READY FOR GONG'S SOUND

FERNS AND TRACEY TRAINED TO THE HOUR FOR TONIGHT.

White Welter-Weight Champion Will Meet the Clever Australian in a Twenty-Round Go.

"Rube" Ferns, white welter-weight champion, and Tom Tracey, Australia's cleverest boxer, will meet tonight in a 20-round contest at the Exposition building to decide which is the better man, and incidentally get the long end of the purse.

The men have trained faithfully, and both say it would be impossible to improve on their condition. They will weigh in at the Mikado Hotel this afternoon at 3 o'clock sharp, and those wise ones who were kind enough to spread the report that Ferns would not get down to 142 pounds are invited to be present. Tracey now weighs 141, and is not likely to take on any weight before stepping into the ring at 9:30 o'clock this evening. He says he is a sure winner, and has many friends as confident as he who are willing to bet their money that way. Tracey will be seconded by his old standby, Martin Denney, assisted by Sam Maxwell and Steve Drummond.

Ferns was enough under weight yesterday to take a rest. He visited the ring at the Exposition building, and pronounced it one of the best in the United States. He will take a short spin on the road this morning, as he thinks there is nothing like plenty of fresh air and a good rub down before entering the ring.

"I realize that I have a hard go before me," said Ferns, "and I will go into the ring well seconded by Jack Hanley and Mel Lowenfeld. Watt Montieth will hold the watch for me, and all assure me that Referee Acton will give me a square deal; therefore I feel safe in saying I will win. I have bet a few hundred on my chances."

Forecasts of the Result.

Biddy Bishop, the well-known manager of boxers, writes from California to say that he considers Tracey's chances of winning better than even.

Al Neill is another who thinks Tracey has a good chance. He writes that if Tracey puts up the kind of fight he did with him, the big money will go to the Australian.

Watt Montieth expressed the opinion that the go will be one of the best ever seen in the Northwest, and said it is too even for him to guess the result.

Mel Lowenfeld said: "Ferns of course—in a canter about 12 rounds."

Budd Smith said yesterday: "Vancouver will be short of male inhabitants tonight. We have chartered two cars with a capacity of 50 each, and may have to get another. Both Ferns and Tracey have many admirers over here, and the interest taken is intense.

Ed Reckner, of Oregon City, said: "We will be there with bells. The decision of the club managers to put on the bouts earlier has caused a great many more from Oregon City to go, as they feel sure of being able to get home on the last car."

The advance sale of seats surpasses any previous one in Portland.

The preliminary contestants are in good form, and prepared to put up a lively go. They will enter the ring at 8:30 sharp, after which there will be no waits.

BOWLERS MAKE HIGH SCORES.

Medals Go to Holmes' Team at the Multnomah Club Contest.

The Multnomah Club's weekly bowling medals were won by Holmes' team last nigtht. Three big scores were made on that team, Zeller, 211; Craft, 206; and Holmes, 205. The fourth man was one Otto Burkhardt, who made 149, and changed his name to Smith. The other seven teams that contested did good work except the one captained by Wels, the newly appointed chairman of the bowling committee, which made but 601.

On Thursday and Saturday evenings the contest for the monthly medal will take place. Last Saturday night was the one on which they should have bowled, but owing to the interstate tournament the contest had to be postponed.

The weekly scores:

PLAYERS.	First Game.	Second Game.	Third Game.	Fourth Game.	Allowance.	Total plus Allowance.
Ball	44	58	36	43	0	181
Hablghorst	51	47	48	37	16	199
Abendroth	34	29	31	54	12	160
Sydney	40	33	40	31	20	164
Totals	169	167	155	165	48	704
Churchman	31	34	30	40	44	179
Surman	23	35	27	31	44	160
Beck	30	43	29	29	44	169
Hudson	20	30	19	29	44	142
Totals	99	141	105	129	176	650
Holmes	34	51	45	59	16	205
Burkhardt	33	40	37	31	8	149
Zeller	49	64	42	40	16	211
Craft	57	51	55	43	0	206
Totals	173	206	179	173	40	771
Warriner	50	25	26	52	32	185
Pratt	24	27	25	41	36	153
Murphy	52	31	20	32	40	175
Whitehouse	37	47	38	41	36	199
Totals	163	130	109	166	144	712
Kerrigan	42	33	41	32	28	176
Montgomery	44	32	32	34	44	186
Allen	42	37	27	27	44	177
Beck, Phil	34	33	42	48	32	189
Totals	162	135	142	141	148	728
Pittock	29	32	27	37	44	169
Dunne	29	41	35	34	44	183
Holman	24	31	43	27	32	157
Brigham	28	42	41	37	24	172
Totals	110	146	146	135	144	681
Rauert	29	36	20	23	20	148
Harlow	25	26	25	31	20	127
Ford	41	50	26	31	20	168
Kahn	30	20	30	58	32	176
Totals	135	132	117	143	92	619
Wels	29	31	29	28	8	125
Blackstone	36	22	40	56	28	172
Sigler	40	45	49	43	0	177
Mallory	28	27	38	34	0	127
Totals	123	125	156	161	36	601

Games in Billiard Tournament.

