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CHINA ACCEPTS JAPAN'S TERMS

Buys Arms Cargo of Seized Steamer Tatsu and Pays Demurrage

JAPAN TO STOP TRAFFIC

Secret Cruise of Naval Squadron Declared to Be Only Coincidence

Pekin, March 14.—The negotiations looking towards a settlement of the difficulty between China and Japan growing out of the seizure by China of the Japanese steamer Tatsu Maru, are now making favorable progress. The Chinese foreign board today approved the draft of a document in which China accepts the proposals made by Japan yesterday. China will pay Japan 21,400 yen ($10,000) and retain the arms that form the cargo of the Tatsu Maru. She will pay also ten thousand taels demurrage on the steamer. It is expected that the Tatsu Maru will be released on March 16.

In addition, Japan agrees to adopt and enforce strict regulations to prevent future traffic in arms and ammunition from Japan to China, but she refuses to include the territory of Macao in this limitation. China will soon take up negotiations with Portugal regarding the contraband traffic at Macao. She hopes that an accurate delimitation of Portuguese waters at Macao will now be secured, and that the gambling for which Macao is notorious, as well as the smuggling done through that port, may be materially restricted.

Secret Cruise

Hongkong, March 14.—Information has been received here from Formosa that the first Japanese naval squadron will sail today on a secret cruise. The cruisers Yakoma, Akitsushima, Asama, and a flotilla of smaller vessels have been made ready to sail at a moment's notice since March 1.

The Tatsu Maru case has caused a sensation in the navy, and some action in this connection is surmised.

A dispatch from Tokio under the date of March 9 announced that part of the first Japanese naval squadron was to leave port on March 14. Other preparations for the departure are proceeding rapidly.

At the office of the admiralty in Tokio, it was declared that the squadron was about to begin a series of manoeuvres. It was pointed out further that this fact was announced two months ago, and that, therefore, the activity at Sasebo should not necessarily be considered in connection with the difficulty with China arising from the Tatsu Maru incident.

No Amnesty for Regicides

Lisbon, March 14.—It was announced today that King Manuel will not sign a decree of general amnesty until it has been established that there was no connection between the assassinations of his father and brother and the political uprisings planned for last year.

MULAI SUES FOR PEACE

Sends Messenger to Treat With French Commander—May Go to Mecca

Paris, March 14.—The government believes there is a good prospect of a definite settlement of the trouble in Morocco. This will be based upon the submission and elimination of Mulai Hafid, the insurgent Sultan. General D'Amade, the French commander in Morocco, telegraphs that supplications for peace have been received from Hafid and his leaders. The general reports also that French troops are encamped at the gates of Settat and that the pacification of the entire Chaoula region is proceeding rapidly.

General D'Amade has granted a safe conduct to the chief of the Chaoula tribe, who has announced that Mulai Hafid is ready for submission, to come to Settat, where the French commander is at present stationed, to discuss terms.

In an engagement on the Algerian frontier on Wednesday last, the French punitive detachment was forced to retire, one officer being killed and two men wounded. During the course of the engagement, the tribesmen were greatly reinforced.

Madrid, March 14.—Official confirmation has been received here from Morocco of the report that Mulai Hafid, the insurgent sultan, has submitted peace proposals to Adbul Aziz, the Sultan of Record. It is rumored an arrangement may be made by which Mulai Hafid and his lieutenants will be furnished money for "an indefinite pilgrimage to Mecca," in other words that they will be paid to leave the country.

Avalanche Kills Eighteen

Tonsk, Siberia, March 13.—Eighteen persons have been killed by an avalanche in the Dukhtarminsk district. The mass of snow, rolling down the side of the mountain overwhelmed and carried away two houses before the people inside could escape. Two men survived the experience by they ar badly injurd.
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U. S. Revenue Cutters

Wilmington, Del., March 14.—Two United States revenue cutters were launched at the yards of H. Pusey and Jones & Co., in this city today, one immediately after the other. The first was the Snohomish, designed for service in Puget Sound. The other is the Davey, designed for service in the Gulf of Mexico. Each vessel is of the following dimensions: Length, 152 feet; beam, 29 feet; depth of hold, 12 feet.

