THAT ATBARA BRIDGE

Award of Contract to Americans Subject of Warm Discussion in English Press.

Khedive and His Government Accused of Ingratitude to Their Protectors.

Alleged That Specification Was Privately Altered to Suit Favored Contractors.

By Associated Press.

London, April 5.—The fact that the contract to build the bridge over the Atbara river, a branch of the Nile, has been awarded to a Philadelphia firm continues to cause great discussion here and the Evening News to-day refers to the matter as an "Egyptian war office scandal," characterizing the whole transaction as a "scandalous story," and declares the specifications were altered in favor of the American contractors, adding:

"It is only explicable if one remembers the habitual animosity shown by the Khedive and his government to their protectors. If the bitter antipathy to British engineers revealed in the proceedings cannot be traced to the Khedive and is the result of foolish and unpatriotic prejudice on the part of the English advisers, the sooner these advisers are brought to book the better."

The same paper published an interview with Dr. Westwood, of the firm of Westwood & Rigby, the English contractors, in reply to a cabled intedview with Mr. Roberts of the Pencoyd Bridge Works, in which Mr. Westwood declared the Egyptian war office altered the design of the Atbara bridge to suit the Americans while it did not give the British firms the same chance. The British tenders, Mr. Westwood explained, were higher because special girders were required, which were dropped in the case of the Americans, who were allowed to supply a pattern which good English engineers have discarded because it makes a weak bridge.

THE IRISH TROUBLES.

Parnellites Hold Aloof from Meeting to Unite the Factions.

Dublin, April 4.—A conference of the nationalist members of parliament with the view to bringing about a reunion of the Irish parties, was opened at the Mansion House here to-day. The Parnellites were invited to attend but declined to do so, owing to the fact that the nationists had rejected their proposal for a preliminary joint committee meeting to discuss the basis of the union. The bulk of the Redmonites were therefore absent, but Mr. Timothy Harrington was present and was elected to the chair. Mr. Timothy M. Healy, Mr. Timothy L. Sullivan and Mr. Thomas J. Healy sat with the anti-Parnellites. Mr. John Dillon moved, and Mr. Michael Davitt seconded a resolution regretting the absence of the bulk of the Parnellites, which, it was pointed out, would make reunion impossible, favoring the reconstitution of the old Parnellite party as it existed from 1885 to 1890, and declaring readiness, as an earnest exemplification of the spirits of the Parnellites, to support a Parnellite for first chairman of the party. The resolutions were adopted though there was a slight dissent to the last proposition.

EMPEROR TO VISIT ENGLAND.

Will Spend a Week at the Yachting Festival—A Family Reunion at Osborne.

London, April 4.—Truth to-day says Emperor William of Germany will be accompanied to Cowes, Isle of Wight, for the yachting week by the Empress and Princes William and Eitel Frederick. His Majesty, it is added, will live on board his yacht, but the Empress and her sons will be the guests of Queen Victoria at Osborne. The visit will probably last twelve days, when the imperial yacht Hohenzollern will proceed to Aberdeen and the Empress will land there and spend a few weeks at Bergeldie castle, which the Queen has offered to place at her disposal. In the event of the programme being carried out, the younger children of the Emperor and Empress of Germany will join the latter at Bergaldie castle.

COSTLY WHISKEY.

Farmer Fined and Imprisoned for Attempting to Evade Revenue Law.

Winnipeg, April 5.—(Special)—Inspector Barrett and Collector Gosnell, of the inland revenue, have returned from Dauphin, where Octave Dutelleul, a farmer of Laurier, was prosecuted for having an illicit still in his possession. The accused was tried before the magistrate at Dauphin and sentenced to pay a fine of $100 and serve one month in gaol, in default of the payment of the fine the imprisonment to be increased six months.

MUNICIPAL LIGHTING.

Winnipeg, April 5.—The by-law to authorize the city to borrow $60,000 for the installation of a municipal electric lighting plant will be submitted to the vote of the ratepayers to-morrow.

