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STOCKTON POISON PROBLEM

Coroner Says They All Died From a Dose of Some Irritant Poison

(Four O'Clock Edition.) Stockton, Cal., Feb. 16.—The poison mystery of the Barnett family becomes deeper. Coroner Southworth is making a chemical analysis of the stomach of James Barnett today. He says there will be no results known before evening. He declares positively that Barnett's death, and probably the deaths of his two children was caused by a dose of irritant poison. The strange feature of the case is the entire family, including Mrs. Barnett's sister and brother, partook of exactly the same food, and that the three who died, and the nurse, Mrs. Hartley, were the only ones made ill.

M'CALL MAY DIE

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Lakewood, N. J., Feb. 16.—McCall's condition is desperate. Physicians refuse to say there is no hope, but admit his condition is critical.

Had a Good Time.

Washington, Feb. 16.—Miss Roosevelt spent most of the day with girl friends, superintending decorations of the bridal altar, and inspecting presents which continue to arrive.

CHINESE TROUBLE SERIOUS

Unice Sam's Army of 38,000 Would Last Like a Powder House in Hades

Washington, Feb. 16.—Military measures for the protection of American lives and property in China have been inaugurated by Taft, with the full consent of the President, Secretary Root having originated the suggestion that the Chinese situation justified an increase of forces in the Orient. The war department has complete sources of information. It is rumored that General Weston will command the Chinese expedition, if one is made, and it is also thought Wood will command.

PAPERS SERVED ON BONI

Paris, Feb. 16.—A writ was served upon Count Boni de Castellane today, making him defendant in the separation proceedings of his wife.

Menelik is Sick.

London, Feb. 16.—The dispatches say Menelik is critically ill, and is considering the appointment of his successor.

Talks Citizenship.

Governor Chamberlain has gone to Lebanon to address the public school children on "Citizenship."

CHINA READY TO BLAZE

Government Is Powerless to Control or Prevent Its Fanatical Hordes

A dispatch from San Francisco yesterday says: The hatred of foreigners among the Chinese is such that only a leader is needed to incite the natives to atrocities worse than those of the Boxer uprising. "I expect an uprising within the next few months. The foreigner who visits Canton does so at the risk of his life, and in the smaller interior towns conditions are much worse. Trade by Americans is impossible, and the boycott is enforced more rigidly than ever."

Such are the statements of C. M. Young, an eye-witness of the recent riot in Shanghai, who arrived here yesterday from the Orient on the steamer Dorio. Young says that 200 Chinese were killed in the riot in Shanghai, and that only the presence of the foreign gunboats prevented the wholesale slaughter of Americans and Englishmen.

"The riot in Shanghai," he said, "had its inception because of the action of the British consular court, December 15th. For several days all foreigners were compelled to carry rifles for protection."

"A Chinese woman, accused of trafficking in slave girls, was haled before the consular court and sent to jail. The Chinese protested, and a riot started."

"The rioters ran from street to street, searching for foreigners. Revolvers and rifles were used by the Americans, and the Chinese answered with volleys of stones. Many were hurt, but I heard of no fatalities among the Americans or English. One English woman was attacked and dragged by the hair. She was rescued by countrymen."

"One group of foreigners, driven to bay, was compelled to kill six assailants."

"The Chinese government officials, of course, were powerless to put an end to the uprising, and it was only the warships that brought the affair to a speedy termination."

"Trade conditions in China at present are frightful. Not one Chinese merchant would look at my goods. It is absolutely useless to endeavor to sell American manufactured goods to the Chinese."

In Canton the boycott is most rigid. Messages from Chinese merchants in San Francisco, urging on the boycott, are pasted on the walls. Beyond the anti-foreign agitation in Canton there is an anti-dynastic movement, and Hunan braves were drilling for an uprising against the present dynasty.