SCENE IN COMMONS

Colonel Talbot, of Bellechasse, and Dr. Sproule Have Short Altercation

Ottawa, March 14.—There was a violent scene in the Commons last night. Col. Talbot, member for Bellechasse, made a violent attack on Dr. Sproule. Reading from a speech the doctor was reported to have made at the Orange Grand lodge meeting at Mount Forest, concerning the province of Quebec, Mr. Talbot bitterly assailed Dr. Sproule and declared he had no words available in which to express his contempt.

Dr. Sproule retorted that if Mr. Talbot had no words available he might suggest some that Mr. Talbot had used in private life.

Mr. Talbot said, excitedly: "I challenge you. I defy you to probe into my past life."

He then left the chamber.

Southern Railway Dividend.

New York, March 13.—No action was taken by the directors of the Southern Pacific Railway company at their meeting today on the preferred stock dividend. No official explanation was made as to why no action was taken.

Lusitania Breaks Record.

Liverpool, March 13.—A wireless message received by the Cunard Steamship Company states that the Lusitania, which left here for New York on Saturday, made a record run of 627 knots from Monday noon to Tuesday noon. The Lusitania's run of 627 knots establishes a new world's record, the best previous day's westward run being 613 knots made on November 6th. On that run the Lusitania also broke the record for a westward voyage, crossing the Atlantic in four days 18 hours and 40 minutes.

EUROPEAN DISLIKE FOR UNITED STATES

Banker Hepburn Finds Britain Only Friend Across the Atlantic

New York, March 14. — Former Comptroller of the Currency A. B. Hepburn, now president of the Chase National bank, after a two months' sojourn in Europe, gave out an interview today, in which he said:

"The one thing that most strongly impressed itself upon the mind of a careful observer in Europe at the present time is the fact that the continent of Europe does not like the United States. They regard us as a bumptious people that ought to be spanked into some sort of decorum, and they would welcome and rejoice in any international complications not involving themselves that would bring us into difficulties. We are their commercial and financial rivals, and our growing importance as a naval and military power disturbs them. It disturbs the international balance of power as it heretofore existed, and upon which their diplomacy has heretofore been based. Neither does the continent of Europe like Japan, and for similar reasons. Her recently achievement naval and military prestige and her English alliance have brought Japan to the front in the family of nations, as an aggressive force that must be reckoned with in world politics. It follows from this condition of affairs that nothing would be contemplated with greater complacency by continental powers than a war between the United States and Japan.

A taxing of the strength and a wasting of the resources of these two powers, not involving themselves, would tend to restore their relative power and precedure in the council of nations. This explains the repeated rumors from Paris, Berlin and St. Petersburg of impending difficulties between the United States and Japan; the wish is father to the thought, and the continual prediction of trouble is made in the hope of inciting the same.

"It was never more apparent than now that the only European friend we have is England. England is the only European power that would not welcome a condition of affairs that might bring to us disaster or defeat. England's interests parallel ours, and anything that would impair our prestige would be alike prejudicial to her."

AGAINST WHISKEY

John D. Rockefeller Commends Prohibition Movement in the States

Augusta, March 14.—"I am an old man, and I am glad to say I never touched whiskey." John D. Rockefeller made this statement today to a newspaper man. He talked freely on the subject of prohibition. He regarded it "as a good thing to keep liquor away from the negroes and lower classes of whites." "I know there are many problems to be considered in connection with this great question, but in the end I think it will be best for the state," he said, indicating his view with reference to the present situation in Georgia. "It uplifts the people, strengthens them, teaches them to save. It is best." Mr. Rockefeller believes that the prohibition sentiment is growing, not only in this country, but in England as well. It is his belief that the wave of anti-liquor sentiment is steadily gaining ground throughout the United States.

