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## PLOT TO BLOW UP AMERICAN FLEET IN RIO JANEIRO

Alleged that Conspiracy was Formed to  
Wreck Vessels of United States Navy  
on Voyage to Pacific Coast.

### WASHINGTON REGARDS IT LIGHTLY

Several Arrests Have Been Made, However and There is  
Evidence of the Existence of Plot to Consummate  
the Great Crime But Timely Information  
Frustrated the Conspirators.

(By Associated Press.)

RIO JANEIRO, JAN. 20.—SEVERAL ARRESTS HAVE BEEN MADE IN CONNECTION WITH THE ALLEGED PLOT TO DESTROY THE AMERICAN FLEET NOW IN THE HARBOR HERE. THE BAND THAT PRESUMABLY ORGANIZED THE PLOT CONSISTS OF FIVE ITALIANS, ONE CANADIAN AND TWO GERMANS, WHO HAVE BEEN ARRESTED. IT IS BELIEVED THAT OTHER MEMBERS OF THE BAND ARE IN CUSTODY AT SAN PAULO. MEMBERS OF THE BAND COUNTED ON THE ASSISTANCE OF A SPANIARD NAMED ROCESTERO WHO HAS LIVED IN THE CITY A LONG TIME. HE WENT INSANE A YEAR AGO, HOWEVER, AND IS SHUT UP IN A SANITARIUM AT MONTEVILLE.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—The reported plot to blow up one or more of the ships of the Atlantic fleet at Rio Janeiro is regarded at the White House as a repetition of one of many schemes which is constantly being presented to the secret service by persons who claim to possess information which they are willing to part with for a consideration. No credence is given here to the existence of an actual plot. It is understood that the information originated in Paris from which point it was communicated to the secret service bureau and through that medium to Admiral Evans and the authorities in South American countries.

## PROHIBITION BEFORE SENATE

Tillman Reads Bill on Importation  
Between States and  
Says Congress can Act.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—The senate committee of the judiciary has taken up various prohibition measures before it, and heard Senator Tillman read his bill regulating the importation of liquor into one state from another. He urged that it was competent for congress to take a hand in the question.

## FORTY ESCAPE AWFUL DEATH

Pennsylvania Miners Run  
Seven Miles Underground  
and Are Saved.

MONONGAHELA, Pa., Jan. 20.—Miraculously escaping death by cremation or suffocation or from being blown to pieces by an explosion, forty miners were caught in the mine of the Monongahela River Consolidated Coal & Coke Company, which caught

## "HOP" JOINT IS RAIDED

Officer Condon with five deputies, accompanied by Assistant District Attorney Farrin, made a raid on Marshfield's Chinatown last Saturday night in an attempt to catch about sixteen "hop fiends" who are said to have been "hitting the pipe" in Jim Bing's establishment on Second street between Third and A streets. They found a lot of pipes and other "dope," but the birds had flown, leaving only a couple of negroes, one of them named Jim Diggs, who were put in the city bastille.

The coup had been planned for several days, but the inmates of the place had evidently become suspicious and made their escape before the doors of the Chinaman's place were broken in. The raid commenced at 10 o'clock and all was quiet until Officer Condon attempted to open the door, which was barred. He had his deputies stationed around in the various spots, and as he tried to open the door, a dog belonging to Mrs. Lee Sing, a relative of the Chinese proprietor, made a vicious attack upon him. He drew his gun and killed the animal, and the door of the place was then broken in, when it was found that the smokers had decamped by some means which have mystified the officers.

A general melee commenced when the officer and his deputies entered the place, and Jim Diggs is said to have rushed at one of the deputies with a knife, while another old negro flourished a razor. The negroes were placed under arrest, but the pipes and other materials which had been used by the "fiends" were left in the place at the advice of Attorney Farrin, who states that there is no law providing for the confiscation of such property. A raid made nearly two years ago by Marshal Carter in the same place resulted in the finding of a lot of opium pipes, but these were later returned to the Chinaman, who was fined because he had white people smoking in the place.

The raid last Saturday night was for the purpose of catching a number of white people "hitting the pipe," for which there is a heavy fine. Officer Condon says he has information to the effect that fifteen men and one white woman are in the habit of filling up on "dope" in this place, and he makes the startling announcement that some well known citizens of the city are among the number, which is composed of married and single men.

