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RAVAGES OF THE PLAGUE.

THOUSANDS OF CASES REPORTED IN ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD.

IT SEEMS TO BE SPREADING.

In British East India There were 1,770 Cases of the Bubonic Plague and 1,293 Deaths.

Washington, April 11.—Thousands of cases of bubonic plague in all parts of the world since November last have been reported to the Marine Hospital service. At Rio Janeiro, from February 1st to 20th there occurred five new cases and three deaths. At Hong Kong, China, three cases, all fatal, occurred during the week ended February 18th. The plague is steadily increasing in Cape Colony, according to reports received both in London and Paris. The official report from Cape Colony for the week ended March 2nd shows 24 new cases, 2 deaths and 4 suspects, for the following week 50 cases, 18 deaths and 11 suspects. Several Europeans have been attacked and a number have been found dead from the disease. The rats are reported to be "trekking" from Cape Town in great numbers and at Simonstown the rats are reported to be dying from the plague.

At Mauritius during the two weeks ended March 8th there were in the island 18 fresh cases of plague and 23 deaths. On March 14th, two fresh plague cases are reported to have occurred in Perth, West Australia. The Marine Hospital surgeon in charge at London has reported that the rumor of suspected plague at Southampton, published in the Paris papers, probably is unfounded, but extra precautions are being exercised at that port in view of the large number of troops returning from South Africa.

The plague at Karakaga, Russia, is stated in the official report from Paris to be on the decrease, the same report saying that 13 deaths from cholera occurred at Singapore Straits settlements during the last week of January. A report published in a Berlin paper March 11th and forwarded here, says the plague at Cape Town is now attacking the well-to-do people.

Marine Hospital Surgeon Green at Berlin, has just reported that in the Kirgisen reservation, Korakuk, Russia, 13 persons have fallen victims to plague; and in the Presidency of Bombay, British West India, during the week ended February 8th, there occurred 1,770 plague cases and 1,293 deaths, an increase of 519 cases and 314 deaths over the previous week. In Bombay City, that week, there were 1,050 cases of plague, an increase of 309 and 1,350 deaths ascribed to plague. Up to March 2nd, 50 plague cases had occurred in Cape Town, of which 12 terminated fatally. In Argentina five plague cases were in the isolated hospital at San Nicolas on February 7th and plague was suspected in the cities of Belleville and Maros Juarez, of Cordoba Province.

Official notice has been received that the Government of the Danish West Indies had raised the quarantine against Fort Said and Smyrna and had declared the port of Brisbane, Queensland, free from plague.

A Wireless Telephone.

The Durham correspondent of the Charlotte Observer says: "C. E. Egan, of the Inter-State Telephone Company, has placed on the market an invention of his own which teaches telegraphy. With his little instrument it is claimed that a beginner can learn to receive as easily as he can learn to send and that, too, without having to pay a teacher. Mr. Egan has among several important inventions, among them being a wireless telephone, which was recently patented. The telegraph teacher has been examined by the Postal Telegraph Company and it is highly endorsed. It will make learning telegraphy easier and the student will be more accurate, it is claimed."

Murdered by Robbers.

Columbia, S. C., April 12.—W. Lee, a merchant of Whitmore, Union county, who was crippled from rheumatism, was murdered in his store by unknown persons last night. He went to his store in his night clothing to investigate a noise, and surprised the burglars, who beat his head into a pulp. The store was robbed of money and some revolvers.

Mr. Thaddeus Chambliss Dies From a Wound.

Wakefield, N. C., April 12.—A young man named Thaddeus Chambliss died in Nash county yesterday from the effects of a wound received in a fight last Sunday, and a coroner's inquest is now being held. The wound on Chambliss's head was made with a rock, or some other hard instrument. The full particulars have not been learned here.

Chinese Ships Sunk.

Hong Kong, April 12.—The Chinese vessels Hungfeng and Shingchong collided last night and both sank. Many Chinese were drowned, but thirteen were saved.

A FATAL FIRE IN RICHMOND.

The Charred Body of the Manager of the Carpet Department Found in the Ruins. Richmond, April 11.—The big dry goods department store of Julius Meyer's Sons, which occupied almost a quarter of a block on Broad street, together with the stock and fixtures, was completely destroyed by fire yesterday. The fire originated on the third floor among some small mattresses, but from what cause is a matter of doubt. The flames spread with great rapidity and when the fire department reached the scene all it could do was to protect surrounding property.