THOSE NAUGHTY TAGGARTS

(Four O'Clock Edition.) Wooster, O., Feb. 16.—Taggart appeared in court today and said he did not know where his wife was. He said he was able to care for his boys as soon as he could learn where they are. The court said it would extend clemency to Mrs. Taggart until it hears the major's side of the case today, and will hear her's later, and as soon as she can get to the state. At the close of Taggart's testimony the court awarded him full custody of the boys, allowing the wife the right to visit the younger. The judicial custody remains in the court, and it can at any time take the boys away from their father.

Out of the Race.

R. Alexander, of Pendleton, has communicated with his friends and declines to become a candidate for the office of state treasurer. This is said to be a move in favor of Judge Ryan, of Oregon City, but clears the field for James R. Aitken, of Huntington, who is now the only Eastern Oregon candidate for that office.

Jap Steamer Wrecked.

Yokohama, Japan, Feb. 16.—The steamer Kulo Maru, wrecked off Okushiji, is a complete loss.

DREW NO COLOR LINE

Chicago Officers Let Negro Precede White Man at a Hanging Bee

Chicago, Feb. 16.—Robert Newcome, a triple murderer, a negro, was hanged in the jail at 10:44 this morning for the murder of his common law wife, Florence Poor, a negress, and Walter Blue, a negro. He also killed Sergeant John Shine, while resisting arrest. Immediately after Newcome was pronounced dead his body was removed and the gallows prepared for the execution of John Mueller for the murder of his wife and two children. Mueller had set up the plea that he was a somnambulist, and killed his family in his sleep.

Just as preparations for Mueller's hanging were beginning, former Judge Barnes appeared and asked Deputy Sheriff Peters, in charge, to delay the execution. He said he had just been employed in the case, and would attempt to prove his client insane. A stay to 11:30 was granted to permit the lawyers to appeal to the courts.

At noon Deputy Sheriff Peters announced from the gallows: "Mueller's attorney have applied for a stay of execution until a jury could inquire into his sanity. Two judges refused to grant the stay, while a third suggested they ask the sheriff to allow his examination by a mental expert. Mueller is now being examined by Dr. Hugh T. Patrick, professor of nervous diseases in the Northwestern University medical school. It will take some time, and I can't say how long the execution will be delayed."

Mueller was pronounced sane and was hanged at 12:44. He said, when Patrick announced his verdict: "Very well. If that is the doctor's opinion, I'm ready. I killed my wife and children, and am ready to hang for it."

As the hood was being placed over Mueller's head, a clerk rushed in with a telegram, which read: "To the sheriff: Stop the hanging." Peters said it was the work of a crank, and it received no consideration.

WILL STOP GAMING

Senate Committee Report Favorably Bill to Stop Gambling in Territories

(Four O'Clock Edition.) Washington, Feb. 16.—The senate committee on territories orders a favorable report on the bill prohibiting gambling of any kind in Alaska, Arizona, Indian Territory, Oklahoma. Also a bill authorizing a railroad company to build a line from Cordova Bay to Eagle and the Yukon. The subsidiary feature was stricken out.

OFFER JOB TO STORMS

(Four O'Clock Edition.) Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 16.—Danle Storms has been offered an executive position with the Empire Investment Company owners of mines in Nevada, at \$12,000 a year. Storms is secretary of state of Indiana, and had a controversy with the governor recently. He may resign and go West.

More Filings.

Matthew Thompson, of Blaine, today filed notice of his joint candidacy for joint representative from Yamhill and Tillamook counties. He is a Republican.

George W. Riddle, of Riddle, Douglas county, Or., will be a candidate for joint representative from Douglas and Jackson counties. He favors economical legislation, equitable assessment laws, and desires to give the primary law a fair trial. He also favors pledge No. 1, in substance.

ACROSS COSTA RICA

Government Will Complete Railroad Across Isthmus This Year

Washington, Feb. 16.—Wm. L. Merrey, American minister at San Jose, Costa Rica, reports the Costa Rican government has announced its intention of completing this year the interoceanic railroad from Limon to Puntarenas. Only 25 miles remain to be constructed. He says on account of heavy grades the road will not be commercially so valuable as the Tehuantepec road, but Costa Rica will be enabled to market its coffee to better advantage, and it will make for tourists one of the most delightful trips across the isthmus, travelers preferring the Costa Rica route to the shorter Panama route, because it is more healthy.

