

DEATH PENALTY FOR ALL ROBBERS

Illinois Legislator Proposes Extreme Remedy for Crime Outbreak.

REIGN OF TERROR IN CITIES

Law-Abiding Element Desperate and Would Hang All Burglars and Highwaymen—Hold-Up Men Are Ready to Kill.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Feb. 1.—(Special.)—Death on the gallows is to be the penalty for burglary and highway robbery, if the law-abiding elements in the Illinois Legislature prove strong enough to push the measure through. The alarming reign of crime in Chicago, which, despite the recent addition of 1200 policemen, is apparently constantly increasing, has moved Representative Church to frame a bill extending capital punishment to hold-ups and burglars.

Crime Carnivals in Many Cities.

In several cities outside of Chicago—for instance, Galena, Illinois—the existence of "crime carnivals" has been reported during the winter, and among residents there is said to be much talk in favor of the above-mentioned element of the state by dangling the noose in front of them by the statutory penalty for housebreaking and highway robbery. This talk has been given through the Legislature, and the prospects are that when the bill is presented and comes before the judiciary committee there will be an earnest fight in its support.

Reasons for Death Penalty.

"In my district the citizens are absolutely terrorized, and that condition prevails throughout Chicago. Prominent citizens protest against the present law, and night sessions of the charter convention. They feared to go to the City Hall at night. The police seem powerless to prevent crimes. A woman cannot come down town, even in daylight, without danger of being held up, and the hold-up men are so desperate in their methods that they are ready to kill if their victims put up a struggle. The same way with a burglar. Look at the accounts of hold-ups, shootings and assaults committed recently by the footpads, and then remember that they form only a small part of what, perhaps, is going on in Chicago.

WAR WITH JAPAN TO COME

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occasion or excuse for this conflict may be. The small cloud of war which is now hanging over the horizon of the two nations appears to relate to the dissatisfaction of the Japanese with the educational policy of the United States. The American administration of California's internal affairs has not been fortunate in dealing with the two nations' fundamental cause for the very foundation of the controversy.

Wise Statesmen May Avoid War.

The Senator then modified his prediction of conflict, saying: "The antagonism, however latent, is present in the conscious intuitions of the two nations; but, however latent, the competition between the two countries may be, racial feelings should not, and I believe, will not lead to actual armed conflict. Japan has given evidence of wise and progressive statesmanship and we can hope also for such in the future as we have had in the past. The cost of the armaments race is growing greater in every succeeding year, and neither Japan nor the United States would hastily appeal to arms when the spirit of arbitration is beginning to rule the world. To do so would be to belie the renown they have of being among the most progressive nations of the globe. It is fortunate that the Hague tribunal stands ready to consider in all fairness those great questions that tend to disturb the peace of the world. I am sure that we of America would consider ourselves great and strong enough to submit to a tribunal any dispute not affecting our honor and that Japan would consent, if insisted, that this be done. We need not fear serious clashing of interests, however, for the Pacific is wide and the trade to be developed is so immense that it will be long before the pressure of competition between the two countries is felt."

ROOT REPUDIATES INTERVIEW

Refuses to Discuss Japan—Hayashi's Words Ascribed to Him.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—Secretary Root positively refused to make any statement touching the Japanese situation in its relation to the conference which took place at the White House Wednesday evening between the President and some members of the Cabinet and the California Congressional delegation. He does, however, deny the authenticity of any of the published interviews attributed to him as to the immaturity of any phase of the treaty negotiations, or any phase of this subject, which he regards as one eminently unsuited for public discussion at this time.

Provide Toys for the Poor.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Feb. 1.—In the will of George Nutt, who died recently, his entire estate, valued at \$20,000, is to be spent for toys and gifts for the poor children of Allegheny county at the death of his wife. The will Mr. Nutt provided for his wife's interest during life, and states that at her death the estate is to be held in trust for the purchase of playthings for poor children, especially for those in charitable institutions.

Minister for Foreign Affairs, to the effect that, in the event the courts upheld the San Francisco school officials, the matter of discrimination against Japanese would require diplomatic treatment, was in some quarters erroneously attributed to Mr. Root, who has been put in the position of stating that he had received an ultimatum from the Japanese Minister for Foreign Affairs. Mr. Root denies that he has received any such communication and carefully fails to show that the alleged remark of Baron Hayashi has been made officially to this government.

It was said at the Navy Department today, as an evidence of the slight importance attached by naval officers to the present discussion of Japanese relations, that there was not the slightest intention on the part of the department of granting the American naval force on either side of the Pacific.

