PRICE FIVE CENTS.

JAPAN-CHINA DIFFICULTY BECOMES MORE SERIOUS MERCHANT

CHINA STANDS PAT.

minister, there is no sign of

weakening on the part of the

Chinese government. The government still takes the position

that the cargo of the Tatsu was intended for the revolutionists

and that this contraband trade has been fostered by the Japa-

nese since the end of the war with Russia. The only apparent basis for a compromise at present is that Japan shall guarantee to put a stop to the contra-

band trade provided that China restore the Tatsu and Indem-

nify the shippers. The steamer

is still under guard at Wham-

poa. It was hinted today that

China expects some of the Euro-

pean powers to intervene in her behalf in the event that Japan

should make any hostile moves.

No confirmation of this could

STEAMER TURNS

TURTLE; 3 DIE

Engineer Crushed and Two

Men Drowned in Monon-

gahela River.

Bessemer, Pa., March 7 .- Engineer

ook was crushed to death and Firemen

drowned here tonight when the towboat

the rope went wild and caught in the current. The boat turned on its side

and with a crash plunged over the dam. Twelve members of the crew jumped

BREAKS RECORD

Championship in 50-Yard

Indoor Hurdles.

(Hearst News by Longest Lessed Wire.)

Washington, March 7 .- Princeton uni-

versity won the trophy cup with a total

of 26 points at the tenth annual George-

The feature was the breaking of the indoor record in the 50-yard hurdles, by Forrest Smithson of the New York Athletic club. He ran the distance in \$1.5 seconds.

Smithson is a Portland boy, a mem-ber of the Multnomah club, who opened

SELLING CLOTHES

Spouse by Disposing of

\$15,000 Sable Fur Cape.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

known today that Mrs. Charles M.

Morse, wife of the indicted "ice king," is willing to make any sacrifice to aid

her husband in his financial difficulties.

It is said she sold a beautiful \$15,000 Russian sable fur cape for \$7,000, the proceeds of which, it is said, will go to aid ner husband in his emergency.

WITH MARRIED MAN

(Hearst News by Longest Leased Wire.) Lexington, Ky., March 7.—A sensa-ion was caused today at Corinth, Grant ounty, when it became known that

AUTHORESS ELOPES

York, March 7.-It became

town indoor games here tonight.

PORTLAND BOY

Pekin, March 7. - Although Japan has demanded a reply by tomorrow to the ultimatum on the Tatsu Maru affair presented to Baron Hayashi, the Japanese

MINISTER WU SCENTS

Declares Mikado's Action Is Drastic, but Hints That the Chinese Will Not Back Down-Roosevelt May Act as Mediator.

(Hearst News by Longest Leaned Wire.) Washington, March 7 .- That the relations between Japan and China have been strained to such a degree that further straining might easily precipitate war between these two was shown this evening by the manner in which Wu Ting Fang, the Chinese minister to the United States who arrived in Washington this afternoon after an absence of five years, received the news of the action of the mikado in sending his demands to the Chinese government "This news is a great surprise to me." he said. "It seems almost incredible that the Japanese government should have taken such a step ter, a very serious matter and if it is true matters have changed very much since I last received official news from my government.

"War is a terrible thing, you know, and I hope it can be avoided. We certainly wish to avoid it and wet the reported action of the Iapat this time. This is a serious mat-

We certainly wish to avoid it and yet the reported action of the Japanese government seems quite dras-

"Of course, I am not in a position to go into this matter at any great length. I have received no confirmation of unwelcome news and so must be quite careful about it."

Deferring to the willingness of the United States to proffer its offices to prevent a clash, he said:

"There is your president again. He is a great man and if anyone in the world could step in in such an affair he could. I am sure the Chinese government and the Chinese people are grateful for the spirit of good will which has everywhere been

The acute stage in the negotiations between China and Japan, where war now looms as an ominous possibility, has caused diplomatic officials here to discuss today the pertinent question whether it is likely an European na-Mon may suggest the United States as mediator. The general impression appears to be that a query may be conveyed within a day or so by some continental power to Tokio and Pekin asking if the United States would be acceptable as a mediator. Inasmuch as the Japanese government has stated that its honor is concerned, there is little chance of having the cause of the quarrel referred to The Hague, unless Japan should agree to waive the point of national honor issue raised by the hauling down of the Japanese flag when the Tatsu Maru was seized by China.

China.