Four games were played in the finals of the billiard tournament at the Multnomah Club last evening and resulted as follows:

	Score.	Average.
H. G. Foster (60)	60	1.20
H. A. Wels (60)	41	.83
O. F. Godfrey (100)	100	2.22
A. St. Clair Gay (40)	27	.60
H. G. Foster (60)	60	2.20
A. St. Clair Gay (40)	19	.75
H. A. Wels (60)	60	1.35
C. W. Zeller (75)	54	1.13

Tonight Godfrey and Zeller will meet.

Chess Entries at Multnomah Club.

Considerable interest is being displayed in the chess tournament at the Multnomah Club, and 11 entries have already been made. They are: M. C. Holbrook, Guy Holman, H. E. Middleton, F. O. Burkhardt, J. Alex DeFrance, Burr Struble, F. J. Raley, H. S. Mason, Thomas Parker, H. P. Holmes, and L. B. Wickersham. The games have commenced, but the entries will remain open for a week or so longer. Last evening DeFrance defeated Holbrook and Middleton.

CORBETT AND McGOVERN.

Matched at Cincinnati for a Twenty-five Round Contest.

CINCINNATI, O., Feb. 25.—Young Corbett (William H. Rothwell), of Denver, and Terry McGovern, of Brooklyn, were matched here today for a 25-round boxing contest, to take place before the club offering the best inducements, on or before October 15, 1902. Both men agreed to weigh not more than 127 pounds at 4 o'clock on the afternoon of the contest. The articles of agreement were signed by John Corbett, manager of "Young Corbett," and Sam Harris, manager of Terry McGovern, at the office of the Cincinnati Enquirer here tonight, and contain the following provisions:

"1—That the contest shall be conducted according to Marquis of Queensberry rules to a decision, with gloves weighing five ounces each.

"2—That the contest shall take place before the club offering the best inducements, all bids to be delivered at the Cincinnati Enquirer office not later than April 15, 1902. A forfeit of $1000 to accompany the bid to guarantee good faith.

"3—It is agreed that the purse or receipts shall be divided as follows: The winner to receive 75 per cent and the loser 25 per cent of the receipts.

"4—The said 'Young Corbett' and the said Terry McGovern agree not to weigh more than 127 pounds at 4 o'clock on the afternoon of the contest, places of weighing to be agreed upon in signing articles with the club accepting the match.

"5—The said 'Young Corbett' and the said Terry McGovern do each hereby agree to post $1250 with C. E. Lambertson, sporting editor of the Cincinnati Enquirer, as a forfeit for said weight and also a forfeit of $1250, making $2500 in all, as a guarantee of the fulfilment of this contract, and to appear as agreed.

"6—It is agreed that the referee be mutually agreed upon on the date of signing articles with the club, or one month before the contest.

"7—It is also agreed that the Cincinnati Enquirer shall act as final stake holder and that the club securing the contest shall post forfeit with said paper. Bids to be opened by the sporting editor of the Enquirer at 3 o'clock on the afternoon of April 15.

"8—One thousand dollars is hereby posted and acknowledged by C. E. Lambertson, sporting editor of the Cincinnati Enquirer, as a guarantee of the fulfilment of this contract. If either contestant fails to live up to these agreements, he shall forfeit to his opponent the sum of $1000. The balance of forfeit, $1500, to be posted on April 15, 1902."

One-Sided Contest.

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 25.—Tommy Ryan defeated "Australian" Tim Murphy tonight in a one-sided contest, which ended in the ninth round. Murphy made a poor showing, and allowed himself to be counted out to escape further punishment. The bout was scheduled for 10 rounds.

The Baseball War.

