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LOOKS DANGEROUS

Bold Action of Russian Popular Assembly

MAY LEAD UP TO REVOLUTION

Parliament's Action in Following the Example of French States General of 1789 and Becoming a Revolutionary Body, Sends an Electric Shock Through the Country.

St. Petersburg, By Cable.—With breathless anxiety, society awaits the government's response to the bold action of the lower house of Parliament Saturday, which in ensuring the ministry and demanding its retirement, was like a deliberate slap in the face and a direct challenge which the government, though inclined to prefer its usual policy of temporizing and compromise, can hardly avoid meeting.

By flouting the fundamental laws and practically declaring that it proposes to exercise full parliamentary rights with a responsible ministry, it has become, in the eyes of the law, a revolutionary body, and from that position there seems no relief. The news of the action of the House came like an electric shock, the people generally being as greatly surprised as the bureaucracy at the promptness with which the whole of the government's policy was absolutely scorned.

Bolt Kills Five at Game.

Mobile, Ala., Special.—About three miles from the city Sunday afternoon during the progress of a ball game in an open field, a thunderstorm came up accompanied by vivid lightning which struck in the midst of the crowd of spectators, instantly killing 5, and injuring 25 more or less seriously. The dead are: Donald Tourant, aged 21; Stephen Tourant, aged 19; (Sons of Stephen J. Tourant); Arthur Moody, aged 19; Two negroes, John Green and Charles Thomas. Seriously injured: John Woekers and Fred Johnson.

Among the painfully injured were Fred Burch, Joe Dolbear and George Cleveland. At least fifteen or twenty players were shocked and knocked down by the sparks, who quickly recovered and were able to leave the scene. The field was strewn with bits of shoes and clothing from those who were killed or seriously injured and the bodies of the dead presented a terrible spectacle, being burned in numerous places. A silver dollar taken from the pocket of one of the victims was melted on both sides.

Charter For Virginia Fair.

Richmond, Special.—The Virginia State Corporation Committee issued a charter to the Virginia State Fair Association, with a maximum capital of \$200,000 and with the following officers and directors: Henry S. Stuart, president; John Stewart Bryan, vice-president; Henry C. Cabell, treasurer; Charles B. Cooke, secretary; J. T. Anderson, M. A. Chambers, J. G. Carley, W. E. Cytshaw, E. G. Leigh, Jr., L. O. Miller, John Murphy, M. C. Patterson, E. B. Synod, Joseph Wallerstein, and A. B. Williams, directors.

Knights Templars in Bristol.

Bristol, Special.—The Grand Commandery, Knights Templars, of Tennessee, convened in its forty-fourth annual session in Bristol with the largest attendance in many years. A street parade in Templar uniform was a feature. The welcome address, by John H. Caldwell, of Bristol, was responded to by Grand Commander Jacob C. Smith.

Union-Buffer Mills Sold.

Union, Special.—It was exactly 12:07 1/2 p. m. that Wm. Elliott, Jr., attorney of Columbia, representing the Union-Buffer Mills Company, bid in for \$1,239,400 the Union cotton mills and its entire property, consisting of plant, real estate, and accounts this amount being \$32.74 more than the Federal Court had fixed as the upset price. Mr. Elliott, who was required to deposit a certified check for \$50,000 before being allowed to bid, was the only person doing so.

A Serious Crime.

Winston, Special.—Rev. N. L. Glenn, colored, was convicted in the Superior Court of "carnal knowledge of a child under fourteen." There are two other indictments like the above against him, and one for abducting the wife and daughter of another man to Pittsburg, Pa. During the trial it was shown that Glenn, during his pastorate here, conducted a physical culture school for female members of his congregation.

CURRENT NEWS ITEMS

Epitome of Current Happenings of Interest Briefly Told.

A \$20,000 fire occurred at Amherst Courthouse, Va.

The 20th of May celebration at Charlotte, N. C., was a great success, visitors by the scores of thousands being in attendance. Everything passed off very pleasantly.

The coroner's jury decided that Charles L. Spier, H. H. Rogers' confidential man, was a victim of suicide.

President Truesdale, of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad was mercifully arraigned in an opinion by a New York court.

The beautiful bronze tablets containing the names of more than 500 students of the University of Virginia who died for the South, were unveiled at the university.

