

CALL ON ROOT TO REBUKE LEOPOLD

Congo Misrule Roundly Denounced.

POWERS CAN ENFORCE REMEDY

Seven Counts in Severe Indictment for Tyranny.

BLACKS IN EFFECT SLAVES

Taxed and Made Prisoners, Murdered and Robbed by Brutal Soldiers and Hostile Tribes—Uncle Sam's Moral Power Invoked.

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—A letter signed by J. Pierpont Morgan, Dr. Lyman Abbott and other prominent citizens of New York, was addressed to Secretary of State Elihu Root today, directing his attention to conditions in the Congo Free State, where, it is asserted, flagrant inhumanity exists, and urging him on behalf of the American people to use the moral support of the United States Government to correct the abuses from which the Congo natives are alleged to be suffering. The communication is as follows:

"Over a year has passed since the report of the commissioners chosen by the chief executive and virtual owner of the Congo to investigate conditions in that state was published. In spite of their natural desire to give all possible credit to their sovereign, the commissioners felt constrained to report the existence of measures and practices of flagrant inhumanity. Among these measures and practices are the following:

- Counts in the indictment. "First—The exaction of a labor tax so oppressive that many natives on whom it falls have little, if any, freedom. "Second—Appropriation of land to such an extent that the natives are practically prisoners within their own territory. "Third—The employment under authority of the government of sentries of cruel, brutish blacks, chosen from hostile tribes, who murder, pillage and rape the people for whose protection the government is avowedly established. "Fourth—The abuse of the natives by white representatives of officially recognized companies. "Fifth—The binding of little children to years of labor at uncertain wages by contracts they do not understand, and even more serious mistreatment of children supposedly under the immediate care of the government. "Sixth—Great injustice in the administration of the courts, so that the natives dread the name of Boma, the place where the judicial system is centralized. "Seventh—The sending off of punitive expeditions, not for the purpose of establishing peace and order, but for the purpose of torturing the natives into paying a tax which, as administered, even the commissioners regard as inhuman.

Call Leopold to Account.

"It is to be remembered that these are not charges brought against the Congo government, but findings of the commission which was appointed by the chief executive of the government to investigate and report upon the facts. Acting upon these findings, a second commission, also appointed by the King, has recommended measures of reform. No steps have been taken to adopt them. There is no evidence that the Congo government is undertaking seriously to remedy these evils.

The powers which created the Congo government have clearly a right to call that government to account. Inasmuch as the United States gave its moral support to the establishment of the Congo government, it is justified in giving its moral support to any undertaking to secure conditions in the Congo that will not disgrace civilization. We wish to assure you that for any measure you may adopt in order to give the powers such moral support of the United States, you will have our earnest and urgent approval."

Signed by Influential Men.

The letter is signed by the Rev. Messrs. Lyman Abbott, Henry Mottet, Willard L. Robbins, George W. Knox, Charles H. Parkhurst, John P. Peters, William B. Richards, Anson P. Atterbury, Percy S. Grant and Messrs. William Jay Schieffelin, W. H. Douglas, Charles A. Schieren, Spencer Traak, George Haven Putnam, Everett P. Wheeler, Robert C. Ogden, J. Pierpont Morgan, D. Willis James, R. Fulton Cutting, J. Cleveland Cady and W. J. Havensmyer.

NEILL TO BE PEACEMAKER

Labor Commissioner Will Intervene in Sunset Route Strike.

HOUSTON, Tex., Dec. 25.—Pending the arrival of Commissioner of Labor C. E. Neill, who is on the way from Washington to this city at the request of Chairman Knapp of the Interstate Commerce Commission, to offer his friendly offices in reaching a settlement between the Southern Pacific and its striking locomotive firemen and engineer members of the Firemen's Brotherhood, there have been no changes in the strike situation today. Mr. Neill is expected to reach here Thursday, when he will offer his services to the contending parties. Vice-President Thornwell authorized the following statement to the Associated Press in connection with the strike: "A large percentage of the firemen belonging to the Brotherhood discontinued work at 5 o'clock Sunday afternoon. Since the strike occurred we have moved absolutely every passenger train on our lines. A number of them were run in several sections and all practically made their schedule time.

"Anticipating the possibility of adding to the congestion which is general on all the lines in this section at this time, we gave notice to connecting lines in this

section that temporarily we would discontinue receiving freight from them in carload lots, and also discontinued the receipt of livestock and perishable freight on our lines. We have, however, been moving a large percentage of our freight trains, giving preference to the movement of local freight so as to minimize the inconvenience to local communities. The situation is exceedingly favorable and hourly growing better.