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—A. G. Spalding is much pleased with the latest developments in the baseball war, which he is now ready to fight to a finish. A long telegram has been received in this city from him, in which he says:

"I construe the action of the 'loyal four' members of the National League at their conference at Pittsburg as reiterating and reaffirming their allegiance to the principle underlying the baseball controversy, an indorsement of the campaign conducted to date on a determination not to dodge the real issue by sacrificing principle to expediency, which action must be approved by all those who have the best interest of the National game at heart.

"It is a good omen for the future of the National League that Freedmanism and Brushism received its death blow at Pittsburg on Washington's birthday. I consider this campaign for the uplifting of baseball, so far as it relates to those baneful 'isms,' as practically over, regardless of litigation."

Races at New Orleans.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 25.—Results:

Six furlongs—Laureats won, Lady Contrary second, King Ford third; time, 1:17½.

Two-year-olds, 3½ furlongs—Frances Porter won, May Allen second, Lizzie Brooks third; time, 0:44½.

One and a sixteenth miles—Intrusive won, Prince Blazes second, Malay third; time, 1:50.

Six furlongs—Divonne won, Aaron second, Rose of May third; time, 1:16½.

One and 2-16 miles—Strangest won, Lou Rey second, Homage third; time, 2:04.

Mile and 20 yards—Lofter won, Dramburg second, Henry of Franstamar third; time, 1:45½.

Races at Oakland.

OAKLAND, Feb. 25.—Results:

First race, 5½ furlongs, selling—Pencil Me won, Derby Winner second, Rasp third; time, 1:12¾.

Second race, futurity course, selling—Mildred Schultz won, Monterey second, Breton third; time, 1:16¼.

Seven furlongs—Flamero won, Hungarian second, Lavator third; time, 1:32½.

Mile and a sixteenth, Plumas handicap—Sombrero won, Colonel Ballentyne second, Botany third; time, 1:43¼.

Six furlongs—Muresca won, Meehanus second, Tilburon third; time, 1:16¾.

Five and a half furlongs, selling—Larry Wilt won, Senator Bruce second, Matian third; time, 1:11.

Chess at Monte Carlo.

MONTE CARLO, Feb. 25.—In the international chess tournament this morning Tschigorin and Schlechter won from Reggio and Eisenberg, respectively. The following additional results were recorded in the afternoon sitting: Napier won from Janowksi; Marshall from Teichmann; Meises from Marco; Albin from Mason and Scheve from Popiel, Glunsberg and Wolf drew. Marcozy leads thus for, with a score of 10¼ games won and 2¼ games lost.

Bicycle Race at Atlanta.

ATLANTA, Ga., Feb. 25.—The result of tonight's two hours riding of the seven teams entered in the contest here for the 12-hour championship of America gave each team an equal score of 89 miles and seven laps, 45 miles and four laps having been added to the last night's score of 44 miles and three laps.

Mrs. Snow's Claim Sustained.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 25.—The Federal Court of Appeals today sustained Mrs. Annie E. Snow's claim to a one-eighteenth life interest in the wells in the Veatch survey, the richest part of the Beaumont oil fields. Mrs. Snow keeps a small hotel in California and paid no attention to the waste lands until oil was discovered, when she set up her claim for the share inherited through her children. There are already 120 wells on the survey, and in addition to the compromise, it is said Mrs. Snow will receive about $5000 a month.

Run on Detroit Bank.

DETROIT, Feb. 25.—The run on the Dime Savings Bank was resumed when the bank opened for business today, but the line of waiting depositors gradually dwindled down during the morning. Accounts were paid as fast as possible. The run was entirely confined to savings depositors.

A $1000 Prize.

A prominent manufacturer has offered a prize of $1000 for the best essay on preventive medicine, "believing that a proper exercise of preventive medicine is of incalculable benefit to the human race." The tendency of medical science is toward preventive measures. The best thought of the world is being given to the subject. It is easier and better to prevent than to cure. It has been fully demonstrated that pneumonia, one of the most dangerous diseases that medical men have to contend with, can be prevented by the use of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Pneumonia always results from a cold or from an attack of influenza (grip), and it has been observed that this remedy counteracts any tendency of these diseases toward pneumonia. This has been fully proven in many thousands of cases in which this remedy has been used during the great prevalence of colds and grip in recent years, and can be relied upon with implicit confidence. For sale by all druggists.

CAMPBELL WILL GO EAST

THE REPORT OF HIS APPOINTMENT IS CONFIRMED.

Will Be Assistant Traffic Director of the Harriman Lines, With Headquarters at Chicago.

