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# SUPPRESS RELIEF FOR AMERICANS EAST SIDE

## Russians Show Enmity at Plan Formed to Use New Ferry at Morrison Street. —Detain Four.

# ENGLISHMAN IS HANGED MAYOR WILLIAMS ACTS

## Letter Escapes Censorship Which Shows Serious Situation for Those Who Failed to Leave Manchuria.

(Journal Special Service.)  
Berlin, April 21.—The Frankfurter Zeitung today prints a dispatch from its correspondent in Manchuria which has apparently escaped the censorship, and which says there is an exceptionally bitter feeling there against Americans, who are accused of over-friendliness toward the Japanese.

The lives of those who failed to flee at the outbreak of hostilities are said to be in great danger, and many are now attempting to make their way from the country, under great difficulties. No assistance is being given these refugees, who are hampered by refusals of transportation, and are subjected to daily insults.

Four Americans are now detained at Mukden, charged with espionage in behalf of the Japanese. The Russians claim that the Americans passed through the troops and inspected parks of artillery, observed the stores of ammunition and took interest too much in Russian affairs to be disinterested.

But little violence has been shown toward them but they are constantly watched and will not be allowed to proceed on their journey for some time, and then probably by the way of Russia only.

The Americans are not the only ones under suspicion, but their English cousins as well are treated with similar disrespect. One Englishman was arrested at Port Arthur and charged with being a spy. He was taken to Mukden where after a trial lasting but a few hours he was sentenced to be hanged, and was taken forth without respite and executed while a crowd of soldiers stood by jeering not only the dying man, but his countrymen as well.

# TOGO'S BOTTLE AGAIN.

## Japanese Admiral Is Said to Be Planning Another Blockading Move.

Rome, April 21.—A dispatch from Chefoo received here this morning says that Admiral Togo has prepared another special boat, an old steamer of large size, that will be taken into the Port Arthur harbor tonight and destroyed for the purpose of completely blockading the channel and bottling up the remainder of the Russian fleet.

# NEED BALTIC FLEET.

## Admiral Skrydlov Gives Advice Which Results in Selling Orders.

St. Petersburg, April 21.—As the result of the advice and opinions of Admiral Skrydlov, it has been definitely determined to send the Baltic fleet to the far east as soon as possible and orders to this effect are said to have been given.

# ENOCH ARDEN IS HELD AS A BURGLAR

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
Seattle, April 21.—Thomas Thornton returned from Alaska after an absence of three years to find himself an Enoch Arden. His wife, thinking him dead because of his long absence, procured a divorce, married Joseph Allenby and caused the arrest of her former husband. A burglar hurried to his old home, Beacon Hill residence, where he expected to meet a glad reception and overjoy as he was received into the bosom of his family.



# TORONTO'S LOSS IS TWELVE MILLIONS

(Journal Special Service.)  
Toronto, Ont., April 21.—The most conservative estimates today place the fire loss at more than \$12,000,000. Fourteen acres were swept by the conflagration, and in the burned district stood the most costly buildings in the city laden with their expensive stocks and machinery.

Fire underwriters report this afternoon that the total insurance on the burned property is \$3,300,000. Two hundred firms are out of business today.

Hundreds of men are employed today clearing away debris from those portions of the ruins which have cooled. Crowds of men, women and children line the fire ropes which still encircle the burned district.

# DISGRACE AT DENVER

## Soldiers, Led by Officer, Attack Defenseless Man and Beat Him.

(Journal Special Service.)  
Denver, Colo., April 21.—Intense excitement was caused here this morning by what is now considered a most disgraceful act on the part of one of the officers composing the guard conducting President Moyer, of the Western Federation of Miners from Telluride to the habeas corpus hearing set before the supreme court here today.

That a riot of serious proportions did not follow is simply due to lack of an early knowledge of the details of the affair.

On the early morning train there arrived Adjutant-General Bell, Captain Buckley Wells, Captain Carlisle and Colonel Kennedy, with a guard of 17 men over Moyer. As the train came to a stop in the station Secretary Haywood, of the miners' association, left a group of citizens and went into the car occupied by Moyer and his guard.

Haywood greeted Moyer and was in the act of shaking hands with him when, with an angry oath, Captain Wells attempted to assault Haywood by striking him a savage blow on the head.

The injured man was removed by the police from the car to a hospital, where it was ascertained that his wounds are serious.

When the details of the attack became known great crowds gathered about the station, but the military had by this time gained the federal court-rooms, where the hearing of Moyer was to take place.

Wells would not converse on the matter, but it was given out later that General Bell is determined to hold Haywood as a prisoner pending his trial for the alleged flag desecration incident. On what charge he will be held is not announced.

# SIXTEEN DROWNED IN STEAMER COLLISION

(Journal Special Service.)  
Berlin, April 21.—A report was received here that in a heavy fog this morning the Swedish steamer Dries sunk after a collision with an unknown vessel. Sixteen of the Dries' crew were lost. The catastrophe happened off Swinemund.