Bevon C. Hundley and Miss Lucy A. Corley had many difficulties in getting married in Richmond because Mr. Hundley had been divorced.

Commissioner of Agriculture Koiner, of Virginia, is going to Europe to induce emigrants to go to Virginia.

Mr. John M. Glenn, of Baltimore, made an address before the Virginia Conference of Charities and Corrections at Petersburg.

Commander Southernland cables that Santo Domingo revolutionists captured the fort at Macoris and released a number of political prisoners.

President Roosevelt received the Gaek-war of Baroda at the White House.

Henrik Ibsen, Norway's foremost poet and dramatist, is dead.

The Russian Government issued a statement justifying its refusal to grant plenary amnesty.

Count Salsky has been relieved of the presidency of the Russian Council of the Empire.

Herz Tschirsky made his first statement of Germany's policy since his appointment to the Foreign Office.

The International Postal Congress decided to increase the weight of letters to one ounce.

The Roumanians celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of that country's independence.

Former Chief Engineer John F. Wallace severely attacked Secretary Taft for his statement against Wallace.

Ex-Governor Montague will accept the President's appointment as a member of the Pan American Congress.

J. Harmon Robinette and T. Cleveland Robinson were given penitentiary terms in Roanoke for alleged extensive fraudulent use of the mails.

Gray Silver was nominated for Senator in the Jackson county (W. Va.) primaries.

One negro is dead and another will probably die as the result of a shooting affray at Rosslyn, Va.

Secretary Root spoke at a banquet given by Minister Quesada in celebration of Cuba's independence day.

Ex-Senator Chandler declared that the Senate Rate bill invites interference by the courts.

A census bureau report shows that there are 3,400,000 telephones in the United States, with nearly 6,000,000 calls a year.

In an effort to collect an income tax from United States engineering officers engaged in work there, Canada has seized their household goods.

According to reports from Rome, Archbishop Farley, of New York, may be made a cardinal.

Pope Pius' fever increased somewhat Tuesday, but at night had disappeared.

So large a portion of the work of Congress is still unfinished that some believe the session will last into July.

The cruiser Columbia, with 600 marines left Philadelphia Tuesday under heavy orders for Santo Domingo.

George D. Perkins is ahead of Gov. A. B. Commins in the Iowa gubernatorial race, and a split among Republicans of that State is threatened.

Hon. Champ Clark, of Missouri, spoke at the 20th of May celebration at Charlotte, N. C., on "The United States in the Twentieth Century."

A treaty between the United States and Mexico relating to the use of the Rio Grand's waters was signed in Washington.

SENSATION SPRUNG

Lively Times in Investigation of Dispensary Affairs

THREATS OF BLOODSHED HEARD

Member of New Board Accosts Subcommitteeman and After Threatening His Life, Advises Him to Secure a Gun—Senator Christensen, Tells of H. H. Evans, Former Chairman's Threat to Kill Every Man Who Testifies Against Him.

Columbia, Special.—A sensation was created here in the proceedings of the committee investigating the State Dispensary. The sub-committee, which has been doing all the work, consists of J. Fraser Lyon and Neils Christensen. They have proved petty grafts and numerous scandals in local dispensaries and had started on the directors of the State dispensary.

Mr. Lyon, while on his way to the committee meeting, was accosted by Maj. John Black, a member of the new board, who in company with another abused Mr. Lyon, threatening his life, and told him to go arm himself. Senator Christensen then arose and told that H. H. Evans, former chairman of the board had threatened to kill every witness on the stand if they should testify against him.

The entire committee, after consideration in executive session, decided to place the matter in the hands of Governor Heyward, as he alone can remove from office a dispensary official.

Conference For Young Women.

Asheville, Special.—The annual Southern Conference for Young Women will assemble here June 8 for a 10-days' session. The sessions of the conference will be held at Kenilworth Inn, and it is expected that a large attendance will be had. The conference last year attracted many religious workers from various parts of the country and was one of the most important religious gatherings of the season. The mornings and evenings will be devoted to conference work, while the afternoons will be given over to recreation. Mrs. J. S. Griffith of Chicago, chairman of the American committee, will preside during the conference.

Mob to Meet Train.