CHICAGO, Feb. 25.—The news that Traffic Manager Campbell, of the O. R. & N. has been selected by Mr. Stubbs to be assistant traffic director of the Harriman lines is officially confirmed here. For some weeks Mr. Campbell has been assisting Traffic Manager Stubbs; in fact, has been conducting the office most of the time since Mr. Stubbs' serious attack of illness in December, but the formal appointment of the new official will not be made until March 1, when the circular making the official announcement will be issued.

No intimation is given as to who will be Mr. Campbell's successor in Oregon, or as to what readjustments will be occasioned by his removal to Chicago. It is said that no decision on these matters has been made yet, and that it may be some weeks before they are taken up.

"Wonderland" for 1902.

The Northern Pacific Railway's annual publication, "Wonderland," that is just out for the year 1902, is the finest number yet issued. It is of the same general style as those of the past three years, but is more perfect in detail. The cover design and chapter headings are halftone reproductions of designs modeled in plastique, and are notable works of art. The descriptive matter treats of the Lake Park region of Minnesota, the country traversed by the Northern Pacific Railway between St. Paul and Portland, life among the Northern Cheyenne Indians, the geysers, canyons and wild animals of the Yellowstone National Park, and Puget Sound and Alaska. The chapter on mining in Montana is more historical than descriptive. All these are accompanied by a wealth of illustrations that makes the new Wonderland a work of art, as well as a book of information.

Still on the Tariff Sheet.

Yesterday the Transcontinental Freight Bureau confined itself to consideration of the tariff sheet at the morning and afternoon sessions. No petition for reduction of rates was before the bureau. Last evening a joint committee of representatives of the through lines was in session to consider a number of rates that could be as well adjusted without the presence of the full bureau. The action of the committee will be reported to the bureau for confirmation. It is said that no important changes were made or are under consideration.

Washout on Gray's Harbor Line.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Feb. 25.—The eastbound passenger train went only as far as Porter, 20 miles from here, this morning. Just east of that place the track of the Northern Pacific had been washed out for 600 feet and had fallen into the river. A train came down from Centralia to the washout, and passengers, mail and baggage from the harbor were transferred and made late connection at Gate City. The track will be repaired in a few days.

Stock Car Companies Combine.

CHICAGO, Feb. 25.—Official announcement of the consolidation of several of the private stock car companies was made today at the annual meeting of the Streets Western Stable Car Company. President Eckstein stated that the companies in the combination are the Streets Company, the Canada Cattle Car Company and the Consolidated Cattle Company, the latter being known as the Hicks Company. The Streets Company, by the new arrangement, acquires control of 4500 new cars.

Southern Pacific Trains Delayed.

Owing to trouble on the Sacramento division of the Southern Pacific, said to have been the caving of a tunnel, the train from San Francisco due in Portland at 7 last night did not get through. It and the following train from California, which is due here at 8:30 this morning will arrive between 2 and 3 o'clock this afternoon. A "stub" train was made up at Roseburg and run through to Portland on the schedule of the train due here last evening.

Railroad to Be Reorganized.

LAKE CHARLES, La., Feb. 25.—The sale of the Kansas City, Watkins & Gulf Railway was postponed by agreement until March 24. The bondholders and stockholders have reached an agreement and will reorganize with J. B. Watkins as president. The railroad went into the hands of a receiver four years ago, and has been developed into a good property. The road is 100 miles long, and has terminals at Alexandria and Lake Charles, La.

Ex-Postmaster Goes to Prison.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Feb. 25.—Robert C. Pierson, ex-postmaster at Louisville, Ill., pleaded guilty in the Federal Court today to embezzling postoffice funds, and was sentenced to two years at the Chester penitentiary and to pay a fine of $3440. The amount embezzled was $1200, which was made good by Pierson's bondsmen. John H. Shine, United States Marshal for the First District of California, brought Pierson here from California.

Mrs. Soffel Out on Bail.

BUTLER, Pa., Feb. 25.—Mrs. Kate Soffel, wife of the Pittsburg jail warden, who assisted in the escape of the Biddle brothers, and who was wounded during the battle when they were recaptured, was removed from the Butler Hospital today and taken to Pittsburg by County Detective Robinson. She has fully recovered from her wounds. Three charges have been made against her, one alleging the crime of aiding in the escape of the murderers, and two alleging felonious assault and battery. She was released on $5000 bail, furnished by her father, and went to his home with him.

THE LAST MAN BROTHERHOOD

But One Member Left of a Club Formed Over 40 Years Ago.

Philadelphia Times.

