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WAR CANNOT BE AVERTED

SUCH SEEMS TO BE THE OPINION IN OFFICIAL CIRCLES

CONTENTS OF RUSSIA'S ANSWER

Are Not Known, but All Correspondents Concur in Believing Them Unsatisfactory.

Russian Warships Leave Port Arthur to Intercept Japanese Squadron Sent Out to Stop Russia Bound Vessels—Japanese Impatient Over Dilatoriness of Russia and Want to Fight.

LONDON, Jan. 8.—None of the special cablegrams from Tokio, printed in this morning's papers, is able to give the contents of Russia's reply, but all concur in believing it to be unsatisfactory. It appears that the note might still be unbelieved, as Baron De Rosen, the Russian minister, is suffering from an ear affection, had not Baron Komura, the Japanese foreign minister, visited the Russian legation to get it. According to the Standard's Tokio correspondent, an increasing number of steamships are requisitioned daily as transports.

Looks Like a Clash. Port Arthur, Jan. 8.—(Via Chefoo.)—Several warships left at midnight to reinforce the cruisers sent out for the purpose of intercepting the Japanese squadron of four ironclads which, it is said, is now approaching Corea to stop six Japanese coal-laden ships from Japan destined for Port Arthur, and to cancel their charter to a Russian firm. There is anomalous government troops in both directions on the railway. Lake Baikal is frozen. The Port Arthur defenses are complete and the authorities are confident.

Japanese Are Restless. Tokio, Jan. 8.—The attitude of Japan toward the response of Russia is still undefined. Premier Katsura, the minister of foreign affairs, the minister of war, the minister of finance and minister of naval affairs held a council yesterday afternoon. It was decided that the cabinet confer with the older statesmen before deciding on a course of procedure. It is manifestly in one direction and impose new conditions in another. The Japanese nation is deeply stirred. Public sentiment favors the abandonment of negotiations, believing them to be useless, and urges resort to arms.

Railroad Facilities Bad. Pekin, Jan. 8.—Major Nathan, an officer of the British army, second in command during the Boer war, arrived here. He traveled over the Siberian railway with the special view of ascertaining the possibilities of road transportation of troops and supplies in the event of war. His opinion, based on his observations, is that the railroad would break down in hopeless confusion within a week under the stress of war emergencies.

War Seems Certain. Pekin, Jan. 7.—General Yuan Shihki, commander-in-chief of the Chinese army and navy, sent his foreign adviser, Charles Denby, Jr., of Pekin, to investigate the report as to the probability of war. Denby has reported, according to the best opinions obtainable, based on diplomatic information, that war cannot be averted.

Would Favor Japan. London, Jan. 8.—The Daily Mail's Tokyo correspondent says: "Governor Taft had a secret conference with Marquis Ito at the United States consulate at Yokohama. It is understood that Governor Taft assured the Marquis that the United States would observe a friendly neutrality toward Japan in the event of war and that, if necessary, it would grant the use of the American ports in the far East to the Japanese fleet."

Troops Headed for Corea. London, Jan. 7.—The Daily Mail's Tokio correspondent learns that Russia has made new demands which it will be impossible for Japan to entertain. The correspondent says all the powers are landing troops in Corea and that the British blue jackets at Chemulpo are expected to go to Seoul immediately.

Britain Strengthens Fleet. Victoria, B. C., Jan. 7.—It is rumored at Esquimaux that the flagship Grafton, a second class cruiser, has been ordered to proceed to the China station to strengthen the British fleet in the far East.

War Risks Increase. San Francisco, Jan. 7.—Prominent insurance companies have received cablegrams stating that war is inevitable, and, in consequence, the war risks on immediate sailings have been advanced to 4 per cent and on sailings during the latter part of the month to 10 per cent.

IS MONEY IN IT. One Packing Company in New Jersey Makes Big Profit From Salmon.

