

WOULD OFFEND THE CZAR

America Cannot Assume That Murders Will Be Done

To Ask the Czar to Prevent His Subjects Committing a Crime Would Insult Him

Washington, Dec. 29.—There was a special meeting of the cabinet late this afternoon, the first since the adjournment of congress. It is supposed Panama will be the chief topic, although a number of minor departmental matters may be considered. It is likely also the proposed massacre of Jews at Kishineff, on Jewish Christmas, will be brought up. The President is receiving appeals from organizations to intercede with the Czar. It is believed the only thing that can be done by America is to direct the ambassador at St. Petersburg to acquaint the Russian foreign office with these appeals. A request to the Czar to take action on the predicted outrage would give serious offense without any gain. Simon Wolf Bainbrith called at the state department this morning and personally presented a petition. The state department last night received a dispatch from Minister Buchanan, at Panama, saying that never before had there been such an election as that had for delegates to the constitutional convention for the new republic. The dispatch didn't state the results.

Must Not Defend Jews.

Berlin, Dec. 29.—Solokoff, the leading Russian lawyer, son of the Czar's chaplain, has been arrested on orders of the Russian minister of the interior, Pleve, because he represented the Jews at the Kishineff trial. Pleve has decreed that Gentile lawyers shall not be permitted to represent Jews in the law courts.

To Prevent War.

Rome, Dec. 29.—The Pope is addressing all Catholic heads, to use their utmost endeavor to prevent war in the far East.

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THE ACT MAY BE IN VAIN

Armstrong's Attorneys Have Yet Another Card to Play

May Appeal to the United States Court—Is it an Ex Post Facto Law

Baker City, Or., Dec. 29.—George J. Bentley, of counsel for the defense in the Armstrong murder case, has gone to Salem, presumably for the purpose of securing a stay of execution of the sentence of the court. Notice of appeal from the order of Judge Eakin, fixing the date of execution, was served on District Attorney White immediately after the last hearing before the court in this case, but no further move has been made so far as known.

Mr. White will oppose any motion for a stay of execution, and will insist on a hearing of the case on appeal before the supreme court at once. In case an attempt to secure a stay of execution is made, Mr. White says there is plenty of time to hear and determine the appeal from the decision of Judge Eakin before the time set for Armstrong's execution, January 22d. There is a reason to believe that an attempt will be made to bring the case before Judge Bellinger on a petition for a writ of habeas corpus, as a matter of last resort in the event of a failure to secure Armstrong's release by the supreme court. Sheriff Brown has not made any move toward the preparations for the execution, nor has he placed the death watch on Armstrong, nor will he do so until the matter of the appeal to the state supreme court is disposed of.

Armstrong's attorneys still insist that he will not be hanged, but up to the present time have not disclosed their course of procedure, save to give notice of appeal. It is known that some positive action is contemplated at once, but the exact nature of the attack is unknown to the prosecution. It is hinted that the next move in Armstrong's behalf will be of a startling nature, and that it will spring a surprise on the prosecution. Further developments are awaited with considerable interest.

Want the Canal.

Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 29.—Following the action of Pensacola and other cities, the board of trade this afternoon holds a meeting for the purpose of calling on their senators to vote for a ratification of the Panama canal treaty.

Gun Factory Burned.

St. Dennis, France, Dec. 29.—A fire this morning partly destroyed and greatly damaged the Hotchkiss cannon factory.

LITTLE BUT ALL TABASCO

San Domingo Now Has Three Revolutions in Eruption

A Few More and it Will Be a Case of "Six and Six and Dad's Deal"

Washington, Dec. 29.—Minister Powell cabled the state department today that there is three separate revolutions in progress in San Domingo, and the warship Newport is inadequate for the protection of American interests. The navy department immediately instructed the South Atlantic squadron to send one or more ships to the scene.

Waiting for Perry to Explain.