A charred body was discovered in the ruins, which proved to be the remains of R. Emmett Slaughter, manager of the carpet department. How he became entrapped in the burning building is unknown. There are rumors of other casualties, but they seem to be entirely without foundation, as the rest of the 400 employees are said to be accounted for. One lady, Mrs. Loose, was injured by a pile of trunks falling on her. Several others fainted and had to be carried out and some were bewildered they had to be forced out.

The fire was witnessed by thousands of persons. A March gale was prevailing and burning embers were scattered for a radius of several blocks around. These ignited the roofs of other buildings and while the big fire was in progress the department had to respond to five or six other alarms. The insurance is \$175,750 on stock; \$250,000 on fixtures on buildings, \$60,000.

The total loss, as estimated by outside parties, is \$250,000. No estimate has been given out by the sufferers.

[Mr. Slaughter, who perished in the Richmond fire was a salesman in Tuckers Store, this city some years ago. Ed.]

MORE FIGHTING IN KENTUCKY.

Two men killed as a result of the battle. Croftsville, Ky., April 12.—About noon Thursday a desperate pitched battle occurred between a band of murderers and their pursuers on the mountain between Boone's Fork and Milestone creek, and as a result two men were killed and two others severely wounded. The fight lasted twenty minutes, and three hundred shots were fired. Will Wright (son of W. S. Wright, who was killed last year by John and Noah Reynolds) and Moore Willard are the dead. A steel bullet through the abdomen killed Wright, and a ball through the heart killed Willard.

Creed Potter, John Reynolds, Morgan Reynolds, George Newsome and Isaac Potter, indicted for the murder of Mr. Jennie Hall and her son, on Boone's Fork, last November, have been hiding in a cave near Croftsville. For a month a posse, led by John W. Wright and eight men, has been lying in wait for the renegades, prompted by revenge on the part of Wright and a \$250 reward on the part of the rest of the posse. Thursday all the outlaws left the cave but Creed Potter and John Reynolds. They came out of the cave about noon Thursday and then the fight began. Reynolds was seriously wounded in the left shoulder and retired, leaving Potter to fight the posse alone. This he did until his ammunition was exhausted, when he retired to the cave. The posse then killed two others who were with Reynolds are organizing with the Bentleys to resist the Wright organization.

Lieut. Gov. Will Sue New York Herald for Heavy Damages. Albany, April 12.—Lieutenant Governor Woodruff has announced that he would begin an action against the New York Herald to recover \$100,000 damages for libel. The cause for the suit was the publication in the Herald of an article charging the Lieutenant Governor with being directly responsible for the insertion in the New York city charter of the provision creating corporation newspapers in the boroughs of Queens, Richmond and the Bronx. This provision has been characterized by most of the Manhattan and Brooklyn newspapers as a "steal" and "a piece of thievery."

All May Wear Mustaches.

St. Petersburg, April 12.—The Novosti says that the Czar has ordered that permission be given to cadets and students at the military schools and colleges to wear mustaches and beards. All the cadets and students at naval schools will be allowed to wear mustaches, but no beards.

Used a Clothes Line.

Monmouth, Ill., April 11.—Mrs. Altha C. Lyons, wife of the president of Monmouth College, committed suicide last evening by hanging herself with a clothes line. She was about 40 years old. Her husband is said to be failing in health and her anxiety over her husband's prospects for re-appointment.

KILLED BY THE CZAR.

Said to Have Shot One of His Own Officers. Vienna, April 12.—The "Nova Defensur," of Lemberg, says the Czar saw a young officer enter his room without having first knocked. Suspecting him to be an assassin, the Czar shot the young officer dead. The Emperor's remorse for the hasty act has grown into acute nervous depression.

THE BILLY GOAT'S COSTLY DINNER.

Bills chewed up Thirteen Years Ago in an Iowa Town Sent to Treasury. Washington Post.

Thirteen years ago Charles J. Allen, a farmer living near Ogden, Iowa, drove into town, and while getting dinner, tied his horses to a hay rack wagon. The animals upset the wagon, throwing down a vest which the farmer had left hanging on the rack. Mr. Allen hearing the noise, rushed out of the hotel, and, picking up his vest, found that six \$5 bills that had been left in one of the pockets had disappeared. An innocent-looking goat stood near by, drowsily licking its jaws.

