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## SLAV OUTRAGE

Characteristic of Cowardly Officers.

## THROWN INTO FLAMES

Japanese Infantry Surrounded by About Three Thousand Cossacks.

## RUSSIANS FIRE THE HOUSE

In Spite of the Fact That the Surgeon Had Red Cross Band Attached to His Arm, Russians Threw the Man into the Fire.

Victoria, B. C., Feb. 15.—From Advice received by the steamship Tremont, which arrived from the far east today, the officers report a dramatic incident during the recent cavalry raid at Yinkow, showing the brutality of the Russian soldiers and officers. A company of Japanese infantry were encamped near a house near Ashanah and was surrounded by 3000 Cossacks. There was a Chinese house near which the Japanese took shelter and made a desperate stand for seven hours. During the night the Russians set fire to the house and the Japanese were compelled to retreat under a heavy fire. The captain in charge of the company, which only numbered about 50 men, was wounded with several others and was unable to escape. They committed huri-kari. A surgeon named Namba was wounded and was unable to retreat. In spite of the fact that he had a red cross band attached to his arm the Russian officers ordered him to be arrested and throw him into the burning house. The rules of warfare protect all persons wearing the insignia of the Red Cross, but the cowardly Russians paid no attention to it.

### DYING DECLARATIONS.

Millionaire Bequeaths All His Property to Die Poor.

Chicago, Feb. 15.—S. B. Roth, who died last night at Norwich, Conn., was a life long associate of John J. Fernan, her of the Chicago stock yards. The pioneer announced on August 1903, that he had just settled \$1,000,000 on a chosen set of relatives just to see how they would use the money. In giving away his fortune he made it clear that upon the behavior of the beneficiaries depended the final division of the property.

Roth was said to have been attracted by the declared purpose of Andrew Carnegie and D. K. Pearsons to die poor. One peculiar feature of his gifts was that practically all went to poor families—each receiving an independent fortune.

Mr. Roth was estimated to have another million.

### MUST SURRENDER CHILD.

Or Dear Papa Will Send Princess to Insane Asylum.

Florence, Feb. 15.—Dr. Koerner of Dresden, legal representative of King Frederick Augustus of Saxony, has announced that before beginning proceedings in the courts of Italy to compel the Countess Montignoso to relinquish to the king her former husband, the custody of her child, Princess Anna, he will seek to have her examined as to her sanity. Dr. Koerner says also that unless the young princess is given up to her father by March 1 the allowance granted to the countess will be stopped by the king's order.

### ANOTHER OPERATION.

President Harper of the Chicago University to Be Carved Again.

Chicago, Feb. 15.—Dr. William R. Harper, president of the University of Chicago, will undergo another operation within a week. It has been decided that it is necessary for Dr. Harper to arrange his affairs with a view to an absence from his post for some

time. His son Samuel, who has been in Moscow, Russia, and his brother, Robert, who has been at Constantinople, are on their way home, and they are expected to reach Chicago before the operation upon the rector is performed.

### TOO MANY CLERKS.

Washington Legislature Cuts Off the Clerks' Graft.

Olympia, Feb. 15.—The report of the special committee on the alleged excessive number of employees in the senate caused acrimonious debate this afternoon which resulted in a failure to reduce the number. The committee in its report recommended the discharge of 17 clerks, whose only duty seemed to be to draw their salaries.

The house today passed seven senate and 15 house bills. Among the house bills is one regulating foreign banks and prohibiting them from receiving deposits. The Stevens county judicial district bill passed the house this morning with an amendment leaving Ferry county in its present district. The amendment was immediately sent to the senate, which concurred.

The senate bill prohibiting the employment of special counsel by county commissioners was passed, as was also the bill declaring the abandonment of dependent persons a misdemeanor. A bill giving one corporation power to acquire stock in another corporation passed the house today without debate, only 11 votes being recorded against it.

### Suicide in Portland.

Portland, Feb. 15.—M. A. Bates, credit man with Allen & Lewis, wholesale grocers, committed suicide today by shooting himself in the head with a revolver. Despondency and recent illness is believed to be the cause.

## NO MONEY FOR NAVY

Opposition to Building Any More Battleships.

## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BILL

Economy in All Appropriations Urged by Prominent Republicans and a Strong Fight Will Be Made to Cut All Appropriations.