TRENTON, N. J., Jan. 7.—The receivers of the Pacific Packing & Navigation Company today filed with the United States circuit court a report covering the operation of the company

for the past year. The report shows that the net profits for the year were \$68,312. The company engaged in salmon packing.

DAMAGES AWARDED.

J. S. Cole Reaches Agreement With Lane County Commissioners for Injuries.

EUGENE, Or., Jan. 7.—J. S. Cole was today awarded \$400 damages by the Lane county commissioners' court on account of a county bridge falling with him and his team several weeks ago. Cole was crossing the bridge over Row river with a heavy load of freight, when the structure gave way, precipitating wagon, horses, driver and all to the bottom of the river bed, demolishing the wagon and harness, injuring the goods he was hauling and crippling the horses. Attorney J. S. Medley, of Cottage Grove, presented Cole's case before the court, asking for \$560 but it was compromised by the payment of \$400.

Other matters attended to by the court today were the letting of the contract for keeping the county paupers and the appointment of the county road viewers. Mrs. M. E. Russell, who now conducts the county poor farm at Thurston, was again awarded the custody of the paupers at \$3.25 per week for each person. G. G. Gross, C. M. Collier and P. J. McPherson were appointed road viewers.

CALLED A HALT

COLORADO MINERS SECURE AN INJUNCTION ORDER FROM THE DISTRICT COURT.

State Militia, Mine Owners' Association and Citizens' Alliance, Restrained From Driving Any Union Miners From the District—Great Railroad Merger Case Up Before Court.

CRIPPLE CREEK, Jan. 7.—Judge Seeds, of the district court of Teller county, on application of the attorneys for the Western Federation of Miners tonight issued a temporary injunction against the state militia, the Mine Owners' Association and the Citizens' Alliance, enjoining them from driving any union miners from the districts. The hearing on the writ is set for January 11.

Militia Will Ignore Writ. Denver, Jan. 7.—Adjutant General Sherman M. Bell said tonight that he had given instructions to Colonel Verdeberg, commanding the troops in the Cripple Creek district, to permit no service upon himself or the other officers of the guard in the injunction suit of the Western Federation of Miners. He declared that no attention would be paid to the writ.

Differences of Law. Washington, Jan. 7.—The argument of the case of the State of Minnesota vs. the Northern Securities Company, involving the legality of the consolidation of the Great Northern and Northern Pacific Railroads in the Securities Company, began in the United States supreme court today. The case involves the same general issues as are involved in the proceedings of the National government against the Securities Company, but there are some differences of law.

TO MANAGE CAMPAIGN. Governor Odell Will Look to President's Interest in the State of New York.

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—The World says: As a result of recent conferences between President Roosevelt, Governor Odell and Senator Platt the World can announce that Governor Odell will be in command of the Roosevelt campaign for re-election in New York this year. The plan has the sanction of both the President and Senator Platt and the Governor has consented to accept the responsibility.

OLD CASE REVIVED. Case of Miller vs. Wattier Comes Up in Supreme Court After Nine Years.

Only two cases have been set for hearing in the supreme court for week after next, one of which has been on the docket for almost ten years. This old-timer was originally entitled Miller, respondent, vs. Wattier, appellant, an appeal from Marion county, and the appeal was taken in 1895. The case remained upon the docket for several years without being completed for hearing and was finally dropped. It was revived recently, however, and will now finish its course through the process of law. In the meantime the original contestants have died and other principals have been substituted and the case now stands upon the docket as Dave Baggley, administrator of the estate of W. P. Miller, et al., respondent, vs. Vallier Wattier, Jr., et al., appellants. The appeal is from the decision of Hon. H. Hewitt, judge, and the question involved was the right of the senior Miller, deceased, to reclaim certain swampy lands, which right was contested by the Vallier Wattier, senior, deceased. The appeal is set for 12 o'clock noon of Wednesday, January 20.