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JURYMAN KNOCKED OUT.

First Three Weeks of the Guildford Trial Too Much for Man of Sixty.

Bridgeport, Conn., April 5.—The trial of Dr. Nancy A. Guildford, the midwife, on a charge alleging murder in the second degree in causing the death of Emma Gill, which has been in progress for nearly three weeks before Judge Wheeler, has been adjourned until Tuesday morning next at 10 o'clock, owing to the serious illness of one of the jurymen, George Gregory, a farmer, aged 60 years, who occupied seat No. 4 in the jury box.

COULDN'T STAND MISFORTUNE.

Young Man Newly Out of Job Kills Wife and Child and Suicides.

Albany, Ga., April 5.—Walter R. Jackson, his wife and their baby were found dead in bed this morning. It is evident that Jackson first shot his wife and child, then himself. Jackson was a young business man of high standing, and married Janie Godwin, a leading society girl, a little over two years ago. Until recently he was cashier and bookkeeper for a warehouse firm. It is supposed he brooded over the loss of his position, and killed his family and himself in a fit of insanity.

ROBBED A POLICEMAN.

One of the Many Charges Against Defaulting Montreal Notary.

Montreal, April 5.—(Special)— Arthur Fiset, the Montreal notary, who was arrested by detectives in Albany some days ago, appeared before the police magistrate and pleaded guilty to one charge of theft and forgery. Upwards of ten cases of forgery on the York County Loan & Savings Company of Toronto have been acknowledged by him, but only one, that of H. Beauchemin, a Montreal policeman, who had loaned Fiset $1,500 to place for him, was pursued.

A CRISIS IN JAMAICA.

Representatives Protest in a Body Against Governor's Action in Overruling Them.

Attempt to Arouse an Agitation for Annexation to the United States.

By Associated Press.

Kingston, Jamaica, April 5.—Sir August Hemming, the governor, and the representatives having failed to reach the hoped-for compromise on the critical issues that have been pending for several weeks, the governor declined to withdraw the additional official members, and the tariff bill was forced through. The representatives then entered a unanimous protest and it is thought this will fire the movement to join the Leeward Islands and to demand annexation to the United States. Thus far no sensational popular demonstrations against the governor's attitude are reported.

TALES OF TRAVELLERS.

Bread Riots at Dawson Predicted—Two Views of American Operations in the Philippines.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, April 5.—Capt. McLean, who arrived from Dawson to-day, says he fears bread riots in Yukon, owing to the numerous poor and destitute and the large quantity of provisions held for sale.

Dr. Winters, one of the passengers on the steamship Empress of Japan, said: "I have come from plague-stricken India, stopping en route six weeks at Manila. In India matters are far worse than the papers represent. I worked among the sick with my wife, and claim that filth, revolting, horrible filth, together with insufficient food, is responsible for the black death. I was at Manila during the big fire. I admire the American army as a magnificent fighting machine. The rebels could be subdued at any time by a determined assault, but the delay is for the sake of humanity. America wishes to spare life. If 20,000 men were landed and the rebels surrounded the slaughter would be dreadful. The Americans can wind up the rebellion any time, and will do so before the wet season."

S. Murray, who has been 11 years a resident of Iloilo, was a passenger on the Empress. He differs from Dr. Winters and has a very poor opinion of the Americans as a fighting nation. Their blundering, he says, cost the lives of hundreds and vast sums of money. To the foreigners resident in the Philippines their unpreparedness was astonishing. There was not enough power vested in the generals. The rebels are untrained, badly armed and wretched marksmen. That the Americans will crush them is a foregone conclusion, but it will take another year to accomplish this, and then they will have simply driven them into their strongholds in the interior. Mr. Murray says Aguinaldo, though much talked about, would not be missed in case of death. The real leader of the rebellion is Montenegro. Aguinaldo, as a matter of fact, is more friendly to the States than any of his generals. Mr. Murray says newspaper reports of the fighting are shockingly distorted. He has not yet read an accurate one. They are doctored for American readers. The Americans are humane to their prisoners, but he has witnessed some wanton killing. The rebel generals, as a rule, are a fine body of men and treat their prisoners humanely.