Marysville, Ohio.—A mob of 1,000 people gathered at the railroad station here when Fred Irwin, a negro charged with assaulting Mrs. Ellen Thompson, was brought from Columbus, where he was arrested. Sheriff Dolanbaugh thwarted the crowd by taking the prisoner from the train at another point. The mob made a dash for the jail and arrived there just as the jail doors closed on the prisoner. The crowd was demonstrative and threatening, but was unorganized and later dispersed after being addressed by the sheriff.

Woman Mysteriously Murdered in South Carolina.

Charleston, S. C., Special.—A dispatch from Aiken says: Mrs. E. B. Wilson, wife of a well known farmer, living about 12 miles from here, near Beech Island, was shot and probably mortally wounded at 1 o'clock Wednesday morning, the bullet having been fired through a broken pane in the window of her bedroom. Mrs. Wilson was in bed with her young baby and in the next room slept her husband and two other children. Two pickets were found on the yard fence and the foot prints of a man discovered leading to and from the place.

Charged With Murder.

San Francisco, Special.—Earnest Denicke, wealthy San Francisco banker and capitalist, was arrested here on the charge of manslaughter. Denicke was released later under a bond of \$5,000. On April 20 it is said Denicke, wearing a uniform of a lieutenant of the United States army, shot and killed an unidentified man on Lombard street wharf. To newspaper men he admitted the charge, but refused to talk further until he had counsel secured.

Ho Committed No Crime.

New York, Special.—The Supreme Court of the appellate division decided that Ego W. Perkins, of the firm of J. P. Morgan & Company, committed no crime when he contributed money of the policy-holders of the New York Life Insurance Company to the campaign funds of the Republican party. Justice Greenbaum is reversed and Perkins discharged from custody.

Nominations and Confirmations.

Washington, Special.—The President sent the following nominations to the Senate: Postmasters—North Carolina, Eliza S. Craft, Williams; Virginia, A. M. Stinson, Hot Springs; H. F. Butt, Jr., Portsmouth; Archie Jones, Chicotteague Island. The Senate confirmed the nomination of D. A. Tate to be postmaster at South Pittsburg, Tenn.

MUST APPLY TO EXPORTS

Jurisdiction of the Government in Export Freight Rates is Upheld by Federal Judge McPherson at Kansas City in Decision Overruling Demurrer of the Burlington Railway.

Kansas City, Mo., Special.—The demurrer of the Burlington Railway, denying the jurisdiction of the government in export freight rates, was overruled in the United States Court here by Judge Smith McPherson, of Iowa. The decision is of great importance to shipping interests of all sections of the country and of particular weight at present because it tends to destroy the contention of the railroads that export rates need not be made public.

It means, too, that the Burlington Railway and the other railroad corporations and persons indicted here in December must stand trial on the charge of accepting rebates. The trial of the Burlington was set for May 31.

Attention was drawn to the report of the inter-State commerce commission, December 14, 1905, in which it was said that "it was a mooted question whether the present act requires carriers to file and maintain tariffs under which they transport exports and imports, but the commission has a number of times decided that the statutes covered this point."

"The same section," the decision says, "finds the same kind of commerce included by the act, and includes from the United States to a foreign country." The fact that half a billion of dollars' worth of exports are shipped from the United States is a powerful argument in favor of the proposition that they should not be hampered with rate tariffs difficult or impossible to observe because ocean rates vary from day to day. But is that an argument that can persuade the courts upon the question of what construction shall be given a statute if such statute is valid?"

The statute, Judge McPherson says, forbids lowering the rates except on three days' notice, and forbids raising them except on 10 days' notice. It is clear, he continues, "that carriers by railroads and water inland, when acting under a common agreement, are covered by the statutes, as well as commerce by any method with an adjacent foreign country. And as to inter-state commerce, it is included. Because these are specifically enumerated, it is contended that all others are excluded. Conceding the force of this elementary and recognized rule of construction, there, in my opinion, is the error of the entire argument of defendant's counsel. Congress did not enumerate ocean commerce, because it would have been frivolous to do so."

Jail For Senator Burton.

Washington, Special.—The Supreme Court of the United States rendered a decision in the case of United States Senator Joseph R. Burton, of Kansas. The decision was against Burton, affirming the decision of the United States Circuit Court for the eastern district of Missouri, by which Burton was sentenced to six months' imprisonment in the jail of Iron county, Mo., required to pay a fine of \$2,500, and deprived of the right to hereafter hold office under the government.