Washington, Dec. 29.—There is gossip here over the dates mentioned in an interview by Perry Heath, at Louisville. Heath is quoted as saying President McKinley told him in the White House, a few days before his assassination that he hoped Hanna would be his successor. Now, it is said, McKinley left the White House July 6th, and never returned. He was shot at Buffalo September 6th. Friends of Heath are awaiting his reply.

Robbed the Safe.

West Point, Va., Dec. 29.—The nightwatchman last night was held up by three bandits, who bound and gagged him, marched him to the post office, and compelled him to witness the blowing of the safe. The robbers escaped with \$2100.

CUBAN MINISTER TO SPAIN

Goes Suddenly Insane and Will Be Sent Back to Cuba

Madrid, Dec. 29.—Cuban minister to Spain, Merchan, became suddenly insane today, and is under constant supervision. According to the present program he will be placed aboard a steamer, and taken to Lamar, Columbia, Friday, from which point he will be returned home.

Later arrangements have been made to take the insane Cuban minister to Havana direct.

Ice Gorge Broke.

Cincinnati, Dec. 29.—The ice gorge broke here today. Warning has been sent to all points down the river, but much damage is predicted. A fleet of loaded coal barges of the Cincinnati Coal Company was carried away.

Will Be Tried Together.

Chicago, Dec. 29.—Judge Kersten in the criminal court this morning denied the motion for separate trials of the car barn murderers, and set the case for January 6th. Roesk's trial to follow immediately after.

Filed His Release.

Norwich, Conn., Dec. 29.—Abbott Stoddard Ledyard, who is under arrest, charged with stealing \$32,000 worth of securities from the Norman estate, broke jail last night, cutting the bars, and escaped.

To Hang a Woman.

Remington, Vt., Dec. 29.—Mary Rogers, convicted of killing her husband, was this morning sentenced to be hanged February 5th. Leon Perham, her self-confessed accomplice, was sentenced for life.

We Don't Remember Him.

Hartford, Conn., Dec. 29.—J. Allen, president of the Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection and Insurance Co., and a pioneer of that class of insurance in America, died this morning at the age of 70.

Mullah Not So Mad.

Rome, Dec. 29.—The Messagere says the Mad Mullah has appealed to the Italians to use their endeavors to secure peace between the tribesmen and England.

JAPAN RESTS EASY

Votes Unlimited Credit to Sustain the Government

It Has Made All Arrangements for War and Calmly Awaits Russia's Movements

Tokio, Japan, Dec. 29.—Practically unlimited credit for military defenses was voted to the government at the meeting last night. Three other ordinances provide closer official control of the Seoul and Fusan railway; a revision of military headquarters in war time, and the creation of a war council. Japan is now prepared for all emergencies.

Alaska is becoming more valuable every year. She now supplies half the salmon of the world.

TOOK SEVERAL JOLTS

Six Shocks Required to Kill Frank White at Auburn

Seventeen Hundred Volts Made the Sparks Fly and Burned Wool but Failed to Kill

Auburn, N. Y., Dec. 29.—Frank White, colored, was electrocuted this morning for the murder of his employer, George Clare, a farmer, in September, 1901. Six shocks were necessary to kill him. The first one carried 1700 volts. The head electrode emitted sparks, and there was an odor of burning hair. Just as the sixth shock was being given Dr. Stein, of Buffalo, fainted, and pitched forward from his chair, almost into the electrical box.

WANTS JUST A TRIFLE

Miss Curtis Files a Claim Against Estate for \$400,000

Principal Item Is for Entertaining Deceased and His Friends for a Period of Thirty Years

Manchester, N. H., Dec. 29.—Preliminary papers were filed in a suit here today in which Miss Delana Curtis, a prominent society woman, enters a claim against the estate of the late Frank Jones for \$400,000, the principal item being for board and entertainment of Curtis and his friends for a period covering 30 years prior to his death. Jones was a brewer, and left an estate valued at \$10,000,000. He was an ardent admirer of Miss Curtis up to the time of his death.

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