

### 5000 DIE IN PEKING MUTINY; PROPERTY LOSS 15 MILLIONS

#### Presence of 3000 Foreign Soldiers Overawes Rebel Rioters and Quiet Reigns Today in China's Capital.

(United Press Leased Wire.)  
Washington, March 4.—Graphic description of the atrocities being perpetrated in China in the revolt against Yuan Shi Kai is given in a delayed cablegram from United States Minister William J. Calhoun at Peking, which arrived at the state department today. The cable said that the mutineers had looted the government treasuries, stores and residences and that ominous had been lost in incendiary fires and hundreds slain in the rioting.

During the rioting in Peking, the cable says, bullets and one shell fell in the enclosure surrounding the American legation. The United States at once demanded an apology.

Both the state and the war departments today wired to Minister Calhoun to order 100 more troops from Manila as soon as necessary.

No Americans had been slain in Tien Tsin when Calhoun reported, but a hostile Chinese force, numbering several thousand, was reported to be nearing that city, crying "Death to the foreign devils."

Calhoun further reported that Germany is holding 1000 men at Tsing Tau ready to rush them to Peking.

Shanghai, March 4.—Looting and killing, republican troops mutinied today throughout the provinces of Anhui, Kiangsi, and Szechuan, according to dispatches received here tonight, and are terrorizing the country.

The situation in Peking tonight is quiet but the police are deserting and another outbreak is feared.

Peking, March 4.—Overawed by the presence of 3000 foreign soldiers, the Chinese rebels are comparatively quiet here today. The first which threatened to destroy the whole city are mostly extinguished and little looting is going on. The presence of the foreign troops and the announcement that four more regi-

ments of British soldiers were en route here from Hongkong has awed the mutineers effectively.

Yuan Shi Kai announced today that 5000 persons have been slain here since the mutiny began and that the property loss would easily reach \$15,000,000. Under command of Major Arrowsmith, 300 American troops arrived here today and went into camp at the American legation. Several companies from the Philippines are also under orders to come to Peking unless the authorities here show themselves able to control the situation.

Fires Rage in Tien Tsin.  
Tien Tsin, March 4.—With 20 fires raging in various sections of the city and hundreds of mutineers expected to arrive here from Peking within a few hours, the situation of the foreign residents is most perilous today. All foreigners are barricaded in their homes and are prepared to stand a siege.

Armed civilian guards are patrolling the foreign quarter and no natives are allowed to enter this section. Boisterous foreign intervention is inevitable, the natives are keeping up their efforts to loot the city before Tien Tsin is in possession of foreign troops. Many Chinese defending their homes from the mutineers and the rabble in their wake were ruthlessly slain. The streets are littered with headless corpses.

The rioting Chinese soldiers today are dispersing to the native quarters.

Dr. Schrecker, a German subject, ventured into the native quarter and was killed.

### NEHALEM PROJECT TO GET EARLY REPORT

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.)  
Washington, March 4.—Arguments on the Nehalem project were heard today by the board of engineers of the rivers and harbors committee, Senator Bourne and Representative Hawley, besides C. H. Wheeler of Portland and a man named Dubois of Pennsylvania, who is interested in the locality, appeared.

The board consented to accede to the request to hasten a report so as to get action at this session or congress, if possible. It seemed to look on the project with favor, especially on account of the willingness of certain people of the locality to put up a part of the expenses of improvement.

### SECRETS OF MINTS BARED TO EXPERT 'LOANED' BY TRUST

#### Chief Chemist of American Smelting & Refining Co., Given All Information About Government Plants.

San Francisco, March 4.—Fresh vigor was added today to a coast wide protest against a plan to close the San Francisco mint, which is now being considered both by Secretary of the Treasury MacVeagh and the Democratic congressional committee on appropriations, when it was stated that the secrets of the government service had been thrown open to the smelter trust by the administration.

Definite charges that this was done were made by Harold French, a former chemist in the mint, who declared that Charles Minsleff, chief chemist of the American Smelting & Refining Co., had been "lent" by the Guggenheims to the administration; that he had been given all the secrets of the mints and assay offices at Deadwood, Helena, Salt Lake City, Boise, Carson City, Seattle and San Francisco, and that immediately after he had reported every one of the government offices except that at San Francisco had been closed, to the enrichment of the smelter trust and the crippling of mining in the districts accomplished.

Minsleff, French charges, during the time of his inspection, was not paid by the government, but by the Guggenheims. He was given the right to "spy out" the mints by A. Piatt Andrew, protégé of former Senator Aldrich, who is now first assistant secretary of the treasury. Andrew has since declared that he personally went to the Guggenheims, and requested the services of Minsleff, "because he was unable to secure a competent gold expert elsewhere."

According to French, investigations at Washington have shown no trace of Minsleff having been in the service of the government during his tour of inspection of the assay offices and mints.

He asserts that the first fruits—and the only fruits so far apparent—of Minsleff's work have been the discontinuance of government assay offices, and the throwing of their profitable business

into the hands of the smelter trust. He particularly states that in San Francisco, after Minsleff's visit, a mill which handled the rich "wrecks" of the mint and from which alone \$5,000 a year was realized, was shut down on orders from Washington.