ARBOR DAY.

Winnipeg, April 6.—Friday, May 5, will be proclaimed as Arbor Day in Manitoba.

A SHAKY HOSPITAL.

Montreal, April 6.—The general hospital is in danger of collapsing and the city inspector has recommended that all patients be taken out of the building.

MR. COSTIGAN HONORED.

St. John, N.B., April 6.—Hon John Costigan was banquetted here last night The affair was entirely non-political.

BANKING IN ATLIN.

Winnipeg, April 6.—Mr. A. B. Moffatt, of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, left this afternoon for Atlin, where the bank is opening a branch.

YUKON MAILS AT LAST

Department Thinks of Modern Service to Date From Opening of Navigation.

Move to Gaol Political Clergymen and Masters Who Influence Servants' Votes.

Provision for Handy Appeal From Official Acts in Mining Cases.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, April 6.—Officials of the post office department say that nothing is settled about the proposed improved mail service between Skagway and Dawson. At the opening of navigation it is hoped to establish a daily mail, but the department cannot make any promises until it is seen what vessels are available.

Mr. McInnes, M. P. for Nanaimo, wants to see daylight let in on the doings of officials in Yukon. He will introduce a bill to provide for speedy appeal to court from any official act, decision or refusal of gold commissioner, mining inspector, or mining official.

Mr. McInnes has another bill making it a criminal offence for any clergyman to take part in elections, whether on public platforms or from their pulpits. He also seeks to prevent the dismissal of any employee within a specified time after an election, the idea being to stop employers from dismissing employees because they may have voted contrary to their wishes.

A deputation from the British Empire League appointed this morning had an interview with the Premier in regard to the Pacific cable scheme and an insolvency law. Sir Wilfrid received the deputation with great affability and expressed his sympathy but gave no assurance as to what would be done.

THE CHILKAT CALAMITY.

Details of the Loss of the Little Steamer While Crossing Humboldt Bar.

Eureka, Cal., April 5.—One of the worst wrecks, considered from the standpoint of loss of life, in the history of Humboldt bar, took place to-day. The little steamer Chilkat, with nineteen souls on board, left Eureka at 10 o'clock. Before noon she was upside down on the bar and ten of her human freight were no more. Of the nineteen on the vessel thirteen comprised the officers and crew and six were passengers. Of the passengers two were saved and four lost, and of the crew seven were saved and six lost. The saved passengers were H. Smith, of Scotia, Cal., and W. C. Morser, of Oakland, Cal. They had been working near Ferndale for several months. The lost passengers are M. O. Busan, Peter Fry, E. O'Brien and E. J. Boland. Busan was a tightrope performer and it is supposed that his home was in San Fransisco. Fry was manager of a creamery at Ferndale and was a well known citizen of this county. E. O'Brien was going to San Francisco to fill a situation. E. J. Boland was a printer.

The members of the crew saved were: Peter Jensen, mate; William Backwood, chief engineer; Clyde Lighter, first assistant engineer; T. C. Bohall, steward; William Grip, fireman; Peter Hanson, fireman; William Black, seaman.

The names of all the seamen lost are not yet known. The drowned include, however, the captain, F. B. Anderson; the second officer, name unknown; E. Capoila, cook, and A. Johnson, seaman.

Capt. F. B. Anderson was master of the vessel. His home is in San Francisco. He had a wife, but no children.

