

Fair tonight and Tuesday, continued warm; northerly winds.

WHILE ENVOYS GATHER FOR PEACE CONFERENCE JAPS SURROUND LINEVITCH'S ARMY WITH A CIRCLE OF STEEL

TRIED TO CUT OUT TUMOR OUT TUMOR RUM IN ARMY HER DREAD

Mrs. Spillman Takes Butcher Knives, and With Weak Hands But Strong Will Operates on Herself.

DIES MISERABLY WITH NO ONE TO GIVE HER AID

Doctors Had Refused to Attempt to Remove the Dead Thing, and the Poor and Friendless Old Woman Had Long Determined to Find Relief From Pain in Death.

Crased with suffering, and refused an operation by several surgeons who informed her that the tumor growing on her side would soon kill her, Katherine Agnes Spillman, aged 74 years, without known relatives in Portland, took a large butcher knife and attempted to cut from her body the thing that had doomed her. Today her body lies in the coroner's office and tomorrow she will be buried in Lone Fir cemetery beside her first husband, Herman Lorenz. Alone in her room at 133 Broadway, where she lived with Mrs. Marie Zeitfuchs, suffering beyond the limit of human endurance, knowing that the tumor was eating its way into the vital organs and that it was only a matter of a few weeks at most when it would kill her, she softly stole into the kitchen, found the weapon and then, with hands trembling with the weakness of more than three score years and ten, desperately lacerated her gutting body in an effort to be rid of the hated thing.

PRETENDING HE IS A BANK CLERK, MAN GETS MONEY MRS. WERT HAS DRAWN

Old Trick Played on Woman, Wife of a Sick Barber, Who Gives Last Dollar to Youth, Who Dashes Off With It While Hundreds Look On.

"The paying teller says he made a mistake in counting your money, madam," said a smooth, clerical-looking young man to Mrs. Louise Wert, 53 North Tenth street, as she emerged from the Merchants' National bank this morning with \$400 in crisp, new bills in her pocketbook. He did not wear a hat or coat and a pen was behind his ear. "No, I'm sure his made no mistake," she replied. "I had \$400 in the bank, and that's just what he gave me." "He says he did, and I must count it," the clerical-looking young man replied, as he seized the pocketbook from her hand and went round the corner. Mrs. Wert waited for the moment to realize that she had been made the victim of one of the most daring crimes that has been committed in Portland in months. However, she rushed back to the bank and to the teller's window. She asked him breathlessly if he had sent a clerk to correct an error in the money he had given her. Of course, he had not, he said. "Folks police" she screamed, as she ran through the door trying to overtake the hatless and coatless young man who was speeding down Second street. A crowd of men was on the street and the lobby was also crowded with patrons of the bank. No one, however, made an effort to stop the robber. The woman ran to police headquarters, where she told the story of her loss with tears and sobs. "He was such a nice looking young man," she said. "He didn't have a hat and he looked just like a bank clerk

Mrs. Taggart Would Not Let Sons Enter Service Because of Temptation to Excessive Drinking.

OFFICER DENIES THAT LADIES USE CIGARETTES

Major Taggart Accustomed to Take the "Ordinary Prescription," Which Is Whiskey Straight—Confined in the Hospital on a Charge of Alcoholism.

Wooster, O., Aug. 7.—"I would never consent to have my boys enter the service," said Mrs. Taggart today. "There's too much drinking in the army. I have had no plans for my boys when grown. It is not a question of drink in moderation, but in the service the temptation to drink to excess is too great. "It is for the sake of my little boys that I am making a fight in this case, which involves not only my honor, but the reputation of my children and to vindicate myself against the false charges." The reading of the deposition of Major Morton continued. The testimony was to the effect that Taggart showed no sign of intoxication the week he was in the hospital at Leavenworth at the time he alleged his wife had, by complicity, had him confined there on a false charge of alcoholism. The cigarette question came up, Morton stating that it was not the custom of ladies in army circles to smoke them after dinner, and he did not remember ever seeing Mrs. Taggart smoke. "In the army," said the witness, "many officers drink socially, as do men in civil life, but the habit of becoming intoxicated is discountenanced. Taggart's treatment of his wife should be a model for every man in the world." The principal reason given in post gossip for Captain Taggart's confinement was that the post commander wanted to keep him where he couldn't talk. Since leaving West Point, Taggart had been in the habit of taking the "ordinary prescription," which was whiskey straight. It was most unusual to look a commissioned officer in the hospital. He knew of no other case when the patient had tremens.

