HIS LIFE IN DANGER

Attempt to Blow Czar's Palace Near St. Petersburg.

Several Notabilities Are Implicated in the Yachting Tour, But Is Afraid.

LONDON, March 28 .- A dispatch to from Paris states on the highest authority that a mine has been discovered beneath the palace of Emperor Nicholas, at Tzcarskoe-Selo, 17 miles south of St. Petersburg. Several notables, the dispatch further states, are implicated in the plot against his majesty. The Russian press was not permitted to mention the affair.

A dispatch from St. Petersburg to Reuters' Telegraph Agency says that, and the sea." in consonance with what is believed to be the czar's expressed wish, the min-ister of the interior has published instructions for the authorities of the ances as being more effective than se- ers as continue their military forces vere repression after disurbances have in China. been started.

The Birmingham Post, which is closely in touch with Joseph Chamber-lain, says news received in high quarters in London indicates that the czar is in a very nervous state, owing to the condition of the political horizon. It is said that he fears the result of the policy of his ministers in the far east, while the student troubles and threats against his life, of which there are more than have been published, have completely unnerved his majesty. His medical advisers have strongly counseled a yachting cruise, but the czar has refused to follow their advice. Those behind the scene in Russia take a very grave view of the present agitation, and think it is the beginning of more serious trouble.

For Suppression of Riots.

St. Petersburg, March 28.-A circuterior blames the police for not crushing the demonstrations at the outset It is said the police must learn where and when demonstrations are planned, and mass their forces there. Above all, order must be restored at any cost, The military, the circular further says, can be called upon when firing is ne-

Literary Society, has been ordered to riots, issued a short time ago.

been sentenced to two years' military dent that the three persons had com- official is powerless to remedy matters, mitted suicide.

The press is beginning to display uneasiness on account of the position taken by Japan with regard to Man- Serious Accident in a New Pennsylchuria, although the Bourse Gazette expresses itself optimistically, declaring its confidence that "this question will never become an apple of discord between the two mightiest Asiatic powers.

OLD WARSHIP HARTFORD.

Returns to New York After an Absence of 26 Years.

NEW YORK, March 28 .- After an the famous old warship Hartford is old flagship was last seen in this port. the American Steel & Wire Company The Hartford was laid up for years at the Mare Island navy yard, San Francisco, until it was decided to remodel her and fit her out for service as a training ship. The vessel is now on a training cruise, with a crew of 480 men and boys, most of them apprentices. She will remain at the Brooklyr yard for a week, undergoing some repairs, and then will resume her cruise.

The Hartford sailed from San Francisco about a year ago. Her cruise ex-July of last year on another cruise going first to England, then to Holland, European ports she went to the West While there she was ordered to Venezuela. Returning from Southern waters, she stopped at Washington, and from there went to Boston coming to Brooklyn from the letter port. When the Hartford leaves here she will go on another European and West Indian cruise, returning to Hampton Roads on October 1.

While the historic ship is at the navy yard a company of her bluejackets will take part in the military tournament in Madison Square Garden.

Robbed a Country Bank.

Columbus, O., March 27 .- A tele phone message from Somerset, Perry county, received at the police station at 2 A. M., stated that six men had ridden into the city and blown open bonds. The robbers escaped.

Result of a Texas Shooting.

Liberty, Tex., March 28.-W. B. Duncan and his father-in-law, W. K. Waul, were shot and instantly killed A difficulty started between Branch, interfered. Duncan and Way were both shot through the heart and died instantly. Wharton Branch was torney of South Texas.

A NEW PHASE.

America May Be Deprived of a Voice in the Settlement.

WASHINGTON, March 28 .- While attention has been centered upon the crisis connected with the Manchurian General Aguinaldo a Prisoner in agreement, an entirely new and important phase of the Chinese question has been presented by the action of the ministers at Pekin in agreeing A MINE DISCOVERED UNDER THE WALLS yesterday to submit to their various governments whether articles 8 and 9 of the Chinese protocol shall be carried out by the military authorities of all the powers interested in China, or Conspiracy-Nicholas Advised to Take a only by those powers who are continuing to take part in the application of these articles. The action of the min-isters has been communicated to several foreign embassies and legations the Exchange Telegraph Company here, and doubtless Mr. Rockhill has made or will make known the same facts. The articles in question are as fe ows:

