

TOO MUCH SECRECY.

Behring Sea Findings Held Back.

OUR COMMISSIONERS BLAMED.

England's Representatives Said to be Open Season, but American Hold Back. Hints at Possible Sensational Charges to be Made.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 23.—There is something very mysterious going on in what is known as the settlement of the Behring sea question. It is the scene of the negotiations between the United States and Great Britain. There would be very sensational charges made, and, for that matter, perhaps even the dignity of some officials' positions may not save them from some pretty severe reflections before this matter is over.

There seems to be a very strong desire to prevent the public expression of the findings of the commissions. There is no reason for this unless somebody is going to be benefited. There are also a great many charges made in different organs of the administration that the English commissioners are wasting time and refusing to meet the American commissioners and get down to business.

This is not true. It is not the English who have held back the investigation or who have asked for secrecy. The English commissioners, Sir Baden Powell and Dr. Dawson, have been in Washington for ten days anxious to consult with the American commissioners, Messrs. Mendonhall and Merrill.

Some mysterious influences have kept the four men apart and it was not until today that they were allowed to meet officially in what was called an "informal conference." The conference was behind closed doors. It is impossible to get the English commissioners to talk on the subject, but it is known that they favor an open season. This the state department, however, will not for some reason agree to.

The Englishmen, while not complaining, have not been too forthcoming, and seem to be keeping their intentions and disposition printed in the administration organs. They have been blamed by those who desire delay for putting off the conference, and as a matter of fact, they have tried their utmost, but in vain, to meet the American commissioners and begin work.

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The General Says He Was Honorably Discharged From the Army and Not Dismitted—Resigned Because He Could Not Do Field Duty.

ALIVE IN HER COFFIN.

CHILD'S PRESIDENT.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 23.—The New York Sun yesterday contained an editorial discussing the military career of General Russell A. Alger, disclosing the existence among the officers' records of the war department of a recommendation of Custer 28 years ago that General Alger be dishonorably discharged for being absent from his command without leave.

The editorial says Alger was discharged from the service September 29, 1864, as a result of this recommendation. In reply Mr. Alger says:

"I was honorably discharged from the service in 1864, and the discharge was as stated." He says that in October, 1864, he was sick and was sent to a hospital at Annapolis, Md. After his partial recovery he was detailed to court martial duty at Washington, but not liking it, and being unable to return to the field, he resigned. He never heard of the charges till 1888 during the Chicago conference. In this connection he says:

"I had never heard a word directly or indirectly as to that until, almost 24 years, that there had been any such recommendation, which I found afterward to my surprise was true. I never had any more suspicion that I was not regularly sent to the hospital than anything impracticable on earth. There was never a more cruel and unjust act committed by man."

"I served three years, participated in 66 battles and skirmishes, was promoted to all grades from captain to colonel, and was brevetted brigadier-general and major-general without my application. I never was absent from my command, except on account of wounds or sickness. I never received a censure from my superior officer in any shape or manner during the war."

"Had I known of such a document during the lives of General Sheridan, who was always a warm personal friend, and General Grant, who always claimed to be a friend and visited me frequently, I could easily have had the record corrected, but when I heard of it General Sheridan was on his deathbed and unable to see any one, and Custer was dead."

The Kidnap of Ward Waterbury Breaks Down in Jail.

BIDDEFORD, Conn., Feb. 11.—Charles Waterbury, who was at the bottom of the kidnaping of his little relative, Ward Waterbury, has broken down. Soon after he was put in jail here he began to show signs of despair. The guards were surprised to find him crying piteously one day, and since then he has cried almost all the time and can't sleep. It is believed he is really penitent and not shamming. He told jailer Wells today he wished he was dead, and he knew his disgrace would kill his wife.

Undoubtedly Waterbury is greatly disappointed because his plot did not materialize. He has told the guards that he would kill himself if he got a chance, and they watched him closely believing he is desperate enough to do so if he has the opportunity. Everything that he could accomplish with his hands has been taken away from him.

State's Attorney Black has not received a demand from the New York authorities for the kidnaper yet, but it is expected daily. The request will be made as a public opinion, and it is believed that he will be severely punished than the Connecticut laws will permit.

Charles E. Waterbury, who has broken down in jail, is the author of one of the most daring kidnaping records, one which caused more excitement throughout the East than any other that has happened for years, approaching in tragic interest the Charley Ross case. He is the nephew of Charles Waterbury, whose little son, Ward, he with two confederates kidnaped.

