been made for the dispatch of regulars to the Philippines and the return of the volunteers.

Charles H. Daell, commissioner of patents, submitted his resignation to the President.

Vice-President Clark, of the Western Union Telegraph Company, discussed the question of public ownership before the Industrial Commission.

Vice-President Roosevelt, after calling on President McKinley, left for his home at Oyster Bay.

Col. William Cary Sargent, of New York, was appointed Assistant Secretary of War.

Lieutenant General Miles and his party left for a trip to Cuba.

Our New Possessions.
All the natives on the Island of Martinique have been ordered to live in the five principal towns.

The transport Kiparick arrived at San Francisco with 588 soldiers from Manila.

The Filipino Junta at Hongkong is reported as saying that the surrender of Lieutenant General Trias to the Americans is a bad blow to the cause of the insurgents, as he was a large contributor to the expense of carrying on the war.

The transport Kiparick, with 400 sick soldiers, has arrived at San Francisco from Manila. Four privateers died on the voyage.

It is stated in Washington that Cuba's answer to the United States' proposition was the result of the intrigue of European agents interested in the Spanish throne.

There are a number of cases of variola in Porto Rico, but vaccination is general.

Two members of the Porto Rican regiment at San Juan committed suicide. There have been seven suicides in this regiment in six months.

Lieutenant General Mariano Trias, with 400 officers and 200 men of the Philippine insurgents, surrendered to the Americans.

Commandant de Jager, tried in Natal as a rebel, has been sentenced to five years' imprisonment and to pay a fine of \$25,000.

GEN. HARRISON BURIED.

President McKinley at the Grave of the Ex-President.

THOUSANDS SEE FUNERAL CORTEGE.

The Honorary Pallbearers Include Members of the Cabinet of Gen. Harrison When President—James Whitcomb Riley an Active Pallbearer—An Impressive Scene in the First Presbyterian Church.

Indianapolis (Special).—Surrounded by July 15,000 of his fellow-citizens the body of Benjamin Harrison was buried in Crown Hill Cemetery.

Close by the grave were the members of his family, President McKinley and other visitors of distinction, and the more intimate friends of General Harrison. Back a distance of 50 yards, behind ropes guarded zealously by a large force of police, stood with uncovered heads a great multitude who did not know him so well as those who stood beside the freshly upturned earth, but who honored him and admired him quite as staunchly.

For nine hours Saturday the body lay in state in the Capitol, and in that time the lines of those passing by the coffin to take a last look at the ex-President. The outpouring at the funeral was a continuation of the evidence of the esteem in which he was held.

At the Harrison home before the body was taken to the First Presbyterian Church, where the full service was held Sunday, brief exercises were held for the members of the family and immediate friends of General Harrison. About 150 persons were present. Mrs. Harrison did not appear, but remained in her room until it was time to leave for the church.

President McKinley, accompanied by Governor Durbin, called at the home about 1 o'clock. At about the same time came the members of President Harrison's Cabinet and others continually arrived until the short services were over.

The procession was to have left the house at 1:30 o'clock, but it was fully 30 minutes later that when every one was in readiness, the doors were thrown wide open and the funeral pall-bearers—Gen. Benjamin F. Tracy, of New York; John Wanamaker, of Philadelphia; Wm. H. Miller, of Indianapolis; John W. Noble, of St. Louis; Charles Foster, of Cleveland; Gen. Lew Wallace, of Indianapolis; Judson Harmon, of Cincinnati; and William A. Woods, of Indianapolis—came slowly down the walk leading to the street.

After them came the active pall-bearers bearing the coffin. They were: A. L. Mason, James Whitcomb Riley, Evans Woolen, Harry J. Milligan, Harry Arrick, William C. Bolles, Harry S. New, Howard Cole, John T. Griffiths, Newton Booth Tarkington, Hilston D. Brown and Samuel Reid.

Events in Gen. Harrison's Life.
1823—Born at North Bend, Ohio.
1840—Son of John Scott Harrison and grandchild of William Henry Harrison, President of the United States.
1845—Graduated from Miami University, Oxford, Ohio.
1849—Married to Caroline LeVina Scott.
1854—Began the practice of law in Indianapolis.
1862—Raised a company of Indiana volunteers for the Union Army; was successfully promoted until he became brigadier general.

1876—Unsuccessful Republican candidate for Governor of Indiana.
1881—took a seat in the United States Senate, holding it until 1887.
1888—Elected President of the United States on the Republican ticket, receiving 23 electoral votes in the Electoral college against 186 for Grover Cleveland.
1892—Renominated for the Presidency and defeated by Grover Cleveland, who received 277 Electoral votes against 145 for Harrison and 22 for J. B. Weaver, Populist.

1896—His first wife having died, he married her niece, Mrs. Mary Scott Lord Dimmock.
1899—Council for the Venezuelan Government before the arbitration tribunal to settle the boundary dispute with Great Britain.

1900—Appointed by President McKinley a member of the International Court of Arbitration at The Hague.

Three Killed in Collision.
Clay Hook, Ky. (Special).—In a head-on collision between freight trains on Illinois Central Railroad three men were instantly killed and three fatally injured. The dead are Engineer Dickery, of Paducah, Fireman Newman, of Paducah, Tenn., and Fireman Hamlett, of Fulton, Ky. Engineer Bortschschain of Paducah, Engineer Hazleton and Brakeman Roberts (colored) were injured. A misunderstanding of orders is said to have caused the wreck.

Boat Shoots De Rodays.
Paris (By Cable).—The Dr. Rodays-Castellane duel is over, M. de Rodays having received a ball in the thigh and shot Bonn and the journalist were shaken hands. The combatants were dressed in light buttoned black frock coats, with the collars raised, so as not to show any shirt or collar, and each wore a silk hat. Both looked calm. The scene was curious, for the two athletes, with the seconds and doctors, were only exchanged a "parliamentary bow" as they took their respective places.