The other case set is that of Clara S. Carlyle, respondent, vs. Katherine E. Sloan, appellant, appeal from Clatsop county, set for 12 o'clock noon of Thursday, December 21.

SIGNALS WERE MISREAD. SYDNEY, Jan. 7.—The British cruiser Wallaroo, was misread, appears that the signals were misread, and only four were killed, and three injured by the explosion of the ship's boilers.

INQUEST IS IN PROGRESS

ASBESTOS CURTAIN COMPANY'S REPRESENTATIVE TESTIFIES

HE ADMITS THAT CURTAINS

When Subjected to Extremely High Heat, Are Destructible and Crumble Away.

Inquest Held in Council Chamber, and All Persons Except Those Having an Order or Subpoena Are Excluded—Eddie Foy, the Comedian, Also Gives His Testimony.

CHICAGO, Jan. 7.—A dozen persons today testified before the coroner's jury at the inquest over the victims of the Iroquois Theater fire, on Wednesday, December 30. No person was admitted to the council chamber without an order or a subpoena—from Coroner Traeger. Even the members of the city council who applied for admission were turned away, though the inquisition was held in the chambers of the city council.

Among the witnesses were Eddie Foy, the comedian of the "Bluebeard" company, and George W. Stetson, a representative of the company which manufactured the asbestos curtains. The evidence of Foy did not differ greatly from the statements which have been published heretofore concerning his action on the day of the fire.

Mr. Stetson and Coroner Traeger became involved in a long discussion as to the merits of asbestos curtains, during which Mr. Stetson admitted that asbestos curtains, if subjected to an extremely high heat, would lose their "life" and crumble.

Building Commissioner Williams today rescinded the order closing the Coliseum, declaring it safe from fire. Fifteen additional halts were ordered closed.

CANNOT RECOVER

COLFAX, WASHINGTON, LAD IS FATALLY INJURED BY A COASTING ACCIDENT.

Four Boys Lost Control of Sled and Collided With a Wagon—One Boy's Skull Fractured and Others Injured—Mrs. Bowers' Case Called In San Francisco Court.

COLFAX, Wn., Jan. 7.—Lawrence Duehemin, aged 12, was fatally hurt in a coasting accident this afternoon. His brother Ralph, aged 10 years, had a hip fractured and two ribs broken and two other boys were more or less hurt. The youngsters were coasting down a steep hill and lost control of the sled which collided with a wagon. Lawrence Duehemin's skull was fractured. There is no hope of his recovery.

Hard Time Getting Jury. San Francisco, Jan. 7.—The task of empanelling a jury to try Mrs. Martha E. Bowers, charged with the murder of her husband, Martin L. Bowers, was commenced in Judge Cook's court today. When the court adjourned nine jurors had been accepted, and as the venire was exhausted, a new venire was ordered and the case continued until Monday morning.

TRAIN DERAILED. ALBANY, Or., Jan. 7.—The Corvallis & Eastern train from Detroit to Albany yesterday afternoon was delayed several hours three miles west of Berry, where the rails spread under a car heavily loaded with logs, causing the car to leave the track. As the train was running slowly, no other cars were derailed.

The logs were rolled into the North Santiam river, and the damage soon repaired.

WAR AMONG DENTISTS. Advertising Class Will Organize for Purpose of Protecting Their Own Interests.

SPOKANE, Wn., Jan. 7.—A fight to the finish is apparently on in this state between the ethical and the advertising dentists, and a strong effort is to be made in the supreme court to have the present dental law in this state declared unconstitutional. The headquarters of the battle seems to be in this city. Some time ago a number of dentists were arrested on the charge of violating the state law by practicing without a certificate from the State Dental Examining Board. The case has dragged along for several weeks and yesterday the dentists were arraigned and all pleaded guilty. They were fined \$50 each and immediately gave notice of appeal to the supreme court, the object being to get that body to pass on the constitutionality of the law.

