

FIGHT WITH FOUR MASKED BURGLARS

BANK TELLER IS IN CRITICAL CONDITION

One of His Assaults Died From Revolver Wound—Fatal Explosion in Toronto.

London, Ont., April 26.—At an early hour this morning four masked burglars forced an entrance to the local branch of the Merchants' Bank of Canada in this village by battering in the door. They covered Herman Von Mettske, the teller, who was sleeping in the back room, with revolvers, but the latter broke out in No. 4 Slope and destroyed the machine. Loss, \$25,000.

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END LIFE IN CELL.

Man in Jail Charged With Attempting to Commit Suicide, Found Dead.

Syracuse, N. Y., April 26.—A special to the Herald from Seneca Falls, N. Y., to-day says: "John H. Haviland, of Elmira, cut his throat in a room in the Stanton House last evening and was arrested this morning charged with attempted suicide. He explained that he had made the wounds in his neck with a penknife in order to relieve an attack of apoplexy. At noon Haviland was found dead in his cell. It is believed he took poison. He is about 45 years old and comes of a prominent family of Elmira."

FIRE AT CUMBERLAND

Broke Out in No. 4 Slope and Destroyed Machine Shops—Loss, \$25,000.

Nanaimo, April 26.—Fire broke out late last night at No. 4 slope, Cumberland, and before it was got under control completely destroyed the colliery company's fine machine shop, together with the blacksmith and blacksmith shop. The origin of the fire is unknown. The loss will exceed \$25,000.

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REPORTED JUNCTION OF THE SQUADRONS

NEBOGATOFF'S SHIPS JOIN MAIN DIVISION

News Comes From Tsingtau—All the Russian Vessels Have Sailed From Kamranh Bay.

Tsingtau, Shantung Peninsula, April 27.—A private telegram received here says that Admiral Rojdestvensky's fleet has joined Nebogatoff's detachment.

FREIGHT STEAMERS CAPTURED BY RUSSIANS.

Kamranh Bay, via Saigon, April 27.—The only ships remaining in Kamranh Bay are four German transports. All the rest of the transports and the Russian hospital ship Orel and other vessels left behind by Admiral Rojdestvensky left the bay yesterday morning. This fleet is now assembled outside the bay, and forms an extended line stretching from Cape Varella to the head of the Kamranh peninsula.

Torpedo boats are scouting in all directions. The ships seem to be awaiting Vice-Admiral Nebogatoff's division.

The French cruiser Decartes, with Admiral De Jonquieres, the French commander in these waters, returned to Nhatrang (near Kamranh bay) after steaming round the Russian squadron, and subsequently returned to Saigon.

Two freight laden steamers captured by Rojdestvensky were under the German flag. It is presumed that they are suspected of having contraband of war on board.

RUSSIANS FORCED JAPS TO RETREAT.

St. Petersburg, April 27.—General Linewich, in a telegram to the Emperor, dated April 26th, reports a three hours' fight on April 26th near Tsingtau, in which the Russian cavalry forcing the Japanese to retreat.

CARNEGIE'S GIFT.

\$10,000,000 to Provide Annuities For College Professors Unable to Continue in Active Service.

New York, April 27.—A gift of \$10,000,000 by Andrew Carnegie to provide annuities for college professors who are not able to continue in active service was announced to-day by Frank A. Vanderbilt, vice-president of the National City Bank of New York. Professors in the United States, Canada and Newfoundland will share in the distribution of the income of the fund.

United States Steel Corporation five per cent first mortgage bonds for \$10,000,000 have been transferred to a board of trustees, and steps will be taken at once to organize a corporation to receive the donation. Dr. Pritchett, president of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and Mr. Vanderbilt, have been selected by Mr. Carnegie to obtain data on the subject to be presented at the first meeting of the trustees, which will take place on November 15th.

GIFTS FROM EMPEROR.

Officers and Men of the Hamburg Received Present From the Kaiser.

New York, April 27.—The Hamburg-American steamer Hamburg, which arrived here late last night, came direct from Italy after landing Emperor Wilhelm and his party at Naples. She had been painted pure white before starting on the cruise to Portugal and the Mediterranean with the Royal party, and still retains her holiday appearance.

Every officer and man on the ship has some memento to the cruise, and was personally presented to him by the Emperor. The keepsakes include jewels, watches and trinkets. The officers say the Emperor apparently enjoyed every moment of his trip.

SHOT BY ROOSEVELT.

Hides of Five Bears Will Be Sent to the White House.

Colorado Springs, Colo., April 27.—The hides of five bears slain by President Roosevelt and three bobcats killed by Dr. Luther have been received here by the express and will be sent to the White House.

ASKS DAMAGES.

Mining Companies Bring Actions Against the Western Federation of Miners.