JURY FAVORS CROWE

Omaha, Neb., Feb. 16.—The Pat Crowe jury is still out. It has been deliberating 26 hours, and is reported to stand 7 to 5 in favor of acquittal.

Omaha, Feb. 16.—The jury in the Pat Crowe case returned a verdict of not guilty.

Rich Alaskan Disappears.

Seattle, Feb. 16.—Percy K. Swan, a wealthy Tanana valley miner, has disappeared. He left Seattle on January 23d for his home in San Francisco via Portland, with presumably \$50,000 in money and checks on his person. His baggage went through to San Francisco all right, but nothing has ever been heard from the man. His mother in California, through the San Francisco chief of police, has wired every city on the coast inquiring for him. He is a pioneer of the 1897 Dyea-Dawson trail, and is supposed to have accumulated a quarter of a million dollars in the Tanana.

Crew of Wrecked Vessel.

San Francisco, Feb. 16.—The Pacific Mail liner, City of Panama, arriving from the lower coast this morning, brought eight members of the crew of the bark Ariadne, Captain Krager, which went ashore and was totally wrecked at Mazatlan the night of January 31st. The vessel was bound to Port Townsend. Eight members of the crew will arrive in a few days on the steamer Mera.

Buried His Son.

R. A. Harris, of Portland, well known as a printer in this city, where he formerly resided, came up today to bury his 2-year-old son, that died recently, at City View cemetery, where they have another child buried. A committee from the typographical union met the family at the train and attended the funeral.

Chicago Markets.

Chicago, Feb. 16.—Wheat 84 1/2 @ 85 1/2; corn, 43 @ 42 1/2; oats, 29 1/2 @ 29.

STALWART DEMOCRATS MEETING

Marian County Central Committee is in Seselon at Salem

County Chairman Vaughn, of Silverton, called the Democratic county central committee together, at 2 p. m. today at the city hall. There was a good attendance of representative Democrats. Fred Palmer, of Salem, is secretary. Following are the members of the committee: Aumsville—Chas. F. Hein. Aurora—B. J. Grim. Breitenbush—R. N. Hoover. Brooks—W. H. Egan. Butteville—James P. Feller. Champeog—F. N. Eberhardt. Chemawa—O. O. Savage. East Salem—J. W. Bellamy. Elkhorn—C. H. Badine. Fairfield—F. H. Duffette. Gervais—P. H. Fitzjerald. Horeb—J. T. Drain. Howgl—L. Woods. Hubbard—S. W. Weaver. Jefferson—J. Dhumaker. Liberty—C. L. Weaver. Macleay—J. T. King. Marion—Ed. Farnham. Mehama—F. M. Hall. Monitor—Henry Hayes. Mt. Angel—P. S. Fuchs. Salem No. 1—D. J. Fry. Salem No. 2—Fred Palmer. Salem No. 3—J. W. Berry. Salem No. 4—Harry Albert. Salem No. 5—J. R. Fairbanks. Salem No. 6—I. D. Driver. Salem No. 7—W. D. Simpson. Scotts Mills—J. R. Skirvin. Sidney—Chas. Mer. Silver Falls—John Russell. Silverton—Geo. Cusker. North Silverton—Geo. Morley. South Silverton—J. H. Smith. St. Paul—John Kirk. Sublimity—F. A. Bell. Turner—G. W. Hunsaker. Woodburn—W. E. Finzer.

Democrats Will Banquet.

After discussion the committee decided to hold a mass convention at Salem to make a ticket, and to ratify the nominees by a banquet in the evening on February 27th. The Democrats are to hold a state conference later. Geo. S. Downing made an eloquent speech, which was several times applauded, warning the Democrats against factional spirit. Let all come together and stand united and win. If a man could not be a Democrat let him be a Republican and be done with it. (Applause). Those two parties would always protect this government. Frank Holmes was quite sure the banquet was the thing to bring the minority party together. He favored giving the Democrats something to eat and something to drink. A little wine with water mixed with it. "What's the use of mixing it?" asked a voice. (Laughter). The motion carried, and a committee of five was named. Also a committee of three on program of speakers at the banquet.

