



CONVICTS SLASH WARDEN'S THROAT

Three Lifers Make Mad Dash for Liberty.

BLOODY FIGHT AT DEER LODGE

Assistant, Wounded, Shoots Two Brutes, Other Flees.

PRISONERS SECURE KNIVES

Purposely Break Rules and When Called to "Carpet" Attack Warden Conley—Robinson Is Cut, but He May Recover.

DEER LODGE, Mont., March 8.—Warden Frank Conley, of the Montana State Penitentiary, was fearfully wounded this morning, and his first assistant, John Robinson, was killed, when three life convicts, George Rock, W. H. Hayes and another whose name is not given out, made a dash for liberty in the Penitentiary office at 6 o'clock. It is thought the warden will live.

Robinson's throat was cut from ear to ear and the jugular vein was severed. Conley's throat was gashed and he was stabbed several times in the shoulder and groin before he was able to draw his revolver and shoot two of the assassins down. Convicts Hayes and Rock were both shot down by Conley after the latter had been wounded.

Attack Carefully Planned.

The attack on the prison authorities and a subsequent effort to escape has, according to the prison authorities, this afternoon, been long planned by Rock and Hayes, who were cell mates. Both were armed with pen-knives, the blades of which were sharpened like razors. The three convicts were brought to the office of the Penitentiary this morning by Deputy Warden Robinson, to be tried for some trivial infraction of the prison rules, and Conley was waiting to sit in judgment. Hayes had for several months been a "trustee" and had been given the position of turnkey. He had been placed in the same cell with Rock because the authorities believed he would watch the latter, who was the most desperate criminal in the institution.

Spring to Neck Like Tigers.

The moment the men entered the office door, Rock turned swiftly upon Robinson, who was closing the door behind the men, and quickly drawing a knife, he began slashing at the Deputy Warden's throat. Robinson was unable to retreat or move before his throat was cut wide open and he sank to the floor, dying.

At the same moment that Rock attacked Robinson, Hayes also pulled out a knife similar to that of Rock and started for Conley. The latter retreated to the rear of the office before the oncoming desperado. Before Conley could draw his revolver, however, Hayes had slashed his throat, cutting him from the left ear to a point under the chin. The convict, seeing his intended victim getting away, grappled with him and stabbed him several times in the shoulder and groin.

Every Shot Hits Convicts.

Although bleeding terribly, Conley managed to draw his gun from his pocket and fired four times with the weapon pressed against Hayes' abdomen.

As Hayes sank to the floor, Rock rushed at Conley, who emptied the two remaining cartridges in his gun into Rock and the latter also went down. The third convict who had been called to the "carpet," took to his heels at the first of the battle, but was quickly captured and placed in his cell. The authorities refused to give out his name until they had investigated whether he was concerned in the plot or whether he had merely been called to the office at the same time as the other two.

Knives Smuggled Into Cell.

How the convicts, Hayes and Rock, secured possession of the knives is a mystery. The infraction of rules had been planned in order to reach the Warden's office, where the convicts would have more chance in making a dash for liberty.

Rock was shot twice through the lungs and Hayes three times through the abdomen. Both are badly wounded, but it is believed they will recover.

ABSORBS GEORGIA ROAD

Harriman Will Make System Part of Illinois Central.

MACON, Ga., March 8.—Chairman McMillan, of the Georgia Railroad Commission, has made public a signed statement in which he gives reasons for his conclusions that E. H. Harriman will transfer his control of Georgia stock to the Illinois Central and make the Georgia Central a part of the latter. He says that the president of the Georgia Central appeared before his board November 8, 1907, and stated that by direction of E. H. Harriman he appeared before the Commission to say that while the stock of the Central, all except a few shares, stood on the books of the company in the name of either parties, it, in fact, was

owned by E. H. Harriman, having been purchased by him on June 14, 1907.

DISCUSS WAGE REDUCTION

Boston & Maine Employees Are Asked to Accept Less Pay.

