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## DESTRUCTIVE POWERS GREAT

### Government's New Dynamite Gun Most Powerful Weapon in Existence.

### 500 POUNDS NITRO-GELATINE

### With Full Calibre Projectile Could Destroy Any Battleship Afloat at Three Thousand Yards.

NEW YORK, Nov. 11.—Highly successful tests of a new dynamite gun of destructive powers in excess of any weapon hitherto designed have just been privately conducted by a special board of officers of the Bureau of Ordnance of the United States army at Fisher's Island. The government has for several years been engaged in the research on Fisher's Island of fortifications on a colossal scale intended to make the eastern entrance to the Sound impregnable to naval attack and secure the safety of all the cities along the Sound from New London to New York. In this system of defense the new dynamite gun which is mounted so as to cover the channel between Fisher's Island and Plum Island, on which heavy batteries have also been erected, is expected to play an important part. The utmost secrecy has been enforced by the government relative to the work on Fisher's Island, and the government has not made public these tests. The gun, which was built in Borden's Island, was recently installed in a battery at the western end of the island. It is of the same pneumatic type as the guns of the batteries now in position at Sandy Hook and San Francisco, being 40 feet long, with a calibre of 15 inches, but embodies many new features, including rapidity of action and accuracy of fire. A new type of fuse has also been supplied which leaves absolute precision of explosion of the shells, both by impact and by delay action. The tests were made before a board consisting of Major McNutt and Hiram of the bureau of ordnance, and many artillery officers from the forts in the vicinity. With the full calibre projectile the gun proved its ability to burst 500 pounds of nitro-gelatin, said to be enough to annihilate any battleship afloat, a distance of about 3000 yards with a de-

gree of accuracy not excelled by the latest types of heavy rifled ordnance. Two days were devoted to the tests. The first shot hurled a six inch shell a distance of 5761 yards, bursting on impact with the water and sending a column of water 300 feet into the air. With a ten inch shell, carrying 200 pounds of explosive, the extreme range was found to be 5460 yards, the shell exploding under water with the desired delay action of two seconds. In the test for accuracy, five eight inch shells were dropped at the respective ranges of 5043, 5035, 5029, 5040 and 4970 yards, all of which would have taken effect, assuming that the target had been a battleship about three miles away, or double distance of 5900 yards now generally accepted as the limit of a practical fighting range. In the test for rapidity of fire, five full calibre shells, weighing 115 pounds, or more than half a ton each, were discharged in 11 minutes and 55 seconds, almost bringing the weapon within the class of rapid fire pieces. The test for endurance called for the firing within two hours of 25 "air shots," or what in an ordinary gun would be called blank cartridges, but no difficulty was experienced in firing 40 shots in that time without any appreciable loss of pressure, the air pressure in the gun remaining uniform at each shot at 1000 pounds.

### STOCKMEN INTERESTED

Report of Shortage of Beef Cattle Has Caused Uneasiness.

CHICAGO, Nov. 11.—The report emanating from the National Live Stock Association that there is a shortage of beef cattle, has stirred up much interest, and efforts have been made to have the census office announce the result of the livestock census made last year, in time for the national convention of stockmen next month. At present there are no reliable figures to show the condition of the visible supply of cattle in the country.

### FAVOR CHINESE EXCLUSION

HAZLETON, Pa., Nov. 11.—Thomas Duffy, president of the United Mine-workers in this district, today notified the local unions of the wish of National President Mitchell that a resolution be adopted favoring the re-enactment of the Chinese exclusion law, which will expire next May. The resolution will be forwarded to congress to represent the sentiment of the people of the anthracite coal regions.

### KILLED IN WHIRL

TEXARKANA, Ark., Nov. 11.—Trainmen arriving here tonight on the Iron Mountain railroad saw a work train wrecked at Princeton, near Texarkana, killing six negroes and injuring 15 others.

## MACHINISTS' STRIKE ENDS

### Five Hundred San Francisco Machinists Have Returned to Their Work.

### UNION CREWS ARE EMPLOYED

### It Is Stated the Men Will Receive an Advance of From Three to Seven Per Cent in Wages.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 11.—The strike of the iron workers which began May 20 is near an end. Today about 500 men, mostly machinists, returned to work at the Fulton engineering and shipbuilding works, and it is stated all of the other big establishments will soon be running with full union crews. The chief contention of the strikers was for nine hours work without any reduction of ten hours pay schedule. Since the strike began many small concerns have reduced the working day to nine hours, and it is asserted that over 50 shops are now running on a basis satisfactory to the unions. Boiler makers and other iron workers involved in the local disturbances left their places in sympathy for the machinists. They were not ordered out by the national organizations as were the machinists and whatever settlement has been made with the machinists, they have returned to work. Neither employers nor labor leaders will state the terms on which a settlement of the strike is being effected. Some persons state that the men will receive an advance of from three to seven per cent in wages, but others declare that a composition of a nine hour day means simply pay for nine hours work.

