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RUSSIA WILL OCCUPY MANCHURIAN TERRITORY

She Will Notify the Powers to That Effect—Japan Sends Another and Sharper Protest to St. Petersburg. The Indemnity Question.

Paris, April 5.—It is understood here that in consequence of China's refusal to sign the Manchurian agreement, Russia is about to send a circular to the powers, explaining that owing to the unsettled condition in Manchuria, her troops will occupy that territory until order is established.

Peking, April 5.—The members of the Russian legation claim to know nothing regarding the Manchurian question. The feeling at the other legations is that Russia is bound to do something or lose prestige with the Chinese. The members of the British legation in Peking are satisfied that in spite of China's refusal to sign the Manchurian agreement, she will soon sign something similar in order to protect her own interests and have even nominal control of Manchuria, which is now practically Russian territory.

AN "UL TIMATUM" FROM JAPAN.
London, April 6.—A despatch to the Daily Mail from Yokohama says that Russia's reply to the Japanese note about the Manchurian treaty is regarded as unsatisfactory. The government has decided, after conference with heads of the various departments, to address a second and more peremptory remonstrance and demand for a reply in a stated period. This note, which has been forwarded to the Japanese minister at St. Petersburg, almost amounts to an ultimatum.

St. Petersburg, April 5.—As previously pointed out in these dispatches Russia now blames the powers for China's refusal to accept the conditions of the evacuation of Manchuria and calmly says she is in no hurry and can await events. The unbiased opinion here is that Russia occupied an impregnable diplomatic position from which nobody can dislodge her. However, warlike Japan may feel, Russia is confident that no opportunity will be given her to take the offensive without placing herself in the wrong. As far as can be seen Japanese threats have not caused a ripple of excitement here.

INDEMNITY QUESTION.
Shanghai, April 5.—The China association has cabled to London a protest against the proposal to pay the Chinese indemnity by an increase of the tariff. The association claims that although such an increase is possibly practicable it should remain for future settlement as an increased tariff is calculated to deprive the commercial powers of means of redress for treaty grievances and is also detrimental to the expansion of trade. The association considers that the honest collection of the present nature sources of revenue will adequately provide for the payment of the indemnity.

Peking, April 5.—Imperial Commissioner of Chinese Customs Hart in a program submitted to the ministers for the payment of indemnity. He recommends the gradual abolition of the Hoken tax and favors an increase in the tariff of 5 to 10 per cent. The proposition of Hart that the powers accept Chinese bonds to the amount of the indemnities they demand, is opposed by the ministers. Some of them demand immediate payment on the ground that serious complications may arise before final payment is made.

MR. M'KINLEY'S COMING TRIP TO THE WEST

Washington, April 5.—The president took a long walk after breakfast this morning. He was accompanied by Representative Meyer of Louisiana, who called to talk with the president about his stay in New Orleans on his western trip.

The president is looking forward to his long tour with great pleasure, and speaks of it with enthusiasm. General Meyer told the president that the plans for his stay at New Orleans had been

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practically completed. An elaborate demonstration is being arranged.

According to the present schedule the presidential party will reach New Orleans at 4:30 p. m. May 1. That evening a banquet will be given in the president's honor. The following morning there will be a carriage ride through the city, which will include a stop at Cabildo, the old government building during the Spanish and French regimes.

The departure from New Orleans will be made at 6 o'clock May 2.

RAILROAD EMPLOYEES CONSIDERING DEMANDS

All Offers by Jersey Central as to New Schedule Refused.

New York, April 5.—Delegates representing the employees of the Jersey Central railroad and heads of the unions on principal railroads were in session most of today regarding the demands of the Central's men for a new schedule. A committee was appointed to wait on vice-President Warren. The committee called at Warren's office in Liberty street this afternoon but the conference did not take place and a letter was sent to Warren asking him to fix a date for a conference. Warren denied to a Sun reporter that he had avoided the men. The men thus far have rejected all offers made by the company.

LAST OF THE BOERS' HEAVY GUNS CAPTURED

London, April 5.—A despatch from Kitchener, to the war office dated Pretoria, April 5 says Col. Plummer occupied Piet Potgieter's Rust, 140 miles from Pretoria, without opposition. General French has captured another heavy gun. This accounts for all the enemy's guns known to be in the southern district. He also has a considerable number of prisoners. A portion of the Boers have crossed the Orange river moving north.

ENGLAND WILL PURCHASE NO MORE MULES HERE

New Orleans, April 5.—England has cabled its agents here to make no further purchases of horses and mules for South Africa. They have been instructed to hurry forward all stock under contract and close the business here by May 1. It is denied that the action is the result of a suit brought in behalf of the Boers to enjoin further shipments.

TALKING OF ALLEN'S SUCCESSOR

Washington, April 5.—That the report that Governor Allen of Porto Rico is to resign upon his arrival at Washington is credited in the island is manifest from the fact that the people of the island are already making representations to the president regarding his successor.