"Article 8. The destruction of the forts which might obstruct free communication between Pekin and the sea.
"Article 9. The right to maintain occupation of certain points, to be determined by an understanding among the powers, in order to obtain open

communication between the capital

These two questions appear to involve territorial affairs, and it may become of considerable moment whether the determination of such affairs is to towns and provinces, recommending be left with the military authorities of preventive measures against disturb. all the powers or only with such pow-

> In the latter case, the United States government may be quietly but effec-tually deprived of all voice in the settlement of so much of the Chinese question as relates to the determina-tion of the strength of the military forces to be continued there in the fu ture by the powers. It is also possible that an affirmative decision which would exclude the United States from participation in the discussion of this important point might be extended to put us out of China altogether.

OBJECT TO NEW SCHOOL LAW.

Teachers Deem Change in Time for

Making Contracts an Injustice. OLYMPIA, Wash., March 28.—The full import of house bill No. 9, passed by the legislature toward the close of the session, has begun to dawn on the state's educators, and it cannot be said lar issued by the minister of the in- that they are favorably impressed with it. The bill amends the state school code in several important particulars, by the dispersion of gathering crowds. and went into effect immediately upon

its approval by the governor.

Prior to that time school elections were held on the first Saturday in May. The new law provides that they and the authorities must not fear to shall occur on the first Saturday in use the necessary force and severity. June. It also provides that the newly elected officers shall take their positions the first Monday in June, cessary, and the cavalry may be sum-moned upon any occasion to clear the for the ensuing year. The old law gave the retiring board the right to employ The Russian Authors' Mutual Aid the teachers for the coming year, and Association, founded by the Russian this is where the "howl" will be raised. It has been the custom to employ close its premises, owing to a protest teachers as early in the year as possi-of the authorities during the recent ble—sometimes in February. In the ble-sometimes in February. In the event that a teacher was not success-A student at the St. Petersburg uni-versity, named Proskuriakoff, who had board, the early re-election made it possible for him to look elsewhere. service and drafted into a regiment Now all this will be changed, because soon to leave for Turkestan, a woman the June election will force boards student named Smirnova, and Lieu- of directors to make their selections at tenant Kutness, of a Sapper battalion about the same time. Already comhave been found dead near Yamaburg plaint of the injustice worked by the in the St. Petersburg province. The new law has begun to be made to the student held a revolver, and it was evi- state superintendent's office, but that

A DOUBLE EXPLOSION.

vania Mine.

CONNELLSVILLE, Pa., March 28. The first mine explosion to occur in the new Klondike region of Fayette county happened today. One man was killed instantly, five will die, and 10 The body of the dead man is missing. The injured men have been brought to the Cottage state hospital. As a result of the explosion, the mine absence from these waters of 26 years, is on fire. The cause of the explosion was an accumulation of gas in the again at the Brooklyn navy yard. It heading of the Gates mine, one of the was in 1875 that Admiral Farragut's new mines opened up this winter by

The Gates plant is located just across the Monongahela river from Masontown. When the explosion oc-curred at 9 o'clock this forenoon a group of 16 miners had gathered in a cross entry about 600 feet from the bottom of the shaft and 50 feet from accept the Platt amendment, says a the face, awaiting the discharge of a blast. The charge of powder was put into the blast as usual and touched off meantime a pocket of gas had accumutended to Boston. She left that port in lated at the face and gradually drifted out toward the heading. The same instant the fuse was touched off there Belgium, France and Portugal. From was a blinding flash which suddenly filled the entry in which the miners had taken refuge. There were two explosions. The first was so terrific that it left the men dazed and stiffened; then there was another rush of air, bringing with it a second puff of gas and then another explosion.

Playing With Dynamite.

Chicago, March 28 .- As a result of stealing a stick of dynamite two Polish boys of Hawthorne received probwere burned and bruised, but not se-

The explosion occurred as the children were going home from school. Thirty of them stopped to see the men putting in the Hawthorne sewer. The children watched the men blow up some hardpan, and some of the boys the safe in the local bank and secured thought it would be fun to get some of \$1,500 in money and a large amount in the sticks and see what they could do with them.

Ministers Seek Advice.