Judging from the inside news he has received about the place, there would have been great surprise in the city over the people who would have been arrested had they not made their escape. It is alleged that "dope" fiends in Marshfield are quite numerous and that among them are young and elderly people well known in the city.

A couple of negro women were also found in the place last Saturday and one of them had been notified to leave the city some time ago. She was again notified to make herself scarce last Saturday night and reviled the officer in horrible terms. The negroes in the jail were also sent out of town, as one of them, especially, is considered a desperate character.

Jim Bing visited Marshal Carter yesterday and demanded that the dog tax, which had been paid to the officer by his relative on Saturday noon, be refunded because the dog had been killed shortly afterward. It is probable that the tax will be returned.

—Good buys in Boise addition upon easy terms.

—Eastside is a winner.

## POWERLESS ELECTRIC POWER AND LIGHTLESS LIGHTS

The electric lights and power in The Times plant went entirely out of commission before ten o'clock this morning and the paper has been entirely without service the remainder of the day. This will in a measure serve as an explanation of the lack of late local and general news. Being without electric juice and unable to operate the machines with the juice from the lemon that the Coos Bay Gas & Electric Company seeks

to hand the public of Coos Bay, it has been with much difficulty that the paper was issued at all.

The experience of The Times only serves to illustrate the unreliability and out-of-date service this concern is attempting to foist upon the public.

How long will the public stand for such service and such treatment by this wholly indifferent and incompetent corporation?

## SELL GIRLS AT AUCTION

Pretty Girls Bought by Men From  
Cities Up to \$250, Plain Ones  
at \$15.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 9.—In Kamyshin and Tsaritsin, good sized towns on the Volga river, Russia, there have been four recent sales of marriageable girls by their fathers. Buyers were present in great numbers and the competition was brisk. At Kamyshin, at 7 o'clock one morning, a large crowd gathered in a field outside the town. Forty girls came with their fathers or other responsible relatives. There were two or three hundred well to do looking men from various Volga districts, a sprinkling of others who looked like prosperous Moscow merchants, and several sallow individuals who looked like prosperous Moscow Russians, but speaking the language fluently.

Each kinsman led forward his "goods" and expatiated on her admirable qualities, pointing out all her charms, including her muscles. One after another was knocked down to the scented, jeweled men from foreign lands. The others, especially the muscular sort, were taken by men of the neighborhood for wives.

The price of a pretty girl of a better grade family fluctuated between \$175 and \$150, and one went as high as \$275. But the average was \$50, and one miserable specimen was knocked down to a strolling trader for \$15.

## DID NOT SPEAK TO WOMAN FOR 30 YEARS.

Man Jilted in Love Leads a Hermit's  
Life and Limits Companionship  
To Dumb Brutes.

HAYWARD, Jan. 20.—John Lock, a hermit, who had spent the last thirty years in the hills near here, died at the County Infirmary on Thursday. In a cabin on his thirty acres of land at Bulmer Hill he lived for over a quarter-century, surrounded by his chickens, hogs, goats and no less than a hundred cats. He accumulated a good-sized fortune, which he deposited in a San Francisco bank. Local merchants tell strange stories of the eccentric doings of the dead hermit, who often drove into town four fractious horses, hitched to a rickety wagon or rope harness, a brace of revolvers strapped about him. Disappointed in love, he came here from Pittsburg and took up a ranch, upon which he never allowed any trespassers. It is said that he did not speak to a woman during the last thirty years of his life. He will be buried in the Catholic cemetery at San Lorenzo.

## SCOTS! BURNS ANNIVERSARY.

All Scotchmen, sons and grandsons, also wives and sweethearts are invited to attend the anniversary of Robert Burns to be held in Reduen's hall Jan. 25th, 1908. A very interesting program has been arranged also banquet. A very enjoyable time guaranteed for all those attending.

SEC. HUGH SNEEDON,  
PETER SCOT, JR.  
EDWARD MITCHELL,  
Committee.

## RULES FOR MR. HENPECKED

Says Don't Be a Mollycoddle, But  
be Kind, Sympathetic and  
Insistent.

NEW YORK, Jan. 20.—Don't scrub the floor.  
Don't wash the dishes.  
Don't give your wife all your earnings; keep some for yourself.  
When your mother-in-law comes around and tries to boss you, throw her out.  
Be kind but don't be a mollycoddle.  
—Advice given by Magistrate O'Reilly to husband drudge.