Wenceslao Borda, who is chairman of the Porto Rican commission, who recently came to Washington to protest against the Hollenden tax law, has written the president in behalf of the commission suggesting Francis H. Wilson, present postmaster of Brooklyn, N. Y., as the successor of Governor Allen.

In offering Wilson's name to the president, Borda, who is in New York, says he is obeying the instruction cabled him by the executive committee of the Merchants' Planters' and Bankers' association of Porto Rico.

OFFER OF QUARTER OF A MILLION TO AGUINALDO

Washington, April 5.—The administration is flooded with suggestions as to the disposition of Aguinaldo. A Massachusetts man offers \$50,000 for him for a hundred nights and another a quarter of a million for one year. The men suggest he be turned over to Boston anti-imperialists.

SEE - THE Easter Novelties At HESTON'S

GEN. CASSIUS M. CLAY FIRES ON THE SHERIFF

Posse Bombaraded His House Unsuccessfully to Serve a Writ.

Valley View, Va., April 5.—Gen. Cassius M. Clay today refused to admit to the famous Whitehall mansion Deputy Sheriff Collier and two other deputies who had gone there from Richmond to serve a writ of delivery sent by Mary E. Clay for furniture belonging to her. A fusillade between Gen. Clay and the deputies ensued during which fifteen shots were fired. It is not known whether any one in the Clay mansion was hurt, as neighbors fear to enter the premises. None of the shots fired at the deputy sheriffs took effect.

ANOTHER ACCOUNT.

White Hall, Ky., April 5.—General Cassius M. Clay today defied the sheriff and his assistants who came to serve a writ for the furniture of his daughter Mary, whom he recently drove from the house. Clay fired shot after shot at the sheriff and his assistants, who took shelter behind trees and returned the fire. It is believed that Clay is wounded but this can not be definitely ascertained until entrance is gained to the house. Another attempt will be made to serve the writ Monday.

REPORT THAT YU HSIEH WAS NOT BEHEADED

A Deception Said to Have Been Worked by Heathen Chinese.

Peking, April 5.—It is reported here, on the authority of natives arriving from Shansi, that Yu Hsien, ex-governor of that province, was not beheaded as the foreign ministers were led to believe.

People of the province are intensely hostile to foreigners and it is believed that an expedition of foreign troops has been sent to the province to punish inhabitants.

ANOTHER BATCH OF FILIPINO INSURGENTS SURRENDER

Washington, April 5.—The navy department this morning received the following from Admiral Remy at Cavite:

"Goodrell at Olonsapo, on the 4th, concluded to surrender the insurgents in the country from Iba to Morang."

Manila, April 5.—Aguinaldo, composing his manifesto to the Filipino people spends hours consulting a dictionary. The manifesto is not yet finished.

Promising gold discoveries are reported from the island of Marbato, close to the southern extremity of Luzon.

The collier Brutus has arrived here from Guam and reports the Filipino prisoners there in excellent health.

Investigation into the commissary scandal is progressing and three civilians implicated therein will soon be tried.

San Francisco, April 5.—The transport Kiptrick sailed today for Manila with the headquarters of the third battalion of the First Infantry, consisting of companies K and L, headquarters, staff and band; companies I and M of the Eleventh infantry; company A of the Tenth infantry; troop G of the Fifteenth cavalry, one assistant hospital steward and six privates.

Vancouver, B. C., April 5.—The prosecution of D. M. Carmen, the American, accused at Manila of aiding the insurgents, remains in statu quo, says the Manila Times, though the case is being gradually prepared for trial. It is learned that Mr. Carmen was brought before the secretary of the military government, but beyond the fact that he was questioned and that some of his explanations were heard, nothing can be learned. From another source it is understood that the safe belonging to Theodore Carranza, which was brought from Pagonanjan by Lieutenant Vaughan recently, was found, when opened, to contain a pile of most incriminating documents.

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PAUL KRUGER TALKS OF THE BOER WAR