Of the people saved six got away in a boat and were picked up by the steamer North Fork, which had passed out just ahead of the Chilkat. They were carried on to San Francisco and will reach there to-morrow. Three were taken out of the water by the men at the life-saving station and are now in this city. They are Mate Jensen, Fireman Hansen and passenger Morser. From them the cause of the wreck was learned. The Chilkat was almost over the bar when a big sea struck her forward, carried away the wheel house and the wheel, disabling her steering gear and smashed her upper works generally. The captain called for a block to try a temporary steering gear, but before anything could be done the helpless boat fell into the trough of the sea and the men came piling up from below with the information that the water had poured down below and put out the fires. The ship was entirely helpless and another breaker went over her. Everybody got up on the hurricane deck and an attempt was made to get the small boats clear. The breakers followed each other fast and the fourth and fifth struck the ship in such a way as to turn her upside down. It is believed the men rescued by the North Fork managed to get one of the small boats adrift after the steamer went over. Morser says he saw no boat launched, that there was not time before they were all in the water. Morser tells a graphic tale of the buffeting he received.

The Chilkat was loaded with shingles, lumber and butter. The water was covered with the wreckage and time and time again Morser was knocked from the plank to which he was clinging. His watch stopped at 11:24, indicating that was the exact time at which the Chilkat went over. There was plenty of water where the vessel was wrecked. After turning turtle she drifted northerly and finally struck the beach about a mile and a half from the spot of the accident. She lies now a couple of hundred yards off shore in the middle of the breakers with only the top of her hull showing. She is breaking up rapidly.

The Chilkat was a screw steamship, built in Astoria in 1890 for the North Pacific Steamship Company of this city. She was 102 feet long, twenty feet beam and her net tonnage was 206.

For the past few years she has been under command of Capt. Anderson and was engaged in the coast trade, both of passengers and freight.

CHICAGO'S MODEL COUNCIL.

Political Parties Evenly Divided and Great Majority Pledged to Reform.

Chicago, April 5.—The new city council is composed of 34 Democrats, 33 Republicans and 1 independent Republican, and is said to be the best Chicago has had for a decade. Of the 68 members 47 stand pledged for methods favored by the reform organization known as the Municipal Voters' League. The returns settle the question of establishing kindergartens in the public schools. The vote stood 87,972 in favor of kindergartens, 15,875 against.

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REFORM HITS SEATTLE

All Gambling Houses Closed for a Spell—A Fugitive Dude—A Biscuit Syndicate.

Klondike Miner Has Leg Crushed While About to Embark for the North.

Seattle, April 5.—Peter McDonald, a wealthy Alaska mining man, and one of the pioneers of the Klondike, lost his right leg last night on the water front while attempting to pass between two cars of a long freight train standing near the White Star dock. McDonald and his brother-in-law, C. McDonald, were on their way to the dock to go aboard the Laurada, which sailed last night for the North. They were in a hurry, and instead of going around the freight train attempted to go through it. While Peter McDonald was between the cars the train was suddenly "shunted," and he was pinned fast. Upon being released it was discovered that McDonald's leg was crushed flat from the ankle to the knee. He was removed to Providence hospital in the patrol wagon and there his leg was amputated at the knee. He bore up bravely under the operation, which was performed by Dr. Emil Bories and Dr. George M. Horton. McDonald is 36 years old. His home is in San Francisco, but he has spent several years in the Yukon country and made considerable money. His brother-in-law, who was to have gone North with him, canceled his ticket and will remain with the injured man until he recovers. The accident happened on the tracks of the Great Northern railway.

GAMBLERS HAVE A HOLIDAY.

Gambling has been suspended in Seattle under direction of Mayor Humes, in accordance with Monday night's resolution of the city council.

The action of the city council in ordering the chief of police to close gambling housese was talked on every street corner yesterday. Late Monday night, when the council's action became known, it was an open question whether or not the gambling houses would close. The council's right to assume administrative powers was questioned. Mayor Humes, who is the executive head of the city, and consequently the real head of the police department, expressed himself as believing that the council was supposed to voice the sentiments of the people and that therefore its expressions of public policy would be recognized by him.

BUYING BISCUIT WORKS.