When the last minute of today has ended and clock hands are turning into the sweep of February 16 a white bearded old man will drink a silent toast in a deserted room and the Last Man's Brotherhood, after an existence of nearly half a century, will be a thing of the past.

Walter W. Bell, a real estate dealer, of 1219 South Thirteenth street, is the last man. He was the first man, also, for it was on his 22d birthday, February 16, 1856, and at his suggestion that the unique band was formed. Barney Fields' restaurant, at Ninth and Arch streets, long ago disappeared into the past, was the scene of that natal celebration.

Thirty-two of young Bell's comrades had banqueted him, and the event proved so happy that someone suggested that it be made a yearly affair. To this idea Mr. Bell added his—to make the gathering a life-long one; one that should last until there was but one man left.

They hailed the plan with delight, those boys, and they bottled a quart of wine then and there. They placed it in a basket and labeled it, "The property of the last man."

Four years passed, each of them bringing a happy recurrence of February 16; no member absent from the feast. The next year, 1861, three died. Then the war came, and of the 10 brotherhood boys who went out only nine came back. They left a comrade at Petersburg.

A decade later 25 men sat down in the hotel kept at Ninth and Bainbridge streets by a woman who afterwards became "Squire" McMullen's wife. They toasted the memory of 11 lost chums.

Year after year the feast went on. Sometimes there would be no new absentees; sometimes several, until finally, in 1891, there were only three diners—Mr. Bell, Robert Dryball and William Eckert. In the following year Bell and Eckert were mourners at Dryball's grave.

One year ago the two pledged together the memories of the 31. On November 14, Mr. Eckert died.

So tonight Walter W. Bell will break the neck of the long-preserved wine bottle, take a look at the framed pictures of the original band of merry boys, and drink in silence. There is a toast he must repeat. One of the members, who died long ago, wrote it. Its last lines are:

But chill is his heart, and his limbs scarce bear
His weight as he rises before his chair.

Yet he calls the names in order due—
(The sad, sad list so nearly through.)

He raises the glass to his shriveled lip,
And essays the generous draught to sip.

Then, sinking down, with palsied hand,
He makes the last note of our wasted band.

The date—his name. His senses drown—
"Mine, mine, alas! is the Cypress Crown!"

National Council of Women.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—The National Council of Women closed its triennial session here today. It elected Mrs. Ida Smoot Dusenberry a delegate to the National Congress of Mothers, in session here, and adopted a series of resolutions. These petition the Government immediately to investigate reports that "the social evil" is licensed by the Government in the Philippines, advocate arbitration and conciliation to settle difficulties and urge women to help to advance negro conditions by aid and support of kindergartens and day nurseries in the South.

Insurgent Fleet Encountered.

PANAMA, Feb. 25.—A steamer which arrived here this morning reports having met the fleet of the Colombian rebels off Punta Mala, 100 miles south of Panama, and that these vessels undoubtedly intend to commence operations on the coast of the Province of Chiriqui, which is the richest district on the isthmus.

It is believed here that the Liberal General Herrera, perceiving the strength of the government, will not attack Panama.

Unprovoked Killing.

LAWRENCE, Kan., Feb. 25.—Ed Katherman, aged 18, was shot and instantly killed here today by J. B. Shane, a photographer. There was no provocation, so far as is known. Katherman merely spoke to Shane as the latter was standing in the door of the gallery, and then the fatal shot was fired. Shane, who is 65 years of age, was immediately placed under arrest.

Wealthy Farmer Assassinated.

KEOKUK, Ia., Feb. 25.—William Mullekan, a wealthy farmer, was assassinated tonight, being shot in the head by an unknown person, who fired through a window of his house. Mullekan was reading a newspaper only four feet from the window, and was instantly killed.

