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OFFICIALS AND POSSE MAKE BATTLE

Road Poolroom, Beating of Force of Policemen Who Guard Entrance, and Allow Gambling.

Object to Warrants Being Served on Operators Which Starts Bloody Riot.

ONE KILLED, OTHERS HURT

Crowd in Rooms Flee in Consternation, Piling on Waiting Train Until Coaches Are Packed Full.

St. Louis, Feb. 19.—In an effort to close a pool room that has for a long time been operated in the outskirts of Madison, Ill., across the river from St. Louis, three constables, augmented by a posse of citizens, and bearing warrants for the arrest of six men connected with the pool room, precipitated a riot late today which resulted in the shooting of six men, one of whom may die.

On the appearance of the constables at the pool room to serve the warrants two policemen who were there declared they had arrested the operators and were guarding them. Betting was going on as usual. The constables were ordered to leave the premises, which they did after considerable argument. Proceeding through the neighborhood the constables organized a posse of armed citizens, numbering about 25, and returned to the pool room. They were at once ordered out and the doors were locked. The posse demanded and words followed. One of the posse men, it is stated, pointed a shotgun at the policeman who fired his revolver at the ceiling. Firing then became general. The policeman was badly injured. The crowd in the pool room scattered hurriedly, many fleeing into the waiting Illinois Central train until it became packed. When the fusillade was over the constables and posse had possession. The bookmakers, however, tonight asserted the pool room will be open as usual tomorrow. Although the pool room men are now constructively under arrest, the police say they will not permit citizens to harass them.

terfere. Four persons were arrested tonight, charged with rioting.

TRIES TO INCITE DISCONTENT

Book Accusing United States of Bad Faith Circulated by Colombia.

New York, Feb. 19.—Copies of a paper covered book entitled "The Panama Canal Question: A Plan for Colombia," consisting chiefly of letters accusing the United States of bad faith and of violation of the New Granada treaty, are being distributed by a representative of the Colombian government. The pamphlet also is being sent in quantities of 10 to 500 to Colombian consuls in Europe.

Although the name of the author and editor is not given, the book is said to have been prepared by a member of the recent Colombian commission to Washington.

SALEM MAN WANTED BAD.

Many Creditors Anxiously Wait Return of L. C. Reasoner.

Salem, Ore., Feb. 19.—It is probable that unless L. C. Reasoner, who disappeared so suddenly a few weeks ago is forcibly brought back to Salem to face his many creditors, his face will never again be seen in this city, much as he will be missed. The theory that he has met with foul play has long been abandoned, or that he will again appear and make explanations. City Marshal W. D. Gibson, who investigated the case, decided that he simply disappeared, with all of the money he could gather together, and had for five months been making preparations for the sudden departure.

He found that although Reasoner was running a good business and daily handled a goodly sum of cash, he had not for five months paid a dollar of indebtedness, but so far as the chief was able to learn in his investigations he did nothing which would give opportunity for the issue of a warrant for his arrest, and thus bring him back to the city.

The property of the Willamette Transfer company, which is owned by J. Conroy, proprietor of the Willamette hotel, was seized by Reasoner for a percentage of the net receipts, and for five months Mr. Conroy has received nothing, the bill amounting to about \$600. Besides this the rent bills and bankbook bills were not paid, and it is likely that the loss of these will also fall on Conroy. Besides the account held by Conroy, Chief Gibson found \$250 in cash bills outstanding, and it is thought his liabilities amount to at least \$1000. It is also claimed that the collected money from one of the nursery companies of the city for the payment of freight, and after his disappearance it was discovered that the money had not been paid over.

THE POLITICAL ASPECT LOOKED OVER BY THE PRESS OF LONDON

Little Credence Placed in Reports of Coalition of Russia, Germany and France—Stories to That Effect.

As England Stands by Japan and Continental Powers Sympathize With Russia, the Outcome May Not Be of Value to Great Britain—Censorship Lifted By Russia On All News.

London, Feb. 19.—Complete stagnation in war news lead newspapers this morning to discuss the political aspect of the struggle in the far east, as they are likely to affect Great Britain.

No great importance is attached to stories published in Paris and elsewhere on the continent of alleged intrigues looking to the coalition of Russia, France and Germany. At the same time it is recognized in these countries that there is a strong feeling against Great Britain on account of her alliance with Japan, and as Germany and France joined with Russia in 1895 against Japan, it would be natural for Russia to seek similar assistance in her present difficulties. Argument is therefore made that it behooves Great Britain to be prepared for any and all results.

OFFER SHIP TO RUSSIA.

Government Hesitates to Buy As Vessel Is Old One.