It is claimed by the advertising dentists, or commercial dentists as they term themselves, that under the present law it is next to impossible for one of their number to secure a certificate to practice. The board of dental examiners is composed of members of the old school of dentists, who are bound by the obligation to the code of ethics to retard the progress of the business

dentists. It is alleged that at a recent examination, two dentists, one a member of the ethical branch and the other a business dentist, answered the same questions in the same way. A certificate was granted to the ethical dentist and was refused to the other.

Dr. T. Haven White, one of the new school of dentists, has just returned from a trip through the United States and states that there is a feeling among the advertising dentists all over the country that the time has come when they must organize for their own protection. Dr. White now proposes to give his time to the work of organizing the commercial dentists and will commence the work in Washington, after which he will go to Oregon and California.

CROPS ARE GOOD. Provinces of Bulacan, Pamanga and Tarlac Recovering From Effects of War.

MANILA, Jan. 7.—This is the first year since the insurrection in 1896 that the crops of rice and other cereals in Bulacan, Pamanga and Tarlac provinces of Luzon have been large and of good quality. This is attributed to the extermination of the lawless element and to the fact that the farmers are now protected from the insurgent tax collectors.

NELSON OBJECTS

DAVID R. NELSON, NOW IN PORTLAND, WANTED IN KANSAS UPON SERIOUS CHARGE.

Charged With Being an Accessory After the Fact to the Crime of Murder—Requisition Issued for His Return, But Nelson Will Contest His Extradition—Law Question Involved.

Governor Chamberlain yesterday afternoon was presented with a requisition from Governor W. J. Bailey, of Kansas, for the extradition of one David R. Nelson, who is now at large in Portland and is wanted in Montgomery county, Kansas, to answer to the charge of accessory after the fact to the crime of murder. Governor Chamberlain went down to Portland on the overland train yesterday afternoon and heard the argument of the case down there. Nelson had previously been under arrest in San Francisco, and the same requisition papers were presented to Governor Pardee, but the latter would not grant a warrant of extradition upon the requisition, the exact reason for his action not being known here.

Nelson was accordingly turned loose by the California authorities and came straight to Oregon and, it is said, has taken a determined stand in Portland and will fight the matter to a definite termination. The requisition is based upon the information of a prosecuting attorney and it is understood, that he will contest the issuance of extradition papers upon the ground that, under the United States statutes, a person cannot be extradited upon the information of a district attorney, but that the requisition must be based upon an indictment by a regularly drawn grand jury, or the affidavit of a magistrate in the form of a complaint. This contention is in accordance with an opinion rendered by Judge Goff, in the United States circuit court of appeals, for the district of Maryland, rendered in a case very similar to this one several years ago. The action of the Governor in this case will have a great bearing upon others which may come up in the future, as it has done in the past, but this point has never been brought to bear upon any case which has come up in the past. The majority of the requisition papers which come to the Governor of Oregon are based upon the information of a district attorney, likewise are almost all of those which are issued from the Governor's office of this state.

The information accompanying the requisition alleges that, on September 4, 1901, one John Nelson shot and killed one Albert Morris, in Montgomery county, Kansas. A charge of murder in the first degree was entered against John Nelson, but he was only convicted of manslaughter and was released upon his own recognizance to appear upon a certain date for sentence. He failed to put in an appearance upon the date set, however, and it developed that he had fled to the Indian territory before the sheriff could arrest him and bring him into court. David R. Nelson, in whom the requisition is issued, is charged with having aided and abetted John Nelson in effecting his escape, and is therefore accused of being an accessory after the fact.

DYING IN HOSPITAL. SEATTLE, Wn., Jan. 7.—Jack Edwards is slowly dying in the Wayside Mission Hospital from the long use of morphine. Edwards was once a prosperous merchant in the East. He came to Seattle and fell ill. His physicians prescribed morphine to alleviate his sufferings. After Edwards became well and strong he found that the morphine had a hold on him. He began using it regularly to stop imagined pains. Finally he became a fiend for the death-dealing drug. He lost all his money, became ill and was taken a few days ago to the hospital where he will die no doubt within a few days.