Berlin, March 27 .- A dispatch from Pekin to the Cologne Gazette dated Sunday, March 24, says that at the today. A difficulty started between first formal meeting of the committee on indemnity, held in Pekin Sunand Wharton Branch, father of Thos day, it was decided to invite Sir Robert Hart, director of the Chinese imperial maritime customs; Monsignore Faviere, vicar' apostolic at Pekin, and died instantly. Wharton Branch was arrested and charged with the killing. He was hurried to Houston on the first train. Branch is a prominent at first train. Branch is a prominent at the first train demnity to be demanded from China. lasting several hours yesterday.

CAUGHT BY FUNSTON

American Hands.

Expedition Into Isabela Province-Was Brought Back on the Vicksburg.

MANILA, March 29.-General Fredcapture of Aguinaldo in his hiding place in the province of Isabela, island of Luzon, has proved completely successful. Aguinaldo was captured there

General Funston and Aguinaldo on board, arrived here this morning.

Aguinaldo was brought ashore at General MacArthur at the Malacanang relating to Chinese affairs. palace. He talked freely, but seemed ignorant concerning recent events. He appeared to be in good health and was even cheerful. He lunched with the



GEN. EMILIO AGUINALDO

officers of General MacArthur's staff, and was then escorted to the Enda-

Aguinaldo's capture was attended with considerable difficulty, an insurgent major being killed at the time of the event. Twenty rifles and a number of important papers were cap-

LONDON, March 29.-A dispatch from Manila says that several members of Aguinaldo's staff were cap-tured with him and brought to Manila. The insurgent leader and his men were captured near Casiguran, north

from north to south, the highest points tarl trains being run over the West of the range being but a few miles Shore between Frankfort and Utica. from the shore. Rugged trails, in some lead across the mountains, frequently crossed by rushing streams, and where stan and his small band went a short time ago. It was a part of the island under water. that had never before been visited by American troops.

CRIME TO WITHDRAW.

Reign of Terror Will Follow Our Evacuation of Cuba.

NEW YORK, March 29.-Representative Vespasian Warner, of Illinois, who has just returned from an extended tour through Cuba, believes that the constitutional convention will Danish West Indies: Washington special to the World. Continuing, Mr. Warner said:

"We must, of course, turn the isby Michael Goble, the blaster. In the land over to the Cubans, but it is a crime against humanity to withdraw at this time. When our troops leave to become immediately not only Amerthe island you will witness a reign ican subjects, but American citizens. of lawlessness that will startle the world and compel us, in the name of be justice, to take matters into our own of duty. hands. The Cubans will sign anything or do anything to get us away from their property, and when they and fourth conditions.' have the reins in their own hands, you can expect the worst.

"From what I can learn, they will assess everybody with any money and sympathizers from the Island, and for a brief period will revel in loot. Law a state of anarchy will reign.

'It is foolishness to talk of the Cubans governing themselves at this time or for years to come. The island seems a shame to undo all the progto begin the work of reconstruction

Slight Skirmishes Reported.

Cape Town, March 29 .- Indecisive are reported daily. Fighting took place yesterday at Tarkastadt and Henningfontein, both in Cape Colony. The casualties were few. A command numbering 200, under Commandant Fourie, was dispersed at Thaba N' Chu. According to reports received

ENGLAND CALLS A HALT.

Warns China Against Signing Any

Private Treaty.
WASHINGTON, March 29.—The government has protested against China making a convention with any power touching territorial or financial matters until the present troubles in that country are concluded. The fact of the British protest was made known here for the first FILIPINO LEADER NOW IN A MANILA JAIL the foreign officers of Europe. It says the protest was made through Sir time today by a dispatch from one of Ernest Satow, the British minister at Expedition Into Isabela Province—Was fact that the dispatch was received in Washington today, it is taken that the protest occurred within the last day or two. Although the Russian agree MANILA, March 29.—General Fred-erick Funstan's daring project for the is said to be clear that the British action is directed against the Russian action is directed against the Russian department today from General Macley court array. They were greeted agreement. The language appears to be similar to that used by Secretary went far to support the prediction sioner Taft explained to his majesty Hay, in the American protest. The effect of the British action is to place the United States, Japan and Great The United States gunboat Vicks-burg, Commander E. B. Barry, with 3:10 P. M. today and taken before and Germany have a written alliance

The concurrence of these protests probably explains why the Manchurian agreement has not been signed. There was no definite information received here today at the state department or at any of the foreign embassies as to whether the agreement had been signed or rjected. There was something of a stir in diplomatic quarters over the report coming from official sources that the United States was considering the advisability of addressing Russia directly on the subject. Heretofore, the American objections to the Manchurian agreement have been addressed to China. Copies were furnished the Russian authorfties. Several of the foreign repre-sentatives advised their governments that this step was contemplated by the United States, but there is no official information available as to how far the consideration of the move has

FLOODS IN NEW YORK STATE.