An option for the purchase of eleven of the principal cracker and biscuit factories vestors. The purpose aimed at, according to ital of between $2,000,000 and $3,000,000 (estimated), has been secured by an Eastern syndicate of capitalists, and is about to be followed by the purchase of the various establishments involved. The two factories in Seattle are included in the deal, which has been in progress for the past three weeks. The transfer of all the important cracker factories on the Pacific Coast will be made to a newly organized company which will be controlled by New York in- on a charge of embezzlement, was placed reliable reports, is the elimination of wasteful and expensive competition between the large factories for the trade of a limited district, and the prevention of such wars as prevailed between the cracker makers of the Coast from the fall of 1896 to the early spring of 1898, which cost the participants thousands of dollars.

HIGH PRICED CANNERIES.

Several of the officers of the Pacific-American Fish Company, who have been at Fairhaven and New Whatcom settling with fish trap owners, returned here on their special train yesterday afternoon, and went on to Chicago.

All bonds held by the company on fish traps and canneries have been taken up and full payment made, except upon the Anacortes Packing Company's cannery and traps and Capt. R. E. Devis' traps. The price of the former was fixed at $170,000 and of the latter at $30,000. The Chicago people concluded that they did not want to pay these prices. They wanted a reduction of $40,000 on the Anacortes cannery and as the owners would not agree to it the sale was not made. There are now one cannery, that of the Island Packing Company at San Juan, and thirty-four fish traps owned by the Chicago company, and their employees will be placed in charge very soon. There has as yet been no decision about the location of the offices and big cannery, refrigerating plant and fertilizing factory, which the company will construct. Fairhaven and Anacortes are still competitors and either may secure the prize.

A SWELL EMBEZZLER.

A warrant for the arrest of Herbert R. Kirk, a well known young man about town, in the hands of the police yesterday. C. T. Conover, of the real estate and insurance firm of Crawford & Conover, of which Kirk had been for four years prior to last Saturday, a trusted employee, swore to a complaint before the prosecuting attorney charging an embezzlement of $51.50. On Saturday he was discharged from the responsible position he occupied with the firm mentioned, and on Sunday afternoon, as the police believe, he left for parts unknown. Kirk had acted as bookkeeper and business manager for the firm and had the handling of thousands of dollars each month. The $51.50 item upon which the warrant was issued was money which Kirk had been instructed to deposit in the bank on Friday. He is supposed to have had this amount with him when he left town in addition to his last month's salary of $70, which he had just drawn. Kirk's books show, it is said, other apparent shortages which bring the total up to about $300. Kirk is about twenty-three years old and was well known in the younger society set. He was always well dressed and inclined to be dudish in his personal appearance. When he first came to Seattle in 1895, he was a member of the Y. M. C. A., but later began travelling in faster company.

LOBSTER FACTORY BURNED.

It Was French Property Off Newfoundland and Incendiarism is Suggested.

St. John's, Nfld., April 5.—News reached here to-day of the burning of a French lobster factory on St. John's island off the west coast, the largest French fishing centre along the treaty shore of Newfoundland. Besides the factory eleven large boats and a lot of valuable fishing appliances were destroyed. It is believed that the fire was the work of an incendiary and the circumstances may serve to bring about a crisis regarding the French shore question.

NANAIMO NOTES.

Heavily Fined for Harboring Black-Jack—Rev. E. G. Miller's Removal to Victoria.

Nanaimo, April 5.—(Special)—The steamship Bristol sailed from Departure Bay this morning for San Francisco with 2,600 tons of coal.

S. S. Wanson has been matched to wrestle Joseph Beecher for $200 in the opera house on Saturday. He will have to throw Beecher twice within an hour to win, catch-as-catch-can.

George W. Kennedy, of the Wellington hotel, was fined $75 for allowing "black-jack" to be played in his hotel. This is the first local conviction under the new provincial act.

Ald. Manson has sufficiently recovered from recent injuries to be out on crutches.

A farewell concert is being tendered Rev. and Mrs. E. G. Miller at St. Philip's church to-night. They leave for Victoria to-morrow.

To-morrow evening Black Diamond Lodge, I. O. O. F., will celebrate its silver anniversary.

McKINLEY COMING WEST.

Will Spend Most of August in the Pacific Coast States.

