

was the first intimation of the ministry's resolve to yield, and it had a distressing effect. But another disappointment was at hand. Manchuria, without fortresses, was not enough to satisfy Russia and her allies. The powerful strongholds also must be included, and on May 6th, two days before an answer could be extorted on any pretense, it was announced to the official circle that the whole would be abandoned.

A desire to exact compensation for the loss of territory was expressed, but no one sees how this can be done if China stands on her rights, and says that since she has a deed of the land she does not choose to buy it back again. The gloomy conclusion when the news came was that Japan had suffered an irretrievable disgrace. The question of ratification was regarded with comparatively slight interest, although it was clear that a renewal of hostilities was probable, if not certain, in case the exchange was delayed.

LONDON, May 21.—The afternoon newspapers of this city today have devoted much space to the scare caused by the report of the approaching dissolution of Parliament. The *Westminster Gazette* says the next conservative ministry has already been agreed upon at the Carlton Club, headquarters of the prominent conservatives. It is added the Right Hon. A. J. Balfour will be premier. The Right Hon. Joseph Chamberlain is slated for the office of secretary of home affairs; the Marquis of Salisbury is likely to be the next secretary for foreign affairs, and the Hon. George N. Curzon, at one time parliamentary under secretary for India, is said to have been selected for the office of secretary for India.

NEW YORK, May 22.—U. S. Senator Thomas H. Carter, of Montana, is at the Imperial Hotel with his wife and daughter. Senator Carter is here on business, and will start for his home after having had a talk with ex-President Harrison at the Fifth Avenue Hotel. Senator Carter, who is chairman of the Republican national committee, was found by a reporter at the Imperial Hotel. He was asked to express his views on the national situation, and more especially concerning the silver question. Senator Carter said:

"The republican prospect west of the Mississippi depends on how the party meets the silver question. The western demand must be met in the national platform. Fifty-nine electoral votes depend on this. These votes will not go to any man not willing to pledge himself to sign the silver legislation sent to him by Congress. It would not be surprising if the House elected the President should the silver men put a third candidate in the field. I believe silver bills will be passed by both houses next year."

DENVER, May 22.—A special to the *Times* from Cheyenne, Wyoming, says: The south bound extra freight train ran into the rear end of passenger train No. 2 on the Union Pacific railroad four miles south of this city at 3:15 a.m. today. Engineer August Gray and Fireman Ed. Fuller were crushed. Gray was killed instantly. Fuller bled to death in twenty minutes. There was a heavy fog which prevented Engineer Gray from seeing the train ahead.

IRONWOOD, Mich., May 22.—Ever

since the railroad strike last summer iron miners here have been incensed against the state troops. A number of the miners' union here are members of the militia, but they remained in the service until recently. Fully one-third to one-half of the state troops in the upper peninsula are miners or men dependent upon mines for a livelihood, and last week through some action of the unions, these men decided to withdraw and during the past twenty-four hours every labor union man in the Michigan National guards banded in his resignation to his superior officer. This, it is said, is bound to cripple the upper peninsula companies at the coming encampment, and it is said here that the action of members of the miners' union will be followed by all members of the labor unions in state troops.

NEW YORK, May 22.—A Havana special says the insurgents are still in the field and fighting.

"It is not possible," the dispatch continues, "under the circumstances, to get much news about the battle near Camasán, which is the worst reverse the Cubans have met with, but it is said the Spaniards were compelled to retire from the battle with a large loss of men and that Colonel Henido, who commanded them, was fatally wounded. Guerra Gomez, a lieutenant in the Spanish service, was fatally wounded and insurgent soldiers taken by the Spaniards, claim he was killed. A fugitive band of revolutionists pursued by the Spanish burned the railroad depot at Mayan and two stores near Songo.

MEMPHIS, May 23.—The sound money convention which met here this afternoon is a much bigger affair in point of attendance than the most sanguine projectors anticipated. There are thousands of visitors in the city. It is unofficially announced that Hon. Thomas C. Catchings, member of Congress from the Third district, Mississippi, will be made permanent chairman. Governor Stone, of Mississippi, was appointed delegate but could not come, as he had an engagement to go to the ex-Confederate reunion at Houston, Texas.

Mr. Carlisle arrived at 5:30 a.m. and was escorted by a committee to the hotel. His apartments were crowded all the morning with prominent Memphis citizens.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., May 22.—All night long the roads leading to the Kickapoo country were crowded with men on horseback going to the Kickapoo border. The crowd is much larger than was anticipated here. There will hardly be an able-bodied man in the town by tomorrow morning. The banks have given notice that they would close for the day and the report was started that a raid by outlaws was feared.

FLORENCE, May 23.—The trial of seven anarchists, charged with the murder, in July last, of Signor Bandi, editor of the *Gazzetta Livornese* or *Leghorn*, was concluded today. The murder was committed on the same day President Carnot of France was assassinated. The crime was committed by a man named Lucchesia, who was convicted today and sentenced to imprisonment for thirty years. It was also found that a man named Romiti had been the instigator of the crime, and he was today sentenced to imprisonment for life at hard labor.

One Franchi, who was found to have been an accomplice, received thirty years' imprisonment. The others were acquitted.

LONDON, May 23.—The *Standard* has further advices from Athens of the recent earthquakes. The most disastrous effect was felt in the southwest portion of Epirus. Seven villages were destroyed and fifty deaths are already reported.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 23.—It is stated the Russian government has declined to agree to a military occupation of Corea by the Japanese forces and demands that the government at Tokio recall the garrisons stationed there.

YOKOHAMA, May 23.—Dispatches from Seoul give further details of trouble in Corea. It is said evidence has been discovered that Bokuyuka, recently appointed acting prime minister, has formed an alliance with the Russian minister at Seoul, Count Inouye. The Japanese minister to Corea has returned to Japan.

PHOENIX, Ariz., May 23.—Hon. Oakes Murphy, delegate to Congress, has written the secretary of war that the Indians are restless and threatening and that a feeling of insecurity prevails, which condition is a great injury to Arizona. He urges the importance of strengthening the military force at San Carlos and vicinity, and in conclusion says:

It seems only just and proper that so long as the possibility of danger exists from the untamed Indians, ample protection should be afforded to life and property. It is my judgment, however, that no protracted Apache war will ever again occur, especially if an adequate military force is maintained at exposed points.

MERIDIAN, Miss., May 23.—The woman question, which above all others, troubles the Cumberland Presbyterians during the past several years, was finally settled in the general assembly tonight by the decision that woman cannot be ordained into the ministry of the church.

HENDERSON, Ky., May 23.—Claude Thompson, colored, tried to assault a thirteen-year-old white child at the Koven, Union county. The child's screams brought assistance and the negro fled. He was captured, and at 8 o'clock last night was hanged by a mob.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., May 23.—The Kickapoo opening was much in the nature of a huge farce. At 12:10 nearly all claims had from ten to twenty claimants on them, and those farthest from the line were reached from the border in thirty-five minutes. In one section one hundred claimants who had run in from both borders are fighting with sooners for their claims.

At Shawnee the crowd grew restless before the noon hour arrived. At three minutes to 12 by some watches and precisely noon by others, there was a break here and there in the line, a wavering and then all broke into a run. The race across the level plateau was a very pretty sight.

Last night it was made evident to many of the boomers that all could not get claims, so it was resolved to organize two towns. About midnight a big crowd left Sweeney's for Dale, and as this procession went along large additions were made to the ranks. Two towns had already been projected—O-