Much Damage Caused to Property by

High Water. NEW YORK, March 29.—From many parts of the state comes news tonight of damage by flood. The waters of rivers and the smaller tributary streams are reported as overflowing their banks, causing widespread in-undations which threaten to destroy much property before they begin to subside. Up to midnight the only accident in which any one was injured was that due to the washing out of a culvert near Norwich ditching a Del-aware & Lackawanna train. In the accident three people were slightly

This rush of water which is swelling the streams is due to heavy rains and the consequent melting of the snow which has lain for months and has been deeper than usual in the central and western portions of the state. The Mohawk river, swollen by Where the Capture Was Made.

torrents of water flowing from the snow-covered Adironacks, is higher than at any time in almost 40 years. capture of Aguinaldo occurred, is on the island of Luzon, about 200 miles northeast of Manila, and about 75 would interfere with railroad traffic northeast of Manila, and about 75 miles north of Baler, on the eastern coast, which place was made memorable by the capture of Lieutenant Gillble by the Captur more and his party from the gunboat the Mohawk carried the ice out of the Yorktown, in April, 1899. Isabela river at Schenectady, and the pressure province is wild and mountainous, es- thus relieved has secured Schenectady pecially along the coast, where the so far from serious damage. The high range known as Gran Cordillera water has risen so high, however, that Oriental extends for 100 miles or more Little Falls reports New York Cen-

The Genessee valley is afloat in places being but a foot or two in width, many places, the Genessee and its tributaries not having been so full in five years. A rise of 15 inches in 12 these overflow their banks the traffs hours is an indication of the rapid are burned and crushed so terribly are waist deep in mud. It was to this that it is doubtful if they will recover. uninviting district that General Fun-Rochester and the adjacent villages. Much railroad property is already

DENMARK'S TERMS.

Conditions for the Sale of West Indies to the United States. LONDON, March 29.—The Daily News publishes the following dispatch from its Copenhagen correspondent: "I am able to state, on the very best authority, that Denmark has commu-

nicated to the United States the following conditions for the sale of the "First, \$4,000,000 to be paid to Denmark.

"Second, the population to decide by vote whether to remain Danish or to be transferred to the United States. "Third, if the vote is favorable to the United States, then the inhabitants "Fourth, products of the island to

admitted to the United States free "It is supposed here that Washington will not readily agree to the third

Goldsborough's Trial Trip. Seattle, March 29.—The navy de-partment has designated April 1 as have a division of the spoils. They the day for the official trial trip of will drive all Spaniards and American the torpedo-boat destroyer Goldsborthe day for the official trial trip of ough, which was built at Portland. The department officials have not yet anably fatal injuries and several others and order will become a mockery, and nounced just where the trip will take

> There is no doubt that the boat will more than make the required time of 30 knots. She has done some speedy must become ours eventually, and it running upon the Sound that has made it apparent that she will make a fine ress made in two years. As it will showing when she makes the trial be, we shall have to intervene within trip that will determine whether or 90 days and set up a protectorate again not she will be admitted into the navy as one of the defenders of Uncle

Around the World in a Canoe.

Victoria, B. C., March 29.-Frank encounters at widely separated points Saxby, a prospector, who has been are reported daily. Fighting took around these parts for about a year, is having a large Indian war canoe decked over, and in company with one

Effect on Tagals.

REPORT OF GENERAL MACARTHUR

The Insurreatson in the Island of Mindanao ance Is Hopeless.

WASHINGTON, April 1 .- An important dispatch received at the war which is, next to Luzon, the largest island in the group. The dispatch is as follows:

be strictly observed.