BOSTON, March 8.—At a secret meeting today of representatives of the various brotherhoods of railroad trainmen and lodges of railway conductors of the Boston & Maine system, called to discuss the proposition of a temporary reduction of 2 per cent in wages, a letter addressed to the conductors, trainmen and firemen by President Tuttle, was presented. The letter says: "I regret to say that the outlook for the future gives no indication of improvement. I feel sure that you on careful consideration of this matter, will accept the small temporary sacrifice in wages that I have suggested as



Benjamin Ide Wheeler, Who Is Working Against the Machine in California Politics.

being absolutely necessary and unavoidable. Following the meeting it was announced that no vote was taken.

JAPAN'S NAVAL STRENGTH

COMPARISON OF FORCES BEFORE AND AFTER WAR.

Loses 19 Vessels and Gains 21 During Battles—Criticism of Government Expansion Policy.

TOKIO, May 8.—Some reliable figures are now to hand showing the present strength of the Japanese navy compared with the number of battleships she had before the war. A third as many armored cruisers, three more other cruisers, nearly three times as many destroyers, and three fewer torpedo-boats. Her naval losses during the war included two battleships, the Hatsuse and Yamashiro; eight cruisers, the Takashio, Yorshimo, Saitom, Miyako, Hoien, Akagi, Oshima and Kaimon; two destroyers, the Akatsuki and Hayatoshi; and seven torpedo-boats, or a total of 19 vessels and 46,618 tons.

On the other hand, as against the two battleships torpedoed by the Russians, the Japanese lagged at Port Arthur and in the battle of the Japan Sea, five battleships, representing 23,224 tons, viz., the Orset, now named the Iwami; the Peresviet (Sagami), Potliva (Tango), Retvisan (Hizen) and Pobieda (Sio). In addition there were taken 11 unarmored cruisers, 41,720 tons; five destroyers (17,000 tons), a total of 21 vessels, representing 135,510 tons. Thus the net gain without further building on Japan's part is 21 vessels, or 188,684 tons, and 8,224 in tonnage, the discrepancy between these divisions being due to the fact that Japan's chief gains were in battleships and cruisers.

Critics of the expansion programme are naturally asking why, in the face of these figures, which indicate an advance of fully 30 per cent, which include new construction, the government should persist in making appropriations for the army and navy more than 38 per cent of the total national expenditure for next fiscal year. Leading financiers and business men do not hesitate to point out that so long as the above disparity is maintained the country must expect to invite foreign distrust, while foreign attempts to negotiate a new loan are likely to encounter no small opposition, and even if successful will prove so only at the cost of a sacrifice of prestige in the shape of some form of hypochondria.

EMMA OBEYS THE POLICE

Notorious Anarchist Does Not Make Address as She Promised.

CHICAGO, March 8.—Emma Goldman, propounder of the doctrine of anarchism, did not make a public address in Chicago today, as it had been her announced purpose to do. Strict orders issued by the police during the week to owners and managers of public halls left her without a place in which to hold a meeting. To guard against a surprise, however, police were detailed to watch all gatherings of socialists and anarchists, but reports tonight from all quarters indicated that no attempt was made by her to violate the police injunction against public speaking.

FISHERIES TREATY SATISFACTORY

OTTAWA, Ont., March 8.—The recent Ottawa League of Radical Organizations, to hold a meeting in a room in the Masonic Temple was frustrated by the police tonight.

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JAPAN GETTING READY FOR WAR

Wastes No Time While China Seeks Delay.

FLEET IS TAKING ON GOAL

Canton Temporarily in Answer to Tatsu Affair.

MAKES DEMAND IN RETURN

Will Insist That Japanese Recall the Shipment of Arms—London Report Has It That China Has Already Apologized.

TOKIO, March 8. (AP)—There were no developments throughout Sunday or today in connection with the Tatsu affair. In the meanwhile Japan is undoubtedly preparing for eventualities. The entire decision in the matter rests with Premier Saionji and Foreign Minister Nagashi. There has been no indication of the period of time that Japan would wait for China's reply. The Associated Press is informed that the Japanese foreign office has it is presumed that Yuan Shi Kai will require three or perhaps four days' consultation with the victor of Canton in the consideration of the entire matter, consequently no decision may be reached before March 10 or 11.