\$100,000 Fire at Abbeville, Ala.

Dothan, Ala., Special.—Fire at Abbeville, Ala., destroyed the business section of the town causing a loss estimated at \$100,000. The amount of insurance is not stated, but it is believed to be less than half the total loss. The residence section of the city escaped.

Indiana Prohibitionists Meet.

Indianapolis, Ind., Special.—The State convention of the prohibitionists of Indiana opened here at Tomlinson Hall. A large number of delegates were represented. The prohibitionists have been very active lately in this State and expect to make an aggressive fight at the coming campaign. They intend to put up tickets in every county in the State (Clinton N. Howard, of Rochester, N. Y., a prominent temperance orator, was the principal attraction at the afternoon session).

Traveling Man's Slaying Removed.

Bluefield, W. Va., Special.—Henry McNew, the Williams Mills blacksmith who in a fight Saturday shot and killed Charles Brown, a commercial traveler, and was captured on Mount Tabor was carried to Tazewell Court House, Va., for safe keeping. McNew has a very bad cut over the nose and eye and claims that Brown attacked him with steel knuckles and by doing so forced him to shoot and to kill.

Louisiana to Norfolk Yard.

Newport News, Va., Special.—The first-class battleship Louisiana left here Tuesday afternoon for the Norfolk navy yard, where she will be turned over to the government. The Louisiana is the first to be delivered in competition between government and private yards, in the building race which has been on for nearly two years.

NORTH STATE NEWS

Items of Interest Gleaned From Various Sections

FROM MOUNTAIN TO SEASHORE

Minor Occurrences of the Week of Interest to Tar Heels Told in Paragraphs.

Charlotte Cotton Market.

These prices represent the prices paid to gasons: Good middling... 11-3-4; Strict middling... 11-1-8; Middling... 11-5-8; Good middling, tinged... 11-5-8; Stains... 9-1-2 to 10-1-2.

General Cotton Market.

Galveston, dull... 11-7-16; New Orleans, steady... 11-5-16; Mobile, steady... 11-1-8; Savannah, quiet... 11-3-16; Charleston, quiet... 11-1-8; Wilmington, steady... 11-1-2; Baltimore, nominal... 11-3-4; New York, quiet... 11-9-0; Boston, quiet... 11-9-0; Philadelphia, steady... 11-8-8; Augusta, quiet... 11-1-4; Memphis, steady and nominal... 11-5-16; St. Louis, quiet... 11-3-8; Cincinnati... 11-3-8; Louisville, firm... 11-5-8.

Big Celebration at Closes.

Charlotte, Special.—The greatest celebration in the history of the city came to a close Thursday night, after fitting honor had been done to the signers of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence. Looking back at the four days, it is hard to realize just how big and full events they were. The city thinks a little and tries to consider just how it has managed to be host to so many thousands; how such a variety of attractions were arranged and successfully carried through. The parades, the addresses, the midway attractions, the music by the marine and other bands, the drills and exercises of the troops, State and Federal—all were up to the highest standard. All in all, the celebration was such as will long be remembered by those present, and will do much to make Charlotte more widely and generally known.

Convicts Killed by Guards.

High Point, Special.—As a result of an attempt to gain their liberty, Thursday morning, James B. McMillan, white, and Jesse Thompson, colored, convicts at the camp now here, are dead. Three negroes who ran with them made their escape. The negro was killed outright. McMillan was shot through the back and died at the Junior Order Hospital here, a few hours afterwards. It is said that McMillan planned the escape with the four negroes as they all made a dash for liberty at the same time. He was the first man shot. Officers were here after the city's blood Whitebeck and a posse is now on the track of the three negroes.

Rev. T. J. Gattis Dead.

Charlotte, Special.—Rev. Thomas Jefferson Gattis died at his home, 506 East Fifth street, Friday morning at 4:45 o'clock. Mr. Gattis had been in declining health for several months and his death was not unexpected.

Mr. Gattis was born in Orange county, North Carolina, 68 years ago. He had been a minister of the Gospel and a member of the North Carolina Methodist Conference for 45 years. He was a colporteur for both conferences in this State for a number of years and, during part of that time, served also for the South Carolina Conference.