The sultan then thanked Commissioner Taft and spoke proudly of the as follows:

"Manila, March 29.-Brigadier General William Cobb reports the sur-render at Sumulao, Mindanao, of 9 officers, 160 men, 187 rifles and 80 shotguns, Capistrano's command. This ends the trouble in Mindanao as far as the Filipinos are concerned. Brigadier General Robert P. Hughes reports Alikpali and Ruiz, 34 guns, surrendered to Captain David Shanks, Eighteenth infantry, at Mamburao; 206 guns, Fuiton's command, surrendered to Lieutenant Colonel William

S. Scott, Forty-fourth infantry."
The following cablegram was received at the navy department from

Admiral Remey: "Cavite, March 29.—Bureau of Navigation, Washington: MacArthur telegraphs: "Thanks to splendid co-operation of Vicksburg, I have Aguinaldo securely in my possession at Malacanan. General Funston loud in praise of everything navy did. Entire army joins in thanks to yourself, of-ficers and men.' REMEY." ficers and men.' REMEY."

Secretary Long replied to the admiral as follows:

"Remey, Manila: Inform MacAr-thur highly appreciate his and Funston's generous praise navy, and congratulate them heartily. LONG." Senator Burton and Representatives

Long and Curtis, of Kansas, saw the president after 4 o'clock, when the rush of work had ceased. The president listened attentively to what the delegation had to say, and said he had under consideration the matter of rewarding General Funston for services in capturing the Filipino chief. The delegation regard their interview as encouraging and hope to see the Kansan made a brigadier general in the regular establishment, but its members were careful to say that the president gave them no promise nor any indication as to his inten-tions in this regard. They would not be surprised, however, if considerable opposition to giving Funston a brigadier generalship should develop at the war department. There is no disposito Funston, but there would naturally be opposition to jumping a volunteer officer 35 years of age into the grade of brigadier general, and the Kansas delegation recognizes this

HERMANN IS TO GO.

Retention Made Impossible by Friction With Hitchcock.

WASHINGTON, March 30 .- It has practically been determined that Hermann will not remain commis-sioner of the general land office. While the president speaks well of Hermann, he cannot have him a subordinate to Hitchcock, in view of the friction that exists. Hermann has been tendered a place on the civil service commission, but as this is a reduction both in salary and impor-tance, he does not like to make the change. The president does not want to dump Hermann out in the cold, and the civil service commissionership was suggested to let him down

George D. Meiklejohn, ex-assistant secrteary of war, is mentioned as Hermann's successor. He lost his former place in making a fight for the senate, but it is understood he contributed his full share in the choice of two Republicans, and may be recognized for his party loyalty.

A Dubuque Fire.

Dubuque, Ia., April 1.-A four-story brick structure occupied by George Richardson & Co., manufacturers of shoes, and B. F. Richardson & Co., ladies' shoes, was destroyed by fire to night, Loss, \$118,000.

Says He Is Heir.

Tacoma, Wash., April 1.—Samuel Philby, a Tacoma ship carpenter here, claims to be one of the heirs to the English estate of Thomas Holden, mentioned in yesterday's dispatches. Philby's mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Shelton Philby, 76 years old, now living at Brazil, Ia., was the granddaughter of Thomas Holden, through her mother. The claim of the Philby heirs combats that of the Broadbents, of Baltimore; Stambaughs, of New York, and others, who claim inheritance through Holden's sister Elizabeth, while the Philby heirs claim direct descent.

Massacred by Indians.

Phoenix, Ariz., April 1.-It is reported that a party of goldseekers was massacred by Ceris Indians on the Island of Tiburon, in the Gulf of California. Two weeks ago six Mexican companion will attempt to circle the prospectors left Tepopa on the west globe in it, going first to Hong Kong, coast of Mexico in a small boat and via the Pacific islands. The canoe went to Tiburon island in search of is a very large one, such as British gold. Pedro Pasculela, one of the Columbia Indians use in their travels party, has reached the mainland in a

KORAN THE ONLY LAW.

Civil Government is impossible im the Sulu Islands. JOLO, Island of Sulu, March 20.— The commission was heartily received Capture of Aguinaldo Has Good
The residences of many of the people were decorated with flags, the stars and stripes floating through the town, while thousands of firecrackers were exploded in all directions.