Activity in Naval Circles.

What action Japan will take in the event that she decides immediately to take "independent action" is a matter of speculation in diplomatic circles in Tokio. It is believed that it is entirely probable that Japan will make any effort to retake the Tatsu or send warships to Canton waters. While war is considered, most improbable, the naval base at Saesbo is extremely active.

CHINA MAKES AN APOLOGY

London Has Report That Canton Government Will Make Amends.

LONDON, March 8.—A special dispatch received here states that China has apologized to Japan for hauling down the Japanese flag on the steamship Tatsu Maru was seized. The dispatch further states that China will later reply to the Japanese government regarding the seizure of the steamer and its cargo.

CHINA HAS COUNTER-DEMAND

Insists That Japan Recall Shipment of Arms to Rebels.

PEKIN, March 8.—The Japanese and Chinese governments have not yet come to an understanding in the matter of the seizure of the Tatsu Maru, and the Chinese Minister of Foreign Affairs maintains that the case cannot be settled without a thorough inquiry into the facts. China has successfully temporized for two days, and today a member of the board of foreign affairs and the Japanese Minister, Baron Hayashi, had a long conference with regard to the disposition of the cargo of the steamer if it were restored.

JAPAN'S MOVE HIGH-HANDED

French Press Declares That Action May Arouse the Powers.

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EVENTS OF COMING WEEK

Trouble in Foreign Fields.

Lord Treadmouth's promised statement before the House of Lords on Monday, concerning the correspondence which recently passed between him and Emperor William, and developments in the controversy between China and Japan, which grew out of the seizure by Chinese authorities of the Japanese steamer Tatsu Maru, will have a place in the foreign news of the present week.

Fleet Nearing Magdalena Bay.

Nearer home, interest will center in several political conventions and in the arrival of the battleships at Magdalena Bay and the convention of the United Mine-workers of America at Indianapolis. There will also be the International Missionary Convention at Pittsburg and an international congress for the welfare of the children, under the auspices of the National Mothers' Congress on Tuesday at Washington.

Will Air Naval Scandal.

The Liffey submarine boat investigation by the special House committee will begin Monday and continue daily. The Senate committee on Naval affairs will resume its investigation on the Government's method of construction, Monday, when it is expected that Admirals Goodrich and Remy will be heard. The trial of Giuseppe Alia, charged with the murder of Father Leo Heinrichs is expected to begin in Denver Monday.

State Conventions This Week.

Two Republican State Conventions will be held on Monday to elect delegates to the National Convention. The Nebraska convention will be held at Omaha and the Oklahoma Republicans will meet at Oklahoma City.

Will Try to Kill Alfonso.

Some apprehension is felt in foreign circles over the proposed visit of King Alfonso to Barcelona on Thursday. Placards throughout Barcelona give warning that an attempt on the Spanish sovereign's life will be made, and every precaution will be taken to guard the King during his stay.

Message Was Unexpected.

The Point Loma station had expected to get its first communication with the fleet through the armored cruiser South Dakota, which left San Francisco last Thursday morning to have a fling with her turret guns at the Magdalena targets before the "big sixteen" in Admiral Evans' command get a chance to blow the checkerboard bits of canvas out of the water. The early communication with the Connecticut, which, so far as known, came direct from the flagship, was a distinct surprise, and is one of the vagaries of the wireless service which are to be expected from time to time.

Tent City Springs Up.

From reports that have reached here, the men of the fleet are likely to find an unexpected welcome awaiting them at Magdalena, where it is said the Mexican traders have established tent bazaars of all descriptions. Amusement managers also have seized the opportunities that the deserted shore line offers. When the ships left Hampton Roads, Magdalena was looked forward to as an uninterupted waste of sand dunes, with an occasional Indian hut far inland as the only sign of human habitation. The over-night shops, theaters and dancing pavilions therefore will come as a distinct surprise.