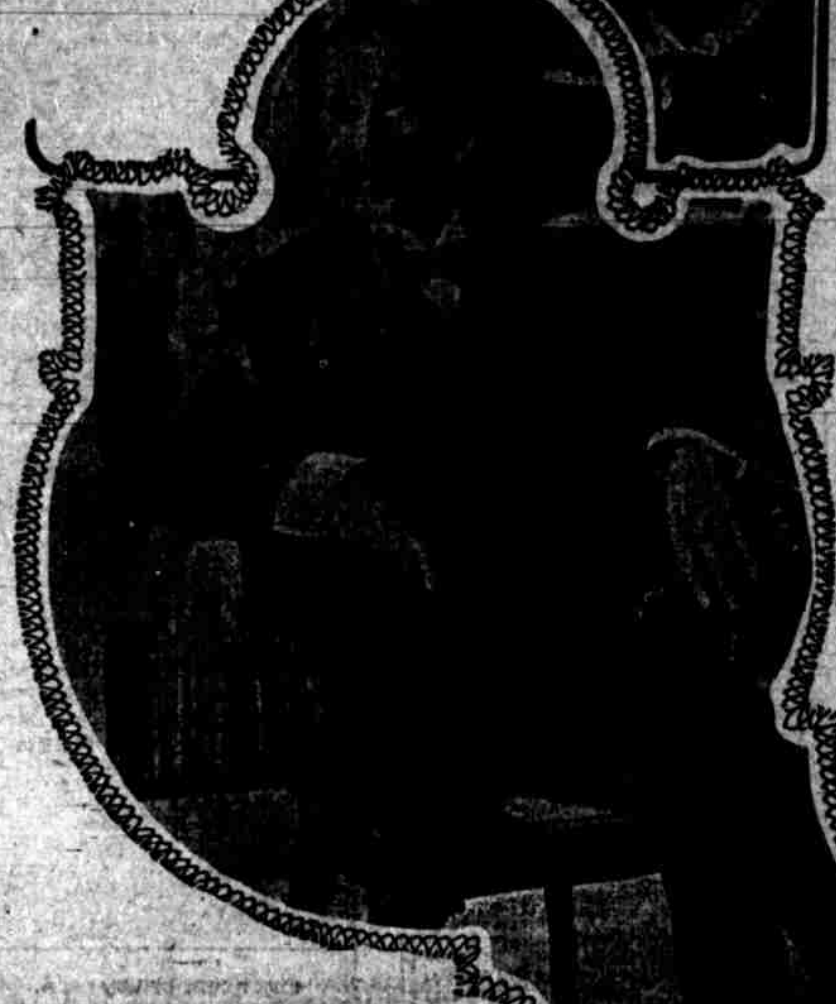
TWO LOSE LIVES IN DALLAS, TEXAS, BLAZE

Dallas, Tex., Aug. 7.—Fire at 1 o'clock this morning at the Hopkins boarding-house resulted in the death of Mrs. Taylor, aged 50, and her grand-daughter, aged 12. Mrs. Hopkins was also badly burned.

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Baron Komura and Minister Takahara are shown at the top and Baron Rosen at the bottom. The reception-room on the Mayflower is also represented.



RIGID QUARANTINE IS ENFORCED

Dr. J. M. White of Marine Hospital Assumes Absolute Control.

ARCHBISHOP CHAPPELLE IS REPORTED VERY ILL

Military Power to Be Exercised in Controlling Yellow Fever Situation—First Negro Victim Reported—No Cases in Texas.

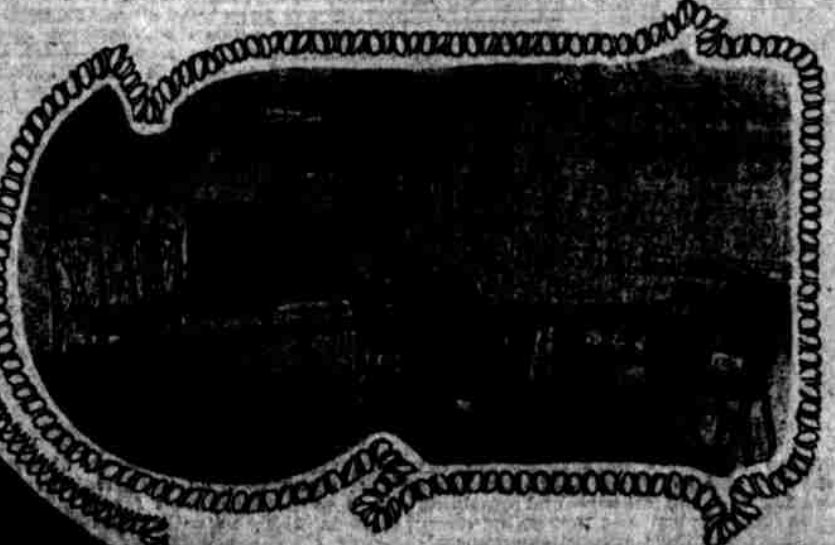
New Orleans, Aug. 7.—Dr. J. M. White of the marine hospital service assumed absolute control of the health situation today, with military power. He has divided the city into wards, each of which is placed in charge of an experienced surgeon of the marine hospital service, who has absolute control of the locality. All of them are officers who have had experience dealing with yellow fever epidemic. The citizens of New Orleans have pledged themselves to put up \$250,000 to defray the cost of labor and material needed by the marine hospital service outside of its own stated expenditures. Captain E. C. Chayer of the revenue cutter Winona has received instructions from Secretary Shaw commanding his actions in enforcing the quarantine and promising additional authority. Archbishop Chappelle is very sick. The first negro victim was reported today. A suspicious case of fever is reported north of Port Worth, Texas. The victim is an Armour representative from Monroe, Louisiana. The man is carefully screened and guarded. A rigid shotgun quarantine is in force at Jefferson. Health Officer Tabor this morning emphatically stated that there was not a case of yellow fever in Texas.