Washington, April 4.—The President to-night decided upon the route of his intended trip to the Pacific Coast the coming summer. He will leave Washington about July 10, and go first to the northern peninsula of Michigan, where he will inspect recent marvellous developments in the copper region. From there the party will go to Duluth, and over the Northern Pacific to the mining region of Montana. Nearly ten days will be spent in Yellowstone park.

The Puget Sound country will be reached about August 1. After visits to Seattle, Tacoma and Portland, a jump will be taken to San Francisco, thence to Los Angeles and other points of interest in Southern California, and home over the Southern route, by way of New Orleans and Atlanta.

There will be about ten in the party, which will travel in special cars. The trip will be made solely for pleasure, and is not intended to have any political significance.

LIVES LOST IN PHILIPPINES.

Two Months' Casualties Total Nearly Twelve Hundred With Daily Additions.

Washington, April 5.—The casualties in the Philippines from February 4 to April 4, 1899, inclusive, as reported to the adjutant-general, are: Killed, 164; wounded, 976; total, 1,160.

Manila, April 6.—10:45 a. m.—The United States cruiser Charleston, which has been cruising along the west coast of Luzon to the north, sent a boat in short near Dagupan last Saturday to make soundings. The rebels opened fire, wounding a United States officer. The cruiser thereupon bombarded the town, the insurgents evacuating it.

SAMOAN COMMISSION.

Definitely Decided Upon and the Names Now Under Discussion.

Washington, April 5.—The Samoan agreement for a high commission has progressed to a point where the three governments are exchanging notes as to the members of the commission. This is accepted as an assurance that Lord Salisbury accepts not only the principle of a commission but the commission itself as the consideration of a British delegate would hardly be entered upon unless the commission was assured. The published report that three commissioners would be named from each country is without foundation, as such a plan has never been considered. There will be one from each country. It is to insure similarity of standing that the three governments are mutually discussing the names of commissioners, the question being whether they shall be military men, consuls-general or officials in the foreign service.

LADY WINS AT CHESS.

Montreal, April 5.—(Special)—The feature of to-day's proceedings at the tournament of the Canadian Chess Association was the winning by Miss Power, representing the Montreal Ladies' Chess Club, of the first game in a series of three to decide the intermediate championship of Canada. Miss Power's opponent was Mr. C. J. Dixon, secretary of the St. Denis Chess Club of this city.

ALDERMEN KEEP SALARIES.

Four to One Against Their Abolition—Clergy Win Round Against Boxing.

Toronto, April 5.—(Special)—The city council has voted down by 17 to 4 a proposition to abolish the aldermen's salary of $300 per year. Alderman Spencer was the author of the motion.

The council also decided, after hearing a deputation of clergymen on the subject, not to allow any more Saturday night boxing entertainments to be held in halls owned by the city. Such entertainments have been for some time held in the pavilion.

ASSEMBLY GIVES UP.

Cuban Agitators See No Prospect of Working Americans and Quit in Disgust.

Havana, April 4.—The Cuban military assembly this afternoon voted to disband the army and to dissolve. The voting was twenty-one in favor against sixteen opposed. The muster rolls was left in the possession of the executive committee of the assembly, who will facilitate the preparation of copies for Governor-General Brooke. The army question is considered settled.

"As the shadows of the night fall over the city, we finish our work. So is Cuba's future clouded and dark. I take leave of you with sorrow, and my last words are, 'May Cuba some day be free and independent.'"

With these words General Fernando Freyere de Andrade, president of the military assembly, closed its last session at seven o'clock to-night. The whole meeting was calm and dispassionate. It lasted four hours. General Sanguilley's rights of oratory, in which he likened the members of the assembly to "a band of faithful workers devoted to Cuba's good, but finally vanquished by uncontrollable conditions," were received with applause. The assembly passed upon the detail and methods of ordered the disbanding of the army, and disbandment. A new executive committee was then appointed for the routine work connected with the commissions of Cuban officers and this committee will supply General Brooke with the copies of the Cuban muster rolls.