It was a beautiful summer morning, and when the sultan had not put in an appearance upon the arrival of the last launch, a cutter was Insurreatson in the Island of Mindanao Sent with the secretary of the comwiped Out—Filipinos Learn That Resist.

mission to invite the sultan to visit the ship. They brought back his the ship. They brought back his majesty, clothed in gold and purple, and decorated with jewels. He presented a comic opera aspect as he came on board, followed by his ministers and a score of relatives in motives of the scourt array. They were greated made by General MacArthur yester-day that the end of the rebellion is near at hand. This dispatch choose near at hand. This dispatch chron-icles the surrender of a considerable additional number of rebels and mil-people. He said that the only moany power pending the settlement of the Chinese troubles. The course of Great Britain is the more significant of it is that the surrender marks the prospective prosperity and happiness of the prospective prosperity and happiness of the people of the sulu Island that the surrender marks the prospective prosperity and happiness of the people of the sulu Island that the surrender marks the prospective complete stamping out of the insur-rection in the island of Mindanao, United States expected the treaty to

> cable and other improvements introduced by the Americans, adding that his best friends were the military officials, and that he expected to abide by the decision of the commissioners and to follow their advice. His

majesty then inspected the ship.

That afternoon the sultan was received at the American military headquarters and inspected the troops. Native sports followed, which were witnessed by the commis-

which were witnessed by the commissioners and others.

The Philippine commission sailed this morning for Isabel, Island of Basilan. Before leaving the commission had a long consultation with Major Sweet, the American commander at Gato, and Dhul Karnein, the strongest chief of the Sulus, who usually opposes the sultan.

Any measure of civil government

Any measure of civil government in Sulu appears impossible at present. The customs of vassalage, servitude and polygamy prevail. There is no law except the Koran, and that is no law except the Koran, and that is not always followed. The Morros and Chinese desire a cessation of military rule in Jolo, but the conglomerate character of the population and the uncertainty as to those without the walls render this inadvisible. sable. Military officers consider the treaty unnecessary and an impediment to progress.

FRENCH INFLUENCE GROWING.

Activity in Southern Provinces of

China. HONG KONG, March 30.—It is reported from Canton that the activity of the French is greatly increasing in the neighborhood of that city. Two steamers ply between Hong Kong and Canton, and gunboats are much in evidence on the Chinese waterways. It is also reported that two steamers are being built in France to run be-tween Hong Kong and Canton, and that France intends to subsidize the carrying of the mails. It is also ex-pected that a French postoffice will

open in Canton about April 1. Objections have been lodged to the plying of the steam launches under fly the tricolor with an addition of three small stars, which are invisible a shore distance away, and as a result, it is said, the Chinese people imagine they are still under the tricolor, and conclude that the French influence is gaining. It is also re-ported that a French hospital was opened at Shameen some months back for the purpose of receiving Chinese patients. All this aids French influence and prestige.

WHY HE DID NOT SIGN.

Accident to Chinese Minister Saved

Manchuria.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 30.—
Last Monday, when the world expected that the Russo-Chinese convention as to Manchuria would be signed, the Russia foreign office received word that the Chinese minister in St. Petersburg, Yang Yu, had fallen and been seriously injured. This news was received at the time with a grain of salt, but a representative of the Associated Press was informed at the United States embassy this evening that Yang Yu had not only slipped on a wax floor, bruising his elbow and leg, but hurt his head and was consequently confined to his bedroom. Yang Yu is over 60, and fleshy. He has recently displayed great anxiety in reference to the convention, and has hesitated to sign, particularly since he is in doubt about his reception should he return to China, as he belongs to the liberal party.

Spanish War Claims Washington, March 29.-The Span

ish war claims commission, of which ex-Senator Chandler is president, has received from the state department a full list of the claims against Spain growing out of the insurrection in Cuba, which were filed in the depart ment up to the 15th of the present month. These claims are all those of American citizens, for under the treaty of Paris, the governments of the United States and Spain undertook to adjust claims of their own citizens. The grand total of these claims is about \$30,000,000, and included in the list are five claims in excess of \$1,-000,000. The largest single claim is that of John W. Brock, on account of property losses, estimated at \$2,162,-514. Mrs. Ruiz, widow of the dentist who was killed in a Havana prison, is a claimant for \$75,000.

Pioneer Stage Operator Drowned. Oakland, Cal., March 30.—The body of John Allman, a pioneer stage coach operator of the coast, has been found in the harbor, and it is believed he was accidentally drowned. During his lifetime he made a business of bidding on almost every mail-carrying contract in the west, and at one time had more government contracts than any other man engaged in the business. He was a personal friend of President U. S. Grant, and during that official's administration spent much of his time in Washington.