A passer-by, suspected of the theft, accused the goat and offered to pay for the animal if the missing bills were not found in its stomach. The goat was killed and the currency was found where the suspected man said it would be.

This was the last heard of the matter until this week, when Mr. Wm. F. Gardiner, of the War Department, received a package from his father-in-law, who is justice of the peace at Ogden, containing the mutilated currency. The lump of dried, hard pulp was taken to the Treasury Department, and the experts patiently pried enough of the bills on separate sheets to show that six \$5 bills had been destroyed. Under the rules that have been returned to the owner for an affidavit that the fragments are all that remain and the facts as to the goat's dinner, and upon its receipt new bills will be issued. Mr. Allen will lose only thirteen years' interest on his money.

HER PRESENTMENT CAME TRUE.

Husband Killed While Trying to Rescue His Wife From a Burglar. Pittsburgh, April 12.—Thomas D. Kahney, a grocer, living at No. 18, Albert street, was murdered by a burglar early this morning while trying to rescue his wife from the clutches of one of three men who were in the house. The man who fired the fatal shot and his accomplices escaped.

A strange feature of the crime was that Mrs. Kahney had a presentment that a member of the family would die before morning and refused to go to bed, walking for hours back and forth between the room in which her husband was sleeping and the adjoining apartment which her 12-year-old son occupied. She kept a light burning in the hallway and left the bedroom doors open so that both apartments were well lighted. She remained faithful to her self-imposed trust until two o'clock, when she fell asleep fully dressed, across the foot of her son's bed. Half an hour later she was awakened by a burglar who was attempting to enter her room. She screamed and her husband ran to her rescue. The man who was holding Mrs. Kahney freed one hand and drew a revolver, fired a shot at the husband. The bullet entered Kahney's side in the region of the heart. He died while trying to get to his room for a revolver.

Troops Under Marching Orders. Lexington, Ky., April 12.—The Lexington battalion of State Guards, under Capt. W. L. Longmire, is under marching orders here tonight, expecting a call from officials of Boyle county to assist in preventing the lynching of Reuben Quinn, a negro who yesterday shot and killed policeman John Cramm, who had gone into Quinn's opium joint to arrest the proprietor. Quinn escaped, but it is believed he has been captured, and the facts are being suppressed to give the soldiers time to arrive in Danville and protect him. Governor Beckham this afternoon ordered Lexington Longmire to hold his men in readiness, and they will be kept at the armory all night unless an order releasing them to move to the scene arrives.

Three Men Buried Alive.

Denver, Col., April 12.—A huge mass of snow and rock swept down from the mountain near Adelaide on the Florence and Cripple Creek railroad, burying a work train and killing three men and seriously wounding four others. The men were cleaning up the debris of an earlier slide when the second avalanche swept down the mountain side and buried all except Superintendent Brockwell.

Victims of Bubonic Plague at Canton.

Pekin, April 11.—Robert M. Wade, United States Consul at Canton, China, reports that ten thousand deaths from the plague have occurred there during the past six weeks, and that there are thirteen cases of small pox on board the United States monitor Monterey. Only one death has resulted on the Monterey and the other cases of small pox are progressing favorably.

Swedish Left Message for Mrs. Nation.

Indianapolis, April 11.—W. B. Carrow, a traveling representative, for Bell & Co., of New York City, committed suicide at a hotel here. A note on the dresser read: "I go to seek the hereafter. Tell Carrie Nation that rum and cigarettes are a damnation. Wire T. L. Carrow, No. 1145, South Broad street, N. Y., and if he refuses, the potter's field is good enough for me."

No More Re-Enforcements for South Africa.

London, April 13.—The Daily Express this morning says it understands that the government has decided to cease sending re-enforcements to South Africa.

M. CAMBON AT MT. VERNON.

French Officers and Cadets Place a Wreath on the Tomb of Washington. Washington, April 11.—There was a touching scene at Mt. Vernon today, when M. Cambon, the French ambassador, accompanied by the officers and cadets of the French training ship Duguay-Trouin and other distinguished guests, placed a wreath of flowers on the tomb of Washington. The occasion was commemorated as being particularly indicative of the continued fraternal feeling existing between the two great republics of Europe and America.

