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## CONFESSION IMPLICATES GATES BOYS

**Dunsmuir Woman Tells Officials That Alameda Men Acknowledged to Her They Held Up Oregon Express.**

**Last Letter Was Received From George Gates, Who Had Written Her From Portland.**

## A TELL-TALE LAUNDRY WORK

**Officers Establish Identity of Robbers by Lettering on Piece of Handkerchief Used as Mask by One of Men.**

Redding, Cal., May 9.—Mrs. Thomas Whiteman of Dunsmuir made a statement to District Attorney Bozier in Redding today regarding the connection of the Gates brothers with the hold-up of the Oregon express at Copley. Mrs. Whiteman's story is that the Gates brothers, going under the names of Bruce Van Drake and Ed Lee, lodged at her house at Dunsmuir for several weeks preceding the crime; that they went south on the very train that was held up when the stop was made at Copley; that they returned on the Saturday succeeding the hold-up; that they left the following Monday, and that she has since received letters from George Gates, in which he confessed the crime.

The letters were turned over to the authorities. All the letters were from George Gates. The last letter was dropped by him in Portland, April 28, but was dated May 1, and in it Gates claimed to be in San Francisco, intending to sail the next day for Australia.

The officers established the bandits' identity through a laundry mark. The mark was on a piece of handkerchief found in a Nigger hill cabin near Keswick and torn from the handkerchief that formed one of the masks and was found at the scene of the crime. The detectives later interrupted all of George Gates' letters to Mrs. Whiteman and then, for fear she might know

more than they had found out, made her come to the district attorney here and make a complete confession.

Through interrupting the letter the officers had their hands on George Gates several times, but he managed to slip through their fingers each time. He is now believed to be around Portland.

Vernon Gates, the younger brother, is said to have been in Alameda and Arnett is in hiding in the Klammath Falls country. The whereabouts of the fourth man is unknown.

### WILL PREVENT RIOTING.

**Our Government Orders Two Vessels to Proceed to Chefoo.**

Washington, May 9.—In view of the possibility of rioting and looting at Niuchwang during the period elapsing between the evacuation by the Russians and the occupation by the Japanese, the navy department has cabled Admiral Cooper to send a cruiser and a gunboat to Chefoo. This is the nearest neutral port to Port Arthur.

It is believed the intimation was conveyed from Great Britain to this government that the dispatch of a United States ship to Niuchwang might prevent the appearance of undue activity on the part of a single power.

### HENRY M. STANLEY DEAD.

**Famous African Explorer Succumbs to Attack of Pneumonia.**

London, May 10.—Sir Henry M. Stanley, the African explorer, died at an early hour today. Death was not unexpected, and at midnight it was announced he could not survive.

Stanley was recently attacked with pneumonia and failed rapidly during the past few days. Since Sunday he had been in a semi-conscious state. Last night it was expected he would survive a few hours longer, but the end came this morning.

### Serious Railway Accident.

London, May 10.—A dispatch to a news agency from Liao Yang dated May 10, says:

"An accident to a train from Port Arthur to Harbin occurred May 8 near Tieling. Thirty passengers were killed and 50 injured and the railway much damaged."

## RUSSIANS ARE RETREATING BEFORE THE ADVANCE OF THE INVADING JAPANESE

**Kuropatkin Will Not Give Battle Until His Force Is Augmented Sufficiently to Cope With the Enemy.**

**Has at His Command Not More than 150,000 Men, Including the Port Arthur and Niu Chwang Garrisons—Russians Have Evacuated Niu Chwang and 3000 Bandits Wait Abandonment of Fort to Begin Looting.**

Paris, May 10.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of Echo de Paris says:

"General Kuropatkin has ordered a general retreat and no doubt intends to avoid battle until he has sufficient forces. He actually has at his disposal not more than 150,000 men, not exclusive of the garrison at Port Arthur, which consists of 30,000, and the garrison at Niuchwang, 15,000.

"A general who knows the secrets of the mobilization scheme tells me the last 10,000 men making the required 500,000 will leave Kasan July 21."

### BANDITS HARRASS THEM.

**Destroy Roads Along Which Retreating Russians Must Travel.**

London, May 9.—The Tokio correspondent of the Daily Chronicle says that 15,000 Russians are retreating from Niuchwang to Liao Yang.

Correspondents say that Chinese bandits have destroyed the road to Taski Chia and to Hai Cheng. The Russians are making a new road.

The correspondents add that bandits have attacked and cut other parts of the railroad, and point out that the capture of Dalny will enable the Japanese to cut off Port Arthur's electrical supply.

### HAVE ALREADY DEPARTED.

**Russian Troops Leave Niuchwang Except Forts' Complements.**

Chefoo, May 10.—Passengers arriving today from Niuchwang say the Russian force probably evacuated that place during last night. Many had already departed yesterday, and those remaining made no secret of their intention to leave.

There is no activity whatever at

the forts, where the guns are still in position. Three thousand bandits are camped outside the wall of Niuchwang ready to begin looting at the moment the last of the Russian leave the city. There are many foreign camp followers with the bandits, who are giving the Russians much trouble along the railway between Niuchwang and Mukden. Last week they destroyed a culvert and delayed traffic four days.

The Japanese fleet was in force off Port Arthur Monday, but did not make any hostile demonstration.

### WAR COMMISSION SILENT.

**Declines to Make Public Anything From the Seat of War.**

St. Petersburg, May 10.—(3:45 a. m.)—The war commission adjourned at a late hour this morning, but did not make public any dispatches from the far east. This is accepted as an indication that no fresh collisions have occurred.

