

BURNED TO DEATH

Mrs. Johanna Kurden Loses Life in the Flames.

LITTLE HOME BURNS DOWN

Lamp Explodes, Throwing Burning Oil Over Bed-Clothing, and Death Comes in a Most Horrible Manner as a Result.

Mrs. Johanna Kurden, 50 years old and living alone in a small house at 538 Union avenue, was burned to death at 2:30 this morning by flames that totally destroyed her home.

No one was left to tell the tale of how the fatal fire started, but from evidence and circumstances as seen by firemen and policemen about the burning house, it originated from the explosion of a kerosene lamp.

Being alone, and probably in sound slumber at the time, the aged woman was burned to death in the fire, which consumed her small habitation within the space of but a few minutes. The flames enveloped the frail structure and laid it in ruins before firemen could reach the scene, and the only thing they could do when they arrived was to carry the dead body of the unfortunate woman from the ruins and care for it until Coroner Finley's men came and took charge.

So far as known, the woman had no relatives here. It is known positively she has no children living here. Her husband died in Portland one year ago, and since she has lived a most lonely life. She was frequently ill, and neighbors visited her often to cheer her.

WHAT RUSSIANS SHOT AT.

Their Naval Officers Say It Was Torpedo-Boats.

PARIS, Feb. 2.—A continuance of the cross-examination of the Russian officers at today's sessions of the International Commission developed considerable feeling and several sharp exchanges of remarks. Captain Clado particularly criticized the hostile attitude of the British press. He said Vice-Admiral Rojestvensky had written a private letter condemning the British press, using one phrase which Captain Clado said he considered necessary to withhold.

Prinze Eitel Will Recover. PETERSBURG, Feb. 2.—A bulletin issued this morning states that the general condition of Prince Eitel Friedrich is good. The highest temperature since yesterday's bulletin was 99, and today's is 98.4.

Earthquakes at Andijan.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 2.—Two severe earthquake shocks were felt at 10:35 this morning at Andijan, Province of Fergana, Central Asia.

TO REFORM SOCIAL LAWS.

Committee of Ministers Must Act on Witte's Suggestion.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 2.—The report circulated by the London Daily Telegraph this morning that Emperor Nicholas has signed a decree authorizing the committee of ministers to draw up a constitution, is incorrect. The report probably originated in the following circumstances.

The committee of ministers rejected a motion made by M. Witte that the committee should express an opinion regarding the state of emergency and take steps to prevent repetition of such incidents. The motion was rejected on the ground that such action was beyond the jurisdiction of the committee of ministers.

Granting certain lands within the Flathead Indian reservation, Montana, to certain Catholic societies for religious purposes. Authorizing an American register for the steam lighter Pioneer at Honolulu.

SENATE TALKS ON SEEDS.

Lodge Condemns Free Distribution, and Pettus Throws Willon Bouquet.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—The Senate spent much of today discussing the distribution of ordinary farm and garden seeds by the Agricultural Department, the agricultural appropriation bill being under consideration.

SUSPENSION BRIDGE COLLAPSES

Russian Cavalry Thrown in River, and Ice Breaks Under It.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 2.—The suspension bridge spanning the Fontanka river collapsed today while a detachment of dragoons were crossing. Thirty men and horses were precipitated into the frozen river, together with a number of cabs, wagons, etc., the ice at that point being weak.

WOUNDED FROZEN TO DEATH

Ghastly Find of Russians Where Japanese Were Beaten.

TRINKHITCHEN, Manchuria, Monday, Jan. 30 (Delayed in transmission).—The Japanese offensive in the neighborhood of Dainichan, 4 miles southeast of Trinkhitchen, has everywhere been beaten off. The Japanese left their killed and carried off a couple of hundred wounded. The Russians subsequently found a large number of frozen corpses of Japanese wounded at Dainichan, but failed to find any of them.

PRUSSIAN GOVERNMENT LINES IT CAN RAISE THE MONEY.

BERLIN, Feb. 2.—The Prussian government has inquired of the group of financial interests represented by the Dresdener Bank and the Bank of Business & Industry if it would be willing to raise loans sufficient to take over the coal mines both of the Rhenish-Westphalian and Silesian regions, should the government desire to consider such a project.

STRUGGLE FOR SANDIAPU.

Japanese Attempt to Drive Off Russians Is Unsuccessful.

MURKIDEN, Wednesday, Feb. 1 (Delayed in transmission).—After the Russian bombardment of Sandiapu yesterday, the Japanese tried to drive them off, but failed. The indications are that the Japanese will abandon Sandiapu. The usual artillery duel is proceeding at the center. Ten Japanese battalions which attacked the Russians left were repulsed with heavy losses. The latest returns of the Russian losses during the recent fighting show that 15,000 men were killed or wounded, General Kondratyevich being among the latter.

TO PREVENT THE GRIP

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BOURBON LAUNDRY WORK

PERFORMED BY BAKER ON THE FLOOR OF HOUSE.

He Tells His Brother Democrats a Few Things About Parker, the Race Issue and Mail Subsidies.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—While the Post-office appropriation bill was under consideration in the House today, a mild sensation was created by Baker (Dem. N. Y.), who said that the voting of mail subsidies was the way to kill the Democratic party.

BUILD WARSHIPS AT HOME.

Russian Plans for New Navy May Feather Schwab's Nest.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 2.—(Midnight).—The Admiralty, having definitely committed itself to the policy of rebuilding and greatly increasing the size of the navy, although the details are not yet completed, is already being besieged by foreign firms anxious to secure contracts. These firms are having little success, however, as only a single French firm has thus far obtained a contract for a large number of ships.

SEPARATE CHURCH AND STATE

Ex-Premier Combes Urges His Policy on His Successor.

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My eyes began to be opened, not to say stars. I recalled the whole history of the action of the Government in regard to the inter-denominational schools as rehearsed above. I wrote to three or four Protestant missionary societies, and learned their amazement was equal to mine. I next discovered that these contracts numbered in all nine, and that eight had been made with one denomination.

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Petitions Got Up Quietly.

I happen to have missionaries in the Indian country who have been familiarly moving about among the people there for 15 to 20 years, and who are thoroughly familiar with the Indian language. I addressed inquiries to these and others and learned that the petitions for these contracts were gotten up quietly, that they were entirely unopposed, and that a large number of Indians for months afterwards, and that many of the Indians who signed them did not know what the petitions meant.

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This opinion was sent me by the President as his answer to my appeal. This, of course, finally settled the case. What its effect upon the school work of other missionary societies was I can only imagine. In regard to my own boarding-school work, it would be necessary to give up entirely two of the mission boarding schools, namely, St. Paul's, Yankton agency, and St. John's, Cheyenne River reserve, and aggregate upon the two remaining boarding schools all the boarding school funds which I could command. It was ultimately driven to sell St. Paul's school for about half its value, and St. John's for about one-tenth of its value.

GETTING DOWN TO FACTS.

Only 480 Shots Fired on Bloody Sunday, Say Officials.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 2, 2:10 A. M.—Detailed reports filed at the headquarters of the St. Petersburg military district, where minute records are kept, show that in breaking up the demonstration of January 22 by the thousands of troops on guard only 480 shots were actually fired. These troops represented eight different units, from a squad of eight to a company of 120, and the total number of ball cartridges expended was 1022. The authorities point out that this indicated that there was no general volleying. The number of wounded in the hospitals today is 208.

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