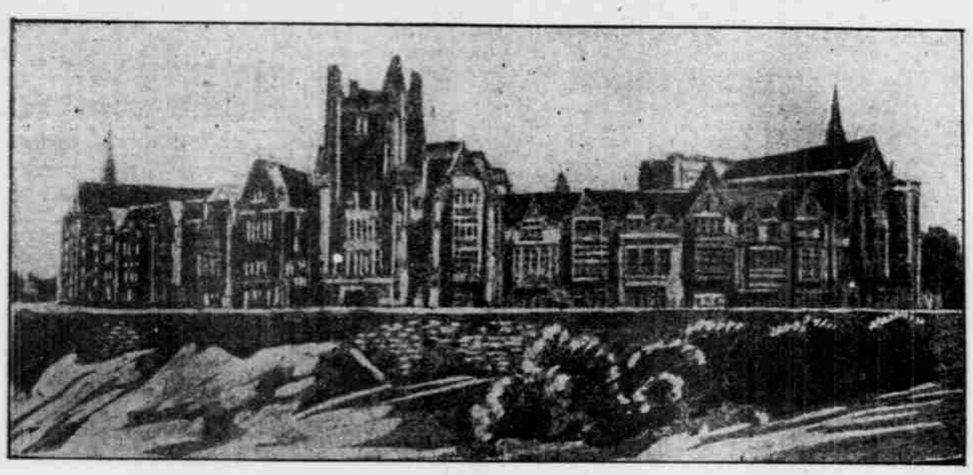
An Ohio Bank Failure.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—The Controller of the Currency today appointed National Bank Examiner J. W. Delay receiver of the First National Bank of Belmont, O., upon telegraphic advices from the directors of the bank that they had closed the doors.

Memorial Day Orator.

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—Judge Thomas Jones, of Montgomery, lately appointed United States District Judge of Alabama, has accepted the invitation to deliver the oration at Grant's tomb in New York City Memorial day.

NEW BUILDING FOR COLLEGE OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.



IT WILL COVER TWO CITY BLOCKS AND ACCOMMODATE 3000 STUDENTS.

Architect George B. Post's plans for the new home structure of the College of the City of New York have been accepted by the trustees. The structure covers two city blocks, from One Hundred and Thirty-eighth to One Hundred and Fortieth streets, east of Amsterdam avenue, on the heights overlooking the new St. Nicholas Park.

The site is at the gateway of the new Washington Heights district, which will be built up within a few years with costly private residences and large apartment-houses. The site was selected after years of discussion among the parties at interest.

Work on the new structure will begin this Spring. It will accommodate 3000 students. The college now has 2300 students. Its old home, a landmark, on the southeast corner of Twenty-third street and Lexington avenue, was outgrown many years ago. The trustees were obliged to rent premises east and west of it in order to house 600 students. The curriculum was recently changed and improved, and the standard of the work done by the students ranks with that of the highest college in the land.

FEAR CARLIST MOVEMENT

MORE TROOPS BEING DRAFTED TO BARCELONA.

Further Disturbances Caused by Strikers' Demands—Horse-Car Conductor Murdered.

MADRID, Feb. 25.—Reports have been received here of slight disturbances at Barcelona, resulting from the demands of strikers for the release of prisoners, during which several persons were injured in collisions with the military. A horse-car conductor has been found murdered in the suburbs of Barcelona. The printers threaten to strike again.

Further troops have been drafted to Barcelona, ostensibly for fear of a Carlist movement. A general strike has been declared at Mureca, where the publication of newspapers has been suspended.

PAYING THE INDEMITY.

Bankers' Commission at Shanghai Receives First Installment.

SHANGHAI, Feb. 2, via Victoria, Feb. 25.—The Bankers' Commission here received on the 31st the first installment of the Chinese indemnity, viz.: Hong Kong taels, 1,820,000. The installment will be distributed to the powers in the following percentage: Russia, 29; Germany, 20; France, 15 7-16; England, 11; Japan, 8; United States, 7; Italy, 6; Belgium, 2; Austria, 1; Holland 2-16; Spain, 1-16.

There is some difference of opinion between the foreign bankers and the Chinese officials as to how the installments are to be paid in future. The Bankers' Commission wants to fix monthly installments, but the Chinese authorities would prefer a longer interval. According to the protocol, the interest which China pays on the principal of the indemnity is payable in June and December.

Foreign troops stationed at Tien Tsin are to be decreased to about two battalions for each power, and the military headquarters are to be converted into garrisons. The time for the withdrawal of the troops will be the end of February or the beginning of March.

The French Government has decided to construct a direct railway line between Pao Ting Fu and Tien Tsin.

The American Proposal.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—The United States Government has proposed to the powers concerned in the Chinese treaty that they consent to a pro-rata reduction of claims so as to maintain the total within the sum of 450,000,000 taels, which the powers agreed to accept from China as full indemnity for the Boxer outrages. Germany has discovered that she placed her claim too low and has demanded an increase in allowance of 10,000,000 taels, and if this is to be met the other signatory powers must agree to submit to the pro-rata deduction of that sum from their own original allotments.

The United States is formally opposed to any attempt to extort from China more than 450,000,000 taels, and it will attempt to avoid the creation of a precedent to be followed by the other powers in the allowance of this German claim.

LOOT SCANDAL IN JAPAN.

