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## TWO HUNDRED AND SIXTY DROWN

### JAPANESE STEAMER, CREW AND PASSENGERS LOST.

In a Collision Off Hakodate Point, the Steamers Hideyoshi Maru and Mutsu Maru Collide, Sinking the Latter in Several Fathoms of Water—Passenger List Numbered 220, the Rest Members of the Crew—The Mutsu Was Nearly Cut in Two.

Tokio, March 23.—The Japanese steamers Mutsu Maru and the Hideyoshi Maru collided at 2 o'clock this morning off Hakodate. The Mutsu Maru sank with the captain and 244 passengers.

Tokio, March 23.—Later advices from Hakodate, off which point the steamers collided early this morning, fix the number of drowned at 246, 220 being passengers and the balance members of the crew. The Mutsu Maru lies in several fathoms of water and is a total loss. The Hideyoshi Maru is not so seriously damaged. The Mutsu was an 870-ton coaster and was nearly cut in two. The passengers jumped into the water and the boats from the Hideyoshi had great difficulty in locating them.

### CONGRESSMAN LITTLEFIELD OUT

Was Republican Congressman From Maine for Several Terms.

Portland, Me., March 23.—Congressman C. E. Littlefield has sent his resignation to Governor Cobb of Maine, to take effect September 30. The reason given is that he desires to resume his law practice. A close friend of Littlefield states the congressman will take up the law business for western railroads at a salary of \$30,000 per year. Charles Edgar Littlefield, a repub-

lican of Rockland, Maine, was elected to fill the unexpired term of the late Congressman Dingley, author of the Dingley tariff bill. He was elected again to the 57th, 58th, 59th and 60th congresses.

**New Building for Grand Rapids.**  
Washington, March 23.—Bids for the construction of the new federal building at Grand Rapids, Mich., for which congress made a liberal appropriation, will be opened tomorrow.

**To Dissolve Voting Trust.**  
Richmond, Va., March 23.—A meeting of the voting trust of the Seaboard Air line has been called for tomorrow, at which time the trust will dissolve itself.

## FALLS 40 FEET FROM HIGH CLIFF

### HARRY LINEBERGER IS TERRIBLY INJURED.

Falls From High Cliff in Ladd Canyon and Slides Over Steep and Rocky Incline to the Bottom, 100 Yards Below—Skull Fractured and Right Elbow Broken—Body a Solid Mass of Bruises—Now in Grande Ronde Hospital and Will Likely Recover.

Falling from the top of a high cliff in Ladd Canyon, a distance of 40 feet, and then sliding on down a rocky and steep incline for a distance of nearly 100 yards—and still lives—is the remarkable experience which Harry Lineberger went through yesterday afternoon. Mr. Lineberger is a son of the well known resident of Ladd canyon, who conducts a popular dance hall during the summer months at that place.

The young man, who is less than 20 years of age, left yesterday noon with a party of friends for a stroll over the hills and high precipices.

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## HEAVY BLOW AT FEDERATION

### ALL FIRMS ON THE "UNFAIR" LIST FAVORED.

The American Federation of Labor is Permanently Enjoined From Placing the Buck Stove Company on Its "Unfair" List—May Lead to All the Other Companies so Termed, to Appeal to High Courts—Federation Will Appeal to Supreme Court.

Washington, March 23.—Another severe judicial blow was dealt the American Federation of Labor when Justice Clabaugh of the supreme court of the district of Columbia, issued an order permanently enjoining the federation from putting the name of the Buck Stove company on the "unfair" list. The Buck Stove company sought an injunction restraining the boycott and was granted a temporary one. This order was made permanent today.

It is thought that all other corporations mentioned in the list will now take the same action. The federation will appeal of the United States supreme court.

Washington, March 23.—The United States supreme court handed down a decision this afternoon against the state of North Carolina in the railroad rate case, which a few weeks ago threatened to result in calling out troops. The suit was relative to the rights of the state government and the federal court.

### SENATOR BRYAN DEAD.

Represented Florida for Seventy Days Prior to His Death.

Washington, March 23.—United States Senator William J. Bryan of Florida, died at the Providence hospital yesterday of typhoid fever. He has been in the senate just 73 days. His death came as a shock, as it was supposed he was recovering. Senator Bryan was the youngest member of congress.