Edwards has well-to-do relatives in New York. They have done all they could to get him to go back East. He refused, however, as long as he was in the pitiful condition that he is.

ANGLO-ITALIAN TREATY. ROME, Jan. 7.—It is announced that Great Britain has agreed to the Anglo-Italian arbitration treaty, which will be signed in Rome.

OBEYED HIS CONSCIENCE

MEMBER OF SALVATION ARMY SURRENDERS TO POLICE

AND CONFESSES TO AEBSON

In Causing the Burning of Occidental Hotel in Forsythe, Montana, in 1901.

One Man Was Killed and Twenty Injured—Says Setting of Fire to Hotel Was Purely Accidental—Confessed to Crime to Release an Innocent Man From the Penitentiary.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Jan. 7.—William Wilson, a member of the Salvation Army, surrendered to the police, confessing he set fire to the Occidental hotel at Forsythe, Montana, in July, 1901, in which one man was killed and twenty injured. Wilson stated that another man was in the penitentiary for the deed, and to clear his own conscience free, Wilson surrendered to the police. He said he did not fire the hotel intentionally, but accidentally dropped a match in the hallway, and on flames bursting forth, he ran away instead of raising an alarm. Wilson is held pending an investigation.

Foiled by Clever Ruse. Salt Lake, Jan. 7.—One hundred street car men, infuriated by the murder of Motorman Gleason and Conductor Brighton, by a highwayman Thursday morning, made an ineffectual attempt tonight to storm the city jail and lynch John Shockleigh, a man arrested during the afternoon on the information of a room-mate, Bert Brotherton, who told the police Shockleigh confessed to the murder. Shockleigh denied all knowledge of the crime, but was unable to give a satisfactory explanation of his whereabouts. A false fire alarm was turned in, which diverted the attention of the crowd and during its absence Shockleigh was removed to the penitentiary.

MORGAN REPLIES

AGAIN ATTACKS THE PRESIDENT IN CONNECTION WITH THE PANAMA QUESTION.

Introduced Newspaper Extracts to Prove His Claims That Officers and Citizens of the United States Assisted the Revolution—Taft's Nomination as Secretary of War Is Confirmed.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—Morgan occupied the time today in a reply to the speech of Lodge delivered last Tuesday. Morgan attacked the President and the attitude of the government in connection with the Panama Republic. He introduced numerous newspaper extracts to bear out his contention that the revolution was assisted by officers and citizens of the United States.

Taft Is Confirmed. Washington, Jan. 7.—The Senate committee on military affairs today authorized Senator Foraker to report favorably the nomination of Governor Taft, of the Philippines, as Secretary of War.

To Combat Boll Weevil. Washington, Jan. 7.—The House was in session twelve minutes today. Henryway, chairman of the committee on appropriations, obtained unanimous consent that one hour be devoted to the opening of tomorrow's session to the consideration of the bill amending the act appropriating \$500,000 for the eradication of the foot and mouth disease among cattle, so as to make half of that sum available to meet the emergency caused by the Mexican boll weevil. The bill was reported favorably today.

ELOPED FROM BANKS. Walter Beard and Annie Mizner Leave Home at Midnight to Marry.

FOREST GROVE, Or., Jan. 7.—Ward has reached here from Banks that Walter Beard and Miss Annie Mizner had eloped from there at midnight Tuesday. Miss Mizner is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Mizner, who reside near Greenville. She was well known here, and the story comes as a surprise. It is understood the couple went to Astoria, where they were married yesterday.

Smallpox at Asylum. There is a fully developed case of smallpox at the Insane Asylum, but it is well taken care of and there is no immediate danger of its spreading, if at all. The case in question is that of one Knaekasnek (the only name under which he was committed), an Alaskan patient, and it was discovered on last Saturday. The patient was at once transferred to the quarantine station and the ward from which he was taken thoroughly fumigated and disinfected. It is a well marked or defined case and there is no question of its being smallpox. All of the necessary precautionary measures are being taken at the institution and the officials are confident that there is no danger whatever of its spreading.