WHOLE BOARD AND SCHMITZ GO

San Francisco School Authorities to Confer With Roosevelt.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 1.—After a conference at the home of Mr. Morrell, this morning the members of the Board of Education decided that the entire board, with Superintendent Ronovovici and Assistant Attorney General Schmitz, will go to Washington to confer with the Federal officials on the Japanese question. The Mayor will also be one of the party. The determination of the Mayor to accompany the School Directors came as a great surprise. In explanation of this it was stated that a telegram had been received by him from some one in Washington saying that his presence was urgently needed. As Schmitz is under bond to appear for trial, it will be necessary for him to obtain Judge Dunne's permission to leave the state.

Japanese Delegates in Conference.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Feb. 1.—All the Japanese associations of America are in Los Angeles at present, engaged in securing the support of the local Japanese to a protest to be filed by all of the 23 Japanese associations of California to the bill now pending before the Legislature of California to prohibit all who are not citizens of this country from buying or leasing land. Secret meetings are being held by the Japanese in the city and Main streets, and it is said that other subjects having to do with the welfare of the Japanese in America are being considered.

LAWMAKERS AT CORVALLIS

FAVORABLY IMPRESSED BY AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE.

SCHOOL INSPECTED IN ALL ITS DEPARTMENTS—President Haines Promises It Liberal Treatment.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 1.—(Special.)—Fifty members of the Legislature visited the State Agricultural College this afternoon after adjournment of the Legislature for the week. They went to Corvallis and returned on a special train. The leaders of the excursion were Senator Johnson and Representative Carter of Benton, and J. K. Weatherford, of Albany, president of the faculty, welcomed the visitors and invited E. W. Haines, president of the State Senate, to address the assembly.

AIM TO DESTROY RELIGION

Cardinal Coulle Denounces "Hellish Plot" of French Republic.

LYONS, France, Feb. 1.—Cardinal Coulle, archbishop of Lyons, in a long pastoral letter today adjuring the faithful to pray for a victory for the church, bitterly arraigns the government. "The aim of our enemies is to destroy all religion," says the letter, "dethrone God and make the people believe we are in the world by some causeless accident or an accidental existence, to finally disappear into the nothingness from which we sprang."

MAYORS LEASING CHURCHES

Bishops' Plan Succeeds in Many Communes.

PARIS, Feb. 1.—The parish priests, in obedience to the instructions of the bishops, are submitting to the Mayors' contracts for the lease of the churches and are giving the officials four days in which to reply. The Mayors of some of the Catholic communes immediately signed the documents. Some papers must still be countersigned by the Prefects, who are awaiting the government's decision.

GAS BURNER EXPLODES.

B. H. Morrison Badly Burned at Pacific Coast Biscuit Factory.

The gas burner beneath the boilers of the Pacific Coast Biscuit Company's macaroni factory at Sixth and Gisan streets exploded at about 3:35 this morning and B. H. Morrison, who resides at Fulton, was very badly burned and is in a serious condition. He was taken to the Good Samaritan Hospital in the patrol wagon.

FACES BROKEN IN MIND AND HEART

Exhausted and Swaying With Emotion, Will H. Thompson Drops to His Seat.

OLD MAN A PITIFUL FIGURE

Tears Roll Down Faces of Judge and Jurors, and, Babbling Like a Child, Aged Attorney Is Led From the Courtroom.

TACOMA, Wash., Feb. 1.—(Special.)—When the last words of his speech to the jury tonight in defense of his son, Chester Thompson, were being spoken, when the battle had been fought, when he had done all that mortal man could possibly do, when naught remained for him but to sit idly by, the indomitable, marvelous courage and staying qualities of Will H. Thompson gave way, and he became a pitiful figure. He was led from the courtroom by two men, his face as white as a sheet, his hands trembling, and his eyes staring.

Look of Misery on His Face.

The look of misery which came into his face as he saw that he could do no more brought an audible gasp of pain from the body of the spectators. The nerves of George Thompson, who came to face unflinchingly attack after attack, the whiplash of the caustic tongue of Vance, of Olympia, the cutting sneers of Miller, of Seattle, or the loud-spoken sarcasm of Mackintosh, the county prosecutor of King County, dropped from him at the last moment and he was nothing but a tottering old man, pleading for mercy, scanning the faces of the jurors as if trying to read in their stolid faces some ray of hope, some encouragement—a pathetic, sorrowful, pleading figure.

DISEASE IS ABATING

Decrease at Last in New Cases in Chicago.

CHICAGO, Feb. 1.—Two hundred and eight cases of scarlet fever were reported today, as compared with 281 yesterday. The decrease led the officials of the Health Department to believe that they have the epidemic under control. Diphtheria showed an increase of nine cases. The total to date of scarlet fever cases is 5352 and of diphtheria 255.