After the brief ceremony at the tomb, the guests spent sometime in looking at the mansion which Washington occupied while a resident of Mount Vernon and strolling around the spacious grounds surrounding it. In the mansion particular attention was paid to the room in which Washington died, and to that in which Marquis Lafayette slept while guest at Mount Vernon. Several group pictures were taken, one of them while the party surrounded the tomb and others in different parts of the grounds.

The party, which comprised about 70 persons in all, and included a number of ladies, went down the river on the President's yacht Sylph, returning to the city at 6 o'clock. At the navy yard, from which place the party embarked, they were received by the commandant, Admiral Terry, and the officers on duty there, and conducted aboard the vessel, the same courtesy being shown them on the return.

WEEVIL IN GRAIN.

The Remedy for an Evil Which Causes Much Loss to Farmers. We copy below a letter to the Charlotte Observer from Mr. Franklin Sherman of Raleigh. We give it to our readers for what it is worth.

"We have received several letters asking about weevil in corn and wheat and have come to the conclusion that it has caused great loss to the farmers of the middle part of the State during the winter. We wish to say that the remedy is simple, cheap, and easy to apply, and we wish every farmer to know it. Remedy: Have the grain in a tight bin. Get some carboric sulphide, which can be had of drugists for about 25 cents per pound, throw this directly on the grain at the rate of 14 or 2 tablespoonsful to each 100 pounds of grain, cover the bin with a piece of canvas, or oil cloth or a heavy blanket, and leave for a day. The fumes will sink through the grain and kill the insects. Do not allow fire or light of any kind to come near while the operation is going on, for it will take fire as easily as benzine. We make these suggestions for the benefit of those to whom they will be of use. Anyone who has suffered loss from this source or from any insects, will do us a favor to inform us of same, and send specimens of the insect causing the damage, and we are glad to answer all inquiries."

FRANKLIN SHERMAN, JR., Entomologist North Carolina Department of Agriculture.

Raleigh, April 11, 1901.

BREACH OF PROMISE SUITS.

Young Woman Sues Husband for \$10,000, and Young Man Sues Wife for Same. A special to the Washington Post from Huntington, W. Va., says: "A month ago Miss Margaret MacBeth, the belle of Bellevue, Ky., sued Selby Bonham for breach of promise, demanding \$10,000. Complications have since arisen almost as remarkable as those which made the 'Comedy of Errors' famous, but to the participants it seems more tragedy than comedy."

No sooner was Miss Bonham sued by Miss MacBeth than he straightway married Miss Osa Fisher, of Charleston, this State, who had introduced Mr. Bonham to Miss MacBeth several years before. In order to make Miss MacBeth's judgment, should she recover in the suit against Mr. Bonham, of no value, Mr. Bonham transferred all of his property to his wife.

John C. Huddleston, a conductor on the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway, who lives at Hinton, had some other claims, however. Miss Fisher was engaged to marry him. Preparations were made for their approaching wedding, which was to have been on Easter Sunday. But Miss Fisher married Mr. Bonham, and now Huddleston has brought suit for breach of promise, damages \$10,000."

Big Counterfeiting Outfit Captured.

New York, April 10.—One of the biggest raids in the history of the secret service was made to-night by Chief Hazen, as a result of the arrest of John Albert Skoog, for passing counterfeit Swedish notes. Chief Hazen, after talking with Skoog to-day and following a clue which he got from papers in Skoog's pocket, went to a building in Grand avenue, Brooklyn, and arrested Emil Moberg, a Swede.

One of the most complete counterfeiting plants ever found was discovered in the house. Long-sought plates for 50-kroner notes of the Bank of Sweden and 100-kroner notes of the Bank of Copenhagen were among those found. They were buried away with other plates for the making of a \$20 note of the Bank of Scotland which, it is said, the secret service of Great Britain has been trying to run down for years. Skoog is said to be one of the most expert counterfeiters alive.

THE PASSING OF CHINA.

THE SMALLER NATIONS CLAIMING HEAVY INDEMNITIES.

CLAIMS SAID TO BE EXAGGERATED.

Russia's Claim the Heaviest—Germany Next—The United States Ask for \$25,000,000—No Plan Made for Raising the Fund.

Washington, April 13.—The last advice to the State Department from Mr. Rockhill contains further details respecting the amount of the indemnities claimed from China by the powers. It appears that these claims have been much exaggerated in some statements, though the sum total is still far in excess of the amount of money it is believed here China can raise. It is the belief of the State Department that the total claims should not be allowed to exceed \$150,000,000 or \$200,000,000.