"The trouble was caused entirely by the feeling and controversy between the two organizations running locomotives, and no question of wages, hours or any other grievance is the issue."

Imported Men Replace Strikers. SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Dec. 25.—Many of the men who took the places of the striking firemen on the San Antonio division of the Southern Pacific Railway have been induced by the strikers to stop work, and their places are being filled with imported men. It is understood here tonight that the Brotherhood of Firemen is contemplating calling out all union firemen on the Harriman line.

The local Southern Pacific officials say they are moving all the trains, passenger and freight, they desire on this division.

JAPANESE RUSH TO HAWAII

Sargent Will Report and President Send Facts to Congress.

CHICAGO, Dec. 25.—A dispatch to the Tribune from Washington says: "There is to be a raw and independent report on the Japanese immigration question, and when it is completed the President will transmit it to Congress with an

other message, making the third on this subject. Frank Sargent, the Commissioner-General of Immigration, was at the White House yesterday and gave President Roosevelt a summary of his investigation of the Japanese tide of immigration into California and Hawaii. As he has but just arrived here and not even begun preparation for his official report, the Commissioner-General was unwilling to give an outline of his conclusions.

His report will have great bearing upon the settlement of the Japanese difficulty on the Pacific Coast, however, because all of this Oriental immigration now comes from Hawaii, and if the flow from Japan to Honolulu can be stopped the fear of Californians of an inundation of Japanese will disappear, violation of law and order will cease, and normal labor conditions on the Pacific slope will be restored.

AIDS TO GET FOREIGN TRADE

Government Will Furnish Samples of Goods Sold.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—American manufacturers who are desirous of capturing some of the trade in the Orient, South America and other countries now enjoyed by foreign manufacturers, say the representatives of the Bureau of Manufacturers of the Department of Commerce and Labor should apply to that Bureau for its varied line of samples of goods which find ready market in those countries. These samples consist of cotton yarns, piece goods, belts, braids, handkerchiefs, gloves, laces, towels, etc., which are manufactured in foreign countries and sold in China, Japan, India, Australia, Turkey, Egypt, South Africa and South America. Any or all of these samples, the report states, will be sent upon application by manufacturers, chambers of commerce and other commercial organizations.

Roosevelts Going to Pine Knot.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—President and Mrs. Roosevelt and the Roosevelt children will leave for Pine Knot, Mrs. Roosevelt's country home in Virginia, early Thursday morning. They will remain until December 31.

NEGRO CREMATES HIMSELF

Drives Off Wife and Children and Burns House Over Head.

FORT FORNEY, Tex., Dec. 25.—Last night Jake Malone, a negro living on the farm of J. L. Groves, about three miles south of town, went home drunk and took a razor and ran his wife and children off the place. He then went in the house, locked the door and set fire to the building. When the fire was discovered and the neighbors arrived it was too late to rescue him, and he was burned to death.

Found Murdered on Street.

MOBILE, Ala., Dec. 25.—John McKenzie, a master plumber of this city, was found murdered in a principal street here early today. McKenzie's throat was cut from ear to ear, the head being almost severed from the body. An old knife with blood on it was found on a sidewalk near the body.

Two Young Skaters Drowned.

GRAYVILLE, Ill., Dec. 25.—Carson Stanley and Earl Melrose, aged 7 and 15 years respectively, were drowned in a pond near here this afternoon. Both boys were skating on the pond when they broke through the ice.

HARLAN STANDS BY STATE RIGHTS

Government Has No Powers Not Delegated by the Constitution.

HAS ALL POWERS NEEDED

Supreme Judge on Golden Wedding Anniversary Declares Against Root's Doctrine of Enlarging Federal Authority.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—(Special.)—Justice Harlan has signaled his golden wedding anniversary by an emphatic declaration on the question of an increase in Federal over State power. This issue was recently brought to the fore by the remarkable New York speech of Secretary

Root, who is regarded as the President's spokesman. The venerable jurist, when asked whether, after serving as a soldier and a judge, he was prepared to say that an increase of Federal power is to be desired, said:

"I served in the Civil War as a colonel, and have been on the bench 29 years the 10th day of this month. I can say now what I have said in many judicial decisions, and such has been the uniform doctrine of our court, that the Federal Government has no powers except those delegated to it by express grant or by necessary implication from express grants.

"I think the Federal Government has all the powers it needs for the purpose of accomplishing the objects for which the Government was established, and that any tendency to enlarge its powers by loose construction of the words of the Constitution ought to be restricted.

"I think the preservation of the States, with all their just powers, is essential to the preservation of our liberties."