The child was stolen within an eighth of a mile of his home while on his way to school. So well planned was the outrage that practically no trace of the kidnapers was left behind after they had gone a mile and a half. It all happened in a thickly settled and respectable community, and the father received a letter from the men who had his child threatening that if he did not promptly pay the money they would kill the lad, and intimating that they would also wreak vengeance on his head.

The demand of the child stealers, who signed themselves "River Boys," was that the money should be paid to them at midnight on a bridge near Bedford, which is on the dividing line between Connecticut and Westchester county, N. Y. It is far from a railroad station and out of reach of the telegraph.

The father of the boy started to keep the appointment with \$3,000 in his pocket, all he could raise in such a short time.

But the kidnapers did not meet him and the next day the boy was brought back by a man named Cloy, to whose house the boy had come after being released by the kidnapers, one of whom got away. All three are now in jail.

The first Charles P. Waterbury knew of his son's kidnaping was by the announcement made by his nephew, Chas. E. Waterbury, that he had met three men on the way to the bridge and they had given him the following note:

M. R. C. P. WATERBURY.—Meet us with \$6,000 at Jim Miller's bridge before you can have your son on Tuesday night at twelve o'clock. Come alone and avoid bloodshed as we will kill the boy if we give him up without the money.

RIVER BOYS.—Earth is our stopping place. Hell is our home.

A Quarrel With His Wife Given as the Cause.

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., Feb. 11.—George Baier, a prominent German baker, committed suicide this morning by drowning. He sought the top of the cliff one mile below the city and took a plunge of 100 feet into the Raritan river. Some fishermen found the body late in the afternoon.

Baier went to Germany three years ago. He was then reputed to be a single man, but on his return he was accompanied by a woman and three children. The woman claimed to have married him 10 years before. Baier's wife admitted when the body was taken to the house, she had quarreled with him and that the suicide was doubtless the result of a quarrel which they had had on Sunday.

The Noted English Agriculturist Passed Away Today.

LONDON, Feb. 10.—Sir James Caird, the noted agriculturist, died today, aged 77.

Claims of a Colored Man Urged.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 10.—Representative Johnston, of North Dakota, has written a letter to the President urging the appointment of ex-Congressman John M. Langston, of Virginia, as judge of the court of claims. Mr. Langston is a colored man and won a seat in the last Congress by test vote.

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Preparing for a Final Fight With Maher—Arranging a Double Fight.

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NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 10.—Bob Fitzsimmons is hard at work training for his fight with Peter Maher on March 23, and he says he will win or die. Fitz is at Bay St. Louis, and the amount of work he does is remarkable. Today he went through the following routine: After walking 30 miles, on his return to Robinson's, his training quarters, he was rubbed down and weighed 165 pounds. In the afternoon he punched the bag for half an hour and boxed about half a dozen of the best boys in St. Louis colleges.

Fitz delights in punching the bag, and unlike many others who do this work, he uses every muscle of his body equally. His feet and legs are brought into play by his hands and arms, and his ball boxing is in every movement and he has a quick eye and cool head.

The indications are that he will lead Peter Maher, the heavy weight Irish champion, in a dance ring for an hour or two until he wears Peter out, and then try to end the contest by a knockout blow. The majority of sporting men here will back Fitz in spite of the odds. Fitz says he is ready and anxious to meet Sullivan.

ARRANGING A DOUBLE FIGHT.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Feb. 10.—Frank P. Slavin and English Charley Mitchell, who are in the city with their vaudeville company, Monday evening signed an agreement with Captain Williams, president of the Olympic Athletic Club at New Orleans, to meet any two men the club may produce in the prize ring during the Mardi Gras festival. Slavin will fight the first night and Mitchell the second. Mitchell says he is ready and anxious to meet Sullivan.

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LOUISVILLE, Ky., Feb. 10.—Four anarchists who led the recent attack upon the town of Xeres were garrotted today. The platform on which the men were executed was crowded with spectators of infantry and cavalry, and the route from the jail to the platform was lined with soldiers with loaded rifles. The executions were public and the plaza and streets leading to it were packed with a dense mass of people.

The names of the four men executed were: Busnigi, Zaretella, Lamala and Lohriano. When the prisoners mounted the scaffold they were accompanied by priests and monks. Zaretella was greatly excited and his demeanor showed that he was terribly frightened, but the other three culprits were calm and resigned. The condemned men were led to chairs in which the executioners securely bound them.

Metal collars were then placed around their necks. Then each executioner took his position at the back of the posts and the powerful leverage operating mechanism was started. As each executioner gave a sharp turn to the lever and each condemned man died instantly. After the execution, though the spectators, many of whom were friends of the executed,