There is as yet no confirmation of the report from Peking that the international commission have figured upon \$300,000,000 as the limit of China's ability in the matter of raising funds. According to information received here, the British claim, so far formulated, is reasonable in amount as compared with other claims. In fact, the United States, Great Britain and Japan represent in these negotiations the moderate element whose desire it is to prevent the imposition of the Chinese government and result in the division of China. None of the claims is in excess of \$100,000,000 and even the largest is something less than this amount. This is believed to be the Russian claim, which is fixed at \$90,000,000. The German claim is flexible, ranging between \$60,000,000 and \$80,000,000, but it is nearer the former mark at present, though it will, doubtless grow. As already stated the claim of the United States is \$25,000,000 and it will be seen that if the remaining powers are to be allowed a proportionate share, the aggregate will be beyond China's ability to pay.

Nothing has yet been determined respecting the method of raising the indemnity fund, even after the agreement is reached. There is reason to believe that the kernel of the American proposition touching the distribution of the indemnity funds between the powers, is found in a suggestion that the allotment be made on the basis of the number of troops actually employed by each power in the relief of the legations. By this scheme, the forces brought into China since the occupation of Peking are regarded as being entirely unnecessary and are being entirely unaccountably desired end. On this basis Great Britain would rank first, Japan next, the United States third, and so on.

The Indemnities in Detail.

Berlin, April 13.—The correspondent of the Associated Press heard tonight from an authoritative source that the Chinese indemnities for war expenses, exclusive of the claims of private individuals and missions, have been fixed as follows: Russia, \$60,000,000 marks (about \$90,000,000); France, 260,000,000 (about \$65,000,000); Germany, 240,000,000 marks (about \$60,000,000); England 90,000,000 marks (about \$33,500,000).

France also will present claims for the indemnity of the Italian mission.

Weddings and Commencements.

So many inquiries have reached The Delineator in relation to the etiquette of weddings, etc., that Mrs. Frank Leared devotes her article on Social Observances in the May number of The Delineator to the question of weddings and the customs that are associated with them.

The fashions for those who marry are constantly undergoing slight changes. The May number of The Delineator describes in detail the materials and general appearance of new mourning gowns. The article speaks of the various fabrics and also the various customs now most in vogue.

Saved Her Sister, Lost her Own Life.

Richmond, Va., April 12.—Evelyn Jennings, the eight-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Jennings, of Norfolk, W. Va., lost her life on the Norfolk & Western railroad track in order to save her younger sister. The two girls were playing at the entrance to a cut on the railroad, when a freight train pushed backward on them. Evelyn saved her sister, to whom she was greatly attached, by throwing her from the track, but was caught herself and so badly crushed that she died in a few hours. Mr. and Mrs. Jennings passed through Lynchburg today taking the body home.

Only Healthy Persons Can Marry in Minnesota.

St. Paul Dispatch, 10th. A bill requiring a physical and mental examination of all applicants for marriage has passed both houses of the Legislature and will probably become a law. The law is aimed to prevent the marriage of persons afflicted with incurable diseases, or of imbeciles.

MRS. CUNTER BURNED TO DEATH.

Horrible Death of an Old Lady in Chatham County. News and Observer.

A terrible death is reported from Cape Fear township, Chatham county. On Wednesday Mr. T. N. Gunter, a farmer, went out to where he was burning off new ground. In a short time his mother started out to join him. She accidentally got in the fire and in a moment her clothes were ablaze.

Her son rushed to her rescue and fought the fire valiantly, but her clothes were burned off her body before he could extinguish the flames. The aged lady suffered most horrible agony and survived until 5 o'clock yesterday morning. She died without relief from pain.

Mr. Gunter was also badly injured, his hands being burned to the bone in his heroic but vain attempt to save his mother, who was 60 years old. He is about 25 years old and has a family. Mr. Gunter is a highly esteemed young man, as is the entire family, and the community is greatly grieved over the sad death of the good mother and the injuries to her worthy son.

SUPPOSED TO BE DEAD AT LAST.