Cripple Creek, Colo., April 27.—The Elton Consolidated Mining & Milling Company and the El Paso Gold Mining Company have filed suits in the District court against the Western Federation of Miners, asking for \$62,800 damages each for losses claimed to have resulted from the strike.

JEALOUS MAN'S CRIME.

Shot His Wife and Put a Bullet in His Own Head.

Quincy, Mass., April 27.—Albert T. Spargo shot and killed his wife Elizabeth, and then put a bullet through his own head with fatal results, at his home on Franklin street, South Quincy, early to-day. The tragedy is believed to have been caused by jealousy. Spargo was 38 years old and his wife was 35.

Monkey Brand Soap cleans kitchen utensils, steel, iron and tinware, knives and forks, and all kinds of cutlery.

WAGE AGREEMENT HAS BEEN SIGNED

BETWEEN CROW'S NEST COMPANY AND EMPLOYEES

The Changes Made in Schedule Only of Minor Importance—Effective for Two Years.

Fernie, April 27.—The Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company have signed a two years' agreement with their employees. There is no particular difference in the wage schedule, and any changes made were of minor importance. Great satisfaction is felt by the company, their employees, and the citizens that an agreement has been made.

OTTAWA NOTES.

Trouble Between Lawyers Resulted in One Being Seriously Injured.

Ottawa, April 27.—Rene de Salaberry, a lawyer of Hull, who was hit last night by a tumbler by C. B. Major, ex-M. P. F., is resting easily this morning, and if no complications set in will recover. Both men are lawyers, and had some trouble in the court house during the day. They ended in a hotel in the evening by a fight over the left temple and De Salaberry got the last rise of the church administered to him. The glass cut an artery over the left temple and De Salaberry nearly bled to death.

Request of Delegates.

A delegation representing the woolen trade is here to-day asking for higher duties to protect home industries.

Visiting Capital.

William McNeill, of the Vancouver, New Westminster & Yukon railway, is in the city on business.

CONFESSES INDEBTEDNESS OF MORE THAN \$2,000,000.

Statement by Frank G. Bigelow, the Defaulting President of Bank at Milwaukee.

(Associated Press.)

Milwaukee, Wis., April 27.—Frank G. Bigelow, the defaulting bank president, has confessed an indebtedness to banks, commercial institutions and the estate which he had charge of, which will aggregate between \$2,000,000 and \$3,000,000, and based on his confession a voluntary petition in bankruptcy has been filed in the United States District court which contains the names of as many of Mr. Bigelow's creditors as he can remember, together with a list of assets on which Mr. Bigelow's valuation is \$1,419,000.

By his own admission, his creditors extend all over the United States. His indebtedness to the Brookfield estate is placed at \$100,000. The debt is unsecured. It is also believed other trusts held by Bigelow have suffered.

THE NEW MINISTER.

Hon. F. Oliver Will Be Entertained at Calgary and Winnipeg.

Winnipeg, April 26.—Calgary artisans will banquet Hon. F. Oliver, minister of the interior, on Thursday night, and the Young Liberals of Winnipeg on Saturday night.

Fatal Fall.

Francis W. Tysol, aged 19, son of John E. Tysol, fell yesterday afternoon 44 feet from a warehouse, receiving injuries from which he died last night.

Local Option.

Local option carried yesterday in Gladstone and Hartney towns and districts.

THREE DEATHS.

Winnipeg, April 26.—The family of Hugh John Macdonald, who died this morning by the death of the only son, John A., who died after a lingering illness.

Frank J. Ajjoh, local registrar and master of tides, Rat Portage, is dead. W. Waddier, a young Englishman, a recent arrival, was killed in the demolition of an old building.

IMPORTATION PROHIBITED.

Albany, N. Y., April 27.—Among the bills added to the statutes to-day is one prohibiting transportation companies from bringing into this state any fish caught in that portion of Lake Champlain known as Missiquoi Bay, province of Quebec, Canada.

BLACK SEA CANAL.

St. Petersburg, April 26.—The question of constructing a canal to connect the Black Sea with the Baltic has again been taken up by the minister of finance.

Catarrh Taint

MORE LIVES ARE BLIGHTED BY CATARRH THAN BY ALL OTHER DISEASES.

IF THERE IS A HINT OF CATARRH TAIN

Apply Dr. Achew's Catarrh Powder with-out delay. It will save you suffering, heal you instantly whether you have been a slave one month or fifty years. It relieves odor in the head and catarrh headache in ten minutes. The Hon. David Mills, Minister of Justice for the Dominion of Canada, indorses it.

Ten Cents buys Dr. Achew's Liver Pills—the best.

STEAMER BURNED.

It Is Feared One Hundred and Fifty Chinese Perished.