Items of State News.

The commencement exercises of Elon College will take place June 4th to 7th. Dr. B. F. Dixon, State Auditor, will deliver the address. Thomas A. Edison, the celebrated inventor and electrician, has been in Lincoln County, for some time looking for the rare mineral, cobalt, which he expects to find in that part of the State.

Lady Killed at Charlotte.

Charlotte, N. C., Special.—Mrs. Maggie McCorkle, wife of Mr. Thos. J. McCorkle, who lived at 209 North Cedar street, was run over and killed by a Southern Railway shifting engine Friday morning about 3 o'clock. The accident occurred at the coal chute on the extension of Third street.

Young Girl Run Over.

Raleigh, Special.—Bertha Fowler, a white girl aged 13 years, was instantly killed here Friday morning by a locomotive while on her way to a cotton mill where she was employed.

North State Briefs.

The Forsyth grand jury returned a true bill for murder against Sam Kobre Will Pleas and J. E. Whitebeck for the killing of Henry Kobre at Winston on January 21st last.

The National Cotton Mills (Incorporated) was granted a charter with \$100,000 total authorized and \$32,000 subscribed capital stock. The principal offices are at Lumberton.

NORTH CAROLINA CROPS

The Condition of North Carolina Crops For Week Ending Monday, May 21 as Given Out by the Department.

The weather in general during the past week has been dry with warm days and cool nights. Most of the vegetation which was not killed outright has recovered under the influence of the warm weather and the abundant sunshine of the past seven days. The mean temperature for the State was about 72 degrees which is about 5 degrees above normal. The highest temperature reported was 96 degrees on the 18th in Halifax County; and the lowest was 45 degrees on the 16th in Henderson County. The rainfall amounted to practically nothing except in Rockingham County where 1.84 inch fell on the 19th. All crops are now badly in need of rain in the greater portion of the State; the ground is hard and dry which prevents plowing and the proper germination of seed.

A. H. THIESSEN, Section Director.

Conductor Badly Hurt.

Greensboro, Special.—A freight conductor on the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, by the name of Thos. Perritt, from Faison, met with a serious accident in this city. He was standing on the rear end of the engine, when without warning the engineer applied the emergency brakes, bringing the train to a sudden standstill, throwing Mr. Perritt violently against a tool box about midway the car breaking three ribs, and otherwise injuring him internally.

Funeral Directors to Meet at Asheville.

Greensboro, Special.—The executive committee of the North Carolina Funeral Directors and Embalmers Association held a meeting in the office of Undertaker E. Poole here for the purpose of arranging for the annual meeting of the association in Asheville June 5-7. The executive committee is composed of J. Frank Morris, of Winston, president; W. L. Bell, of Concord, secretary; and E. Poole, of Greensboro, treasurer.

Will Sue Greensboro.

Greensboro, Special.—It is learned from an authoritative source that suit will be instituted in a day or two in Federal Court against the City of Greensboro by the Southern Paving & Construction Co., of Chattanooga, Tenn., to compel the payment of the \$13,000 claimed to be due on the contract for repaving Elm street with vitrified brick.

Forest Fires in Craven.

Newbern, Special.—Forest fires are again raging fiercely on the north side of the Neuse and the people of Bridgeton are alarmed lest the flames destroy their village. The fire is located along the line of the Pamlico, Oriental & Western Railway. Sunday this city was filled with a great quantity of smoke and ashes from the fire. The fire is caused by the dry weather and has resulted in much damage.

To Vote on Graded School.

Glenn, Randolph county, is to vote soon for a graded school to be maintained by special taxation. Prof. L. L. Hobbs and Dr. Nixon lately made talks there in behalf of the school. Glenn is on a boom. New stores are going up and mills and brick manufacturing have been established.

Kills Negro at Coal Creek.

Coal Creek, Special.—"Bud" Crippen, a negro, was shot and killed by Deputy Sheriff L. C. McGhee. Deputy McGhee attempted to arrest Crippen for carrying a pistol. The latter drew his weapon and fired twice at the officer, but both shots went wild. The officer returned the fire and a bullet took effect in the bowels, killing Crippen. The negro came here from LaFollette and was said to have been drinking when the officer attempted to arrest him.