It is Thought the Negro was Lynched While on His Way to Jail. Sylvania, Ga., April 12.—Last Monday a negro man entered Dave Cowart's house, near Portal, in Bulloch county, and went into his daughter's room. Miss Cowart screamed and Mr. Cowart entered. After a desperate struggle the negro escaped through the window. Next day the case was taken up and the trail led to the arrest of a negro from South Carolina named Kennedy Gordon. Mr. Cowart and other citizens then gave the negro a "chance for his life," and told him he could run, or be lynched. The negro then made an effort to escape, when two loads of buck-shot were fired at him. Some of the shot went into his back, passed through his body and stopped under the skin on his breast. He was then left, supposed to be dying.

Yesterday about 1 o'clock he showed at Rocky Ford. He was placed under arrest and the news spread rapidly. Last night a crowd of people took charge of Gordon to carry him to Portal. After crossing the river there were a number of shots fired. No member of the posse returned, but the report is that the negro was "lost."

A LADY BURNED TO DEATH.

The Prison Cell Brings a Woman to her Death. A special from Winston-Salem to the Charlotte Observer contains the following:

Mrs. Fannie Phillips, who lived near Shore, in Yadkin county, caught fire while burning brush at her home, and was fearfully burned, from the effects of which she died next morning. Mrs. Phillips was about 66 years of age. She has four sons and two daughters living in Illinois, and returned from a visit to them the latter part of December. An unmarried daughter lived with her.

A white woman named Jane Jones, who was arrested and locked up in the municipal building for fighting her mother on Easter Monday, made a profession of religion in her cell on the day before and was released. Her shouts could be heard all over the building. Policeman Thomas is given the credit for the woman's conversion. Upon reaching home she remarked to her mother: "You sure have got one Christian child."

Astro-Hungarian Empire Going to Pieces.

Chicago, April 12.—Count Chinay of Vienna, who arrived at the Auditorium Annex last night, predicts the disintegration of Austro-Hungary. The bit of hatred which has always existed between the Germanic and Slavonic races that owe allegiance to Franz Josef, the count declared, is about to culminate in conditions which finally will result in the secession to the German empire of all the Teutonic states in Austria which now form part of the union of eighteen kingdoms and principalities known as the Austro-Hungarian empire.

Eighty Boers Captured.

London, April 12.—The War Office has received the following dispatch from General Kitchener, dated Pretoria, Thursday: "Colonel Monro of Bethune's mounted infantry, after two hours' hard fighting, captured eighty Boers, including Commandant Brea and Lieutenant Findyene of the State artillery, with 8 wagons, at DeWetsdorp."

A Plot to Kill Kruger.

London, April 13.—"The police of this city," says the Amsterdam correspondent of The Daily Express, "recently got wind of contemplated attempts on the life of Mr. Kruger. One of the persons arrested is said to have made a confession."

Unique Complaint at Boyds.

Washington Post. Boyds, Md., April 12.—The farmers about Dickerson's, this county, are complaining of their inability to raise any spring chickens. The eggs that one set out for hatching are ruined by the severe jarring and concussion from the blasting of stone at the government quarries there.

ALL WORK SUSPENDED FOR A WEEK.

Employees at Fall River Notified That There Will be no Work for Them this Week. Fall River, Mass., April 13th.—About seventeen thousand employees of the cotton mills in this city were notified today that there will be no work next week.

The suspension will be the most general of any week since the decision to curtail production was made and about twenty-five corporations, owning some forty mills, nearly the entire number in the syndicate agreement, will stop. This will decrease the production by 200,000 pieces and means a loss in wages to the operatives of about \$100,000.

Lowell, Mass., April 13th.—The 2,300 operatives of the Massachusetts Cotton Mills here were notified today not to return to work until April 22nd. The entire plant will be closed on account of the dull market. The Tremont and Suffolk Cotton Mills have laid off three-fourths of the operatives for an indefinite time. In all six thousand operatives will be idle in this city next week.

Dear Admiral Schley Coming Home.

Washington, April 12.—In compliance with the wishes of Rear Admiral Schley the Navy Department has called him that he may return to the United States immediately, thus revoking his original instructions to remain in command of the South Atlantic station until relieved by Rear Admiral Cromwell, now on his way thither. Admiral Schley is on the flagship Chicago at Monrovia. He will return by passenger vessels, going first to England and thence to New York. He will probably not reach this country until late in May.

