

# UNHAPPY LOT OF CONVICTS

### Terrible Cruelties Are Practiced by Keepers in Russia's Siberian Prisons.

### DEATH RATE IS VERY HIGH

### Prisoners Are Ruthlessly Murdered to Make Room for Others That Are Sent From Russia.

Sumpter, Ore., July 25.—C. S. Moore, a traveling representative of Collier's Weekly, who has been visiting in Sumpter, has just returned from the northeastern coast of Siberia, and from Nome and other northern Alaska points.

While in Siberia the prison settlements were visited, and Mr. Moore does not give the Russian prison keepers and guards credit for possessing many humane qualities. Oaths, accompanied by blows, are administered to the unhappy prisoners without stint. Suicide, where possible, is the solace sought by many of the latter, to escape the degradation and sorrow of their lot.

One revengeful look directed from a prisoner to the keeper is sufficient to bring down upon his head a blow from a bludgeon that puts a quietus upon his earthly career, and the corpse is carried away immediately, dumped into the ground and covered up. There seems to be a maxim among the keepers that prisoners must be disposed of as rapidly as possible in order to make room for the new arrivals. The whole affair is one continual round of misery and death. It is a cold, barren, pitiless country, governed by a still more pitiless officialism, and a person once sentenced there is relegated to the horrible nightmare of a living death, Mr. Moore says.

The native Eskimos hate the Russians with a wonderful intensity, and it is said many an unfortunate prisoner has been enabled to escape through the agency of the little men. Speaking of the Eskimos, Mr. Moore says they are very dull and stupid—splendid liars, but poor thieves. They are often most flagrantly cheated by white traders. Each season these natives secure many valuable furs, and they have been known to trade as many as three white fox hides for a 5-cent package of gum. Red and other fancy colored handkerchiefs are often traded singly for valuable furs.

### TO BREED ANGORA GOATS.

### New York Man Trying Experiment of Great Importance.

Middletown, N. Y., July 25.—If the experiment undertaken in propagating a new species of angora goats at Debrauc, Sullivan county, proves a success, it will mean a great industry for that section of the country.

A large tract of land at Debrauc has been purchased upon which has been placed a herd of imported white angora goats. The owner has now gone to New Mexico in quest of 2000 goats from that state and proposes to cross the breeds, expecting to produce a superior species. Several large land owners of Sullivan county are watching the experiment with interest and if it results successfully immense tracts probably will be devoted to the goat raising industry, as the animals' wool brings about 50 cents per pound.

### WOMAN FOUND IN HOVEL.

### Too Weak to Talk and Surrounded by Numerous Rats.

Seattle, July 25.—A woman who was too weak to give her name was found Saturday morning in a hovel in an alley near King street and Sixth avenue. The police were notified of her condition, and City Physician Buckley investigated the case.

The physician found the woman in a filthy shack inhabited by dozens of rats, which overran the place.

The woman was removed to the Way-side Mission hospital. She is in a critical condition, and the physician does not believe that she will live more than a few days.

### FOUGHT DUEL TO DEATH.

### Colorado Men Empty Guns and Then Go at It With Knives.

Trinidad, Colo., July 25.—Word has been received here that two guards employed by the Victor Fuel Company at Hastings, 20 miles north of here, became involved in a quarrel and decided to fight a duel. Accordingly, they armed themselves with revolvers and began firing at each other. When the

guns were emptied the two men drew knives and fought until both dropped dead. The names of the duellists were not given to the coroner here, who was notified of the affair and together with the sheriff has gone to the scene of the duel.

### ENGINEER WAS BRAVE.

### Wades Through Burning Oil to Save Lives of Passengers.

San Bernardino, Cal., July 25.—Engineer Freeman of the Santa Fe Railroad saved the passengers of overland train No. 2 from death last night by a highly courageous act. The train was east bound and was loaded with hundreds of passengers, many of whom were en route to the St. Louis exposition. When the train was at a standstill the locomotive suddenly became enveloped in flames. Something had gone wrong with the oil feeder and there was no means of shutting off the flow of oil. Freeman thereupon sprang into the blazing cab, waded through burning oil and reaching the throttle, sent the engine down the track, stopping only when he had reached a point where it was safe to have the fire burn itself out without danger to surrounding property.

### FARMER'S SON IS HELD.

### Charged With Having Tried to Kill One of His Neighbors.

Mount Kisco, N. Y., July 25.—Shot at five times with a rifle in the hands of an ambushed assassin, William Dunn, caretaker of the Theodore B. Willis property, narrowly escaped death when seated on the porch of the house with his wife. Whether the would-be murderer had a grievance against Dunn or the ambushing was a continuation of the ceaseless attacks on life and property which began about 18 months ago is not known. As a result of the attack, John Moriarity, son of a well-to-do farmer, is under \$1,500 bail charged with assault in the first degree.

The complaint against Moriarity alleges that he shot at Dunn with a rifle, firing at least five bullets. It is said that the assistant district attorney, who has the case in charge, is in possession of evidence which he is not yet ready to make public, but which, when known, will astonish all this part of Westchester county. Moriarity's defense is an alibi. He says he was at home when the five rifle bullets were fired at Dunn or his wife, whichever of the two they were intended for, and that he knows nothing at all about the shooting.

### ATTACKED BREAD WAGON.

### Five Hundred Strike Sympathizers Loot Cart and Burn It.

Chicago, July 25.—A mob of 5,000 strike sympathizers attacked a bread wagon of the Heusner Bakery company that was returning from making a delivery of bread to the stock yards and, after beating the driver and his companion, cut the horses loose and set fire to the wagon.

J. C. Clark, superintendent of the bakery, who was driving the wagon, and Edward Smith, shipping clerk, who was with him, were both painfully but not dangerously hurt. The police and fire department were called and the crowd dispersed and the fire extinguished. No arrests were made. No further efforts were made to deliver bread at the stock yards.

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