### COL FRENCH DEAD

Was a Veteran of the Civil, Spanish, American and Philippine Wars.

ATLANTA, Ga., Nov. 11.—Col. John W. French, commanding at Fort McPherson barracks, died tonight, aged 55 years. French was a veteran of the civil war, the Spanish-American war and the Philippine war.

## IMPERFECTLY EQUIPPED

### BRITISH KNOWLEDGE OF THE BOERS WAS LIMITED.

### Representations of Those Who Knew the Country and People Were Disregarded.

NEW YORK, Nov. 11.—In an editorial article on the speech delivered by Lord Salisbury at the Guild Hall banquet on Saturday, the London Times says the premier must know that Great Britain went to war in South Africa very imperfectly equipped with knowledge. The urgent representations of many who knew the country and the Boer people were put aside as not worth listening to by the official advisers who subsequently found that they had everything to learn. When the country is spending a million and a half pounds weekly it must really be pardoned if it sometimes asks if there has been slackness in the discharge of duty when there might have been energy and alertness of provision. The nation should be told exactly what the rate of progress in South Africa is.

### RUHLIN IN FINE FORM

### Is Bigger and Stronger Than When He Fought Sharkey.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 11.—Neither Jeffries nor Ruhlín did any work on Sunday. The champion spent the afternoon at a theater and Ruhlín put in the day quietly chatting with friends who called on him at his training quarters.

None of the big fighters, with probably the exception of Tom Sharkey, will be at the ring-side on Friday night when Jeffries and Ruhlín meet. Sharkey, some days ago, sent word from New York that he would be present, but no news has yet been received that he has started on the journey across the continent. George Silver, the well known referee and authority on sporting matters has visited Ruhlín and expressed himself as greatly impressed with the pugilist's improved physical condition. "Ruhlín is certainly in great shape for the contest," he said.

He looks bigger and stronger by long odds than when he fought Sharkey. He appears to me to be in the best possible shape for the contest and should make a hard fight to win. Madden tells me that Ruhlín has improved wonderfully in his hitting. He always had a fairly good punch and if he has improved in his hitting power he will certainly make a dangerous opponent."

### NOTED CAVALRY OFFICER

Major Adam Kramer, United States Army, Passes Away.

IOWA CITY, Ia., Nov. 11.—Major Adam Kramer, of the Sixth United States Cavalry is dead, aged 64 years. He had been in actual service in the United States cavalry for more than 40 years and was retired in 1897. He entered the service in Pennsylvania in 1857, served through the civil war with the army of the Potomac and was appointed second lieutenant of the Sixth United States Cavalry in 1866 and captain in 1874.

He was active in quelling the Sioux during their outbreak in South Dakota in 1891. Colonel W. F. Cody (Buffalo Bill), entered the United States service as a scout under command of Captain Kramer. The body will be shipped to Washington, D. C., and given a military burial at Arlington Heights.

### CANNOT COMPETE WITH US

British Electrical Contractors Underbid by American Firm.

NEW YORK, Nov. 11.—British tramway interests appear as yet a long way from being able to meet American competition, judging from the tender for contracts invited by the London County Council in connection with the electrification of its southern system, says the Tribune's London correspondent. Six firms of which one was American tendered for the execution of the road work and plate laying. The American firm sent in several tenders, the highest being \$183,131, as compared with the lowest British tender, \$183,631. The lowest American tender was \$163,334, and the highest British tender, \$230,932, the difference being, \$26,548 or roughly, 20 per cent.

### CHINESE IMMIGRATION

Changes Recommended by Gov. Taft Approved by Secretary Root.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 11.—Secretary Root has approved certain suggestions made by Governor Taft for the better regulation of the immigration of Chinese into the Philippine islands. The principal changes recommended by Governor Taft are that the privileges of returning to the islands be limited to a year and a half, and that this privilege be strictly denied to all Chinese who left the islands during or before 1898 and who have not since returned.

### CASSIDY OR LONGABAUGH?

Authorities Disagree as to Identity of Man Arrested in St. Louis.