## SIGNIFICANCE IN TAFT'S VISIT

### SECRETARY TO ADDRESS NEW JERSEY HOUSE TONIGHT.

Taft Boomers Experience Considerable Difficulty From New Jersey—All Leading Presidential Candidates Have Strong Influences in That State—Anti-Taft Men Disapproved Tonight's Speech and Are Alarmed at the Significance It May Have.

Washington, March 23.—Washington politicians attribute a great deal of significance to Taft's visit to New Jersey today. The secretary of war will speak tonight at the annual banquet of the Trenton Chamber of Commerce. Governor Fort, who is prominently mentioned as Taft's probable running mate, will also be one of the speakers. The effort to line up New Jersey for Taft has now reached a strenuous stage. Knox, Fairbanks, Hughes and Cannon each have many admirers in the commonwealth of trusts and mosquitoes and the Taft boomers have not found their task an easy one.

The friends of Secretary Taft are now working for an instructed delegation, but are encountering much opposition from some of the state leaders in this respect. Those opposing this move assert that for a generation the delegates from New Jersey to the republican national convention have gone uninstructed, and they are now reluctant to change this custom.

Secretary Taft does not go to New Jersey without considerable opposition from some of the republican leaders. Many of the latter are tied up to other candidates, and Secretary Taft's personal invasion they view with alarm.

Senator Kean favors Knox of Pennsylvania, while Senator Briggs looks with kindly eyes upon the aspirations of Hughes of New York. When it was made known that the secretary of war was to be made a headliner by the Trenton Chamber of Commerce on the occasion of its annual banquet politicians unfriendly to Mr. Taft made up their minds that if it was possible the administration favorite should be kept out of the state for the present.

This movement took form and substance when a committee headed by Senator Briggs waited upon Secretary Taft and advised him not to appear at Trenton on March 23. Mr. Briggs made no reference to the fact that the number "23" symbolizes "skiddoo," but he made it plain that it was his belief and that of others that it would be impolitic for Mr. Taft to deliver an address at Trenton on the date named. He charges, it is understood, that the Trenton organization wanted to exploit the secretary of war for its own aggrandizement and that it really had no personal interest in him.

Secretary Taft listened to Senator Briggs, smiled broadly and then sat down and wrote an acceptance of the invitation extended to him by the business men of Trenton.

### WANTS RESTORATION.

Convicted Army Officer Wants Full Restitution From Charges.

Chicago, March 23.—Oberlin M. Carter, formerly a captain in the United States army engineer corps, announced today that he would seek restoration to the army and his former rank as the result of Judge Kohlman's decision, which cleared him of the charges of fraud. He will appeal to President Roosevelt. Carter claims he is an "American Dreyfus." He was captain of the engineering corps at Savannah when the notorious Gaylor and Green were contractors for the fortification work. Frauds were unearthed and Carter was accused of complicity. He served four years in Leavenworth prison.

### BOURNE PRIZE WON.

Nevada Man Has Essay Which Attracts Bourne's One Thousand.

Washington, March 23.—Judge Frank H. Norcross of Nevada, has

been awarded the \$1000 prize offered by Senator Jonathan Bourne for the best essay on "Why Roosevelt should be chosen for a second elective term."

Judge Norcross is an associate on the state supreme court. The essay will be printed in pamphlet form and circulated.

### Swindled Over Two Million.

Paris, March 23.—Charged with swindles involving over \$2,000,000, M. Rochette, one of the leading financiers of Paris, was today placed under arrest. The accused man founded the Franco-Spanish bank, and has capital at his disposal of over \$20,000,000. The police are reticent and will not give the causes leading up to his arrest, and the entire affair is cloaked in mystery.

## BOY LOST AT NORTH POWDER

### ENTIRE TOWN TURNS OUT TO AID IN SEARCH.

Ring of Fire Bell at North Powder Last Evening Closes Churches and Residents Flock to the Aid of Distracted Parents Who Had Lost a Boy in the Woods—Seven-Year-Old Lad Finds His Way to Telocaset, Where He is Found at Midnight.

North Powder, March 23.—(Observer Special.)—North Powder was suddenly awakened from its serene quietude last evening at 8 o'clock by the wild ringing of the fire alarm, and immediately sermons ceased abruptly, congregations dispersed, vehicles were employed and, like wildfire, the news that a 7-year-old child was lost in the mountains, spread from home to home. This wild state of excitement continued until midnight, when the missing boy was found at Telocaset.