RAILWAY TO HUDSON'S BAY.

William Mackenzie Intends to Provide It and Believes Route Feasible for Commerce.

Winnipeg, April 6.—(Special)—W. Mackenzie, the Toronto railway magnate, was asked if it was his intention to ultimately extend the Dauphin line from Winnipeg to Hudson's Bay, and replied: "You may certainly say that, and also that I have great faith in the feasibility of that route. We have positive information that the straits are open for four months, and I am convinced that they are open for a considerably longer period, and in that time much of the produce of the country in grain, flour and cattle will be taken to Great Britain and Europe by that route."

A STAGE VILLAIN.

Winnipeg, April 6.—A. Crandall, member of a travelling dramatic company, was arrested here to-day and is held by the police to answer to a charge of forgery committed at Brandon.

TORPEDO BOAT'S TROUBLES.

Falmouth, Eng., April 5.—The United States torpedo boat Somers, which was bought at Elbing, West Prussia, in March of last year and which nearly drowned two American crews in an effort to cross the Atlantic just before the war was declared with Spain, was towed to Plymouth this afternoon preparatory to being shipped to the United States in a vessel that will leave on April 10.

STEAM SAW BURST.

Winnipeg, April 6.—By the bursting of a steam saw while cutting wood near Neepawa to-day, John McPhail was instantly killed and James Stevenson's right arm was severed at the shoulder, and the fingers of his left hand were taken off.

THE EMPEROR'S RHEUMATISM.

Berlin, April 5.—Emperor William is recovering from the severe attack of rheumatism which for a week past has necessitated his remaining part of the time in bed.

THE SOLDIERS' BEER.

Prohibition Folk to Demand of President That the Supply Be Cut Off.

Washington, April 4.—The secretary for war recently requested the opinion of the attorney-general as to whether section 17 of the act passed last session of congress "increasing the efficiency of the army," prohibits the continuance of the sale of intoxicating drinks by the government in the canteen sections of post exchanges, which are organized at the various army posts and encampments throughout the United States. The attorney-general in his reply holds that the section in question does not prohibit the continuance of the sale of intoxicating drinks through the canteen sections as heretofore organized and carried on, except that no officer or enlisted man can be detailed for duty in the canteen section to do the selling.

The decision of the attorney-general has stirred the temperance and religious elements to activity, and to-night the superintendent of legislation of the National W.C.T.U. and the head of the reform bureau announced they would not submit without a fight to the interpretation put on the law by the attorney-general, but would appeal to the President himself. They said the execution of the law lay with the President. If he chose the power was in his hands to suppress absolutely the sale of liquor in the army, and they would not rest till McKinley acted. They indicated a purpose to begin agitation in churches throughout the country and have them urge on the President that he carry out what they insist, notwithstanding the attorney-general's opinion was the intent of congress.

BLOOMERS AT A DISCOUNT.

London Jury Upholds Landlady in Forbidding Their Appearance in Public Dining Room.

London, April 5.—A test case which has excited great interest in cycling circles was decided at the Kingston sessions to-day, when Lady Haberton charged the landlady of a hotel with having refused to serve her because she was attired in bloomers. Lady Haberton, who is treasurer of the Rational Dress League, said on the witness stand that she had travelled 4,000 miles in bloomers, including the West End of London. The landlady pleaded that she only refused to serve her ladyship in the coffee room, and would have served her in a private room or at the ordinary bar. She also claimed her business would be ruined if she was obliged to serve some women attired in bloomers. The jury decided against Lady Haberton.

GOMEZ FOR MISCHIEF.

Having Abolished the Assembly He Aspires to Leadership of Independent Cubans.

Will Urge Constant Agitation for Absolute Separation From United States.

Weakening American Authority by Spreading That the Occupation Is Only Temporary.

By Associated Press.

Havana, April 6.—The Cuban military assembly being dead, Gen. Maximo Gomez will take up his programme of solidifying the Cuban people into a party that shall without ceasing urge the United States to withdraw from the island. His purpose is to make the people seem to have but one emotion, but one desire, the thought of independence and absolute separation from the United States.