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WIRELESS COMES AS A SURPRISE

Point Loma Gets Message From Fleet.

WORK AT MAGDALENA BAY

Target Practice Means an End of Play-Days.

WEST PLANS BIG WELCOME

California Coast Cities Will Endeavor to Surpass Hospitality Lavished on the Fleet on Foreign Shores.

SAN DIEGO, March 8.—At 12:30 o'clock this morning the Point Loma (Cal.) wireless station received a dispatch for the Navy Department from Admiral Evans, on board his flagship, the Connecticut, which, with the remainder of the battleships comprising the Atlantic squadron, left Callao, Peru, for Magdalena Bay, February 29. The Point Loma operator was unable to determine the position of the Connecticut, as the signals, which doubtless would have indicated the ship's whereabouts, were indistinguishable. Nothing could be learned as to the contents of the message.

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and the efficiency of the work is subject to the closest scrutiny. Ship captains from the forward bridge control the movements of the vessels in consonance with the signals which various colored flags cry out from flying trucks, and far up in the fighting tops the ordnance officers direct the fire of the many-calibered guns by pressure of electric buttons. Close by their sides sharp-eyed ensigns or passed midshipmen call out the ranges of fire, and thus from stakehold to masthead the giant ships hum with the din of mimic war.

Royal Welcome Awaits Fleet.

When target work and battle drills are over at Magdalena, the task of cleaning ship and sprucing up for the return to home ports awaits the sailors, and it is expected that, no matter

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what tropical growths may cling to hulls below the red of the water line, the white freeboard above and the buff superstructure of the vessels—veterans of a memorable cruise—will glitter and sparkle in the warmth of the California sun as they did that perfect day in December when, under the sapphire blue of a cloudless Virginia sky, they pointed their eventful way to the Pacific Coast.

Upon their arrival here the officers and men of the fleet will get the first notes of a welcome that will ring throughout the entire West. The three seacoast cities—San Diego, Los Angeles and San Francisco—which will be visited in the order named, are vying with one another in their plans for entertaining the fleet. They seem to realize that Port of Spain, Rio, Punta Arenas and Callao have set a mark for hospitality which it will be difficult to surpass, but the return to native shores and the familiar sights and sounds of home will be marked by the most elaborate receptions and demonstrations the enthusiastic citizens of the Coast can devise.

The coming of the fleet is looked forward to with the most anxious anticipation and plans to run excursions from interior cities as far East as Chicago are under way.

ST. LOUIS SENDS A MESSAGE

Gets Into Touch With Connecticut, 1200 Miles South.

VALLEJO, March 8.—The first communication which this Coast has had with Admiral Evans' fleet was established through the cruiser St. Louis late last night.

The St. Louis, under command of Commander N. R. Usher, is at Magdalena Bay for target practice. The message was repeated from the St. Louis to stations on this Coast and was picked up at Mare Island at 2:30 this morning. All stations along the Coast are endeavoring to make the strongest record for communication with the fleet.

BANQUET ABOARD CRUISER

Officers of American Torpedo-Boat Flotilla Are Entertained.

LIMA, Peru, March 8.—Rear-Admiral Radu gave a banquet tonight on the Peruvian cruiser Almirante Grau to the officers of the American torpedo-boat flotilla. The banquet took the form of a faro party, and the guests will have tomorrow morning to continue their voyage to the north.

CHINESE PROFANITY GALLED

WATCHMAN FIRES AT GANG OF YELLOW SAILORS.

Dislikes Babel of Miniature Boxer Uprising and Stops Jeers With a Bullet, Wounding One.

SEATTLE, Wash., March 8.—(Special.)—Because the Chinese sailors on the Henrik Ibsen, a Norwegian whaling tramp steamship afloat, lying at pier 10, jeered him and threw fine coal and coarse profanity in his direction, William H. V. Dawson, watchman, employed to guard them, fired two shots at them yesterday and wounded one of the crew. Dawson is now held in the city jail. No charge has been filed against him. An Hong, a Chinese fireman, was struck in the face by one of Dawson's bullets, but not seriously hurt.

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