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## MET BY THE GOVERNOR

Champion Corbett Receives  
an Ovation at Reno.

## BRAVE NAVAL OFFICER SUICIDES

A Brave Miner at Rossland, British Columbia, Sacrifices Himself to Save His Companions.

RENO, Nev., Feb. 11.—There was a big crowd at the depot to meet Jim Corbett when he passed through on his way to San Francisco. Governor Sadler, of Nevada, was among those who came down from Carson to take a peek at the world's champion. Just as soon as the train stopped the governor clambered aboard and was introduced to Corbett by A. Livingston.

"I am pleased to meet you, Mr. Corbett," said his excellency, making a critical survey of Corbett's towering figure and broad shoulders.

"And I am pleased to meet you," replied Corbett.

"You proved by signing that glove-contest measure and giving the people what they wanted that there was no hypocrisy about you. It needed some governor with the courage of his convictions to break the ice in matters of this kind. It is to be hoped your example will be followed, and that there will be less hypocrisy about things of this kind in the future."

Harry Corbett and others accompanied the governor from Carson, and the champion held a handshaking levee. Outside the car a vast crowd yelled for him to come out and show himself, and in response to the vociferous demands, Jim put in an appearance on the platform. Of course he had to make a speech. He said:

"I am glad to see you, and hope to see you all again on the 17th of March. I am to meet Mr. Fitzsimmons, and I think I will beat him, although, of course, you can't always tell about that thing. I must say that I never felt better in my life. I feel I have plenty of good friends in Nevada."

As the train rolled out there was great cheering for Corbett.

## A BULLET IN HIS BRAIN.

Suicide of Capt. Philo McGiffen at New York.

NEW YORK, Feb. 11.—Captain Philo McGiffen, who commanded the Chinese ironclad Chen Yuen in the battle of Yalu river in September, 1894, during the China-Japanese war, committed suicide early this morning in a post-graduate hospital to which he was recently admitted for treatment. He shot himself over the right ear. A nurse found him sitting in bed, with his back propped up by pillows. Blood was streaming from an ugly wound on the right side of his head. On a little table directly at the head of the bed was one revolver and on the floor near the bed was another. One chamber of the pistol on the table had been discharged.

On the table was a note written in lead pencil. The paper appeared to have been torn from a note book. In substance the note said the captain left his respects to his people and friends, and regretted the act he was about to commit. How he came in possession of the pistols is not yet known.

The captain was taken to the hospital last month by friends. About the middle of January he became insane, and it was found necessary to have him confined. He was taken to a room on the second floor of the building, with a window opening on Second avenue.

He had mental trouble for months before it developed into insanity, and on his being removed to the hospital he was so violent it was found necessary to place him in a strait-jacket. Dr. Hemmond attributed his condition to wounds received in the battle on the Yalu river.

Philo Norton McGiffen, who commanded the Chinese ironclad Chen Yuen at the battle of Yalu river, was born in Washington, Pa., in 1862. He was the son of Captain Norton Giffen, who served in the Mexican war with distinction, and was colonel of Eighty-eight Pennsylvania volunteers during the rebellion. He graduated at the naval

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academy at Annapolis with the high honors in 1882.

The personal bravery of Captain McGiffen won admiration long before the battle of Yalu river. He was thrown by accident of travel into the midst of the great railroad strike in Pittsburg, in 1887, and tendered his services to the city. They were accepted, and he distinguished himself by personal bravery, running an engine single-handed through a mob of strikers to the rescue of railroads imprisoned in the roundhouse. He was given a gold medal and a vote of thanks by the city council.

When a naval cadet in Annapolis, McGiffen received the thanks of the secretary of the navy for rescuing two children from a burning building. Two years later McGiffen was complimented in a general order from the secretary of the navy for an act of personal bravery for going aloft to secure a spar on the Constitution during a hurricane, when the sailors would not venture into the rigging.