William Davis was married just about a year and a half ago. Recently his wife left his home, at No. 29 McKibbin street, Williamsburg, because he rebelled at doing all kinds of house work. The other day Davis went to court to get advice from Magistrate O'Reilly.

"Judge," said Davis, "I am nearly crazy. I work hard all day and when I get home at night I find my wife in a rocker reading a novel. The moment I get in she says:

"Bill, old chap, get busy. Get to work and fix things up."

"At first I didn't make a kick, but when I did she said that all good husbands did the housework."

"At first I didn't mind drying the dishes at night, but when she commands me to scrub the floor and make up the beds—"

By this time the court was in a titter.

"Why do you do it?" asked the court. "Why not be a man?"

"Well, judge," replied the young man, "my wife said she would leave me if I didn't. She said that all good husbands helped out."

"Sometimes my mother-in-law comes to the house and bosses me. She says scrubbing is good exercise. I'm of the opinion I get enough exercise at my work."

"Why do you submit to it?" asked the court.

"I don't want my wife to leave me."

"You have my greatest sympathy," said the magistrate, who is a bachelor. He then handed out the advice printed above.

"Thanks, judge," said Davis. "I'll do as you say."

## DELEGATION TO REPRESENT BAY

Colonel Frank Brigham and Peter Loggie, of North Bend, left on the Drain stage this morning for Portland to represent the Marshfield chamber of commerce and the city of North Bend at a meeting of the coast defense experts from Washington and an expected Congressional delegation in the Rose City on Wednesday. A telegram has been received from Mr. Lyon asking for assistance in presenting Coos Bay's considerations to the powers to be assembled in Portland, and a quick response has resulted:

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## AGAIN TELLS PITIFUL TALE

EVELYN THAW RECITES HER  
TERRIBLE EXPERIENCE WITH  
STANFORD WHITE.

Story is Told Exactly as Related in  
Court a Year Ago—Attorney  
Jerome Objects But Is Not  
Sustained.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Jan. 20.—When the Thaw trial was resumed this morning Evelyn Thaw was called to the stand to repeat her story of a year ago. Attorney Jerome immediately renewed his motion that the public, including the newspaper representatives be excluded from the court room. Justice Dowling denied the motion and the witness proceeded with the story of her alleged terrible experiences with Stanford White and of her recital of her life after she met White, to Harry Thaw in Paris in 1903 when the latter asked her to become his wife. Jerome objected to the recital of events of years before the homicide but was not sustained. Evelyn was suffering from a bad cold, and coughed fitfully while testifying. Jerome interposed constant objections destroying the effectiveness of her recital but the young woman told the story today exactly as she told it a year ago. Her voice broke when she told of all that happened when she went to her first luncheon with White. Thaw broke down completely and wept as the pitiful tale was unfolded. She told of the effects the story had on Thaw and how he said he did not care he wanted her to marry him anyhow.

Just before luncheon Evelyn reached the story of Thaw's attempt to take him life by drinking laudanum at Monte Carlo in 1904. Earlier that year he threatened to do the same thing in New York and wanted her to join him. She humored him and diverted his attention. When he swallowed the poison in Monte Carlo he was alone.

## THE SERVANT GIRL PROBLEM

Miss Bridget, Is the Toast Ready?  
Is the Proper Way to Address  
Slavey.

- Rules for Servants.
1. The servant girl should never be called the servant girl.
  2. She should be addressed as "Miss" or "Mrs."
  3. She should not wear the distinctive cap as a badge of servitude.
  4. She should have her evenings free, which would naturally lead to her living outside.
  5. She should receive sufficient money to provide her own food.

NEW YORK, Jan. 20.—The whole trouble with the servant girl is that she wants an easy job, terminated by an easy husband.

This is the domestic problem in a nutshell as presented last week to the department of domestic administration of the Teachers college by I. M. Rubinow of the United States department of commerce and labor.

Being a man, Mr. Rubinow admitted that the kitchen queen was entirely human in her ambitions. The remedies offered, which he saved must sound like an impertinence from a mere man, since woman had for so many years been face to face with the difficulty and failed to turn up a solution, were in the nature of deferring to the higher power.

Even after giving his remedy, Mr. Rubinow said the social stigma would not be lifted, but the placing of domestic work on an industrial basis, he believes, would make it more endurable and more attractive to her who must be obeyed.