Want to Dodge Punishment.

Chicago, Feb. 16.—Charles W. Armour, president of the Armour Company, testified today to sustain the packers' plea for immunity. Arthur Meeker and T. J. Connor were also witnesses.

CHICAGO STORE PEOPLES BARGAIN HOUSE

The Newest Goods in Salem

ARE NOW OPENED UP AND READY FOR YOUR INSPECTION. GOODS OF THE HIGHEST STANDARD OF QUALITY AND MERIT. WE ARE SHOWING THIS SEASON THE SAME GOODS YOU WILL FIND IN THOSE GREAT ESTABLISHMENTS IN CHICAGO, SUCH AS MARSHALL FIELD & CO., AND MANDELL BROS. & CO. WE HAVE MADE OUR SPRING PURCHASES FROM THE SAME FACTORIES. SO, WHEN IT COMES TO STYLE AND QUALITY, YOU WILL FIND NONE BETTER IN AMERICA THAN AT THE CHICAGO STORE. WE OFFER THE HIGHEST CLASS MERCHANDISE AT LOWER PRICES THAN YOU HAVE TO PAY FOR INFERIOR QUALITIES ELSEWHERE. GET OUR PRICES. YOU WILL FIND THEM ALWAYS THE LOWEST.

NEW PONGEE SILK

Beautiful pongee silks in fancy and plain shades. Bought well and sold cheap.

75c quality Heavy Pongee Silk, yd.49c

75c quality Crepe Finished Pongee Silk, yd.49c

75c Dalaty Fancy Pongee Silk, yd.49c

Pound Pongee Silks all prices.

NEW MOIRE SILKS

Spot cash got a lot of those beautiful new goods at a very low price.

\$1.35 Imported Moire Silks, in all the latest shades, also cream and black, sale price while they last, yd.85c

NEW DRESS SILKS

29c India Silks, in all colors, yd 25c

75c Fancy Dress Silks, yd . . .49c

75c Colored Taffeta Silks, yd. .49c

\$1 Fancy Colored Dress Silks, yd.69c

\$1.45 36 in. Black Rustle Taffeta Silk, yd.95c

\$1.39 46 in. Black Silk Grenadine, yd.89c

Satin Duchess Silks, colored and black; chiffon silks, chiffon taffetas and a dozen of other different kinds and styles at sale prices.

DRESS SKIRTS

Grand assortment at small prices.

MUSLIN UNDERWEAR.

This season's showing of beautiful snow white muslin underwear far surpasses anything in that line we ever attempted; workmanship and quality stands first of all—the prices are lower than for common goods.

UNDERSKIRTS HANDSOMELY TRIMMED

at small prices 49c, 75c, 95c, \$1.25, \$1.39, \$1.45 Up

CORSET COVERS BEAUTIFULLY TRIMMED

at small prices 8c, 10c, 19c, 25c, 35c, 49c and 75c

DRAWERS, every size and make, trimmed with fine laces and embroideries, at small prices . . .19c, 25c, 35c, 49c, 75c and up

EMBROIDERIES.

Thousands of yards of the most beautiful assortment that was ever shown in Salem. Every kind and description you could think of.

Prices, 2c, 3c, 4c, 5 1/2c, \$1.3c, 10c, 12 1/2c, 15c, 18c and 25c

Special 500 yds 6 1-2 in. wide, yd10c

Special 45c Corset Cover Embroidery, 20 in. wide, 3 1/2 quality, yd.25c

WHITE SHIRT WAISTS.

Thousands of the prettiest white lawn and silk shirt waists that you ever laid your eyes on. Beautifully trimmed with lace and embroidery.

Prices small, 49c, 75c, 95c, \$1.25, \$1.49, \$1.75 and \$1.98.

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