New York, Feb. 19.—An agent of one of the foreign powers has offered to supply Russia with a small battleship, constructed in 1890, two cruisers and two torpedo catchers, says a Herald correspondent. It is thought that the mystery is thrown about the matter and Russia is said to hesitate about closing the deal, because the ships are out of date.

Whether with the authority of his government or not, the agent backs his offer by saying that if it is not accepted the ships will be sold to the Japanese.

Two hundred and fifty picked shipwrights have been taken from the Baltic works here to go to Port Arthur to do all that is possible to repair the ships there. The great difficulty, however, is that unlike Vladivostok, here neither has no dry dock, capable of holding the big ships of war. The loss of the transport Manchuria will be keenly felt, for this vessel is said to have had on board 100,000 packs of munitions, as well as large supplies of dynamite and ammunition.

Fleet Ordered Back.

Paris, Feb. 19.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Figaro writes that the Russian squadron at Manila, French Somaliland, or the gulf of Aden, has been ordered to return to Ormuz.

Only Three Ships Intact.

London, Feb. 19.—"The Russian squadron is expected here," says the Morning Post under date of February 19, "and it is reported that the Americans intend to land a force of marines. There are rumors of possible trouble with Germany, which claims exclusive rights in Shantung province, China. Only three Russian warships at Port Arthur remain intact."

Censorship Abolished.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 19.—The Russian government today abolished the censorship on all news and other telegrams going abroad, with the exception of the ordinary war censorship, during hostilities.

The lifting of the embargo, which has existed for a generation, is regarded as the most important act since the emancipation of the serfs.

March on Seoul.

New York, Feb. 19.—Reports received from Corea state that Russian troops are advancing toward Seoul and that a strong position at Pinyang has been occupied by them, says a Herald dispatch from Tokio. Their present movements, however, do not indicate any immediate intention of attacking the Corean capital. The Japanese le-

gion in Seoul has been greatly strengthened during the last few days.

White and Bassett, the two men arrested for holding up the Mint saloon Wednesday morning, were released on the order of District Attorney White this morning for want of sufficient evidence to convict. Judge Messick gave the men 12 hours within which to leave town.

The police are preparing to round up all the undesirable characters and chase them out of the city at once.

Great Crowd to Attend.

St. Louis, Feb. 19.—Colonel John I. Martin, who will be sergeant-at-large of the Democratic national convention, said today: "There is not the slightest doubt that we will be able to care for all the democrats who may come here. We have reserved rooms for the entire New England, New York, Pennsylvania and Ohio delegation, together with many others from the east and south. There will be about 700 delegates, and I have had no trouble in securing quarters for them."

"From reports which I receive daily, I judge there will be an enormous throng at the convention. It would not surprise me if the convention alone brought 50,000 persons to St. Louis. The Associated Press and the metropolitan newspapers will send more men to this convention than to any other convention ever held. We intend to build a large platform near the stage for the accommodation of the press."

Democrat Fears War.

Washington, Feb. 19.—The house today began the consideration of the naval appropriation bill, 10 hours before the adjournment. During the general discussion, Fitzgerald, democrat of New York, declared our naval program was to procure a navy far greater than Germany. He further said:

"In all sections of the country the conviction, rightly or wrongly, is the firm, at present in occupation of the White House is apt to involve us in war with some other nation."

W. W. Curtiss, the wealthy timber land owner, was among the passengers down on last night's train.

DYNAMITE CAR CRASHES TO ATOMS

Head on Collision of Freight Trains Involves Explosion That Sends Many to Fearful Death.

The Dead and injured are Americans and Greeks Traveling On Extras.

THROWN HUNDREDS OF FEET

Special Proceeds to Scene of Wreck With Doctors and Nurses and Injured Are Returned to Ogden.

Ogden, Feb. 19.—Twenty-four persons were killed and twelve badly injured this afternoon by the explosion of a car of dynamite, caused by a head on collision at Jackson, a telegraph station on the Ogden-Lucin cut-off of the Southern Pacific Company, 55 miles west of Ogden. Eight of the dead and five of the injured are Americans, the others are Greeks.

The collision occurred between two extra trains and was caused, it is said, by the air brake apparatus on one train failing to operate. The explosion which followed the collision was terrific, everything within half a mile being wrecked. The report was heard in this city, 85 miles away. Several outfit cars, occupied by Greeks, were completely demolished and the occupants blown several hundred feet from the track.

When the news of the accident reached the headquarters in this city, a special train with doctors, nurses and stretchers was hurriedly dispatched to the scene of the disaster. Late tonight this train returned to Ogden with the injured.

Kid Carter Defeated.

Milwaukee, Feb. 19.—George E. Gayden, of Lowell, Mass., defeated Kid Carter, of Brooklyn, in a six-round bout tonight.

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