Negro Schoolboys Burned.
Corvaca, Tex. (Special).—A negro schoolhouse at Corber, eight miles west of Corvaca, has been burned by incendiaries. The negroes in that neighborhood were warned in advance by letters. Several schools were fired into a house, but none of the occupants were injured. The negroes feared a race war as a sequel to the recent burning of John Henderson.

Two Sleeping Cars Burned.
Palmdale, Fla. (Special).—Two Pullman sleeping cars, Ebbah and Elmer, train No. 12, of the Plant System, Tampa to Jacksonville, were destroyed by fire at Buffalo Bluff. The sleepers were filled with tourists and all of them were asleep at the time of the fire. So quickly did the flames spread that there was practically no time for saving clothes or valuables. The loss in money and jewelry is said to be according to the statements of the passengers, between \$10,000 and \$15,000. The total loss is estimated at \$30,000.

BIG BLAZE IN BOSTON.

Fierce Fire in the Advertiser and Record Newspaper Building.

Boston (Special).—Three lives sacrificed, nearly a dozen men more or less injured and many thousands of dollars' damage were the results of a fierce fire in the Daily Advertiser and Record seven-story, granite-front building in Newspaper Row here.

How the fire started is not known, but it was first seen in the pressroom, and it spread to the elevator well and darted to the top so rapidly that before the occupants of the two upper floors were aware that the building was on fire their rooms were filled with flames and smoke.

In the editorial room, on the sixth floor, there were but five men. All had run for their lives. On the upper floor, occupied by the composing room, were 18 compositors and proofreaders, whose situation was most critical. Panic-stricken, they rushed for the lower leading to the fire-escapes, and all but three of them succeeded in gaining the roof of an adjoining building.

Long ladders were raised as quickly as it was possible to get them over the street would permit, but before a ladder could be placed in position the men had dropped through a skylight in the building roof and crashed places of safety.

In the basement, there was practically no fire in the building below the fifth story. No one was in the pressroom at the time the fire started, except the fireman, who had not been seen up to a late hour.

It took three hours of work to drench out the fire. The three victims, all proofreaders, were suffocated before they had time to reach the fire-escapes. Those who found the bodies were obliged to jump several feet to the roof of an adjoining building, and, in this way spare a number of them assumed injuries. Four firemen were badly hurt.

CLASH IN CHINA.
All is Quiet Now at Tien Tsin But Trouble May Come.

London (By Cable).—A dispatch received here from Tientsin, China by the Reuter Telegram Company, dated from that city, says: "The Russians are now entering in the disputed territory. A company of the Hongkong regiment, with fixed bayonets, is in front, while two companies of the Madras Pioneer, under the command of Major Johnson, are held in reserve. Both the Russians and the British are awaiting instructions from their governments. The dispute is over the limits of railway property, which is declared to be in the Russian concession. The British in the vicinity have been strongly reinforced."

A Peking dispatch says: "According to information received here, the Russian at Tientsin took possession of the railway siding and armed sentries to guard it. General Barrow, who is second in command of the British forces, hesitates to act in the absence of General Gaslee, the commander-in-chief, feeling sure that a bloodshed would ensue. He had a long consultation today with Sir Ernest Satow, the British Minister. The Russians are jubilant."

A question in the House of Commons in regard to the friction between the Russians and British at Tientsin elicited information from Lord George Hamilton, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, that Russia had claimed the territory by virtue of a concession. He said that he had been granted by the authorities on that point. The Government has instructions, as the "down a spirit" said.

Fire in Washington Hoop.
Washington (Special).—An electric light wire started a fire in the Merchants' Hotel, 485 Pennsylvania Avenue, which spread rapidly, causing a panic among the guests, several of whom jumped from the windows. One person was killed and four severely injured. James W. Donohue, a clerk in the Pension Office, 28 years of age, was suffocated. W. E. Catching, of Kenton, Va., back spained, legs and right side bruised, caused by jumping from window; John Scammon, head cut by falling from window; and William B. Richardson, of Connecticut, bruised by falling down stairs. Firemen easily extinguished the flames. The damage to the building was small.

Hitch in Negotiations Probable.
Capetown (By Cable).—The general opinion regarding the result of the peace negotiations is that there is very little prospect of their being brought to a favorable issue, and that the obstacles which have been encountered will probably prove insurmountable. The reasons for this opinion are not clearly defined as to details, but the universal feeling is that something has happened to interfere with the plans of Generals Kuchener and Basha, and that the guerilla war is likely to go on.

Government Treasurer Rotted.
Philadelphia (Special).—Messenger Dougherty, of the United States Subtreasury, was robbed in the corridor of the postoffice of registered mail believed to contain over \$3000. Dougherty reentered the postoffice and placed the package of letters in his overcoat pocket. While he was removing general mail from the box in the corridor.

Carriage's Gift to New York.
New York (Special).—Controller Coler called at the Mayor's office to confer with the Mayor regarding the gift of Andrew Carnegie. The men were insisted for some time. Upon leaving the controller said: "We have decided to accept the gift up to the limit. We will get to work immediately, so that the city can accept the gift at once."

New Trial for Mrs. Botkin.
San Francisco (Special).—The State Supreme Court has granted a new trial to Mrs. Cordelia Botkin, who was convicted of the murder of Mrs. P. D. Dunne in the summer of 1898 and sentenced to life imprisonment. The trial resulting in the conviction of Mrs. Botkin was a noted one in criminal history. She was charged with sending from this city to Dover, Del. a box of poisoned candy which caused the death of Mrs. Dunne, to whom it was addressed.