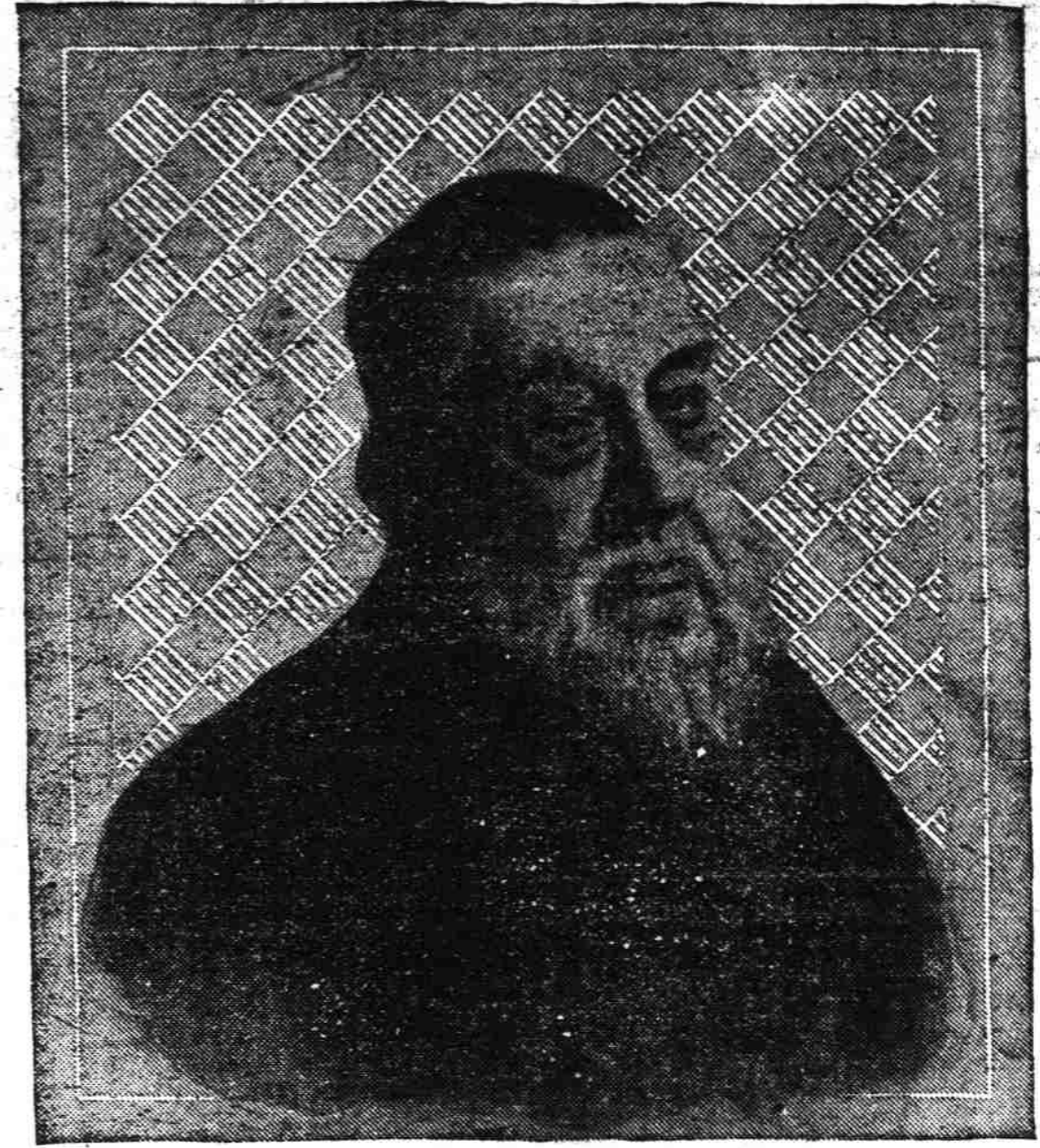


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PRESIDENT KRUGER'S LATEST PORTRAIT.

Paris, April 5.—An interview with Mr. Kruger appears in the Matin. The former president of the Transvaal was seen in a modest little inn at Utrecht where he is stopping for the moment.

Sitting in front of a table with a Bible under his left hand, Mr. Kruger delivered himself of an important statement to which further significance was given by the presence of the Orange Free State delegate, Herr Fischer.

Mr. Kruger began by announcing that on Saturday next he proposed retiring into the country for a short rest. The little village of Hilbersum, not far from Utrecht, has been selected for his abode. Nothing has yet been decided regarding his trip to America. Mr. Kruger will undertake the journey if his strength permits and if there is any hope of gaining advantage for the Boer cause.

Pointing to Herr Fischer, the aged president declared that the two republics were indissolubly united.

"Herr Fischer," he said, "is fighting for the same cause as my heroic friend, President Steyn. The two presidents and the two commanding generals, Botha and DeWet, will share the same fate."

On being questioned regarding the reliance he placed on the British official telegrams and statements in parliament, Mr. Kruger, half arising from his chair, declared:

"The British government, British telegraph and British press always try to make this much—'and he measured his little finger—'took like this much—'and he extended both arms.

"I am persuaded everything is going well out there precisely because our enemies continue to disseminate facts. As regards Gen. Botha's negotiations the public knows from the blue book and by reading Gen. Botha's last despatch that it was the British General who first made proposals. Never did the Boer general refuse to listen. We do not fight except for peace. We are not conquerors, but although general Botha listened to the British proposals he never uttered a word of equivocation on the subject of independence. Independence is the only treasure we cherish, even if we have to sacrifice all others to have our national independence.

"It is for that reason our citizens forsook their farms and sacrificed their lives and our women and children now suffer temporary servitude in the enemy's camp.

"And," added the president with still more emphasis, "if the English were not blind, if they considered their own interests well, if they were not hopelessly enslaved by error and injustice, they would recognize the independence we demand, because in the hope of safeguarding it we shall be ready to make many concessions and sacrifices, and, moreover, it would assure peace forever in South Africa."

The subject of arbitration being next

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