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MAIL ORDERS

This Department will make right whatever is wrong. Send for any article in this advert'nt

KILLED BY HIS PLAYMATE

BAKER CITY BOY FATALLY SHOT WHILE HUNTING.

Harry Bell is Unable to Attract Attention for Hours After He Had Killed Myron Eardley.

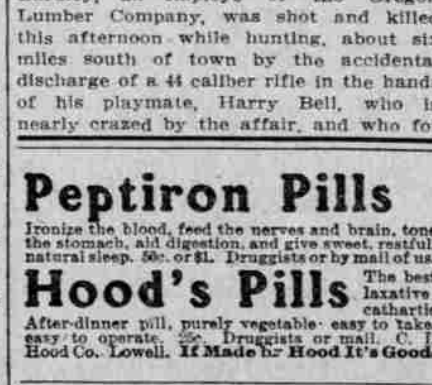
BAKER CITY, Or., Dec. 25.—Myron Eardley, the 13-year-old son of J. W. Eardley, an employe of the Oregon Lumber Company, was shot and killed this afternoon while hunting, about six miles south of town by the accidental discharge of a .44 caliber rifle in the hands of his playmate, Harry Bell, who is nearly crazed by the affair, and who for

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hours was left alone with the corpse by careless passersby. The Coroner's jury returned a verdict of accidental shooting.

NOT LIKE TWENTY-FIFTH

Troopers of the Ninth Readily Tell About Escapade.

LEAVENWORTH, Kan., Dec. 25.—A full investigation into the reported riot on a Fort Leavenworth-bound car Christmas eve is being conducted by Captain Walsh, commanding the squadron of the Ninth Cavalry (colored). Captain Walsh said tonight:

"Three men are under arrest. I am told there were no shots fired in the car by the soldiers. The conductor claimed such, but an old sergeant of the Eighteenth Infantry says they were bricks breaking the windows. There was an argument over the payment of fare between a trooper and the conductor, which led to the trouble. "There is no desire on the part of either the white or colored soldiers who were on the car to shield their comrades; they are making statements voluntarily of what they know."

ORDERED TO LEAVE CHURCH

French Priest Furnishes First Instance of Closing Building.

PARIS, Dec. 25.—The first instance of the closing of a church under the separation law has occurred at Azay sur Indre, where the Mayor, in writing, ordered the cure to leave both the presbytery and the church edifice, which, he declared, the communal authorities would take over in pursuance of the law. The cure consequently quitted the edifice, which was closed.

French Transport for Morocco.

TOULON, Dec. 25.—The naval authorities have received urgent orders to prepare the transport Lanive to proceed to Morocco.

WILL ENJOIN NEW STOCK

Minnesota Insists Consent is Necessary for Stock Increase.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 25.—E. T. Young, Attorney-general of Minnesota, will tomorrow file his papers in an injunction suit on the part of the state, seeking to prevent the additional issue of \$90,000,000 in stock by the Great Northern Railway. The Great Northern is a Minnesota corporation, and under the state law is required to secure the consent of the State Railway and Warehouse Commission before issuing new stock or other securities. This has been done, though stockholders have been notified by official circular that they may buy the new stock at par.

CHANGES OLD FOR NEW

Former Mrs. Blaine Engaged to Rough Rider Officer.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—Mrs. James G. Blaine, Jr., formerly Miss Martha Hitchcock, who secured a divorce in South Dakota several days ago, announced tonight that she would soon be married to Paul S. Fearall of New York, a lieutenant in the regiment of Rough Riders during the war with Spain.

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Lipman, Wolfe & Co. Today Starts Our Great After-Christmas Sale of Holiday Goods. Beginning this morning, Lipman, Wolfe & Co. offer the most extraordinary bargains in all Holiday Goods, including Leather Goods, Jewelry, Pictures, Calendars, Toilet Articles, Art Needlework, Pyrography, etc. At Extraordinary Low Prices! No prices are advertised because ALL HOLIDAY GOODS ARE REDUCED—special large discounts will be given from the regular marked prices. Do not fail to attend the sale Today, for the choicest articles will go at these tremendous bargain prices.

Extraordinary Wednesday Sale 400 Fine Taffeta Petticoats Reg. \$8.75 Values \$4.98. 400 Petticoats of the best and heaviest quality Taffeta silk. Splendidly made, with section flounce, shirred and tucked. Come in Black, Navy, Red, Brown, Gunmetal, Changeable Green, Changeable Red, Changeable Blue, and Changeable Green and Red. While they are regularly sold at \$8.75, they're really \$10 values. Magnificent \$4.98 bargains at the Special Price. See Third Street Window Display.

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