# "PACIFIC COAST THE PLACE FOR YOUNG MEN"—HENRY WATTERSON

"If I were 20 here is where I should come," said Henry Watterson, the veteran editor of the Louisville Courier-Journal as he comfortably chattered after his lecture on Lincoln last night. "In 50 years there will be a population of 50,000,000 in the section of the country west of the crest of the Rocky mountains. By that time the dominating influences will be on the Pacific and not on the Atlantic coast."



# TORONTO'S BURNED DISTRICT

The Board of Trade building is shown in the upper half-ton, and Yonge street, north from Front Street, in the lower.

# ROBERTS HAS WARM DAY AS WITNESS

## Smoot Investigation Shows Idaho Politics in Very Unfavorable Light—Editor Testifies Leaders All Cater to Mormon Vote.

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.)  
Washington, April 21.—Former Congressman Roberts was again on the stand before the Smoot investigation committee this morning in behalf of the defense. He was examined in regard to his statement that the elections of Utah oscillated between the Democratic and Republican parties. He said the only time when the Democrats elected their candidates was in the years 1896 and 1898, when the silver question was the principal issue and the only one discussed. Since then the Republicans, he said, had been successful.

The witness identified an interview published in Utah while his candidacy for congress was on, in which he admitted the right of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints to discipline its members when they entered politics without first securing the church's permission.

Roberts also admitted that after having been ejected from congress and on his return to Utah he had been in 1900 again prosecuted for plural cohabitation. He said, however, that he was not convicted.

Calvin Cobb, proprietor of the Boise (Ida) Statesman, was called to the stand, but said he had no knowledge except hearsay of persons living in polygamy in Idaho. One-third of the members of the Idaho state legislature, he said, were Mormons and political leaders, both Republicans and Democrats, and catered to the Mormon element in order to get votes.

Whenever the Mormon church wanted anything, it was given by either party without regard for the wishes of a great number of the people.

# TEN YEARS FOR WRECKING BANK.

(Journal Special Service.)  
Indianapolis, Ind., April 21.—President Frederick of the wrecked Elkhart bank was today sentenced to 10 years in the penitentiary, and Cashier Collins of the same bank got a six-year sentence.

# SUMOS OF SETTLEMENT UTAH.

(San Francisco Bureau of The Journal.)  
San Francisco, April 21.—There was a rumor in labor circles yesterday that the strike of the leather workers was soon to be settled. There is no truth, however, in the statement and matters are still the same as when the strike was first declared.

# EIGHTH WISCONSIN DISTRICT.

(Journal Special Service.)  
Oshkosh, Wis., April 21.—The Republican congressional convention of the eighth district was called to order here this afternoon. The convention will re-nominate Congressman Davidson and select delegates and alternates to the Chicago convention.

# MILLS TO RESUME

## Big Industry Will Be Able to Live With New Rates.

Interior Oregon lumber mills will soon resume operations with a full shift of men, thousands of lumber workers in camp, mill and yard will be given employment and millions of feet of lumber will be sold from the mills where, 24 hours ago, the prospect was that the stagnation that has marked the industry for the past few months would continue indefinitely.

The news that came to the interior mills of the state was given by Mr. Stubbs, traffic director of the Harriman lines, on his recent visit to the city. After an extended conference with all interested he promised the mill men of the interior that the old rate of \$3.10 a ton on undressed lumber would be again made to San Francisco and bay points. The first announcement of the new rate was made in southern Oregon last night by the Booth-Kelly Lumber company and today W. E. Coman, general passenger and freight agent of the Southern Pacific lines in the state, confirmed the first brief report. Concerning the new rate Mr. Coman said:

"The old rate of \$3.10 was decided on a few days ago when Mr. Stubbs met with the representative lumbermen of the interior. No announcement has been made to local lumber dealers and mill men of this rate because we desired to give the date when the rates would become effective before making definite announcement, but since the new rates have been given out the company is prepared to make an announcement concerning them. When they will be placed in effect has not yet been determined."

"The rate will apply on all shipments of green, undressed lumber from Oregon interior mills to San Francisco and bay points. It will not apply on finished lumber. There will be no water transportation and the \$5 rate leaves them out of the running. It was shown Mr. Stubbs that a lower rate was necessary if the interior of the state was to recover from the depression that followed the \$5 rate, and though the \$3.10 rate for the benefit of the mills that have been idle for months."

# PORTLAND NOT AFFECTED.

"This rate will not affect Portland lumber interests in the least. The rate applies only on undressed, green lumber. This sort of stuff is sent by water from Portland to the Bay City and the rate on that route is \$3.10 a ton, not the \$3.10 rate, so Portland cannot be affected by interior competition in this respect. On finished lumber and all other timber products the \$5 rate continues in effect from all interior points and Portland cannot be hurt."

