

CONDITION OF JAPAN

Statement Issued by Commissioner of Finance—Police Investigation of Recent Bengal Riots—Agitation in France.

(Special Cable by Hearst News Service.) London, Oct. 21.—The statement issued a few days ago by the Japanese financial commissioner in England has been supplemented by another setting forth that the returns of revenue and expenditure for the year 1906-1907 to July 31 last, just to hand, show a considerable increase in revenue as compared with the returns to June 30 of this year. The returns of the actual accounts on June 30, 1907, show a surplus of 7,314,550 yen, the revenue being 468,816,344 yen and the expenditure 461,501,794 yen. On July 31 last there was a surplus of 11,398,295 yen, the revenue being 494,387,476 yen and the expenditure 482,989,181 yen. This increase of revenue is chiefly due to the transfer of the profits derived from state undertakings such as railroads and tobacco monopoly, from the special to the general account during the month of July. The tobacco monopoly profit transferred is only a portion of the whole, from which something like 17,000,000 yen is still expected to be transferred to the general account. A sum of about 2,000,000 yen is to be brought over to the general account as a fund for the redemption of the Formosan public works loan. For the rest of the year it is not expected that there will be any appreciable change in the expenditure, and consequently the surplus of revenue will amount to upwards of 10,000,000 yen. This estimated surplus has no connection with the sum of about 30,000,000 yen set down in the 1907-8 budget as a surplus from a previous year, that particular amount being a portion of the surplus of the year 1905-6. The present surplus of 10,000,000 yen is available for framing a future budget.

The police investigation into the recent riots in eastern Bengal are almost at a standstill, owing to the difficulty of procuring evidence. Even in Sherpur, where a large mob attacked the punitive police barracks and were driven off until four persons had been killed and others wounded, difficulty was experienced in identifying any of the persons who had been present. A Bengali newspaper asserts that the local Zemindar is suspected of complicity in the affair.

Meanwhile another Calcutta sensation is the arrest of A. C. Bannerjee, a leading barrister and municipal commissioner, on a charge of delivering seditious speeches. Mr. Bannerjee took a leading part in the organization of the boycott, his house being the headquarters of picketing parties. His public appearance was on Wednesday, when, in conjunction with Mr. Surendra Nath Bannerjee, he addressed a large meeting in sympathy with Bepin Chandra Pal.

The agitation against capital punishment in France is proceeding apace with the public outcry for the suppression of crimes of violence perpetrated by the Apaches of the large towns, particularly Paris and Marseilles. They are increasing in number with alarming rapidity. The fact is that the practical suppression of capital punishment has been accompanied by a tendency toward the criminal classes, which has at last aroused a general outcry among the whole respectable portion of the community. The anticipation that it would subside with the agitation caused by the case of Solleiland, the child murderer, proves to have been erroneous. It has on the contrary, spread and is assuming a practical form. The jury in the second session of the assizes of the department of the Seine, of which the capital is Paris, has demanded that which no longer consists like those which preceded it in an expression of opinion favorable to the maintenance of the death penalty. For one of regret that the decisions of the jury should not have been taken into sufficient account, and concluding with the demand that with the object of special defense capital punishment should be maintained and applied. Twenty-seven jurors out of 30 signed this resolution of censure.

COON CONVICTION AGED PIONEER COLE'S VICTORY MERCHANT DEAD

Trial of Counterfeiter Successfully Fought by Assistant U. S. Attorney. When William H. Baber Bought Wares Had Pack-Horse Carriage.

PROSECUTION SPENT THOUSANDS TO WIN

Verdict of Guilty Believed to Be Wedge That Breaks Up Gigantic Scheme to Defraud Government by Making Bad Money.

The conviction of E. R. Coon by a jury in the United States district court for conspiring to counterfeit government coins with Albert Turner, Elmer Turner and H. K. Mills brings to close one of the most famous criminal cases that has been tried in Portland for years. Coon was found guilty on four counts. John H. Williams and Hans Johannsen also tried with Coon were acquitted.

Coon, Williams, Johannsen, Mills and the Turner brothers were arrested a year ago last June near Huntington.



Assistant United States Attorney James Cole, Who Adds Another Victory to His Long List of Successful Prosecutions.

Oregon, Coon, Williams and Johannsen had only been out of McNeill's Island a few months when the federal authorities grew suspicious of the Turner brothers of Idaho and Mills from Portland to New York and in Texas. The scheme was one of the most elaborate ever framed up and the trial last week the government had witnesses from five states, some coming from New York, others from Texas, while many were from Idaho, Washington and Oregon.

At the time of the arrest of the men on the Bastian ranch near Huntington, 11 ex-convicts were found employed in the vicinity and the authorities had to deal with the most desperate set of criminals to be found in the Pacific.

With the exception of Mills and one of the Turner brothers, all of the men tried have served terms in various penitentiaries. "Old Man" Williams has served 27 years in penitentiaries so far as can be traced, but it is believed that he has served at least 30 more that could not be found against him, making a total of about 57 years he has served out of a life of 76 years. He is gray-haired and wears a long, flowing gray beard.

All the men were indicted by the last federal grand jury on four counts and Coon was found guilty on all of them. The Turners and Mills pleaded guilty to the indictment before the trial and were used as witnesses against their confederates named in the indictment. The outcome of the trial is considered a great victory for Assistant United States Attorney James Cole, who secured the indictment and conducted the trial. He had an assistant, Fenton Grigsby, a young man who has come but lately to Portland. Mr. Cole conducted the case with great caution, realizing its importance to the government, which spent more than \$5,000 in prosecuting the offenders.