Washington, Feb. 15.—The question of what the policy of the government will be in respect to upbuilding the navy was again threshed out in the house today, during the consideration of the naval appropriation bill. The debate developed much opposition to the proposed addition of building two more battleships. The debate was a repetition of the discussion yesterday in defense of the Philippines—each played quite an important part in the debate, while the events in the far east and fear that the United States may be ultimately drawn into the struggle, was used by the advocates of a strong navy. The house met at an earlier hour than usual and the entire time was consumed in a discussion of the bill.

The senate continued, but did not conclude the consideration of the bill making appropriations for the support of the government in the District of Columbia. While the bill was before the senate, Elkins took exceptions to the item providing for the construction of a local bridge as being in the interest of speculators and made a strong plea for economy in all appropriations. The Swayne impeachment trial consumed the regular allotted time of the senate.

### Flew the Coop.

Reno, Feb. 15.—Fired with whisky an Indian today went on the war path 30 miles out of Tonopah and killed three squaws and a fellow Indian and then fled to the mountains. He is still at large and a posse of Indians is chasing him.

### Susan Will Celebrate.

Rochester, N. Y., Feb. 15.—Miss Susan B. Anthony will today celebrate her 85th birthday. She has already received greetings from political equality clubs in Finland, Switzerland, Holland, Austria, Germany, Australia, South America and from all quarters of America and Mexico.

## NECK SAVED

Mrs. Edwards Reprieved by Governor.

## GREASON IS INCLUDED

Board of Pardon Commissioners to Hear Case If Supreme Court Refuses.

## DEATH WARRANT WITHDRAWN

Mrs. Kate Edwards and Samuel Greason, a Negro, Were Convicted of Killing Mrs. Edwards' Husband on Confession.

Harrisburg, Pa., Feb. 15.—On recommendation of the board of pardons today Governor Pennypacker withdrew the death warrants in the case of Mrs. Kate Edwards, the white woman, and Samuel Greason, the negro, who were under sentence to hang together at Reading tomorrow for the murder of Mrs. Edwards' husband in 1901. The case of Greason will now be again taken to the Pennsylvania supreme court, and if that tribunal refuses to reopen the case the attorneys for Mrs. Edwards and Greason will have to appear before the board of pardons next month.

The supreme court was crowded with spectators when the board of pardons convened to take up the cases. In the crowd were many members of the legislature, and also the Ohio delegation of women who presented the monster petition to the governor yesterday in behalf of the condemned woman.

When the pardon board, which is made up of W. M. Brown, lieutenant governor; Frank M. Fuller, Secretary of the commonwealth; Hamilton B. Carson, attorney general, and Isaac B. Brown, secretary of internal affairs, met today, Elwood H. Doysher of counsel for Mrs. Edwards, made a motion that her case be continued. He made this motion, he said, because Mrs. Edwards had confessed that she had committed the crime, and that Greason had no hand in it, and because counsel for Greason wanted to take depositions and also examine Mrs. Edwards with regard to the authenticity of the confession. Counsel for Greason, he said, would not be able to do this if the case of Mrs. Edwards was not continued, because they were both under sentence to hang tomorrow.

John Rothermel and William H. Sadler, attorneys for Greason, supported Mr. Doysher, and also pleaded for a rehearing in the case of their client. Mr. Sadler informed the board that he had four witnesses in behalf of Greason, who had never been examined.

The board, after deliberating 20 minutes, announced that the board had decided to take up both cases and immediately continue them.

### INCREASE IN RATES.

Will Cost \$720 to Carry a Gun in New York.

New York, Feb. 15.—An ordinance has been adopted by the board of aldermen empowering the city magistrates to assess a fine of \$720 on persons found carrying concealed weapons. The former penalty was \$10 and has little tendency, according to the police, toward breaking up the practice.

The new ordinance empowers city magistrates not only to impose the fine, but to commit the carrier of heavier weapons for six months. The ordinance gives the police commissioner power to issue permits for carrying concealed weapons, as at present.

### STATE LEGISLATION.

Very Little Progress Being Made in the Passage of Bills.

Salem, Feb. 15.—At today's session of the senate a bill appropriating \$70,000 for the erection of a deaf mute

school passed. The house bill creating Cascade county failed in the senate. The bill providing for special attendance of transportation of insane patients to the asylum passed the senate. House bill appropriating \$45,000 for the Indian war veterans passed the senate.