Very rough lumber cannot be shipped to interior California points from central Oregon mills and have an advantage over Portland interests, for the rate from interior Oregon points to places in California outside the Bay City is based on the Portland rates. That is, if the rate on southern lumber is \$3.10 a ton, California town is less than it would be from Portland this is raised to the Portland schedule. The \$5 rate to San Francisco plus the local rate from Frisco to the interior California points is the basic rate for all shipments.

# GIVES INTERIOR AN OUTLET.

"In short, this rate gives interior Oregon an outlet and affords the mill there ready access to the best market for undressed lumber and at the same time Portland interests are not affected, or at least, are not placed at a disadvantage."

The history of the lumber rate situation during the past year has been a varied one and one not always conducive to peaceful relations between the Southern Pacific and the lumber dealers and mill men, but the present arrangement is expected to prove satisfactory to all concerned.

The rate on lumber between Portland and California was raised from \$3.10 to \$5 last fall by the Southern Pacific for two reasons. One was that the \$3.10 tariff was not a remunerative one according to the company's statement, another was that the shipments of lumber from southern Oregon to California was caused and some diminution of the demand was desired. When the Portland rate was raised the interior rate was left at \$3.10 and local lumber men at once protested that the interior mills were stealing all the business in the California market. A prolonged argument was indulged in by the various parties concerned, the local lumber men demanding a lower rate, the Southern Pacific refusing to give back the \$3.10 tariff and the interior mills protesting against a raise in their schedule. The trouble was settled early in the year by the Southern Pacific raising the rate on lumber from interior mills to the Portland rate and leaving all concerned on an alleged equal footing.

# HARRIMAN IS ACTIVE

## Bomb Thrown Into Merger Stockholders' Meeting in New Jersey.

Hoboken, N. J., April 21.—At a special meeting of the stockholders of the Northern Securities company, which convened at 11 o'clock this morning, a sensation was sprung before the body had been in session ten minutes.

The object of the meeting was to take a vote on the proposed reduction of stock by 90 per cent, and to distribute assets on a pro rata basis.

Hardly had this object been called to the attention of the stockholders when a representative of the Oregon Short Line filed a protest in the interests of his company and the Union Pacific, stating that the shares of capital stock of the Northern Pacific delivered by Harriman and Pierce to the Northern Securities company in 1901, consisting of \$37,000,000 in common stock and \$41,000,000 in preferred, which included the common stock into which preferred stock had been converted, belonged to the Oregon Short Line, and that the Northern Securities company was therefore merely a custodian.

The protestants claim they are entitled to a return to them of all the certificates for the said stock upon the surrender by them of 2,000,000 shares of stock in the Northern Securities company, and the payment of \$5,000,000 cash received by them on such delivery of the said Northern Pacific stock to the Northern Securities company.

Notice was further given that the Northern Securities company has no right to distribute the Northern Pacific stock on a pro rata basis among the stockholders of the Northern Securities company. Judge Kirkpatrick's restraining order is cited.

Mr. Pierce and Judge Lovett, after reading the protest, left the meeting, first holding an animated conversation with James J. Hill. They shook hands, as though a good story had just been told.

A vote was then taken on the plan for the distribution of the merger stock and the plan was adopted unanimously.

There were voted 2,944,848 shares in favor of a resolution which provides that the capital stock be reduced from 3,954,000 shares, now outstanding, to 2,950,000 shares. A court order was obtained by Harriman, which, while not interfering with the meeting or the adoption of the distribution plan, will restrain its execution until the Trenton court has decided the case.

# LUCIN CUT-OFF IS DAMAGED BY STORM

(Journal Special Service.)  
Ogden, April 21.—A terrific snowstorm is raging over Utah and Wyoming and heavy losses of shorn sheep are reported.

It is stated that a mile and a half of the Southern Pacific railway's Lucin cut-off across the Great Salt Lake has been affected, and more than half a mile of the trestle swept out of place. All trains are being sent over the old route.

# HOUSE PASSES BULL RUN BILL

(Journal Special Service.)  
Washington, D. C., April 21.—The bill protecting the Bull Run forest reserve, from which is secured the water supply of Portland, passed the house today.

"This is one of the very best things that has been done for Portland by congress for many years," said Mayor Williams this morning, when shown The Journal's dispatch from Washington, stating that the Bull Run forest reserve bill had passed the house. "It was the proper thing to do," continued Mayor Williams, "and I am very much pleased to learn that our congressmen succeeded in getting it through the lower house. This will mean that Portland will always be sure that its water supply is free from the dangers that it was subject to when hunters and sightseers were allowed without restriction to visit the reserve. The forests about the Bull Run are in danger of being cut on fire by the carelessness of these hunters or visitors."

"I do not think that anyone would have possibly done anything that would have jeopardized the city's water supply, but it is always best to make assurance doubly sure. Every citizen of Portland will be glad to know that this bill has passed."