

MASSACRES BY PERSIAN TROOPS

VILLAGES ARE PILLAGED AND DEVASTATED
Soldiers Ruthlessly Kill Fleeing Peasants—Terrible Scenes Enacted.

St. Petersburg, March 15.—A dispatch to the Novo Vremy from Juffa, on the frontier between Persia and Russia, says that 1,000 Persian government horsemen and 5,000 infantrymen are marching on Juffa from the Persian bank of the Araxes river, devastating the villages in their path and shooting down the people.

THE IRONY OF FATE

Inventor Commits Suicide When on Eve of Wealth.
New York, March 15.—Frank G. Bruce, a Yonkers inventor, committed suicide at his home in that city on Saturday, just as the postman brought to his door a letter informing him that the United States patent office had granted him a patent on a non-refillable bottle, a device which his friends say is worth \$1,000,000.

PREFERENTIAL TRADE

London Chamber of Commerce Endorses System.
London, March 15.—The council of the London Chamber of Commerce has passed a resolution endorsing the preferential treatment accorded by various self-governing countries to British manufacturers and that the withdrawal of the preference would be most detrimental to trade between the various parts of the Empire.

EMPIRE RIFLE SHOOT.

Wellington, N. Z., March 15.—Premier Ward, speaking at the rifle championship meeting, expressed the hope that as the New Zealand and Australian teams send teams to compete in the Empire rifle shooting meeting in Australia next October, Canada and Great Britain would also be represented.

STORMY SCENE IN MAYORLESS CITY

Deadlock at Los Angeles Over Naming of Chief Magistrate.
Los Angeles, Cal., March 15.—The city council is in session to-day for the purpose of selecting a successor to former Mayor Harper, who resigned last Thursday night, facing an election on his recall, the first election of the kind held in any American city for the recall of a mayor.

IOWA AND SALOME DANCERS.

No "Vulgar" Shows or Modern Edens for This American State.
Des Moines, Iowa, March 15.—Senators Dowell, Polk, and Saunders, of Pottawatomie, are preparing drastic bills for introduction at the present session of the legislature barring from the stage in Iowa suggestions of the Salome dance, flashings and vulgar songs and suggestive scenes.

HIS LAST VOYAGE.

Captain C. Cameron, a Noted White Star Line Commander, "Crosses the Bar."
New York, N. Y., March 15.—Capt. C. Cameron, of the White Star Line, who for a quarter of a century was one of the best known trans-Atlantic liner commanders on the Atlantic, and until April last year was in command of the White Star liner Oceanic, died yesterday in Southampton.

MORE "UNKNOWN" QUAKES RECORDED

St. Petersburg, March 15.—Many strong earthquake shocks were recorded on Russian seismographs on Saturday and Sunday. It is estimated that the scene of the disturbance was approximately in the direction of the Philippines and Formosa.

HOTEL CLERK SLAIN; TILL IS RIFLED

Mystery Surrounds Early Morning Crime in New York.
New York, March 15.—Lying in a small room adjoining the hotel office, the body of Isadore De Valente, night clerk of the Eastern hotel on Whitehall street, was found early to-day with his skull fractured by a blow with an iron pipe and his throat cut. The clerk was murdered by a man who afterwards rifled his pockets, took \$75 from the hotel till, and made an unsuccessful attempt to get into the safe in which there was \$3,000.

NEWSPAPER CENSORED

St. Petersburg, March 15.—The newspaper Russ was censored on Saturday for publishing extracts from Count Leo Tolstoy's latest work, "Christianity and Its Fate."

HOUSE FIRED TO HIDE DASTARDLY CRIME

Dying Man Gives Name of Assailant When Rescued.
Monticello, N. Y., March 15.—Bernard Solomon was found dying from terrible wounds in his house here to-day, the circumstances indicating that an attempt had been made to kill him, and that the dwelling had been fired in an effort to conceal the crime.

VICTIM ASKS TO BE SHOT THROUGH HEART

Confessing Guilt, is Murdered Under the "Unwritten Law."
Fort Worth, Tex., March 15.—Fred Morris, a baseball player, last night shot and instantly killed Otto H. Meyer, a vaudeville singer, in a room in a local hotel, after having obtained a written confession that his relations with Mrs. Morris were improper.

JACK LONDON RETURNING, IS PHYSICAL WRECK

Author Unable to Complete His World Cruise in Yacht Snark.
San Francisco, Cal., March 15.—Jack London, the noted author, who started from this city some time ago in his yacht Snark for a cruise around the world, is a physical wreck in the South Seas, and because of his continued illness he has abandoned the long trip to return to California.

DEATH OF MULTI-MILLIONAIRE

General W. J. Palmer Was Founder of Colorado Springs.
Colorado Springs, Colo., March 15.—General William J. Palmer, founder of Colorado Springs, died at his country seat, Glen Eyrie, west of the city, late on Saturday. Death came as a result of a fall from a horse in October, 1896, which resulted in breaking his back.

"NOT GUILTY" PLEA IN PANAMA LIBEL CASE

New York, March 15.—The Press Publishing Company, publishers of the New York World, through its counsel, Delaney Nichol, pleaded not guilty before Judge Holt to-day to the charge of criminal libel in the Panama canal case.

TROUBLE IN SAMOA.

German Warships Leaving for Scene of Unrest.
Berlin, March 15.—The Admiralty has given orders that the cruisers Leipzig and Arcona and the submarine Jaguar, under Admiral Koerer, leave the Atlantic station and proceed to Apia, Samoa, to exert a quieting influence on the natives of the German island of Savali.

TARIFF LAWS TO BE ENACTED

U. S. CONGRESS MEETS IN SPECIAL SESSION
Joseph Cannon is Re-Elected as Speaker—Balloting for Seats.
Washington, D. C., March 15.—Precisely at noon to-day the extraordinary session of the sixty-first congress, called by the president for the purpose of enacting tariff legislation began. The senate already has to its credit a brief session of the new congress, this being customary following the incoming of a new administration in order that cabinet and other appointments might be confirmed.

PARIS MAY BE AGAIN ISOLATED

GENERAL STRIKE OF TELEGRAPHERS THREATENS
Infantry and Police Guard Postoffices—Considerable Excitement Prevails.
Paris, March 15.—Paris is in suspense to-day concerning the likelihood of a general strike on the part of the telegraphers and telephone employees in the bureau of the post office. All branches of the service are involved.

FOUND DEAD IN HOTEL

(Special to the Times.)
Winnipeg, March 15.—Thomas B. Ross, aged 42, for the past six years a traveling salesman of the Red Deer Lumber Company, was found dead in a city hotel last night. He was a brother of Prof. Alex. Ross, of Toronto.

BRITAIN ASKED FOR STATEMENT

HECATE STRAIT IS INTERNATIONAL MATTER
Canadians' Claim of Territorial Waters Arouses American Fishermen.
Washington, D. C., March 15.—Several of the Puget Sound fishing companies are much wrought up over the proposed closing of Hecate strait to American fishermen by the Canadian government, and protests against such action have been forwarded to Senator Jones, who immediately took up the subject with the state department. He is now in receipt of a letter from the secretary of state, in which the latter says:

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