Shanghai, April 27.—The British steamer Yuen Wo has been totally destroyed by fire at Tung Chou, 20 miles from Peking. It is feared that 150 Chinese lost their lives.

RAID BY POLICE.

Nine Men Arrested in a Broadway Hotel.

New York, April 27.—The Hotel Delevan, the proprietor of which is Tom O'Rourke, and the saloon opposite it, owned by "Kid" McCoy, both establishments on Broadway, were raided early this morning by detectives of Inspector McLaughlin's staff, says the World. Both places are well known headquarters for racing and sporting men. O'Rourke, one of the best known sporting men in the country, was charged with keeping a disorderly house. A similar charge was made against George W. Grant, manager of "Kid" McCoy's saloon.

Much excitement was caused when the detectives entered the Hotel Delevan, where 200 persons were gathered. Capt. Cottrell, of the West 30th street station, was asked to send up detectives to look at the prisoners. They selected eight, whom they said they knew. The others were released. The eight and bartender of the Delevan were taken to the station house in a patrol wagon. O'Rourke was sent down in charge of a policeman on a Broadway car. He gave bail. No prisoners were taken in the raid at McCoy's place.

MISSIONARIES CAPTURED.

Four Frenchmen Reported to Have Been Put to Death Near Frontier of Tibet.

New York, April 27.—A Herald dispatch from Peking says: "Four French missionaries have been captured by savage tribes in the vicinity of Batanga, which is situated near the frontier of Szechuan and Tibet. The Chinese assistant was murdered while trying to effect their rescue, and it is reported that the missionaries also have been put to death."

"The Chinese government refuses passage to foreigners for this part of the country, as it is not under effective control."

"The memorial presented by Wu Ting Fang has been confirmed by an imperial edict abolishing punishment of the families and relatives of criminals. This is the first recognition in China of the individual as distinct from his family. The edict also abolishes torture in the case of criminals and witnesses."

LIFE OR DEATH STRUGGLE.

Auch Depends on Success of Sultan's Troops in Fighting With Arabs.

London, April 25.—Those conversant with the situation in Yemen province, Turkish Arabia, regard the situation there as being in the nature of a life-or-death struggle for the Sultan of Turkey. They point out that the warlike Arabs of Yemen have never before been so much impatiently tolerated the Turkish yoke, have now grown tired of paying taxes three or four times over and have revolted. Should the rising in Yemen succeed it is bound to spread north to Hejaz, and if the Sultan's authority is wiped out in that holy land of Mohammedanism he will lose all claim to the title of "Protector of Holy Places," which is regarded as the main factor in holding his empire together.

SEARCHING FOR GOLL.

Police Trying to Capture Former Assistant Cashier of First National Bank of Milwaukee.

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Interest now centres in the capture of the former assistant cashier, Henry G. Goll, who is believed to have left the city. The police departments in every large city of the country have been notified to look out for him.

THE KAISER'S CUP.

Rules For Next Month's Ocean Yacht Race Have Been Completed.

New York, April 26.—The rules of the ocean race for the Kaiser's Cup next month have been completed. The starting line is to be between a committee boat and the Sandy Hook lightship. The international rules of the sea to govern the contest of the yachts. The finish of the race is to be a line bearing south from the Lizard light-house on the coast of England, and within signalling distance in the event of there being no mark boat at the finish.

ATTACKED BY MOROS.

Opened Fire on Officers' Club While Ball Was in Progress.

Manila, April 22.—The walled city of Jolo was attacked by Moros on April 9th. They fired into the officers' club and dispersed those present at a ball which was in progress. On April 10th the secretary of Gov. Scott was ambushed and killed within range of the city.

A Datto refugee from Borneo has organized the Moros, who are defying the Americans. Gen. Leonard Wood has arrived at Jolo from Zamboanga and given the Moros ten days in which to surrender the refuge Datto. If this is not done he will concentrate a sufficient force to secure a compliance with his demand.

CENTENARIAN DEAD.

New York, April 25.—Joseph Morris, who was to have celebrated his 101st birthday to-day, is dead at his home at Belford. On his one hundredth birthday he was as best man at his grandson's wedding.

GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC TERMINI

PORT SIMPSON OR ISLAND TO SOUTH

Minister of Railways Will Approve the Company's Application To-Day or To-Morrow.

Ottawa, April 27.—Hon. H. R. Emmerson expects to approve the Grand Trunk Pacific Company's application for terminals at Port Simpson and an island some ten miles south, to-day or to-morrow.

The minister has already approved of the terminals at Fort William and Port Arthur.

WORLD'S CONFERENCE

Of the Y. M. C. A. in Paris—Election of Officers.

