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## COLD BLOODED TURK

Orders Armenian Massacres  
To Divert Attention of Europe

Washington, April 29.—In response to inquiries made three days ago by Secretary Hay, the State Department today received a dispatch from Ambassador McCormick to the effect that the Russian Minister of Foreign Affairs had assured him that the published reports of the proposed convention between Russia and China, relating to Manchuria were absolutely incorrect, and there is no foundation for the report that Russia demands that China shall refuse the railway requests of other powers at the treaty ports and consulates of Manchuria.

The Ambassador says he is assured that Russia has no intention to exclude other countries from the advantages now enjoyed in Manchuria or confer any exclusive privilege upon Russians; that America may be sure that nothing will be done to close the door now open; and that American Commerce and American capital are what Russia most desires to attract.

It is understood that similar assurance have been received by Hay from the Russian ambassador at Washington. These disavowals by Russia are regarded in official circles here to indicate a complete back down from the aggressive attitude of a few days ago.

## MORGAN MAKES BARGAIN

With England on Shipping Merger

London, April 29.—An agreement between Morgan and the Atlantic Shipping Companies and the British government was today satisfactorily arranged. The majority of the directors will be British, ships purchased in Great Britain will fly the British flag, and at least half the new vessels will be built in Great Britain.

**Petronius Arbiter.**  
Petronius Arbiter, the poet and man of pleasure in Nero's court, having fallen into disgrace, went home, wrote a satirical poem describing Nero's debaucheries and then opened his veins.

## RUSSIA AGAIN PROTESTS

She Means no Harm in Manchuria  
Wants American Trade and Capital

Berlin, April 29.—Information today reports that the Sultan recently summoned the Kurd chiefs of Asia Minor to Constantinople and instructed them to recommence the Armenia massacres which caused such a sensation in the civilized world six years ago. The Abdulelme paper asserts that bloodshed on a large scale in Armenia will distract attention from Macedonia and relieve the pressure of the European powers on Turkey.

Armenian massacres have already occurred in the districts of Van, Vanpasia, Mush and Sasun.

In a fight near Van the Armenians fought the Kurd's fiercely with the result that 200 were killed and several hundred wounded, the majority of casualties being among the Kurd's.

Armenian fugitives crossed the Russian frontier and were pursued over the border. The frontier guards raised an alarm. A regiment of Cossacks appeared and fired on the Turks, and a brief encounter followed. The Turks retreated.

## PRESIDENT TALKS OF CURRENCY

More Financial Legislation Needed

Keokuk, April 29.—The President reached here at 8:30 and made an address to a large audience in the park. The first stop today was made at Farmington where the President spoke from the rear platform of the train.

Quincy, April 29.—President Roosevelt addressed a crowd from a stand in the park today on the currency as a theme.

He said it is well nigh universally admitted that our currency system is wanting in elasticity. The laws have been recently improved but need further improvements and strengthening. They need such modification as will insure the parity of every dollar coined or issued by the government, with such extension and contraction of the currency as will promptly and automatically respond to the varying needs of commerce. A permanent increase would be dangerous, and a permanent contraction would be ruinous.

## HILL SLID DOWN

Town Flooded and People Killed  
Meager Particulars Received

Victoria, B. C., April 29.—An awful catastrophe has happened at Frank Alberta, the entrance to the Crow Nest Pass.

It is not known how it happened but it is reported to be of volcanic origin or an earthquake. It is more probable that it has been an earthquake that caused a slide of the mountain.

The C. P. R. R. track is covered to a depth of 50 feet, with debris. The creeks are dammed causing a flood in the town, and six or more houses have been covered with rock, and the inmates are supposed to be dead. A wrecking train from Cranbrook has gone to the scene.

The theory at first was that a volcano had broken out, but the theory of the provincial mineralogist is that a big slide occurred is likely to be nearer the truth. The side of the mountain is supposed to have slid into the town thus damming the river.

It is only a small town with one operator, hence the trouble of getting the news.

## TEN YEAR SENTENCE

And One Dollar Fine for Slayer of Thos. Barker

Judge Hamilton yesterday afternoon sentenced, Frank A. Ingels, convicted of Manslaughter for the killing of Thos. Barker, to ten years imprisonment in the penitentiary, and to pay a fine of one dollar.

When asked if he had anything to say Ingels requested to be sworn, and made a statement under oath. He stated that he wanted to vindicate the character of his wife, and he denied that he had made the statement attributed to him by Marshal Carter, that Barker had got away with his wife and his money at Seattle some twenty years ago.

Ingels kept up a composed demeanor and took his sentence coolly. His attorneys were granted 60 days by Judge Hamilton, in which to file a bill of exceptions.

## BAER MAY BE PULLED

For Refusing to Produce Papers  
For Interstate Commerce Com

New York, May 1.—The United States circuit court will be asked to punish President Baer and his associates for refusing to produce before the Interstate Commerce Commission the papers showing the agreements and method of the coal carrying roads.

The attorneys here representing Hearst today announced their attention of appealing to the federal court. The application for Baer's punishment will be strenuously opposed.

## BELIEVE IT WAS VOLCANO

Inhabitant's Fleeing From Frank

Loss of Life Unknown  
Town Ruined

Victoria, April 30.—The town of Frank is being deserted by the inhabitants. Ominous sounds are emitting from the mountain, and all fear a repetition of the eruption. The reports are unanimous that the disaster was due to an earthquake or volcano. The whole top of the mountain seems to have been blown off.

The town was completely overwhelmed. Full rows of houses are ruined. Rescue parties are still working and mounted police are hurrying to the scene. The railroad track is ruined for miles and the mine and buildings are demolished.

Montreal, April 30.—Canadian Pacific officials gave out a statement today that the Frank disaster was caused by an immense land slide, a water way being cut.

The loss of life is not known. Thirty miners are believed to be entombed and efforts are being made to liberate them or recover the bodies. Additional slides are feared.

## PORTLAND FACTORIES DESTROYED

Disastrous Fire Wipes Out Property  
Valued at Over a Quarter Million

Portland, May 1.—At 5:20 this morning the Western Lumber Company's saw mill, J. M. Martin's Sash and Door Factory, the Union Stock Yards, the lumber docks, and a number of small dwellings were totally destroyed by the fire entailing a loss \$260,000.

## CANAL COMMISSION READY

to Make Report on the Route

Panama, May 1.—Admiral Walker, chief of the canal commission, will leave with a party for New York today, having looked over the route, and being ready to make a report. The Colombian congress has not yet been called to ratify the treaty.

Holding their end up in society is the heaviest burden borne by the husbands of ambitious women.—Schoolmaster.

## SEVERE STORMS RAGING

Middle West in Grip of a Blizzard  
Snow and Sleet Freeze Crops

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Sioux City April 29.—Northwestern Iowa, Northern Nebraska and nearly all of South Dakota a terrific sleet and snow storm prevails. South Dakota is practically cut off from all communication by wire. This will retard all crops.

Kansas City. Heavy snows are predicted by the weather observer in Missouri, Nebraska and Kansas tomorrow.

Lincoln Neb. April 29 Nebraska fruit crop was badly injured last night by a record-breaking freeze, followed by heavy rains.



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