Legal blanks at Statesman Job Office.

INDIANS ARE HOSTILE.

Gunboat Bancroft, Returning From Cruise Along Coast of Caledonia, Brings Reports.

NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—The United States gunboat Bancroft has returned from a cruise along the coast of Caledonia, made to investigate conditions and circumstances of the alleged abduction of the Indian Chief Inaniqua, says a Herald dispatch from Colon. It is stated that the San Blas Indians were found to be most unfriendly. They objected to the landing of the Bancroft's officers and to their remaining ashore. They also refused to sell fruit or fresh water.

Chief Inaniqua was seen at a distance, wearing a fine new Colombian uniform.

SECURED AT LAST. A Life Saving Station to Be Established at Tillamook Bay.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—The Senate committee on commerce today ordered a favorable report establishing a life saving station at the entrance of Tillamook Bay, Oregon.

Miss Georgina Giltner, of Portland, arrived in the city last night and is visiting Dr. and Mrs. W. B. Morse.

A GOOD SHOWING

CITY RECORDER REPORTS TOTAL REVENUE OF \$11,414.90 FOR 1903.

One Hundred and Thirty-Seven Cases Came Before Recorder's Court, Fifteen Tried in the Justice's Court—Warrant Indebtedness For the Year Was \$23,650.63.

The annual report of City Recorder N. J. Judah of the business transacted in the office and courts under his charge during the year 1903, and which was approved at the last meeting of the old council held on Tuesday evening shows that the total receipts from fines, license fees, street assessments and miscellaneous fees during the year was \$11,414.90. In the recorder's court there were 137 cases from which \$478.60 in fines was collected; four cases were suspended, six discharged, the balance being served out under commitment of 372½ days. There were 15 cases in the justice's court from which a total amount of \$91.20 in fees was earned. The report also shows a warrant indebtedness for the year of \$23,650.63.

A summary of the recorder's report follows:

Recorder's Court. Cases. Number. Drunkenness 89. Idle and dissolute 10. Disorderly conduct 19. Roaming streets 4. Begging 6. Vagrancy 4. Frequenting opium joint 2. Abusive language 2. Refusing dog license 1. Cruelty to animals 1.

Total cases 137. Fined, 60; committed, 67; suspended, 4; discharged, 6. Total amount of fines collected, \$478.60; total number of days served under commitment, 372½.

Justice's Court. Criminal cases 12. Civil cases 3. Justice of the peace's fees earned, \$51.85; constable's fees earned, \$29.35.

Miscellaneous. Fines and fees 537.40. Saloon licenses 6,379.50. Vehicle licenses 22.50. Show licenses 312.00. Miscellaneous licenses 2,734.50. Street assessments 48.75. Miscellaneous receipts 1,376.00.

Total revenue, 1903 \$11,414.90

Disbursements. Cash to treasurer \$11,410.65. Error in April report 4.25. Total \$11,414.90

Warrant Indebtedness. Jail account 294.88. Police account 71.92. Salary account 8,571.92. Fire dept. account 2,504.87. Fuel account 414.20. Street account 4,525.97. Bridge account 1,918.41. Stationery account 89.25. Board prisoners 140.70. Sewer, block 43, account 212.30. Tax rebate account 29.00. Sidewalk, lots 7 and 8, blk 34 30.83. Legal service account 100.00. Water service account 1,419.60. Lighting account 2,306.88. Miscellaneous account 680.43. Ferry street improvement 50.44. Church street improvement 111.50. Sidewalk, lot 2 blk 5, Capital 15.12. Sidewalk, lots 3 and 4, blk 5, Capital Park addition 33.60. Election account 94.95. Park board account 50.00. High street improvement 22.25.