HELENA, Mont., Nov. 11.—There is no question among Montana sheriffs as to the identity of the man under arrest at St. Louis charged with the robbery of the Great Northern Express car near Warner last July. The St. Louis authorities are of the opinion that the man is Harry Longabaugh, but the belief here is that it is Buck Cassidy.

### LABOR LEADER ARRESTED

SAN JUAN, Porto Rico, Nov. 11.—Santiago Iglesias was arrested on landing from the steamer New York. His detention was due to his non-appearance after being thrice summoned by the local courts to appear in the case against him and seven others brought in July of last year, when the currency was changed. At that time he proposed to the local federation of labor, to order all labor organizations to go on a strike unless they were paid in gold at the same rate as silver.

### SHOULD RECEIVE RECOGNITION

WASHINGTON, Nov. 11.—Representative Jones, of Washington, saw the president today in behalf of Lieutenant Oliver P. Hazard, and his brother, who were with General Funston when he captured Aguinaldo. Senator Jones thinks these two young officers are deserving of some special recognition for their services.

### DEVEERY DEFEATED

NEW YORK, Nov. 11.—Application of Deputy Police Commissioner William S. Devery to make absolute a temporary writ of prohibition restraining Justice Jerome from trying charges of neglect of duty preferred against him, was today denied by Justice O. Gorman in the supreme court, the justice holding that the magistrates had jurisdiction to entertain complaint.

### CONSTITUTION RATIFIED

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Nov. 11.—Returns from 40 counties indicate that the new constitution will be ratified by 27,000 majority.

## VIOLATES HIS OATH OF OFFICE

### Kentucky's Governor Severely Arraigns Governor Durbin of Indiana.

### PARTY TO INFAMOUS CRIME

### Beckham's Reply to Harsh Criticisms of the Courts and Officers of the State of Kentucky.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Nov. 11.—Governor Beckham tonight addressed to Governor Durbin, of Indiana, a letter replying to the criticism by that executive of the courts and officials of Kentucky in his recent letter refusing to honor a requisition for Taylor and Finley, wanted for alleged complicity in the assassination of Governor Gabel. He severely arraigns Durbin, charging that he violates his oath to support the constitution of the United States and that he became a party to the most infamous crime in the history of this state.

### UNION PACIFIC SELLING

Reported High in Northern Pacific Settlement.

NEW YORK, Nov. 11.—The Mail and Express says the delay in the announcement of the terms of the Northern Pacific settlement, it was learned today, is due to inability so far to agree upon the details for the control of the Burlington and the surrender of the Northern Pacific preferred stock, owned by the Union Pacific. There is good ground for the current report that there had been a hitch in the deal, and it has caused considerable selling of Union Pacific stock.

### BOERS TO BE SHOT

Kitchener Issues Orders to Shoot All Boers Captured in British Uniform.

LONDON, Nov. 11.—Dispatches to the Daily Mail announce that the Cape Town guard has again been called out and that General Kitchener has issued an order directing all Boers captured in British uniforms to be shot.

## THEY ROB AND PLUNDER

### ESCAPED FEDERAL CONVICTS CAUSING UNEASINESS.

### Nothing Like Present Conditions in Kansas Since Border Ruffian Times.

TOPEKA, Kas., Nov. 11.—With the capture of Frank Thompson, the negro leader of the federal penitentiary mutiny, 14 of the escaped convicts have been retaken. The 12 convicts yet at large are inspiring much fear among inhabitants of the country districts. From Council Grove, six convicts have started to Cottonwood Falls and are robbing people and plundering farms all along. In the Union Pacific yards at Wamego tonight two runaways held up a man and compelled him to give them \$2. They then boarded a freight train and went west. Nothing like the present conditions of affairs has been experienced by Kansas since the border ruffian times.

### CAPTURED THE LEADER

Negro Leader of Mutiny at Federal Prison Run Down.

TOPEKA, Kan., Nov. 11.—Frank Thompson, colored, the leader of the mutiny at the federal prison, which resulted in the escape of 25 prisoners last Thursday, was captured eight miles north of Council Grove this evening. Thompson was taken after a hard fight with the officers, in which he was shot in the head without being severely injured.