NEW INSPECTORS ORDERED

Council Adds to Army Which Guards Against Disease and Proposes New Hospital—Increase of Diphtheria Cases.

NEW YORK, Feb. 1.—The Periodical Publishers' Association of America, representing the leading magazines and weeklies in this country, will determine fight the changes in second-class mail regulations proposed in the report of the joint postoffice commission of Congress made public last Sunday. It was decided at a meeting of the directors yesterday to point out to the public through the editorial columns of the magazines and weeklies what are considered inconsistencies in the report, to have a special committee wait on committees in the interest of the publishers and to enlist in the fight the co-operation of trade papers, daily newspapers and others affected by the proposed changes.

GOBBLING ILLINOIS CENTRAL JOBS

CHICAGO, Feb. 1.—The Record-Herald today says: "The Record-Herald has begun to extend the jurisdiction of the Harriman system officers over the Illinois Central. An official circular has been issued announcing the appointment of H. P. Thrall to be superintendent of mails for the Illinois Central. Mr. Thrall has been superintendent of mails for the Southern Pacific, Union Pacific, Oregon Railroad & Navigation Company and Oregon Shore Line about two years. His appointment as an Illinois Central official was made yesterday and the circular announcing this fact has not yet been given out for publication. It was the purpose yesterday to ascertain whether there was a plan to extend the jurisdiction of the Harriman officers to include the Illinois Central."

MISSOURI SENATE FOR TWO-CENT FARE

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Feb. 1.—The Senate committee on railroads today favorably reported the 2-cent passenger fare bill to apply on all roads in Missouri over 50 miles in length, with a 3-cent rate on branches less than 50 miles. It is practically the same as the House bill, which is ready for passage.

LOS ANGELES STREETCAR HELD UP

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Feb. 1.—Two masked men last night held up a streetcar on the Santa Fe avenue line at Santa Fe and Joy streets, and, presenting pistols to the heads of the

MAIL ORDERS Filled from This Ad. Olds, Wortman & King Fifth St. Washington St. Sixth St.

LAST DAY OF THE CLEARANCE SALE A Series of Startling Bargains from Suit Room Women's Skirts \$2.15 Women's Suits \$11.85

A lot of 250 to select your skirt from, and the regular values of these run as high as \$7.50 each. Come in light or dark gray, olive green and black and white mixtures. Trimmed with plaits, folds and straps, \$2.15 and selling special for today. WOMEN'S WALKING SKIRTS, in black or colors, plain and fancy mixtures; come in gored or plaited effects, and trimmed in buttons or straps. A lot of 100 skirts in all and the values run to \$8.50 each; today's price is \$3.35. WOMEN'S WAISTS, net, chiffon and silk; come in black, white or light blue, and trimmed with hand-made lace and Battenberg. Fasten in front or back, have long or short sleeves, and round or square yokes. Worth to \$45.00 each; now half-price. 1/2

TAILORED HATS To Close 98c A number of smart tailored Street Hats to close out today, and the most of them are worth many times this amount, we make a sweeping reduction that takes in several grades, and make them only 98c. Tailored Street Hats, trimmed with flowers, quills, wings and ribbon; regularly worth to \$3.50 each; choice today for 25c. Fancy Braids, in colors, bolt, 49c. Black Ostrich Tips, three in a bunch, 39c. Special today, bunch, 10c. Wire and Buckram Hat Frames, 10c. Assorted Quills and Wings, 10c.

Allover Embroideries 69c A small lot, but big values abound in this assortment. These allover come 22 inches wide, on nainsook. Splendid for making dainty lingerie waists. They are slightly soiled, but the discount that we allow for that is so generous that you'll not mind it in the least. The regular \$3.00 grades are now \$1.98, the regular \$2.00 qualities 98c, and the regular \$1.00 grades only 69c.

Misses' Hose, 18c Pair FINE RIBBED BLACK LISLE HOSE, for misses' wear; made with seamless foot; a very dressy hose; worth 25c the pair. Special today, only 18c. BOYS' HOSE, heavy-weight cotton, with seamless foot and double knee, 1x1 rib; regular price 35c the pair. Special today, 22c. WOMEN'S HOSE, black-gauze lisle, finished foot and double sole; worth 35c the pair; 19c special. CHILDREN'S VESTS, white lisle, with long sleeve; knee-length pants to match; regular value 35c each. Special today, 18c. WOMEN'S VESTS, white ribbed, Swiss ribbed, long sleeves and neatly trimmed; 50c 29c value; special.