The arrival in Washington of Wu
Ting Fang, the returning minister, this
evening is regarded as very opportune.
He will occupy the center of the International stage for some weeks, and will
lose no time in presenting his cre-

President May Act.

Wu comes at a moment when there is serious danger of armed conflict between his country and Japan. The fact that the relations between the United States and Japan are somewhat strained would not prevent the president from acting as mediator if the question should be put up to him by a nation should be put up to him by a nation friendly to China. The suggestion of mediation could not be regarded as an offense by Japan. That country could follow the precedent set by Great Britain, however, when the United States very cautiously made it known in London, just before the Boer, was that it don just before the Boer was that it would gladly use its good offices if agreeable to Great Britain. Great Britain refused absolutely. The *United States took similar ground when all the ambassadors in Washington called on President McKinley and endeavored to stave off the war between Spain and the United States. There is no doubt that China has the good will of the United States at this time, regardless of the merits of the Tatsu Maru case.

The United States and Great Britain are opposed to a war between Japan just before the Boer was that it are opposed to a war between Japan and China at this time because there is now in progress a readjustment of the commerce in Manchuria, which is controlled by Japan, and a war between Japan and China would close for a long Japan and China would close for a long time most of the treaty ports of China.

Russia, Germany and the United States are intensely opposed to a war. They see that the victor would demand such territorial indemnity as would overshadow the spheres of influence now held by those countries in China. The state department is being advised from time to time of the negotiations now being concluded between the Chinese and the Japanese foreign of Chinese and the Japanese foreign of this services as mediator in view of the relations between the United States (Continued on Page Two.)

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Children. The couple, it is believed, have gone to California, whence Miss a temporary 5 per cent reduction in a temporary 5 per cent reduction in wages. Mr. Tuttle suggested the reduction, promising it would be restored July 1, when the schedules are to go back into effect. Tuttle made his suggestion to a committee representing the organized bodies of conductors, firemen and others, opposed to the reduction of wages of the men, thousands of whom are now marking ballots sent them. The ballot says:

"Are you willing to assist this company in the present emergency along tire expects went rested, insane from grief,"

Continued on Page Two.) Opposed to War.

Lee Hoy Shot Down in Doorway of His Residence by Highbinders — Chinaman Had Been Marked for Slaughter.

rime Planned by Jue Mee, Sent Here From Frisco to Execute Crime-Mee Escapes-Police Arrest Associates.

firm of Sang Wa & Co., \$10 tion by Jue Mee, a San Franorganization. Hoy had been marked for extermination. Several other prominent Chinamen of Portland are arso under the shadow of the highbinders' soclety and the vigilance of the police department will be called into play this week to prevent a general outbreak and further murders among the warring fac-

As a result of a Tong war that broke out in the Chinese quarter last evening, Lee Dai Hoy, a wealthy merchant, was shot and fatally wounded by three men of his own race. Hoy died at the Good Samaritan hospital at 11:30 o'clock.

The shooting occurred at the residence apartments of Hoy in the building at 270 Pine street. Be-Jumped tween eight and 12 shots were fired, seven of them taking effect in Hoy's

ing by the back stairway, one of them throwing away his empty gun at the foot of the steps. They were seen and recognized by other Chinese and within half an hour two of the murderers were behind the bars Forrest Smithson Captures of the city prison. The third man is still at large.

Search Highbinders' Booms.

Soon after the shooting the police were informed that two of the men who had engaged in the shooting had sought sanctuary in the highbinder headquar-ters on the third floor of the building on the southwest corner of Second and Oak streets, just across the street from the police headquarters. Detectives the police headquarters. Detectives Jones and Tichenor were sent to the place and found the door leading from the outer hall to the rooms locked and American Federation of Labor. barred.

As no response was made to repeated demands to open the door it was finally beaten down and the officers entered with drawn revolvers. In a small lavatory off the kitchen the officers found two men. One was armed with a huge 45 calibre Colts revolver that bore evidence of having been recently fired. This man, Yee Geung, was later identified by Hoy as one of the men who were associated in the shooting. In another room was found Lim Won, later identified as one of the men who engaged in the actual shooting. Eight As no response was made to repeated gaged in the actual shooting. E

Pind Store of Pirearms. The detectives, assisted by Patrolman Wife of Ice King Helps

Goltz, Instituted a thorough search of the premises and unearmed enough deadly weapons to fill a large apple box. They consisted of new hatchets, knives and dirks of all descriptions, revolvers of the latest make and of large calibre.