### MAY ACCEPT OFFER FOR ACADEMY SITE

If a plan presented to Attorney General Crawford by John Kollock, a member of the board of directors of the Bishop Scott academy, is approved by the attorney general, it is probable that the Ashland offer of a site for the academy will be accepted.

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### PERMIT FOR 14 STORY BUILDING IS FAVORED

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### GASES EXPLODE IN HALL OF JUSTICE

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San Francisco, March 4.—Three persons narrowly escaped death here today when accumulated gases in the basement of the Hall of Justice exploded with a terrific roar.

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### ADMITTS HE STOLE \$11,000 IN GEMS

#### Missoula Police Hold Man Who Robbed Thatcher Residence in Pueblo.

(United Press Leased Wire.)  
Missoula, Mont., March 4.—Robert Burke this morning made a full confession of having on the night of February 3 robbed the Thatcher residence in Pueblo, Colo., of \$11,000 in precious stones and jewelry. Burke was arrested here on the night of February 28 on suspicion following the arrest in Butte of a Missoula man named Gellix Sorbets who was taken in charge while attempting to dispose of some diamonds in a saloon. Yesterday Sorbets, who is in jail at Butte told Sheriff Kelley of this place that he obtained stones valued at nearly \$3000 from Burke, who arrived in Missoula on February 24.

In his confession, Burke admits having been the sole perpetrator of the robbery and says the crime was committed at 7 o'clock in the evening. Four days later he was arrested in Denver, but had cached all the valuables except a gold jewel case containing about \$2000 in gems. This package he dropped at the foot of the policeman and the act escaped notice. Burke reached Missoula with but \$200 in jewelry and most of this he gave to Sorbets to sell. In Burke's room two large amethysts were found.

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### CENTRAL PACIFIC GETS WEED-NATRON CUTOFF

(Salem Bureau of The Journal.)  
Salem, Or., March 4.—The Central Pacific Railway, a portion of the Harriman system, filed articles of incorporation in this state today because it is taking over for operating purposes the Natron Weed cutoff, now under construction. This is the first entrance of the Central Pacific into Oregon, although it operates extensively in California, Nevada and Utah. Salt Lake is mentioned as the home office and William F. Herrin as president.

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### ELKS' COMMITTEE TO PLAN DECORATIONS

At a meeting of the decoration committee of the Elks 1912 convention tonight at the lodge rooms definite plans concerning the decorations for the convention will be outlined. A committee of four of the leading musicians in the city has been chosen to outline the rules concerning the band contest which will soon be opened under the auspices of the local lodge. Those who have been chosen are Edgar E. Courson, Charles Clarke, W. H. Boyer and Frederick Goodrich. They will also pick out the different pieces suitable for the parade and concert work during the convention.

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### DILEMMA OF WIDOW IS ENDED BY BULLET

(Special to The Journal.)  
Ellensburg, Wash., March 4.—Mrs. Hattie Peight, whose husband committed suicide by jumping in Lake Washington in March, 1910, shot herself in the right temple at midnight. She was still alive at noon but was expected to die any moment. Her age was 24. She has been running a small hotel here since the death of her husband. She left two notes stating the embarrassing reason she had to take her life. The police are watching the man they suspect had knowledge in advance that she would kill herself. A revolver was found across the room from her body and an exploded shell was missing and has not been found. No one was in the room at the time the body was found.

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15c Linen Handkerchiefs	3c	\$20.00 Brown Navy Coats	\$7.87
50c Flannel Underskirts	13c	\$25.00 English Tweeds	\$9.47
25c Ladies' Hose	9c		
35c Ladies' Hose	19c	\$27.50 Serge Suits	\$8.87
75c-\$1.00 Underwear	37c	\$25.00 Tweeds	\$7.87
50c Vests, Drawers	23c	\$30.00 Ladies' Suits	\$10.87
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		\$1.50 Misses' Shoes	87c
		\$2.50 Boys' Shoes	\$1.35

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\$15.00 Men's Suits	\$3.87
\$20.00 Men's Suits	\$5.87
\$25.00 Men's Suits	\$7.87
\$35.00 Men's Suits	\$10.87
Kirschbaum & Kuppenheimer Overcoats as low as	\$4.87
\$2.50 Corduroy Pants	87c
E & W Collars	3c
25c Sox	6c
\$1.50 Cluett Shirts	37c
\$2.00 E & W Shirts	47c
Linen Hemstitched Handkerchiefs	2c
50c Neck Ties	18c
25c Boston Garters	11c
75c Work Shirts	33c
\$2.00 Men's Union Suits	87c
\$1.75 Eagle Underwear	97c
\$1.00 B. V. D. Combination Suits	57c
\$5.00 Silk and Wool Underwear	\$1.59
\$2.00-\$2.50 Wool Sweaters	77c
\$1.50 Wool Sweaters	47c
\$4.00-\$5.00 Boys' Suits	\$1.87
\$6.00-\$7.00 Boys' Suits	\$2.87
75c-\$1.00 Boys' Over Shirts	27c
50c-75c Boys' Underwear	27c
75c-\$1.00 Work Gloves	47c
\$2.50 Men's Hats	37c
\$4.00 Men's Hats	\$1.87
\$3.50 Men's Shoes	\$1.87
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