Sunday morning Mr. Bertman and son Bennie, aged 7 years, started out to hunt squirrels, but the trip soon fatigued the boy. He asked to be allowed to sit down while his father went on. This was agreed to, the father thinking his son would remain in the immediate vicinity until he returned. Soon after being left alone he commenced to wander farther and farther from the rendezvous, until eventually he was well on his way toward Telocaset. The hunt had led the party in that direction in the first place.

### Father Returns.

In due time the father returned to the appointed meeting place, but found his son gone. Believing his son had returned to his home in North Powder, he attached no particular moment to the absence. On arriving home, however, and learning that Bennie was not there, confidence turned to alarm.

### Fire Bell Rang.

This was about 8 o'clock, and to spread the alarm, the fire bell was

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## KOREAN SHOOT AMERICAN OFFICIAL

### ATTEMPTS ASSASSINATION IN HEART OF SAN FRANCISCO.

P. W. Stevens, American Advisor in Japanese and United States Government Affairs in Korea, Shot by an Unknown Native of Korea—Attacked Last Night for His Verbally Announced Opinions—Wounds Will Prove Fatal It is Feared.

San Francisco, March 23.—D. W. Stevens, the American who has acted as advisor for both the American and Japanese governments in the Korean affairs for many years, was shot and dangerously wounded today by an unknown assassin, supposedly a Korean.

Stevens made many enemies in the Korean colony here yesterday when he said in an interview that the Japanese invasion of Korea was a great benefit to Koreans.

Last night he was assaulted by a committee of Koreans in the lobby of the Fairmount hotel.

Four Koreans assaulted him and beat him with rattan chairs.

Stevens, in a recent interview, said that the Koreans were being greatly benefited by Japanese protection. This greatly angered the local Koreans, who called on him to protest. In the interview their anger got the better of them and they assaulted Stevens.

### May Prove Fatal.

It was announced after a hurried examination of the wound that they would probably prove fatal. The shooting occurred as Stevens was stepping into a bus in front of the Fairmount to go to the ferry building. The assailant was an unknown Korean.

The man who did the shooting was accompanied by another Korean. In the excitement the would-be assassin shot one bullet into his friend who had joined him in the assault on Stevens. Both Koreans were captured and the two wounded men were taken to the Emergency hospital.

The Koreans refuse to talk. The assault, as stated, was the result of Stevens' interview in local papers, in which he praised the work of the Japanese, and gave the impression that the Koreans really welcomed the Japanese protectorate.

### Norfolk Republicans.

Norfolk, Va., March 23.—Republicans of the Norfolk district will convene here tomorrow, when delegates to the state convention to be held in Lynchburg next month will be elected. While it is said that delegates named at the local convention will be instructed for Taft for president, it will not be easy sailing for those favoring the secretary of war. There is some sentiment among local followers of the G. O. P. for Senator Knox, of Pennsylvania, and Governor Hughes of New York, is not altogether forsaken. In fact, it may be stated that it is not at all an assured fact that Taft will get the delegation from Norfolk.

## AND STILL THEY COME THE FAIR'S GREAT SPECIAL SALE

with its enormous daily Bargain list still continues to bring out a large crowd every day—The values are irresistible. Never has any store in this city offered such a complete comprehensive collection of real, Genuine Bargains as we have been doing at this sale.

## TOMORROW IS THE LAST DAY

TOMORROW will be the last chance to get the low prices offered by us during this GREAT 9 DAY SALE and if you have not been here before it will pay you to make an extra effort to be here—TOMORROW.

### A FEW SPECIAL SUGGESTIONS FOR CLOSING DAY

Boy's 40c Underwear	10c	75c Children's Shoes	49c
Boy's Suits worth up to \$6.50	\$2.29	\$1.50 Ladies' Waists	89c
Youth's Suits worth up to \$7.50	\$2.89	\$12.00 Ladies rain proof Silk Coats	\$5.98
Standard Calicoes, yd	5c		

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## Prescriptions

There is no more vital question to be considered in the family than that of the compounding of the doctor's prescription. There should be no half way methods regarding prescriptions. We use pure drugs, compounded just "according to the doctor's orders."

## HILL'S DRUG STORE

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