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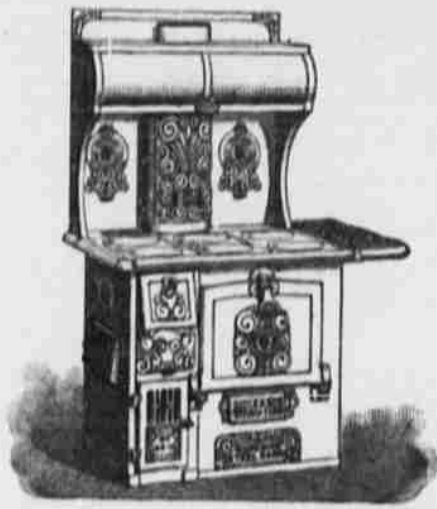
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## BOTHA WILLING TO SURRENDER

s Conferring With De Wet and Steyn.

## TRAIN WRECKERS MUST DIE

English Fearful Last Ministry Offer Terms to Boers—Many Burgbers Reported Anxious to Take Field For British.

LORENCO MARQUES, March 11.—General Botha is willing to surrender. He asked an armistice in order to communicate with Generals De Wet and Steyn. Should they decline it is believed that nevertheless General Botha will surrender.

SENTENCED TO DEATH.—CAPE TOWN, March 11.—A court-martial has sentenced to death two rebels connected with the recent wrecking of a train at Tamboosh. Others concerned in the crime were condemned to various terms of imprisonment.

## PLEA FOR SEVERITY.

NEW YORK, March 11.—The London correspondent of the Tribune says with regard to the reported negotiations between Lord Kitchener and General Botha, that fears are being expressed lest the British be too easy. Already from Cape Town comes a strong plea that the British ministry should refuse to grant anything which could be considered terms by the Boers.

In Great Britain opinions are divided on the question, but undoubtedly the general view is that the imperial government must refuse to embarrass itself with pledges as to the future organization of the conquered territory.

## BURGHERS AIDING BRITISH.

BLOEMFONTEIN, March 10.—General De Wet is reported to be moving northward steadily, at the rate of 25 miles a day, with a view to crossing the railway to the eastward. He should now be west of Broomstadt. Several small commandoes are in possession of the south-eastern portion of the Orange river colony, from which the garrisons of Dewetsdop, Weepner, Smithfield and Rouxville have been withdrawn.

It is impossible not to be struck with the fact that a great proportion of the former enemies of Great Britain in South Africa now frankly throw their lot in with the British. Brandfort, Kroonstadt and Bloemfontein companies of burghers are now bearing arms against the Boers. They state their object is not to operate against their former comrades, but to defend their homes and property against marauding bands.

Every town in the Free State occupied by the British will soon become a center of British influence extending a long distance in their vicinity. Over 15,000 refugees are now within the British lines and many of them demand arms and permission to take the field. If their requests are granted it will be easy to get 2000 ex-burgbers enrolled on the British side.

## STAMPEDE IN KLONDIKE.

By Action of Government Hundreds of Lapsed Claims Made Available.

VANCOUVER, B. C., March 11.—A special dispatch from Dawson, dated March 1, says:

The stampede consequent upon the throwing open of government claims February 25th was the greatest since the palmy days of 1898. The order made available hundreds of lapsed claims, unsold ones, fractions, etc.

## WASHINGTON LEGISLATURE.

Two Prominent Bills by Committee on Fisheries Were Indefinitely Postponed.

OLYMPIA, March 11.—Two bills by the committee on fisheries which have come into more or less prominence during the last few days were indefinitely postponed by the house this afternoon. The house passed a bill by Easterday

admitting Washington volunteers to the state soldiers' home. Also a bill by Earles limiting saloon licenses in cities to one for every five hundred inhabitants, and another by Jones authorizing the county commissioners and city councils to submit to the people at the next general election the question of the adoption of the voting machine.

The last railroad rate bill of the session was defeated in the senate this afternoon by a vote of fourteen in favor to sixteen against. The bill in question was the Cornwell maximum rate bill, identical with the Rosenhaupt bill, which was defeated in the house last Friday. The bill provided for a rate of \$3.75 per ton for a haul of 350 miles for agricultural products.

## FATAL BOILER EXPLOSION.

At Least Eight Persons Killed and Over Forty Injured in Chicago Laundry.

CHICAGO, March 11.—By the explosion of a boiler in the Doremus laundry, 458 West Madison street, this morning, eight persons were instantly killed, forty-two injured and several are missing. The list of dead is as follows:

FRANK HANNAMAN,  
 MARTHA JACOBS,  
 BESSIE KUSABA,  
 KATE VOSS,  
 CATHERINE KELLY,  
 GEORGE DIEHL,  
 EMMA HARRUSKI,  
 MINNIE OLSEN.

The cause of the explosion has not yet been determined with accuracy, and it will probably require an official investigation to settle the matter. Pending the verdict of the coroner's jury, A. L. Doremus, the proprietor of the laundry, is held in custody by the police.

Reports of the number of dead in the ruins run all the way from six to twenty. It is known that thirty-six employees of the laundry had entered the place before the explosion occurred. The most conservative estimate by the police concedes that at least three persons are still in the ruins.

