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## A FATAL EXPLOSION

### Two Men Almost Blown to Pieces.

#### WERE THAWING OUT DYNAMITE

##### An Indian Hanged for Murder—Extensive Fires—An English Steamer Dispatch.

FRESNO, Dec. 28.—The explosion of a 22-pound box of dynamite yesterday near Big Sandy, 40 miles from Fresno, will probably result in the death of two men. O. C. Grider had both hands blown off and was seriously injured internally. An unknown man had one arm torn off and was terribly burned. The men were thawing out dynamite over a stove. Grider has a wife and three children.

#### A Human Skull Found.

SANTA ROSA, Dec. 28.—Quite a sensation is being caused by the finding of the skull of a human being in the bed of Santa Rosa creek, near the flouring mills here. The condition of the skull indicates that the person to whom it belonged has been dead less than two years. Physicians who examined it say there is no doubt that the person has not been dead longer than that. There has been much speculation over the ghastly find. Deputy Sheriff Dougherty has possession of it, and many have been to see it. About two years ago, a Chinaman named Wing Lee was murdered in a gambling house by a Chinaman named Ah Sam. Sam fled out of the back door just as the officers appeared in front, and was never seen since. It was believed at the time by many that friends of Lee had killed Sam out of revenge and hid his body. Every effort was made to find Sam, but with no results. It is now believed that the skull found is that of Sam, who, it is believed, was murdered, his head cut off and thrown into the stream, while the body was buried elsewhere.

#### The Missing Vessels.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 28.—Although the schooner John F. Miller was sighted only a few days ago 10 miles west of the Farrallones, she has not since been heard of, and fears are expressed that she was driven out to sea again. Provisions are likely to fall short, and it is not unlikely that more or less suffering will be caused by her delay. As the Miller was in a disabled condition when sighted, there is no reason for uneasiness. The coal-laden bark Sea King was reported 10 miles north of Point Reyes on Tuesday last. Nothing has been heard of her, although she has had ample time to reach port.

Another vessel, the ship J. B. Brown, has not passed in. The belief prevails, however, that they will all come in.

#### China's Commissioners Preparing to Start.

SHANGHAI, Dec. 28.—Peace Commissioner Chang Ying Huen has left Tientsin for Che Foo, and is expected here January 6th, when he will join Peace Commissioner Shao Yoo Tien and go to Tokio. Shao Yoo Tien was formerly governor of Formosa, and offered a reward of about \$12,000 for the destruction of a big Japanese warship and for the capture or destruction of the smaller Japanese warships, \$6,000. He offered a schedule of rewards to be paid to the Chinese who took Japanese soldiers, dead or alive. For the head of a Japanese officer, 200 taels were offered and for the head of a Japanese private 100 taels. On this ground it has been asserted the Japanese would refuse to receive him as a peace commissioner.

#### Paulic at Rio Janeiro.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—A special to the World from Montevideo says Rio Janeiro is reported to be in a panic. Troops refuse to leave the city for the South. President Moraes has discovered that

the army is devoted to Piexoto. The principal officers refuse to assume command to take the field in Grande do Sul and the whole country seems on the brink of rebellion again. More than 200 officers have been arrested, and are imprisoned in the surrounding forts under a heavy guard. It is rumored that an attempt will be made by insubordinate military leaders to rescue their comrades from prison. Precautions have been taken to prevent this. President Moraes is afraid to act energetically or to order Piexoto's arrest, it is said, fearing to precipitate a serious conflict.

#### China Violated Her Promise.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—A Peking dispatch says that, in accordance with the petition of the governor of Shantung asking the emperor to punish Admiral Ting, the taotai, Lung, and General Wei, an edict has been issued ordering the immediate arrest and punishment of these officials.

A Shanghai dispatch says that the United States government has instructed Minister Denby to demand satisfaction from the Chinese government for having violated a promise given in regard to the surrender of Japanese spies at Shanghai.

#### Cheated the Government.

FORT SMITH, Ark., Dec. 28.—John M. Taylor, 60 years old and blind, was yesterday sentenced to five years in the Detroit house of correction for perjury and presenting false claims against the government. For 20 years he has been drawing a pension of \$72 per month, for total blindness alleged to have been caused by a gunshot wound received in the army. A wound on his breast was caused by blister plasters, and five examining boards passed it for gunshot wounds. The blindness was the result of sickness contracted two years after the war. Taylor pleaded guilty, and claimed that the fraud was planned by pension attorneys. He has drawn \$18,000 fraudulently from the government.

#### Claims He Is Persecuted.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—Charles K. Hardin, acquitted last October of stealing \$35,000 from the Adams Express Company, was arrested today on a fugitive warrant, charging him with breaking into a house in Kansas City in which he claimed his wife was concealed. Hardin declares his recent arrests are the result of persecution by the Wells-Fargo Express Company. He says after his acquittal at Nashville the Adams Express Company filed a suit against the Wells-Fargo Express people for \$35,000, and as he is an important witness the latter company desires to prevent his testifying in the case when it is tried in New York. His claims of persecution are laughed at by the police.

#### A Blaze at Buffalo.

BUFFALO, Dec. 28.—Fire destroyed a three-story brick block at the northeast corner of Broadway and Fillmore avenue. The building was occupied by Eckert & Co., Oswald, Tinker and Charles Weissman as stores. The fire spread over the whole block and across Broadway to a three-story brick block extending from Fillmore avenue to Gibson street, burning out Eckhart, furniture, the Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company, Frost's grocery store, Obart's photograph gallery, Cobler's furnishing goods store, Kakur's real estate office and Stover's grocery. The loss will reach \$300,000. Owing to frozen hydrants it was 30 minutes before the firemen could turn a stream on the flames.

#### Another Chance for Eppinger.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 28.—W. L. Eppinger, convicted of forgery, sentenced to fourteen years and recently granted a new trial by the supreme court on the ground of wrongful conviction, has again been indicted by the grand jury for uttering a fictitious check. The supreme court held on appeal that no forgery was committed, because the name on the check uttered was fictitious, hence the present indictment.

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#### An English Steamer Disabled.

GLASGOW, Dec. 28.—The Anchor line steamer Anchoria, Captain Campbell, from New York, arrived here today and reported that in latitude 55 N. longitude 12 W. she sighted the British steamer Sarnia, Captain Couch, bound from Portland, Me., via Halifax, for Liverpool. The Sarnia had lost her rudder. The Anchoria passed hawsers to the Sarnia and towed her two days. Severe weather was then encountered, the hawsers parted and the Anchoria was obliged to leave the Sarnia about 150 miles west of Terry island.

#### A Secret.

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#### No Truth in the Story.

PARIS, Dec. 28.—The secretary of the Japanese legation here, M. Kato Tsunetada, says there is no truth in the account credited to the Shanghai Mercury, December 24th, that the chief conditions of peace upon which the Japanese insist are a close Chinese Japanese alliance against European influence, the development of Chinese trade and commerce by Japan, and Japan to undertake the effective reorganization of the Chinese army and navy.

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#### A Maharajah Dead.

CALCUTTA, Dec. 28.—Chamrajendra Wadiah Bahadur, maharajah of Mysore, one of the most important native princes of India, has died of diphtheria.

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