Admiral Schley wants to be assigned to duty as chairman of the Light House Board in Washington until his retirement from active service for age, October 9th next. The chairmanship, however, has been promised to Rear Admiral Farquhar, commander of the North Atlantic naval force, who will change places about May 1st with Rear Admiral Higginson, the present chairman. No decision has been reached as to what disposition will be made of Admiral Schley between his return home and the date of his retirement.

A Polish Girl's Confession of Murdering Her Child.

Bridgeport, Conn., April 12.—I choked the boy until he was dead and then put the body in the field because I had nothing to eat and could get no more money or place to work."

Such was a part of the confession made by Josephine Zavatky, a comely Polish girl, before Coroner Dolen today. The coroner was investigating the circumstances surrounding the death of a male child about a year old, whose body was found in a vacant lot between this city and Stratford Tuesday.

As the result of the story told by the girl Charles Sedlak, a young Hungarian, is also under arrest charged with murder. The girl says Sedlak promised to marry her if she would get rid of the child. She asserts that she spoke a few weeks ago about marrying her as he agreed, and he replied that he was ready to do so as soon as she had "put away the child." The girl even went so far as to accuse Sedlak of having suggested that she employ the means of suffocation to kill the little one.

A Reward Offered for a Document of Thanks to John Lancaster.

London, April 12.—Stories and memories of the Alabama have been revived here by an advertisement offering a reward for the recovery of a document conveying the thanks of the Confederate States to John Lancaster, for rescuing Captain Semmes and part of the crew of the Alabama when the Kearsarge sank her off Cherbourg.

The Confederate steamer Alabama, Captain Raphael Semmes, was attacked and sunk by the United States corvette Kearsarge, Captain Winslow, near Cherbourg, France, June 19, 1864. The Irish yacht Deedbound picked up 39 persons, including Semmes and fourteen of his officers, after which she headed for Southampton. Captain Winslow's officers begged him to throw a shell at the Deedbound, but he refused. John Lancaster was probably the commander of the Deedbound.

Government Purchase of Bonds.

Washington, April 12.—The Secretary of the Treasury this afternoon purchased \$1,000,000 short term 4 per cent bonds at \$113.55, the same price he paid for the last bonds purchased.

Young Woman Accidentally Killed.

Richmond, Va., April 12.—Miss Bertie Thomas, of Sandy Ford, Bedford county, was accidentally shot and killed on Wednesday. She was handling a gun, when it was discharged, causing her death.

The Dry Goods Trust.

New York, April 12.—Announcement is made that the underwriting syndicate of the Associated Merchants' Association, has many times over subscribed the issue of \$5,000,000 first preferred stock offered to the public. There are unconfirmed reports that the Associated Merchants' capital is negotiating for control of a number of other stores in Greater New York, besides those originally mentioned in that connection.

Long Distance Without Wire.

Paris, April 12.—A system of wireless telegraphy has been established along the coast of Cordia for a distance of 124 miles. The masts used are 120 feet high.

A QUESTION OF INTERNATIONAL LAW.

Neutrality Proceedings in United States Courts should be brought to Name of United States.

Washington, April 12.—The legal proceedings at New Orleans, to prevent the shipment of munitions purchased in this country to South Africa, was the most important matter discussed by the cabinet today, and the Attorney General was directed to make an investigation of the question and report his opinion to the cabinet. As near as can be learned, members of the cabinet with legal training are of the opinion that these proceedings are contrary to the rights of the government. The view expressed is that when neutrality proceedings are inaugurated in United States Courts, they should be brought in the name of the United States, an alleged violation of neutrality being a question affecting nations, not individuals.

The mover of the proceedings in the New Orleans case is a man claiming to be a resident of South Africa, who contends that his interests are placed in jeopardy. It is pointed out that if an individual could go into the courts and secure restraining orders on the ground that the neutrality laws of the country were being violated the commerce of the country might be seriously endangered. No official confirmation exists concerning this report. Attorney General Knox will make thorough investigation of the New Orleans case. If it is found that neutrality laws such as to permit individuals to bring proceedings in court, Congress may be asked to pass such amendments as will leave these questions wholly in the hands of the government.

WILL STRIKE FIRST OF MAY.

Mill Men Prefer to Adjust Their Own Business Matters. Charlotte, N. C., April 13.—It is said in local mill circles that President Gompers of the Federation of Labor, spent several days in Charlotte, this week, for the purpose of organizing the mill operatives for co-operation in the general mill strike which