After graduating near the head of his class, McGiffen was honorably discharged in 1884, owing to a reduction in the number of midshipmen. He entered the services of China during the Franco-Chinese war, and was distinguished for gallantry; was sent to England to superintend the construction of ironclads and at the outbreak of hostilities with Japan, was put in command of a Chinese squadron.

## HEROIC DEED OF A MINER.

Sacrifices Himself to Save His Two Companions.

SPokane, Feb. 11.—A rare act of heroism, such as deserves to be recorded in history and song, was performed at Rossland, B. C., today, which saved the lives of two miners and proved plain Jim Hemsworth to be one of nature's noblemen.

Jim Smith and Frank Conson were working at the bottom of a narrow shaft of the Young America mine, at a depth of nearly 150 feet, engaged in loading ore into an iron-bound bucket, while Jim Hemsworth's duty consisted in hauling the bucket to the surface by means of a windlass. The heavy bucket, filled with ore, had almost reached the top of the shaft when the iron crank of the windlass snapped in two like a bit of pine, hurling Hemsworth to the ground.

Springing to his feet half dazed by the blow, Hemsworth saw the windlass whirling around at a frightful rate of speed as the loaded bucket shot down the shaft upon the men below. He had not a second to lose. There was just one chance to save them, and he took that chance. Jumping forward, he threw his body upon the cogs of the whirling windlass, thrusting his arms and

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shoulder between the swiftly revolving wheels. Their iron jaws crunched and tore the flesh, crushed nerves, bone and sinews, tore ghastly wounds from fingertip to shoulder, but the windlass stood still. With an awful jerk the bucket stopped just above the heads of the two men far down the shaft.

Pale as death, with the blood flowing in streams and suffering intense agony, Hemsworth never uttered a cry nor even a sound, as the jaws of the wheel pinned him fast as in a vice. Superintendent Shields, who witnessed the accident from a short distance away, rushed to Hemsworth's aid and blocked the machinery.

As Hemsworth staggered back and was about to fall, Shields caught him in his arms, at the same time exclaiming: "My God, Jim! This is awful!"

"Oh, what's the difference?" replied the plucky fellow, "so long as I saved the boys?"

His wounds were dressed and the injured man made as comfortable as could be under the circumstances. The attending physicians are at this time unable to state how serious Hemsworth's injuries are likely to result, but unless he is hurt internally they hope to save his life. His arm, however, in all likelihood will have to be amputated at the shoulder.

## POPULACE WENT WILD.

With Enthusiasm at Departure Greek Fleet.

ATHENS, Feb. 11.—The dispatch of the torpedo flotilla commanded by Prince George, for the island of Crete, has caused the greatest enthusiasm among the populace, especially as it is stated the prince has orders to prevent the landing of Turkish troops on that island. The king urged the dispatch of the flotilla, and as soon as he obtained the consent of Premier Delyannis he personally issued the orders, in order to give additional effect to the proposal.

When Prince George embarked, a salute of 300 shots were fired by the crowd on shore. The people assembled at midnight at the palace and gave their majesties an ovation. Students paraded the streets, singing patriotic songs, cheering for the king and the union of Crete and Greece.

The fighting at Kissamo, where the Mohamedan inhabitants were besieged in their houses for several days, was desperate. Thirty Christians and 100 Mohamedans were killed. Fighting is reported as still proceeding about the convent Chrisopygy, near Canea.

The insurgent leaders have assembled for conference. It is understood that a constitution and provisory government will shortly be promulgated.

The Greek corvette Miaulis has arrived at Heraklion.

It is asserted that M. Dimitroff, Bulgarian diplomatic agent, has been entrusted with the specific mission to negotiate an agreement between Bulgaria and Greece for combined action in Macedonia.

## A Cure for Lame Back.

"My daughter, when recovering from an attack of fever, was a great sufferer from pain in the back and hips," writes Loudon Grover, of Sardis, Ky. "After using quite a number of remedies without any benefit she tried one bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm, and it has given entire relief." Chamberlain's Pain Balm is also a certain cure for rheumatism. Sold by Blakeley & Houghton.

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