Desire on the Part of the Government to Suppress It.

TOKIO, Feb. 7, via Victoria, Feb. 25.—Japan, America and England are united in an anti-Russian policy in regard to the new Manchurian convention. Russia agreed to China's demand that she evacuate Manchuria, but stipulated for certain mining privileges along the line of the East China Railway and over the whole of three Eastern provinces. The above-mentioned dreibund warned China that if she yielded this concession they would demand equal privileges. So it is reported here that China is on the horn of a dilemma and the new Manchurian convention hangs fire.

There is an evident desire on the part of the government to suppress the loot scandal. It is said that certain high officials in the government are seriously involved, if not themselves directly as looters or receivers, yet as having friends or relatives in the mess. One vernacular paper has been daily making the most explicit charges against well-known men, but the government, usually so quick to stop journalistic license of this kind, has not interfered. The paper in question is reputed to be the organ of a party in opposition to the government. In the meantime, the government announces that it is "investigating" the matter and has made three arrests, not of looters, but of men who accused others of looting, the government charge being "bearing false witness." Supporters of the government here say that the whole matter is very much exaggerated for political purposes, and that the illegitimate looting was done by comparatively few individuals. Baron Kodama Gentaro, Minister of War, is said to have been desirous of prosecuting the loot investigation and to have therein run up against the Premier. At any rate, the Baron has resigned his portfolio, professedly with the desire to devote himself wholly to Formosa, of which he is Governor-General. His successor in the war ministry will, it is said, be Viscount Takashima. In the meantime the opposition is harassing the government in the Diet with interpellations as to the loot question.

Awaiting Russia's Reply.

LONDON, Feb. 25.—Great Britain is awaiting with much interest the publication of the terms of Russia's reply to the United States in regard to commercial relations in Manchuria. A question on the subject was asked in the House of Commons this afternoon, to which the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, replied that the government had no official cognizance of Russia having recently renewed to the United States her assurances that Manchuria would never be closed to American trade.

David Mills on Monroe Doctrine.

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—David Mills continues in the March number of the Empire Review his strictures on the foreign policy of the United States as embodied in what he describes as the "revised edition of the Monroe Doctrine," says a London dispatch to the Tribune. He cites passages from the speeches of President Roosevelt and Senator Lodge, as proof that American diplomacy regards the Western Hemisphere as under the exclusive domination of the United States and as excluded from the established doctrines of international law. He asserts emphatically that all the states of the Western Hemisphere stand on a footing of equality and that the United States has no claim in international law greater than Canada's rights. He cites President Cleveland's and Secretary Olney's action on the Venezuela question and the refusal of the Government to allow foreign powers to acquire coaling stations in the West Indies, and argues that the United States will receive some day the same answer which it once gave the Barbary States: "We prefer war to tribute."

Government Defeat in Commons.

LONDON, Feb. 25.—The government was defeated in the House of Commons tonight. Captain Norton (Liberal) called attention to the excessive hours of labor of railroad men and moved that the government should be empowered to demand returns from the railroad companies of the hours exceeding 12 per day worked by their servants. After some debate, which was directed to showing that accidents arose from overwork on the part of railroad employes, Gerald Balfour (Conservative), on behalf of the Government, admitted that there was some justification for the motion, and that he was willing to accept a modified form thereof, but the House carried Captain Norton's original motion by 155 votes to 154 amid loud cheers from the opposition.

Must Face the Music.

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—Pressure upon the Government for a thorough investigation of remounts and purchases and contracts of all kinds in the Army is steadily increasing, says a London dispatch to the Tribune. Lord Tweedmouth, supported by Lord Spencer and Lord Rosebery, contended in the House of Lords that a strong prima facie case has been made out already for an inquiry of a sweeping nature. Lord Salisbury has turned a deaf ear to all the demands of the united opposition. Mr. Brodrick is under fire daily in the Commons on the same question, Mr. Labouchere being among the surest and most persistent of the marksmen. The ministers also are menaced with revolt in their own ranks unless they face the music.

The Tobacco Invasion.

LONDON, Feb. 25.—The Imperial Tobacco Company today secured control of the tobacco business of Salmon & Gluckstein, Ltd., by a vote of the shareholders of the latter concern, who are guaranteed a 10 per cent dividend on their stock by the Imperial Tobacco Company.

The chairman, Mr. Gluckstein, emphatically urged the acceptance of the proposal, if they wished to escape the risks of the fierce tobacco war now entering upon its skirmishing stage. The Americans, he said, were about to spend vast sums in an attempt to capture the British tobacco industry, but though the weaker houses would probably fall in the struggle, there was no doubt the invasion would ultimately fail.