Will Be Late for Resurrection.

Washington, Feb. 15.—Ambassador Porter already has justified the faith he expressed to the state department in his ability to find some trace of the remains of John Paul Jones. He has cabled the state department from Paris as follows:

"Sunk shaft, found rows of graves undisturbed at a depth of 17 feet."

This refers to the preliminary examination which the ambassador has been making of the ground which once formed the site of the cemetery to which the remains of John Paul Jones were traced.

### High Taxes.

Union, Ore., Feb. 15.—The Union county tax roll will be in the sheriff's hands this week. The total tax to be collected is about \$179,000. The actual cash value of taxable property in the county is estimated at \$16,000,000, though the assessed valuation is much less. Figuring the total population of the county at 15,000, the total tax to be collected is about equal to \$19 per capita for each resident of the county.

### Against Autos.

New York, Feb. 15.—Owing to numerous motor car accidents in Germany a bill is to be presented to the reichstag providing, says a Times dispatch from Berlin, for the compulsory formation of an organization of automobilists which will be responsible for all damages. The plan is that every owner of a motor car be compelled to join the organization.

## STRIKE THREATENED

Situation in Russia Portends Considerable Trouble.

## MANY FAMILIES SUFFERING

Governor at Lodz Admits Conditions Are Very Grave and Is Endeavoring to Prevent Bloodshed Which Seems Inevitable.

Lodz, Feb. 15.—The situation here is becoming more serious every day. A large number of men who were working yesterday, quit today, having become dissatisfied. There is much suffering among the families of the strikers, which was the principal cause for many quitting work. Directors of the Coates thread mill have issued an order allowing the expense of giving a daily dinner to the children of workmen, and 250 children reported for a meal. The governor himself admits that the conditions are very grave. He is extremely anxious to avert bloodshed, but in the present condition, he thinks it is almost impossible. Orders were issued to the soldiers to refrain from any acts exciting animosity, and that they must not shoot unless attacked. The attitude of the strikers shows increased hostility. Unless a change for the better is made tomorrow, martial law will be proclaimed. While this is likely to end strife, it will cost many lives.

### Mail Awards.

New York, Feb. 15.—Superintendent Bradley of the railway mail service, has ordered the beginning of the periodical weighing of the mails required by law on all the trains and in all the postoffices of the second department, which includes New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware and Maryland. The process will continue for three months, and on its results will depend the amount of the awards to various railroads for carrying the mails from July 1, 1905, to July 1, 1909.

### More Torpedo Boats.

Tokio, Feb. 15.—The new torpedo boat destroyers Arake and Fubuki, constructed in Japan, have been placed in commission. Their average speed is 29 knots per hour. The torpedo boat destroyer Krare is finished at the Yokosuka naval yard and is ready to be launched.

## GUILIAMS SHOT

Wealthy Chinaman Also Shot in Portland.

## CHINAMEN ARRESTED

Shooting Occurs on Second Street While It Is Crowded With People.

## ABOUT TWENTY SHOTS FIRED

Chinese Woman Stole Diamond Ring and Refused to Give It Up When Demanded by Owner—Employed Chinaman to Shoot.

Portland, Feb. 15.—Lee Moon, a wealthy Chinaman, and a white man named J. M. Guiliams, were wounded in a pistol battle in Chinatown tonight. A Chinese slave woman was accused of stealing a valuable diamond ring from Moon. Moon went to the woman's room today to recover it and the woman refused to give it up. As Moon left the room she told him to stay away or he would be killed. He returned a second time, and she again refused to give up the ring. When Moon reached the corner of Washington and Second streets the fusillade commenced which continued for two blocks along Second street to the door of the police station, where Moon was going after a police officer to have him go to the woman's room and secure the ring. About 20 shots were fired. One of the shots lodged in the shoulder of J. M. Guiliams, a young man who was walking on the street at the time, and another shot hit Moon in the hip. After the shooting the police arrested Chee How, also a wealthy Chinese merchant, also Joe Tong Hi and Leong Hi. They also arrested Chee How, who was accused of hiring the other Chinamen to kill Moon. When Jo Tong Hi was searched at the police station the ring was found in his clothes.

The thoroughfare where the shooting occurred is one of the most frequented in the city and quite a number, mostly white people, were on the street at the time. The shooting created intense excitement in Chinatown and thousands of people rushed to the scene, while many others were trying to get away for fear of getting hit with stray bullets.