Great Bargains in Dress Goods Superb values that appeal to those who would economize. A final clearance sale reduction, and a chance to save that is not likely to come again. Cream Mohairs Specially Reduced Come in brilliant or Sicilian weaves, in rich, soft cream tints, for evening gowns or smart afternoon dresses. Regular \$1.00 grade; yard, only 82c. Regular \$1.50 grade; yard, only \$1.21. Regular \$1.25 grade; yard, only 98c. Regular \$1.75 grade; yard, only \$1.44. Colored Dress Goods PLAID SUITINGS, in broken lines, 56 inches wide, in the darker colorings. Novelty Suitings, 44 inches wide. Regular \$1.00 and \$1.25 values; special now, the yard 47c.

STORE CLOSING TONIGHT AT SIX

Men's \$1.50 Shirts \$1 Ea. GOLF SHIRTS, with plain or plaited bosoms; come in very neat patterns, and have separate or attached collars; \$1.50 values \$1 ea. Men's Shirts, in golf style; regular \$2.00 values; several lines to select from, today, \$1.19. Little Boys' Kid Gloves, regular \$1.00 values, today, 50c. Boys' Woolen Mittens, regularly worth 35c the pair; special, 19c. Men's Four-in-Hand Ties, in dots, stripes and plaids, worth to 35c each; sp/L 15c. Men's Shield Bows that sell regularly for 25c each; special, 5c. Men's Neckwear, in English Squares and Imperials, regular 75c and \$1.00 grades; special, 25c each. Men's Kid Gloves, broken line, sizes 7 to 7 3/4, worth \$1.50 the pair; special today, only 50c. Boys' Golf Shirts, sizes 12 1/2 to 14, regular 50c and 75c values; special for today, each 25c. Men's Stiff Bosom Shirts, regular \$1 values; special, ea. 77c. Men's Stiff Bosom Shirts, Cluett brand, \$1.50 vals.; sp/L \$1.05

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NO CONVENTION RATES RAILROADS AWAIT RESULT OF TWO-CENT FARE CRK. If States Reduce Rate, No Special Rates Will Be Given—Coast Tourist Rate Renewed. CHICAGO, Feb. 1.—(Special.)—Two-cent passenger fare legislation is affecting the action of railroads everywhere. Today the Transcontinental Passenger Association decided to postpone action on applications for reduced rates for a score of big conventions and gatherings, including the Jamestown Exposition, until the full result of the 2-cent legislation is known. If it continues, not a single reduced convention rate will be granted, and everything in Western territory will be placed upon a flat 2-cent basis. The usual summer tourist rate of 45c for the round-trip to the Pacific Coast was decided upon and an occasional rate of \$1.72 from the Coast to points in the Middle West.

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THE DAY'S DEATH RECORD Henry R. Sargent, Inventor. NEW YORK, Feb. 1.—Henry R. Sargent, an inventor of National reputation, died Wednesday night at his home in Westfield, N. J. The United States Patent Office has issued in him more than 50 patents, several for work done in air conditioners. His development of the drill made possible many of the great engineering feats of the last quarter century. Mr. Sargent was born in Ohio in 1855. His inventive genius developed early, first appearing in machinery for making wagon wheels when he was 18 years of age. A governor for marine engines to prevent the racing of propellers was patented in 1882, and the United States Government at once adopted it for war vessels. Soon after the elevated railroads were built here the company discovered that its uncancelled tickets were being used over. Mr. Sargent was appealed to and the chopping boxes on the elevated and subway lines and in the various ferry houses are the result.

Captain Jackson, Peary's Skipper. ST. JOHN, N. F., Feb. 1.—Captain Arthur Jackson, a well-known Arctic navigator, died here today, aged 64 years. He was in command of the ship which carried Robert E. Peary to Greenland in the latter's first expedition, in 1896.

Charles Marvin, Horseman. LEXINGTON, Ky., Feb. 1.—Charles Marvin, one of the most famous drivers and trainers in America, died in a hospital here today, aged 82 years.

Say Woman Burned Up Infants. DES MOINES, Ia., Feb. 1.—Mrs. Fred West, proprietor of a "baby farm," was arrested today on a charge of murder in the first degree, it being alleged that she put an infant to death by means of kaulicum, used because of its blindness. Affidavits were filed with the local magistrate in which it is charged that bodies of a number of infants born at Mrs. West's home were burned in the furnace. Mrs. West was placed in the county jail. She will be given a preliminary examination tomorrow.

Seattle Lake Permanent Course. SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 1.—(Special.)—With Seattle's admission to the North Pacific Association of amateur oarsmen, Lake Washington has been adopted as the permanent course of the association for racing. The Seattle Athletic Club and the University of Washington will put crews on the water for the annual