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ASKS MEN TO REDUCE WAGES

Head of Boston and Maine Railroad Wants Employes to Vote on Question.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Boston, March 7-In the most remarkable document ever promulgated

ton was caused today at Corinth, Grant county, when it became known that Miss Nannie Holmes Taylor, a well-known magazine writer and a teacher in the Corinth high school, had eloped with Allie Martin, a wealthy young merchant who has a wife and several children. The couple, it is believed, have gone to California, whence Miss Taylor came to Kentucky.

In the most remarkable document ever promulgated by the head of a great railroad system. Lucius Tuttle, president of the Boston & Maine railroad, has asked the conductors, trainmen and firemen of the Boston & Maine to voluntarily accept a temporary 5 per cent reduction in wages.

TOTTERING TO A FALL



Poor Balance for a Legislative Candidate

As soon as the wounded man fell his assailants ran out of the building by the back stairway, one of the back stairway, one of "UNIONS ARE IN JEOPARDY"

laws and decisions of the supreme court of the United States, especially the one in which the boycott was held to be in violation of the anti-trust law, culminated today in the call for a conference of labor leaders here on March 18.

Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, has issued a call inviting the executive council of the American of Labor, has unions of America to meet at the executive council of the American Federation of Labor for the purpose of taking such action as the situation and the unsettled of the American Federation of Labor for the purpose of taking such action as the situation and the unsettled of the American Federation of Labor for the purpose of taking such action as the situation and the unsettled of the working people of our country in the call that the decision is binding upon all "until changed or modified by comprehensive relief."

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"It would be most advantageous if two or three of the executive of each international union were in attendance at this conference, and under the consideration of labor. The supreme court's decision itself, the consequences, the assertion of labor fights, and the means to secure them, should have the consideration of Labor, who realize the purport of the executive council of the Federation of Labor, who realize the purport of the working people of our country in that the workers shall be represented by at least one executive of the working people of our country in that the decision is binding upon all until changed or modified by comprehensive relief."

"It would be most a two or three of the executive of each international union were in attendance at this conference, and under the consequences, the assertion of labor, with the executive of least with may be considered and determined, as setting forth the position and the unsettled of each international union were in attendance at the

Federationist, when among other things

Court Doesn't Realize. "We can hardly believe that the su-preme court itself realizes the evil conpreme court itself realizes the evil con-sequences which may follow the decis-ion under its construction of the Sher-man anti-trist law—a construction never intended by the American congress. It may be like the falling pebble, which dislodges the avalanche, bringing ruin and destruction for all in its path. Should this be the result, it will follow from the nature and operations of the decision itself, not because of the protest of those affected."

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It was in this same castigation of the supreme court that President Gompers held that the boycott decision exceeded in scope and importance the Thred Scott decision," for that only decreed that any ronaway slave could be captured and returned to his owner, while the boycott decision in the hatters' case involved every worker and every sympathizer of labor. He declared that in view of the supreme court, the rights of the hat manufacturers seemed to be greater than the rights of man.

(United Press Leased Wig.)

Washington. March 7. — Omloous rumblings in the ranks of organized labor, as the result of recent adverse laws and decisions of the supreme court of the United States, especially the one in which the boycott was held to be in the suprementation of the united States, especially the one in which the boycott was held to be in the suprementation of the suprementation of

in the call that the decision is binding upon all "until changed or modified by committees of relief." Gompers says he cannot discuss the possible results of the conference, but he points out the attitude of the American Federation of Labor toward the boycott decision, as expressed in his recent editorial of denunciation in the Federations to when the points of the conference of the formula of the conference of the confer TWO SMALL BOYS, A

reported to the juvenile court yesterday men. But the firing of the revolver from Lents. Two boys with masks over | made it dangerous sport, if it was so intheir faces intercepted two little girls, it ended, and one of the little girls has been ill from fright ever since last Tuesday night, when the affair took place.

Ittle girls ran away terrifled, and as little girls ran away terrified, and as they fled one of the young miscreants fired a revolver, the bullet striking near place at Gray's crossing, in the town of their feet. A second shot whizzed past Lents. Mrs. Lewis reported the matter to the juvenile court yesterday, and the their ears as they ran.