Gen. Gomez considers the dissolution of the assembly as his personal achievement, aided by the military administration here, and countenanced at Washington.

He believes he emerges from the controversy with the assembly stronger than ever with the better classes. His theory is that the Cubans who before thought him merely an adroit guerilla chief are now prepared to regard him as a political leader, and that a few days more will probably see him in name general in chief of the army.

Gen. Gomez if reinstated would be of greater service to the United States in the disbursement of the $3,000,000 but his political programme means the keeping up of agitation and disturbance in the minds of the people and the weakening of American authority by producing the impression that everything done by the Americans is temporary and may sooner or later be overturned. American observers consider any such agitation as harmful to the industrial revival and credit.

Some who are higher in authority and who have exceptional opportunities for knowing the character and ideas of Gomez think the United States government may have trouble with him yet. His attitude has always been consistent regarding independence for Cuba and he is still working for the same end. His character is narrow, resolute, arbitrary, exacting and likely to make him a constant disturber.

MILLIONS IN RAIN.

Texas Soaked for First Time in Many Months and Farmers Take Heart.

Dallas, Tex., April 6.—The most severe winter drought that the state has known for a quarter of a century is broken. Every inch of Texas is soaking wet. Already rain worth millions of dollars to the farmers and ranchmen has fallen.

PLURAL WIVES.

Methodist Conference Moves That Their Husbands Shall Not Vote.

Provincetown, Mass., April 6.—The feature of this forenoon's session of the Southern New England Methodist conference here was the passage of a strong resolution calling for an amendment to the constitution, forever prohibiting the practice of polygamy and disfranchising any one guilty of it.

MR. SHERMAN CONVALESCENT.

Washington, April 6. — Ex-Secretary Sherman has now so far recovered from his recent attack of pneumonia that he is able to be about his house. The condition of Mrs. Sherman has also improved to the degree that she is able to walk.

SOLVED TWO PROBLEMS.

New York, April 6.—Felix Brown, said to be the inventor of the fog horn now in use all over the world, and of a machine for stuffing loaf sugar, died in Elizabeth, New Jersey. He was 73 years old.

STAGING AN EARL.

London, March 6.—Charles Frohman has engaged the Earl of Roslyn, who recently adopted the stage as a profession, to appear in New York in "His Excellency the Governor."

AMBASSADOR CHOATE.

Bournemouth, Eng., April 6.—The town council this afternoon passed a resolution instructing the mayor to call officially upon the United States ambassador, Mr. Choate, to welcome him here, and express hope for his speedy restoration to health.

SWEDEN'S WAR SCARE.

Stockholm, April 6.—The riksdag has voted 2,388,000 crowns for the purchase of rifles and 2,200,000 for the improvement of the Swedish fortifications.

SAMOAN SETTLEMENT.

Each Power Will Appoint a High Official—They Will Regulate by Unanimous Consent.

Berlin, April 6.—An agreement has been reached between the three powers—the United States, Great Britain and Germany—on two propositions, namely: The appointment by each power of a high official to investigate and regulate the conditions prevailing at Samoa, and the making of unanimity necessary in all decisions of those high officials. The newspapers hail the result of the negotiations with satisfaction.

RHODES TAPS THE GERMANS.

Secures Guarantee Upon Capital of Their Portion of His Cape to Cairo Railway.

London, April 6.—The St. James's Gazette this afternoon announces that Mr. Cecil Rhodes has now obtained a guarantee from the German government upon the capital of the German portion of the Cape to Cairo railroad. German financiers have agreed to provide the capital and Germany has also agreed to guarantee to a certain portion of the interest on the German cross line from Dar-os-Salaam, 25 miles south of Zanzibar, which is to tap the Cape to Cairo railroad.

SMALLPOX.

Kingston, April 5.—Kingston has a smallpox scare. Two children of Wm. Geohegan of Wellington street have been found to be suffering from the disease and have been isolated.