The Cossacks in touch with the Japanese are simply small detachments, observing the movements of the enemy in order to keep General Kuropatkin informed.

The strict censorship prevented the St. Petersburg newspapers from receiving any dispatches today.

### RUSSIANS LOSS WAS HEAVY.

**Battle of Yalu Cost Them Forty Guns and Much Equipment.**

London, May 9.—The Daily Telegraph's Tokio correspondent says: "The Japanese have requested the United States government to inquire into the fate of the 40 men missing after the blocking of Port Arthur. It is believed several of them were captured.

"It is reiterated the Japanese have occupied Dalny.

"I learn from a trustworthy source that the Russians, in the battle of the Yalu, lost over 40 guns enormous quantities of war material, horses, carts, ammunition and equipment."

### BRIEF, BUT SENSATIONAL.

**Believed Port of Vladivostok Squadron Has Been Shut Out.**

London, May 9.—The Daily Telegraph's Seoul correspondent says: "It is believed a portion of the Russian Vladivostok fleet has been successfully shut out and is now in the sea of Japan trying to evade the Japanese fleet."

### Jeweler Commits Suicide.

Blackfoot, Idaho, May 9.—Herman A. Mondschein, a prominent local jeweler, committed suicide this afternoon by taking prussic acid. He had been drinking for some days.

### Two Millions for Mulheur Project.

Washington, May 9.—Acting under the terms of the irrigation reclamation law, the secretary of the interior today set apart over \$1,500,000 of the reclamation fund in connection with the following and other projects: Mulheur project in Oregon, 75,000 acres, \$2,000,000. This appropriation will leave only about \$6,000,000 of a reclamation fund of \$27,000,000 to be disposed of.

Russia Will Not Exhibit. St. Petersburg, May 9.—The statement that Russia is preparing to make an elaborate exhibition at St. Louis is incorrect. There will be no official participation by Russia, but there will be a Russian art section and some private exhibits.

### Value of Stratton Estate.

Colorado Springs, Col., May 9.—The appraiser for the Stratton estate today filed his report. He finds that the total value of the estate at the time of the death of Winfield Scott Stratton was \$6,300,000.

### Assiniboine on the Rampage.

Brandon, Me., May 9.—The Assiniboine is higher than for 20 years and is still rising. More than 40 buildings are under water. The railway bridge is so weakened that trains can not cross.

### Bobieda Also Damaged.

St. Petersburg, May 9.—A letter written by the Associated Press correspondent at Port Arthur of the morning the Petropavlovsk went down says the battleship Bobieda suffered slight damage from an explosion of a Japanese mine beneath her hull.

### BASEBALL SCORES.

#### NATIONAL.

At St. Louis—New York 5, St. Louis 1.  
At Cincinnati—Brooklyn 2, Cincinnati 3.  
At Boston—Chicago 6, Boston 0.  
At Pittsburgh—Philadelphia 2, Pittsburgh 3.

#### PACIFIC COAST.

At Seattle—Tacoma 3, Seattle 11.  
At Cleveland—Detroit 2, Cleveland 7.

#### AMERICAN.

At Cleveland—Detroit 2, Cleveland 7.

## CATHOLICS SCORED BY METHODISTS

**Attitude of Roman Church Toward Schools Subject of Sensational Debate at Los Angeles Conference.**

**Some of Delegates Make Effort to Commit Session to Extreme Declaration on Matter.**

## MAJORITY AGAINST ACTION

**Proposal Referred to Committee, From Which It Probably Will Not Be Reported Back.**

Los Angeles, May 9.—The attitude of the Catholic church toward the public school system furnished the subject of a sensational debate in the Methodist conference today. While there was a strong disposition on the part of certain delegates to have the conference adopt resolutions committing it to extreme utterances, there was an overwhelming sentiment against any such action, and the entire matter was finally disposed of by referring it to a committee, from which it is unlikely ever to be reported.

Several other resolutions, bearing upon the subject of divorce, termination of membership, neglectful members, Sunday closing of the Lewis and Clark exposition, endowment of the American university at Washington, changes in wording various paragraphs in discipline and other matters of importance were submitted and debated by the several committees.

#### British to Advance.

London, May 1.—The Daily Mail this morning says it understands a British advance on L'Harra is now inevitable and preparations to that end are progressing.

## "MORE FOR YOUR MONEY"

That's the motto in evidence on every shelf and counter of this store.

Muslin Corset Covers	10c
Ladies' and Children's Puritan Hosiery	10c
Ladies' Sleeveless Vests	10c
J. & S. Corsets, straight front, crescent hip	50c
Ladies' Sailor Hats, black and white	50c
Children's Straw Sailors	25c
Towels, 12¢ value	8¢
Calico, black and white prints, also gray and blue	3c
Wash Neck Ribbons, per yard	8¢
Men's Double-breasted Duck Shirts	40c

We received this week another lot of Rugs, just the thing to brighten up your rooms after house cleaning.

Lace Curtains in the latest patterns in echo, white and cream, from the very cheapest to the best.

You can buy them Cheaper

## AT THE BEE HIVE

PAINT YOUR OWN SHOW CARDS.

## LETTERINE A Ready Prepared Paint

25 Cents per bottle. Any Color.

J. N. GRIFFIN

## Summer Clothes

You won't find anything in clothes more snappy and attractive than this Hart Schaffner & Marx single breasted outing Varsity.

This is particularly a young man's style, but if you like the looks of it on you we won't ask how old you are; any man who likes these clothes is entitled to wear them as soon as he pays the price.

It's an astonishingly easy price to pay when you consider how very good the clothes are.



**P. A. STOKES**  
One Price to EVERYBODY

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