A peculiar feature of the affair is that the masked boys are said to have demanded two cents. This has given rise to a theory that the boys were entenber in the court yesterday, and the officers are investigating in the hope that the boys may be apprehended and brought to answer before Judge Ganrise to a theory that the boys were entenber in the boys are thought to be

Something new in the holdup line was | that they were only playing highway-

MERLIN'S BAR TABOO,

ARE FROZEN OFF ALASKA

Schooner John F. Miller Is Broken in Twain on Reef Off Unimak Island in the Aleutian Archipelago in January Last.

Sudden Storm Turns Men Into Cakes of Ice-Captain Compelled to Chop Mate Loose With Ax-Details Are Meagre.

San Francisco, March 7 .- In lonely graves on the bleak shore of Elkatau peninsula, Island of Unimak, in the Aleutian archipelago, lie the bodies of 10 men from the schooner John F. Miller, while out on the wave-swept reef that rims the roadstead lies the hulk of the schooner, broken in half, and mute evidence of the tragedy that was enacted on the morning of January 8 on the desolate coast who land and sea were in the grasp of

News of this tragedy came down today from Alaska in the schooner Czarina, first to come out of the frozen Czarina, first to come out of the frozen' north with the story.

Captain Koehier and his crew of the Czarina heard the tale from men who fought their way over the mountain to Sand Point from a landing where they put in with a dory for help for the survivors. Captain Milton Kelton and 20 men, suffering from the effects of the exposure that took off their companions, are huddled in the his that fishermen occupy on Unimak island. panions, are huddled in the his that fishermen occupy on Unimak island. But they are in no immediate danger, from either hunger or cold, so the account says. Deer from the hills are plentiful and the natives and the fishermen in the huts have laid in provisions sufficient to last until warm weather comes and ships loom on the horizon to the southward.

Thirty-one Men Aboard The John F. Miller left here on No-

rember 23 last with a total of 31 mea on board and a cargo of salt for the fisheries. Her prime object, however, was to take aboard the cargo of codwas to take aboard the cargo of cod-fish that was carried by the schoonar Glen when that vessel was wrecked on the rocks of Bear Harbor, Unimak island, on September 30 last, and to-leave about 25 of her men at the cod-fishing stations. The passage up the coast was made in good time, and the Miller was at anchor a few hundred yards off shore, at what is known as Bear harbor, when an loy gale from the northwest swooped down upon her. It is not known how many men were the northwest swooped down upon her.

It is not known how many men were aboard the John F. Miller at this time. It is only known that Captain Reiton and every man on her deck was struck down by the blast. Unable to man the schooner, which was fairly swamped before the anchor could be weighed, the skipper and his crew were frozen fast. In their tracks. They were unable to move only when the schooner, tumbing into a hollow upon the jagged rest and stunned by a hissing wave that cast new ice on everything it touched, fell with great shock and was cleft in twain. But even before this crisis was seen approaching the mate cried out. He was the last to give up the attempt to get the schooner under way when the first hoarse whisper of the gale was heard and he remained standing forward against the windlass.

The high seas hurtled over the vessel.

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The high seas hurtled over the vessel, quickly coating the deck and shrouds with ice and preventing the men from changing their positions. The waves fairly submerged the mate and even while he stood bound him as with stout ropes to the iron windlass. When he became aware of his predicament he cried out to Captain Kelton.

Chopped Mate Pree.

The skipper, realizing the schooner must soon go to pieces upon the reef or be swept farther landward on the rocks, with almost superhuman efforts made his way to the windlass and with an axe that he had clung to from the first indication of impending shipwreck, literally chopped the mate from his manacles of ice.

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REVOLVER AND, WOW!

Then came the crash and the benumbed and helpless mariners were cast into the surgo and thrown violently about, none of them able to battle egainst the cold nor swim in such a maelstrom. As the Miller was quickly severed and hurled up on the shallow reef, so the men were swept shore ward unconscious and dying. Those of the juvenile court yesterday men. But the firing of the revolver made it dangerous sport, if it was so intended, and one of the little girls has been ill from fright ever since last Tuesday night, when the affair took place.

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But it was only a temporary reliect that was extended to 10 of the sufferers. One after the other these 10 succumbed to the effects of the exposure One after the other they were wrapped in their winning sheets and in the coffins that were formed by the seamenthey were laid to rest on the barrenthey were laid to rest on the barrenthillside that overlookes the rock-tipped peninsula Eltakan. Their names are still in the north. It is only known that one of these 10 was the cook of the John F. Miller, the other being fishermen or members of the schooner's graw.

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