Petition in Bankruptcy.

Winston-Salem, Special.—The Elkin Chair Company, at Elkin, has filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy. The concern's liabilities are placed at \$7,000 and assets at \$5,000. The first meeting of creditors will be held at the office of Major J. E. Alexander, referee in bankruptcy, in this city on the 24th instant.

Fayetteville's New Mill Assured.

Fayetteville, Special.—The establishment of a plant by the Victory Print Cloth Manufacturing Company is now an established fact, all the stock having been secured. Meeting will be held Monday to secure a charter. Dr. H. W. Lilly and Mr. W. D. McNeill have gone to Charlotte to make arrangements for machinery.

IT WILL HELP SOUTH

Provisions of New Immigration Measure

NEW ORLEANS GETS AN OFFICIAL

Senator Gallinger's Provision, Authorizing the Maintenance of Agencies at Immigration Stations by States and Corporations Interested Tacked on to the Measure.

Washington, Special.—A bill of unusual interest to the South was the immigration act passed by the Senate on Wednesday.

The bill consists of a series of amendments to the existing law, all of them intended to permit stricter regulations for keeping out the defective classes of aliens. The head tax is increased from \$2 to \$5. The question of sectionalism cropped out during discussion on the amendment authorizing the creation of a bureau of information for the benefit of immigrants. On this point Senator McCree said that especial effort should be made to secure a better distribution of immigrants than is obtained under the present system. Now, he said, most of the new comers locate in the eastern States and large cities, where they are not needed, whereas the South, where immigration is desired, is almost entirely overlooked.

In support of his contention he said that 255,000 aliens located in New York last year, and only 600 sought homes in Kentucky. He also called attention to the fact that the South is not represented in the immigration service and criticized the arrangement as sectionalism.

Senator Spooner defended the present immigration service against the charge of sectionalism and said the commissioner of immigration was in no sense an agent for the States.

Senator Bacon said the provision permitting State representation at the stations should be so extended as to permit immigration societies to be represented, his object being to afford railroads an opportunity to present the advantages of the country penetrated by them.

After further debate, an amendment offered by Mr. Gallinger was modified and adopted. As agreed to it authorizes the creation of a division of information, limits the expense to \$20,000 and authorizes States and Territories and corporations interested in immigration to maintain agencies at the immigration stations.

A suggestion by Senator McCree authorizing the appointment of a commissioner of immigration at New Orleans was agreed to.

FACTS WORTH KNOWING.

Los Angeles Has Not Suffered From Recent Earthquake.

A number of exaggerated and misleading reports in regard to the effect upon Los Angeles of the recent San Francisco earthquake having been widely published throughout the East the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, by unanimous vote of the board of directors, has prepared for circulation the following brief statement of facts:

The damage done by earthquake in San Francisco, outside of the loss of life, did not exceed five per cent of the total damage done by fire and earthquake. Los Angeles is 500 miles from San Francisco, a distance equal to that from Charleston, S. C., to Washington, D. C.

Since the founding of Los Angeles by the Franciscan fathers, on Sept. 4th, 1771, up to the present date, there has never been any injury whatever done to life or property by an earthquake shock in or near the city.

Geologists say that the rock foundation underlying the city of Los Angeles is of such a nature that it is as safe from danger of earthquake as any locality in the United States.

From the earliest recorded history of California, down to the date of the San Francisco earthquake, the entire number of lives lost by earthquake shocks, within the confines of the state, have not aggregated over 100, if so much, or less loss of life than has frequently been caused by a single cyclone or tornado.

Business in Los Angeles is booming, the manufacturers and wholesale merchants being over-taxed to supply the extraordinary demands made upon them for supplies. Los Angeles being for the time the leading city of the Pacific Coast.

Real estate values in Los Angeles have not suffered at all from the San Francisco calamity. On the contrary, prices of industrial property have shown a tendency to increase, owing to the large number of firms that are contemplating establishing themselves here, some temporarily, others permanently.—Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce.

Small Outbreak in Santo Domingo

Washington, Special.—News of another small outbreak in Santo Domingo reached here from a naval officer on that station, to the following effect: "News has been received of an insurrection at Marcoris, Santo Domingo, in which prisoners were released—the rebels withdrawing. No American interests endangered."