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WHAT JAPAN ASKS AND WHAT SHE WILL ACCEPT

According to latest reports Japan will probably demand at first \$1,000,000,000 indemnity, Vladivostok, the ownership of Korea, Port Arthur, Russia's abandonment of Manchuria enterprises, the evacuation of Manchuria and the continued reduction of Russia's naval establishment in Chinese waters. She will probably modify these demands to an indemnity of \$1,000,000 a day since the war began, the neutralization of Vladivostok, suzerainty over Korea, Port Arthur, all railways and conquered territory and possession of all warships now interned and cession of the island of Sakhalin. Russia will probably be willing to concede an indemnity, Sakhalin and Korea, but the hitch will come over Manchuria. One of the points to be most insisted upon by the Japanese envoys is that Russia shall transfer to Japan not only the railroad connecting Port Arthur and Harbin, but the branch which runs between trans-Baikalia and the Ussuri province. In other words, every pile of Russian railroad in Manchuria is to pass into the hands of their enemies, leaving Vladivostok cut off from Europe by rail. The object is to make it impossible for years to come for the czar's government to realize its dreams of oriental absorption and conquest.



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INSURANCE SCANDAL IS OF FAR-REACHING EXTENT

Startling Information Shows Other Companies Besides Equitable Involved.

New York, Aug. 7.—Sufficient evidence has already come to the Armstrong legislative insurance investigating committee to make clear to its members that conditions existing in the Equitable have been more than duplicated in some respects in several other big insurance companies, two of them being in this city and two others outside. Startling information has come to the members of the legislative committee that since the broad misuse of directorate power in the Equitable society has become public, books and other documents have been doctored in certain life insurance organizations so far as possible in order that a fairly clean bill of health may be shown after the legislative probe has been inserted into their affairs. A minority member of the legislative committee said today that he could prove, and probably would prove, that certain men connected with a great banking house in Wall street had undertaken to suppress certain facts.

GREAT BATTLE IS NEAR

Linevitch Faces Half a Million Men Coiled About His Troops—Preparations Exceed Mukden.

PEACE ENVOYS REACH PORTSMOUTH TUESDAY

Foggy Weather Compels Delegates to Spend the Night at Newport, Whence They Sailed Today for Portsmouth—Witte Leaves Party to Visit in Boston.

Tokio, Aug. 7.—(Bulletin.)—The position of the Russians in Manchuria, despite General Linevitch's grudging dispatches, is not enviable. This will soon be revealed in practical form. The Japanese enveloping movement will be three or four times greater than that at Mukden. Linevitch's rear guard is threatened, also his flank in the direction of Vladivostok, through the coast territory, and from the mouth of the Amur river. The Japanese have concentrated in Manchuria in front of the Russian army 150,000 infantry, with 1,400 cannon. This is exclusive of the detachment of General Hasegawa, commander of the forces in Korea.

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BODY IS FOUND IN BAY AT MARSHFIELD

Marshallfield, O., Aug. 7.—The body of Charles George, prominent in mercantile and fraternal circles, was found floating in the bay opposite the town yesterday afternoon. He had attended the installation of the uniforms rank Knights of Pythias at North Bend Saturday evening and left the room at recess. It is supposed that he fell from the dock. He was unmarried and has no relatives here, but a brother at Bremerton, Washington. The verdict of the coroner's jury was accidental drowning. Interment will be tomorrow under the auspices of the Knights of Pythias.

PRESIDENT REFUSES TO SEE IOWA SPELLBINDER

Oyster Bay, Aug. 7.—The president received no visitors today. In the early part of the day, W. B. Kenworthy, an Iowa attorney attempted to visit the executive without previous notice and was turned back by the detectives. He was a spellbinder in the campaign and said he merely wanted to pay a social call.

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