The work of search in the ruins has been stopped because of a disagreement between the police and fire department as to jurisdiction.

## POLYGAMY RE-INSTATED.

Utah Legislature Has Passed Law Which Practically Prevents All Prosecutions for Polygamy.

SALT LAKE, March 11.—Today the Evans senate bill amending that portion of the revised statutes of Utah relating to prosecutions for adultery. Having passed the senate last week by a vote of 11 to 7, the document now goes to the governor for his signature.

The bill provides: "Every person who has reason to believe that a crime or public offense has been committed may make complaint against such person before some magistrate having authority to make inquiry of the same, provided that no prosecution for adultery shall be commenced except on complaint of the husband or wife or relative of the accused within the first degree of consanguinity or of the person with whom the unlawful act is alleged to have been committed, or of father or mother of said person, and no prosecution for unlawful cohabitation shall be commenced except on complaint of the wife or alleged plural wife of the accused; but this provision shall not apply to prosecutions under the revised statutes of Utah, defining and punishing polygamous marriages."

## HARRISON'S DOCTOR HOPEFUL.

Ex-President Nearing Crisis Which His Physician Believes Will Be Change for Better.

INDIANAPOLIS, March 11.—At 7:30 tonight Dr. Jamieson, who is attending ex-President Harrison, said: "His temperature is now 103.45; his pulse 65; his respiration 35. I think he will have no difficulty in getting through the night. As to the time the crisis will occur, I cannot say. I am dealing with pneumonia and the crisis is hard to reckon with. In 48 hours there will be a change of some sort, either for the worse or better. I am very hopeful of General Harrison's ultimate recovery."

## MRS. NATION RELEASED.

TOPEKA, March 11.—Mrs. Carrie Nation has given bond again and was released from jail today.

## RUSSIA TRYING TO HURRY CHINA

Threatens Harder Terms if Convention Is Not Speedily Signed.

## EARL LI APPEALS TO WORLD

Li Hung Chang Not as Ill as Reported—Minister Conger Has Lett Pekin for America—Excusations at Canton.

LONDON, March 11.—The Times in its second edition today published a dispatch from Shanghai, March 11, saying:

"It is reported upon trustworthy authority that Russia has notified China that unless the Manchurian convention is signed at an early named date, she (Russia) will withdraw the convention and substitute harder terms in its place. Li Hung Chang declares that he is powerless to resist and has appealed to the United States, Great Britain, Germany and Japan to intervene in China's behalf. Considerable uneasiness in consequence of the extreme friction, is believed to exist between the Yang-tsi viceroys and Li Hung Chang."

## AMERICANS WILL REMAIN.

PEKIN, March 11.—Companies A and B of the Ninth United States Infantry have been notified that they are to remain in China. It is believed that Major Robertson will command them. Many Americans have urged the legation to use its influence to have at least two field guns and enough artillerymen to work them left. They say that during the siege these guns would have been more valuable than 300 armed men, and that necessity for their use is liable to occur again.

The Germans report that in the recent engagement near Pao Ting Fu 250 Chinese were killed and four magazine guns captured.

The American field telegraph line which was constructed here has ceased operations, and the wire has been coiled in preparation for shipment to Manila.

Despite the report that Li Hung Chang is seriously ill, and that his life hangs by a thread, his physicians say that his condition would not be dangerous except for his advanced age. They are extremely hopeful of being able to bring him around.

## CONGER LEAVES PEKIN.

PEKIN, March 11.—United States Minister Conger left this morning. All the foreign ministers bade him farewell at the railway station.

## MOHAMMEDAN REBELLION.

TACOMA, Wash., March 11.—Advices brought by the steamship Goodwin state that 75 sailors mutinied on board the cruiser Albany at Hong Kong last month. The cause was lack of money and liberty. The refractory sailors were placed in irons and taken to Cavite for trial.

The Mohammedan rebellion in Kan Su has assumed such alarming proportions that the empress dowager has commanded Gen. Feng Te Sai to proceed northward from Canton with haste and undertake their submission.

The gunboats Ball and Sugarb, built at Hong Kong for Spain, have been turned over to that government with the object of striking terror to the rebels at Canton. Fourteen brigands were executed February 14. Four other men are being starved to death in cages exposed to public view.

## FOREIGNERS IN CHINA.

NEW YORK, March 11.—The March number of the Deutsche Revue contains an article by Sir Robert Hart on foreigners in China.

"Foreigners in China, although their number continually increases," he said, "are not very numerous, and can be divided into three general classes: merchants, missionaries and officials. The merchants follow their calling in an orderly, blameless manner, observing the treaty stipulations and the laws which have been made to enforce them. Neither in their general or individual behavior is there anything to arouse the enmity of the Chinese in whose midst they are. But, nevertheless, the Chinese complain that foreign competition in China of the coast trade has ruined the junk owners and deprived them of the large incomes they formerly enjoyed.