Colonies Will Be Asked to Help.

LONDON, Feb. 25.—During the course of the debate on the naval estimates in the House of Commons today the Secretary of the Admiralty, Arnold Foster, said that at the approaching colonial conference in London the occasion would be taken to ascertain the views of the colonies on the question of contributions to the strength of the British Navy.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer said the government would not approach the colonies as a beggar, but in the belief that they desire to share as far as possible the burdens of the empire.

Labor Demonstration at Bucharest.

BUCHAREST, Roumania, Feb. 25.—Several hundred workmen attempted to invade the Chamber of Deputies here today, for the purpose of demonstrating in favor of the modification of a bill then under discusion by the chamber, dealing with trades unions. The workmen attacked the police, who barricaded the entrance to the chamber, with sticks and stones. Several policemen were injured and 130 of the demonstrators were arrested.

Boston Preacher Robbed in Italy.

ROME, Feb. 25.—The Rev. Horace Dutton, of Boston, was robbed of 700 lire yesterday. He was bicycling in the country when his machine broke down, and he accepted the offer of two men who were driving in a cart to take him to Rome. On his arrival here Mr. Dutton started to remunerate the drivers, when he found his purse had disappeared. He accused the drivers, who thereupon whipped up their horses and drove rapidly away.

Holding Down a Strike.

ROME, Feb. 25.—Dispatches received here from all parts of Italy show that the railroad employes belonging to the mobile and territorial armies are joining the ranks readily, in accordance with yesterday's decree of the government—a step taken to prevent the threatened general strike. The strikers at Turin are resuming work.

Boer Delegates Arrive.

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—Among the passengers who arrived today on the steamer Rotterdam, from Rotterdam and Boulogne, were Messrs. Wolmerans and Wessels, Boer delegates, and Dr. DeBruyn, secretary of the Boer Embassy. The party will remain in this city for a few days and then proceed to Washington.

No Offer to Surrender.

LONDON, Feb. 25.—The War Office today denied the rumors which were circulated in the lobby of the House of Commons last night, that General Louis Botha, the Boer commander-in-chief in South Africa, has made an offer to surrender on certain conditions. The story appears to have come from Paris.

The Colonial Secretary, Mr. Chamberlain, in the House of Commons today informed a questioner that Lord Milner had not received a communication from General Botha, offering to surrender.

Eleven Thousand Join the Boers.

LONDON, Feb. 25.—The Daily Mail, in a dispatch from Johannesburg, presents tables showing that 11,000 rebels joined the Boers from Cape Colony during the war.

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Nearly everyone will admit that as a Nation we eat too much meat and too little of vegetables and the grains.

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As a general rule, meat once a day is sufficient for all classes of men, women and children, and grains, fruit and vegetables should constitute the bulk of food eaten.

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ICE GORGE STILL INTACT.

But Flood Is Imminent Along the Susquehanna.

LANCASTER, Pa., Feb. 25.—The ice gorge in the Susquehanna River, which is the worst since 1887, has not yet broken, but the flood made imminent by the recent storm and present mild weather is expected at any time. The back water, it is said, imperils the lower portion of Columbia as well as Washington Borough, and the little villages lying between, while the peach orchards and tobacco sheds, some with the crop still in them, on the large islands in the river, will be in danger of being swept away.

No Danger at Pittsburg.

PITTSBURG, Feb. 25.—The local weather forecaster issued a bulletin tonight, stating that there is absolutely no danger of a flood at Pittsburg in either the Allegheny or Monongahela Rivers during the next 36 hours.

West Virginia Rivers Rising.

HUNTINGTON, W. Va., Feb. 25.—Heavy rains have fallen over West Virginia. All the rivers are rising rapidly. In the Guyandotte, all the timber rafts and small craft in the mouth of the stream have been swept away, entailing heavy loss.

Sentenced for Swindling.

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—Godolphin Finney Burslem, once a Captain in the Royal Horse Artillery in the British Army, and a secretary to Sir Bartle Frere, ex-Governor of Cape Colony, South Africa, has been sentenced to eight years at Sing Sing for swindling a woman out of $6900, entrusted to him for investment.

Revenue Receipts in January.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—The monthly statement of receipts of the Internal Revenue Bureau shows that for the month of January, 1902, the collections amounted to $20,856,772, a decrease, as compared with January, 1901, of $3,091,606.

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