Total warrant expense 1903, \$23,650.63

CANTORA. The kind you have always bought. W. C. Tillson has gone to Chicago, to be absent several weeks, looking up the pruned market.

White Fall Bearers For Black Woman. All the pall bearers at the funeral of Jessica Ormand, an old colored "mammy" of Atlanta, Ga., who died the other day, were white men who had known her when she was a slave. Several of them had been nursed by her in their infancy.

GORMAN GETS BIG BOQUET

COLOMBIAN SENATORS SEND HIM BUNCH OF CONGRATULATIONS

UPON HIS PANAMA ATTITUDE

"In Defending Ideas of Justice and Rights Proclaimed by General Washington."

Claim Place as Result of General Impulse, But Was Brought About Through a Treacherous Plan of Bribery and Upheld by the President.

BOGOTA, Sunday, Jan. 3.—Senators Caro, Vejar, Quiñero, Marroquin and fifteen other Senators have addressed the following dispatch to United States Senator Gorman:

"The undersigned Colombian Senators heartily congratulate you and those who support you in defending the ideas of justice and respect for the rights proclaimed by General Washington and sustained by all your great statesmen. The secession of Panama did not take place as a result of a general impulse, but through a treacherous plan of bribing public forces and it simply subsists by the intervention of President Roosevelt, who, occupying the adjacent seas with a powerful navy, impedes Colombian access to the integral parts of its own territory."

No Danger of War.

Washington, Jan. 7.—Arthur Beaupre, the United States Minister to Bogota, arrived in Washington today and called on Secretary Hay. Mr. Beaupre said that in his opinion there was little danger of a war on the isthmus. The Minister does not attempt to minimize the high feeling which prevails in Colombia regarding the isthmian affairs, but he believes the people of the republic are beginning to realize the situation and what a war would mean.

NARROW ESCAPE

GUARD SAVAGE AT THE PENITENTIARY TAKES A SHOT AT UNKNOWN PERSONS.

Were Standing Beneath the East Wall of the Penitentiary and Apparently Trying to Put Something Over the Wall—Two Men Fled Precipitately When Challenged.

About 2 o'clock yesterday morning, while standing on guard on the south wall of the penitentiary, Late Savage, one of the night guards, saw two men approach the wall and stand near it, acting in a very suspicious manner. Mr. Savage was satisfied, as nearly as he could discern, that they were there for a purpose and were in the act of climbing over the wall or throwing some object over, savage challenged them and they started to run, whereupon he opened fire upon them. He only fired one shot at the disappearing figures, but does not think he hit them, as the darkness was too dense and the distance too great. An investigation disclosed the tracks of the interlopers, but no signs of what they were trying to put over the fence or the object of their visit were visible.

Just before the incident occurred a buggy was driven down the road past the penitentiary, and a few minutes afterward, apparently the same buggy, went back up the road in the direction of this city. Although they were seen too late to intercept them upon the back trip, Mr. Savage is satisfied that it was the same parties. It is possible that another bold attempt was being made at a general delivery of the prisoners at the Penitentiary by friends from the outside.

How Hawthorne Looked. The personal appearance of Nathaniel Hawthorne at about the time "The Scarlet Letter" was written is thus described by his son in his new biography, "Hawthorne and His Circle" (Harper's): "I see a tall, strong man, whose wide-domed head was covered with wavy black hair, bushing out at the sides. Under heavy, dark eyebrows were eyes deep set and full of light, marvelous in range of expression, with black eyelashes. * * * In the house he wore slippers which always seemed down at the heel. In the house also he wore a writing gown made for him some years before by my mother; it reached nearly to his heels, and had once been a gorgeous affair, though now much defaced. * * * The lining under the left hand skirt of the gown was blackened with ink over a space as large as your hand, for the author was in the habit of wiping his pen thereon, but my mother finally passed this attack by sewing in the center of the place a penwiper in the shape of a butterfly."