Coon, Williams and Johannsen have been in the county jail since their arrest. Coon was found guilty on all of them and probably have a mitigating influence in the sentence to be received by Coon. He could be sentenced to two years on each of the four counts, making a total sentence of eight years.

ONE OF OREGON'S MEN IS MISSING

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Salem, Oct. 21.—R. G. Jay, a young Englishman employed on the boat Oregon, is missing since yesterday morning and is supposed to be drowned. He was working as a cabin boy and was used with a windlass to draw the boat up the rapids a few miles south of Salem and was in the water. When his fellow workmen returned he was missing and has not shown up since, although his baggage was on the boat and he had a rifle and some clothing. Though no one saw him drowned and there has been no sign of the body, the boat's crew have little hope of his return.

MILITIAMAN TENDING TARGET GETS SHOT

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Salem, Oct. 21.—Merrill G. Brassfield, a member of the local company of militia, was shot at target practice on the company's range yesterday. His condition is not serious.

PRESIDENT ACCEPTS ALEXANDER'S INVITE

(United Press Leased Wire.) Asheville, N. C., Oct. 21.—President Roosevelt has accepted an invitation from J. L. Alexander to be his guest at Oxway Inn, Sapphire county, and hunt bear in the Blue Ridge mountains.

Racing Program

(United Press Leased Wire.) Terre Haute, Ind., Oct. 21.—A breeders' harness meeting opened here today under the auspices of the Terre Haute Trotting association. The meeting will continue through the week. The program arranged by the association provides for nine trotting and eight pacing events.

Delegates Arrive

(United Press Leased Wire.) Atlantic City, N. J., Oct. 21.—Many delegates are here for the eighty-fifth annual meeting of the Presbyterian synod of New Jersey. The sessions will be formally opened at the Presbyterian church tonight and will continue until Thursday. Rev. I. Alayne Bivall, D. D., will preach the opening sermon.

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(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) New York, Oct. 21.—Many hotels commanding much higher price do not in any wise surpass in comfort, accessibility or appointment the new Mills hotel, which has just been thrown open to inspection and will be ready to receive its guests—worthy men of limited means—next Monday. The hotel is the third to be erected by J. Ogden Mills, millionaire and philanthropist, who first carried out his idea of such hostilities 10 years ago and is the sole owner.

This hotel is situated at Seventh avenue and Thirty-sixth street. Its cost was \$1,500,000 and its highest-priced room is but 40 cents. The hotel is said to be the finest in the world for the accommodation of the men Mills desires to benefit. It is 15 stories high and contains 1,375 bedrooms, each well ventilated, lighted and furnished. It contains a system of baths, all free, which are as near perfect as modern architecture can devise and the main lobby, which faces on Thirty-sixth street, is beautifully finished in marble and is dotted with growing palms. There is besides all this, a restaurant which can seat 400 persons. A number of society people, including Mrs. Whitehall Reid, Senator and Mrs. Chauncey M. Depew and others, went over the big building and were amazed at its completeness.

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BIG LINER UMBRIA IN SEVERE STORM

(United Press Leased Wire.) New York, Oct. 21.—The liner Umbria, passing through the severest storm of its career, arrived last night with its top mainmast missing. The Umbria's passengers were badly frightened.

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AT THE STOCK THEATRES

It takes a woman to think up something new and original in melodrama after the men have been played out with their mere ordinary bloodshed. "In the Shadow of the Gallows," Lillian Mortimer's play at the Star this week, there are enough new and femininely horrifying situations to please the most exacting.

There is a double love story and a double tragedy—the days of the simple life, whether in love or death, passed away some time before Oscar Wilde wrote:

For he who lives more lives than one More deaths than one must die.

The story opens in a country mansion, where a pair of happy lovers are cooling away and where a wretched robber and his lady friend are scheming villainies. That is bad enough, but the worst is yet to come. Innocent people are involved in a murder, while Frank and his lady friend are scheming villainies. That is bad enough, but the worst is yet to come. Innocent people are involved in a murder, while Frank and his lady friend are scheming villainies.

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Postmasters' Convention

(United Press Leased Wire.) Dallas, Tex., Oct. 21.—The postmasters of the fourth class offices of Texas began their third annual convention in Dallas today. A number of matters relating to the postal service are scheduled for consideration.

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MILTON-FREEWATER PEOPLE CELEBRATE

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Freewater, Or., Oct. 21.—In acknowledgment of their grand success, and to show their appreciation of being awarded the highest premium for fruit at the Walla Walla fair, the delegation from Freewater gave a grand reception at the exhibit hall in Walla Walla Saturday night. The prizes awarded the Freewater-Milton people for fruit will amount to about \$1,000, a wonderful showing for Umatilla county at a Walla Walla fair. Many people from Freewater and other parts of the city were at the reception at Walla Walla.

Made National Depository

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Pendleton, Or., Oct. 21.—The Commercial National bank of this city has been designated as a government depository. It is one of the youngest in eastern Oregon.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY

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KILLED EXAMINING A STRANGE WEAPON

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Salem, Oct. 21.—Lawrence Martin, a farmer who lived a short distance east of Salem, was accidentally shot and almost instantly killed yesterday with a double-barreled shotgun which he was examining. Several young men from Salem were present, and one of them and one had a hammerless gun, which he showed to Martin. While examining it one barrel went off by accident, doing no damage, but surprising him to such a degree that he threw the gun on the ground. When the stock struck the second barrel, it exploded, and the object struck the side of his face, completely shattering it, and he died in a few minutes.

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