Paris, April 26.—The World's conference of the Young Men's Christian Association which is celebrating the semi-centennial of the international alliance of the associations, was opened to-day in the Charity Bazaar building. Over a thousand delegates, representing 20 nations, were present. The Japanese delegation held credentials from their government. The American delegation represents various cities in the United States and Canada. Dean Hall, of Christiania, Norway, called the conference to order.

The following officers were elected: President, Count Jacques de Portales; vice-presidents, Prince Bernadotte, second son of King Oscar of Sweden and Norway; Count Bernstorff, of Germany; Lord Kinnaird, of England, and James Stoen, of the United States.

The opening address was made by President Bernadotte, who is president of the Scandinavian associations. A striking feature of the meeting was the audience rising unanimously and reaffirming the constitutional basis adopted 50 years ago for the extension of the Christian work of the organization. The conference will continue in session four days.

ARE POLICE TRYING TO STIR UP STRIFE?

Impression Prevails in Russian Capital That Authorities Are Fanning Agitation Among the Masses.

St. Petersburg, April 27.—A feeling akin to consternation has been caused by the publication in this morning's papers of renewed rumors of an impending popular outbreak. It is feared that the slightest incident, accidental or malevolent, among the vast congregations which will attend the churches on Saturday night may cause a panic with appalling consequences.

The mayor is being urged to convene the municipal council and take special measures to cope with the situation, and it is said that the prefect of police will issue a reassuring proclamation but the alarm is so great that it will have little effect.

The exodus at Easter will be unprecedented. All the accommodation at the neighboring resorts has already been engaged.

Reports from the province indicate similar fears.

There is a somewhat widespread impression that the police are fanning the masses against the intellectual classes.

Governor of Moscow.

St. Petersburg, April 27.—The post of governor-general of Moscow, which was temporarily abolished on January 13th, has been re-established by imperial decree, and General Kasloff, formerly chief of the Moscow police, has been appointed governor-general of that city. The administration control of the police remains in the hands of General Volkoff, who was appointed prefect in January, but the police will be under the general supervision of the governor-general.

Kosloff's appointment as governor-general of Moscow upon the eve of the anticipated troubles at Easter (April 30th) and on May day (May 14th), although accompanied by a receipt in which Emperor Nicholas speaks of the great interior reforms contemplated by him, leaves no doubt of His Majesty's purpose first to restore tranquility with a firm hand.

Kosloff distinguished himself during the nihilist conspiracies 25 years ago by hunting down conspirators, which resulted in an attempt upon his life. The public generally interprets his summons from retirement at the age of 68 as being an indication that the harsh measures of repression then sanctioned are to be revived.

The government takes the position that the execution of the reforms is impossible until the present agitation and excitement are quieted. With General Trepoft in St. Petersburg, and General Kosloff in Moscow, it is considered that public safety in the two places is assured.

TEN MINERS KILLED.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., April 26.—While ten miners were being lowered into the Conynham mine to-day the rope broke and the carriage fell to the bottom, a distance of 750 feet. All the men were instantly killed.

LIMIT OF HUMAN AGONY

Is often reached with corns. Foolish, because Putnam's Corn Extractor cures twenty-four hours. Don't put off—get Putnam's to-day. Fifty years in use. Painless and sure.

MAJOR WOODS TO REMAIN IN CHARGE

YUKON GOVERNORSHIP IS STILL UNSETTLED

The Administration Will Be Continued for the Present Under Mounted Police Officer.

Ottawa, April 27.—The question of the commissioning of Yukon Territory is thought to be practically settled for some time at least by the decision to retain the services of Major Woods, the acting commissioner. The administration of Major Woods has been very successful, no complaint having been received from Ottawa since he assumed the executive powers of government. It is a relief to know that Dawson is quiescent, and the commissioner gets credit for the changed conditions whether entitled to it or not.

Among the names mentioned for the position is that of W. W. B. McInnes, who stands well with the Western contingent. Other British Columbians who have advocates are J. C. Brown and W. Marchant. The retention of the services of the present incumbent of the office will render a choice from among those available, or a reference to their claims and qualifications, unnecessary at the present time.

The Yukoners have been in Ottawa this session in strong force. Ex-Commissioner Congdon is still here. Notwithstanding the outcry raised against him by bitter opponents, Mr. Congdon is believed to be a highly honorable man. He is undoubtedly an able man. Rumor assigns him to a judgeship in the near future. That he did not succeed in reconciling the irreconcilable at Dawson will not be remembered against him by those who know him best.

MILLIONS FOR BUILDINGS.

Extensive Operations Will Probably Commence in Montreal Next Year.

Montreal, April 26.—Next year will probably witness the most extensive building operations on St. James street that this thoroughfare of business and financial houses has ever experienced, and when the edifices which will be constructed in 1906 are completed a sum exceeding \$3,000,000 will have been expended. Perhaps the most costly of the huge piles of granite or cut stone to adorn St. James street in the future will be