### GEN LEW WALLACE.

Author of "Ben Hur," Dies at Crawfordsville, Ind.

Crawfordsville, Feb. 15.—General Lew Wallace, author of "Ben Hur," and one time minister to Turkey and a veteran of the Mexican and civil wars, died tonight, aged 78 years. General Wallace's health had been failing for several years, but for months he had kept his family ignorant of his true condition. He had a strong constitution which was gradually undermined by a wasting disease. The death bed scene was calmness. Besides the physician only his wife, son and daughter-in-law was present. When the general was told that he was dying he was perfectly calm and his last words were expressions of cheer to his grief-stricken family. Bidding them farewell, he said, "I am willing to meet my maker," and lapsed into unconsciousness, from which he did not recover.

### FIRE AT COTTAGE GROVE.

New Schoolhouse Narrowly Escapes Destruction.

Cottage Grove, Feb. 15.—Fire caused by a defective flue threatened with total destruction the new \$20,000 Cottage Grove public school at 2:30 o'clock, but before the arrival of the fire department men tore off boards where the wall was very hot next to the flue and located the blaze before more than a few hundred dollars' damage was done. The children were all marched out in good order with the fire drill as soon as the large building began filling with smoke, and no one was injured.

jured. The structure is entirely of wood, and had the fire gained a start could not have been saved. Owing to the cold weather the furnace was taxed beyond its capacity, setting fire to the scantling that wallled in the flue.

### WARSHIP COMING.

British Warship to Pay Fraternal Visit to America.

London, Feb. 15.—The date of the visit to American waters of the squadron of British warships commanded by Rear Admiral Prince Louis of Battenberg, has been definitely fixed for October. It will comprise a short stay at Newport, New York and Annapolis. The prince's visit to Washington will, it is understood, be of an official character. President Roosevelt will be notified through Sir Henry Durand, the British ambassador, and Prince Louis will convey to the president King Edward's greeting in a special message.

### STUDENTS ON STRIKE.

All Students Throughout Russia Decide Not to Resume Studies.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 15.—The students throughout Russia have decided to resort to strike methods indicative of their dissatisfaction of existing political conditions and demands of the press for reform. The students at the university of Moscow, the largest institution of its kind in Russia, voted today not to resume studies during the present school year.

### William Cullen Bryant Dead.

New York, Feb. 15.—William Cullen Bryant, the publisher of the Brooklyn Times, and secretary of the American Newspaper Publishers' Association, died today at a sanitarium in Plainfield, N. J. He had suffered a stroke of apoplexy this morning.

## MADE A BAD BREAK

Rope Breaks and Murderer Falls From Scaffold.

## HANGING IN NEW JERSEY

Grotesque Sight at the Hanging of Frank Ralsinger in New Jersey. Body Falls, Striking a Beam and Breaks His Neck.

Bridgeport, N. J., Feb. 15.—Frank Ralsinger was hanged today for the murder of his wife. The rope broke as the body rebounded, and the back of Ralsinger's head struck a cross beam of the scaffold and broke Ralsinger's neck. The physicians present said death was instantaneous. It was, therefore not necessary to raise the body again to the scaffold.

A shudder ran through those who were assembled to witness the hanging as the rope parted and Ralsinger's body fell to the ground. Nearly every one present turned his head from the grotesque sight.

Sheriff Dement said after the hanging that he was unable to account for the snapping of the cord, as it had been tested with a weight more than 100 pounds heavier than Ralsinger's body.

### WHITMAN SUSPENDED.

San Francisco Chief of Police to Be Investigated by Commission.

San Francisco, Feb. 15.—As a result of the recent scandals of the police department in connection with gambling in the Chinese quarters, Chief of Police Whitman was tonight suspended from duty upon charges heretofore made for incompetency and neglect of duty. This action was unanimously taken by the board of police commissioners after they had found Sergeant Ellis guilty of neglect of duty and violation of department rules. The sentence of Ellis has been postponed one week.

### New Cotton Mill.

Manchester, Feb. 15.—The heavy crop of American cotton has caused activity in mill building here. Four new mills are in course of erection and at the same time a number of new mills are going up for Egyptian cotton. Altogether the new capital in these new enterprises amounts to \$15,000,000. The new mills will give employment to 9000 workers.