## displeasure to the people and officials."

The article ends as follows: "In spite of the quite inexhaustible action of the Pekin government in regard to the Boxers and the cruelties committed upon missionaries and their families in two or three provinces, it must not be forgotten that the viceroys and governors of the other fifteen or sixteen maintained peace and order and did not permit any anti-foreign movements. This must not be overlooked in discussing how far the situation justifies the action of the powers in treating China as outside the limits of civilization.

"Every one who admits the principles of Chinese philosophy, that the power of right is great, must supplement it by the other one, that the right of power is also great. The most powerful states which are at the same time the most civilized ones have not only the right but also the duty to enforce their will on others. But their action must be considerate, blameless and just, in due proportion to their strength and civilization."

## BRITISH REPLY RECEIVED.

England Will Not Consent to Senate Amendments to Hay-Pauncefote Treaty.

WASHINGTON, March 11.—The answer from the British government to the state department's communication reciting the action of the senate upon the Hay-Pauncefote treaty was returned today. It states that the British government did not see its way clear to accept the amendments. The note concludes with an expression of regret that such a course was forced upon the British government.

There was nothing in the nature of a counter proposition nor was any opening left for further action by the British government. It was stated that if there is to be further attempt to amend the Clapton-Bulwer treaty so as to authorize the United States to construct a waterway across the isthmus, then it is for the United States to make overtures. The British government simply drops the matter at this point.

The relief seems to be warranted that there will be no further negotiations on the subject in the immediate future unless some event not now foreseen by the officials causes a radical change in the situation.

## PLAGUE IN SAN FRANCISCO.

Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Says That It Is Not Epidemic and No Alarm Need Be Felt.

WASHINGTON, March 11.—Regarding the report of the existence of bubonic plague in San Francisco, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Spaulding today gave out a statement as follows: "The published reports of the existence of bubonic plague in San Francisco should excite no alarm there or in the country at large. The plague is not epidemic there and I do not believe it will be. I would feel as safe living in San Francisco as in Washington. The travelling and business public can communicate as safely with San Francisco today as a year ago.

The treasury department is fully advised of the situation and speaks with confidence in denying that any occasion for alarm exists on account of the health conditions in San Francisco."

## OMAHA KIDNAPPING.

Pat Crowe Will Surrender if Callahan Is Acquitted.

OMAHA, March 11.—James Callahan, accused of being one of the Cudahy kidnapers, said today that if he was acquitted on his alibi, Pat Crowe, who claims he is innocent, will surrender.

## WARREN DEFEATED.

PORTLAND, March 11.—At the annual high school election today Mrs. L. W. Stitton defeated R. K. Warren for director by a vote of 1648 to 1545.

## SURRENDER OF FILIPINO FORCE

General, Four Officers and 57 Men, Armed and Uniformed.

## MURDEROUS SECRET SOCIETY

Members Killed Filipinos Favoring American Rule—Over Three Thousand Arms Surrendered and Captured Since January 1.

WASHINGTON, March 11.—The following cablegram has just been received from General MacArthur at Manila:

"General Mariano de Rios, four officers, fifty-seven men, uniformed and armed, surrendered at Nalo, province of Cavite, to Colonel Schuyler, of the Forty-sixth volunteer infantry. This is regarded as very important and indicating the collapse of the insurrection. The territory has heretofore been obstinately defended.

"Conditions throughout the entire archipelago are very encouraging. Captures and surrenders of arms continue; 3385 arms surrendered and captured since January 1. 'MARTIN'

In the case against Fernando Rustin, who is charged with aiding the insurgents, papers have been discovered which place in an unfavorable light M. Beraud, the former French consul in Manila, who has returned to France.

## FRIENDLY FILIPINOS KILLED.

MANILA, March 11.—The trial of the nine natives having murdered Quinsimbing, president of Calamba, because he was friendly to the Americans, discloses how the insurgents terrorized the natives even in the territory occupied by the Americans.

Members of a secret society known as Mandocucats systematically abducted and killed Filipinos favoring American rule. In two months the Calamba Mandocucats abducted and killed forty-nine natives. The victims are usually buried alive.

Fear kept the people silent. An officer of General Callie organized and directed the operations of the Mandocucats in Calamba, Binang and other towns in the Laguna province. The ringleaders were arrested and many suspects were held pending an investigation. The arrests effectually checked the operations of the Mandocucats. The verdict of the military commission which is trying the case has not been announced.

## IDAHO LEGISLATURE.

Will Adjourn This Afternoon if Appropriation Bill Is Disposed Of.

BOISE, Ida., March 11.—Tonight the senate passed the house concurrent adjournment resolution fixing the time as 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon, provided the appropriation bill is out of the way. There is a deadlock over the measure arising from some senate amendments, the principal one of which is a provision for the adjutant-general's office. The house passed a bill without an appropriation for the office and the senate incorporated one into it. This is most obnoxious to what is called the Cour d'Alene element which is bitterly opposed to the militia. The house revised the bill for an exhibit at the Pan-American exposition at Buffalo and passed it as amended by the senate. The bill carries an appropriation of \$15,000.

## TACOMA GETS INCREASE.

TACOMA, March 11.—Andrew Carnegie has increased his gift for a public library at Tacoma from \$50,000 to \$75,000.

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