### HE IS STILL LIVING

Newell C. Rathburn, Supposed to Have Died, Is Arrested.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Nov. 11.—Newell C. Rathburn, who was supposed to have died in Jeffersonville, Ind., last Thursday, was arrested in Louisville today. According to Rathburn, the corps that was shipped to Little Rock for burial was the body of F. L. Teneyke. The police say Rathburn has confessed to having deserted from the United States army, and to having formed a plan to fraudulently collect

\$4000 insurance on his life. Rathburn has made the following statement: "Ten days after I formed the plan to make the insurance company think I was dead, so that I could collect the insurance, I fell in with a man who said his name was W. L. Teneyke, and told him of my plan and he agreed to help me. Our plan was to obtain a corpse from some place, put it in the hotel at Jeffersonville and then set fire to the hotel. While we were in Jeffersonville, Teneyke got drunk, I think his death was caused by drinking. I put some letters addressed to me in his pockets and left. I did not kill him."

### BEAT THE WORLD

The Kaiser Says Americans Build the Fastest Sailing Boats.

NEW YORK, Nov. 11.—The Kaiser, having now ordered a new racing yacht in the United States, takes the utmost interest in all the details concerning its progress, says the Berlin correspondent of the Herald.

### IMPERILS NATIONAL FORTUNE

Calls Upon all Frenchmen Who Desire the Flag of France to Be Respected Abroad.

NEW YORK, Nov. 11.—The Paris correspondent of the London Times and the New York Times says the "parliamentary group of Liberal action," has issued an appeal "to all Frenchmen desiring the country's internal and external greatness; all wishing to live under a system of liberty without license and of social progress without violence; all desiring that the flag be respected in France and abroad, and economy practiced in the national finances; all desiring liberty of conscience, education and association." The address says it is necessary to overturn the ministry, which trifles with the most precious liberties, encourages collectivist doctrine and imperils the national fortune by prodigality. The correspondent thinks the manifesto an apt illustration of the saying that "language is meant to conceal thought."

It is known that whenever the Kiel regatta has been discussed the emperor or has usually let out the suggestion that Americans with yachts would always be welcome there.

He would like to see a fleet of American yachts appearing at the Kiel regatta this coming season, thus adding importance to the meeting and showing his rich German subjects what they might do with their money in the way of buying beautiful water palaces, for his majesty is constantly inciting his richer people to buy boats and thus stimulate the sailors' profession, from which to recruit in time of need for his navy.

### EATEN BY MOUNTAIN LION

Partly Devoured Body of Frank Cook Discovered by Hunters.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Nov. 11.—From Escondido, Lower California, comes the news that two hunters in the mountains east of Santa Caterina Janic, came upon the corpse of a white man, partially eaten by fangs wild beast. Nearby was a cave. This the hunters watched and were rewarded by seeing a large mountain lion emerge from it. They killed the beast.

### CHIEF OF POLICE DEAD

Wm. P. Sullivan, Jr., Head of San Francisco Police Force.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 11.—Chief of Police William P. Sullivan, Jr., died at 1:30 o'clock this morning. He had been confined to his bed for over three weeks by a complication of diseases, said to have been aggravated by mental worry and close application to duty during the recent strike. He was well known in this city before he was appointed chief of police early in last year. He was then secretary to Mayor Phelan and colonel of the League of the Cross of Cadets and had been a prominent member of the national guard.

### TO BREAK MONTE CARLO

NEW YORK, Nov. 11.—According to the London correspondent of the Herald and Express, the Earl of Roslyn, who recently tried to float a company with a capital of \$100,000 for the purpose of perfecting a system capable of reducing the Monte Carlo system to a state of bankruptcy has secured interesting results with his new scheme.

### OREGON PIONEER DEAD

PORTLAND, Nov. 11.—Amer. N. King, an Oregon pioneer of 1845, died today, aged 73.

### CONSIDERING BOER APPEAL

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## TO OVERTHROW THE MINISTRY

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### MISS STONE HOPEFUL

SOPIA, Nov. 11.—From a note received from Miss Stone, the abducted American missionary, it appears that she is enduring the trials of her hard experience with fortitude. The tone of the last letter is hopeful.

The brigands, by delaying the letters at places in Macedonia and delaying their delivery, seek to create the appearance of being far distant. The Bulgarian government continues to interfere in the negotiations with the object of forcing a transference of them across the frontier.

### ANOTHER PEACE SCHEME

LONDON, Nov. 11.—The Daily Mail gives another alleged peace scheme which Kruger is said to be willing to conclude. This would be on the basis of granting autonomy to the two republics under a convention guaranteed by France and Russia in exchange for the cession to Great Britain of the Rand district and the gold fields, which should be regarded as the total Boer indemnity.

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