John R. Walsh Sentenced

Chicago, March 13.—Judge Anderson, of the United States District court, today denied the motion for a new trial for John R. Walsh, former president of the Chicago National bank, convicted of misusing the funds of that institution, and sentenced him to five years in the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas.

Welland Candidate.

Welland, Ont., March 14.—Welland Conservatives nominated E. E. Fraser, M. P. P., as their candidate at the next provincial elections.

EIGHT KILLED BY EXPLOSION

Drug House in Natchez Wrecked and People Buried in Ruins

MANY RESIDENCES BURNED

Work of Recovering Bodies Delayed on Account of the Fierce Heat

Natchez, Miss., March 14.—Eight persons were killed, one was severely injured and property valued at many thousands of dollars was wrecked today as the result of an explosion of gas in the basement of a five-story building occupied by the Natchez Drug company at Main and North Union streets, near the business quarter.

The dead: Cleve Laubat, Mrs. Ketteringham, Miss Luella Booth, Lizzie Worthy, Carrie Murray, Inez Notterville, Ada White; Elias Hotchkiss, a carpenter, ran from the building and fell, breaking his neck.

John Garkett, 71 years old, suffered fractures of both legs. He is not expected to live.

The explosion tore away the rear wall of the building, which in falling crushed an adjoining tenement building. The wreckage caught fire, and a stiff wind carried huge sparks to the north and west, setting fire to eighteen residences, seven of which were destroyed.

All business has been suspended, and the local companies of militia are on duty. Tomorrow the work of recovering the bodies buried under great piles of brick and debris will begin. Owing to the intense heat, this work is impossible tonight.

Thaw Makes Answer

New York, March 13.—Denying the charge of insanity, and praying for dismissal of the suit, Harry K. Thaw, through his counsel tonight made answer to Evelyn Nesbitt Thaw's suit for annulment of their marriage. Thaw's answer was delivered to Daniel O'Reilly, counsel for Mrs. Thaw, who, after receiving the papers, stated that the case would be put on trial and called in the supreme court next week. The answer of Hary Thaw is brief, and contains the barest legal formalities. A. Russell Peabody, lawyer for Thaw, declared that the case would be thoroughly contested by his client.

BUILD NEW CRUISER IN THIS PROVINCE

Senator Macdonald Presents Strong Arguments to Minister

Ottawa, March 14.—Senator Macdonald had a very satisfactory interview with Hon. Mr. Brodeur, minister of marine, to press the advisability and propriety of building the new fisheries cruiser in British Columbia. He pointed out that although the actual cost might be less in Great Britain, yet he had to consider the cost of fuel, and the heavy cost of coaling in foreign stations, also the cost of victualling, pay for the crew, and many other necessaries for a long sea voyage.

The minister promised to consider these points, and without actually pledging himself, said he thought the vessel, if possible, would be built in British Columbia.

DOUBTFUL SUICIDE STORY

St. Paul's Girl's Narrative of Friends' Self-Destruction Does Not Bear Examination

New York, March 14.—A startling story of how five girls who came to New York from St. Paul took their own lives was told today by 17-year-old Helen Baxter, after she had made a vain effort to commit suicide.

She said she was one of the party of six girls who came to New York to make their fortunes after receiving a course of training in a business college in the Minnesota city. She turned on the gas in her furnished room in 43rd street last night, but was resuscitated this morning.

When asked why she had tried to end her life the girl replied: "Why should I not be allowed to dis. My five girl friends who left St. Paul with me a year ago, after we left school, have all committed suicide. I want to die as they did and join them."

She proceeded to give particulars of each case of suicide.

An investigation of the Baxter girl's story by detectives did not serve to corroborate it in any of the essential details. When arraigned in court, the girl stated that she was confused in giving her story, and the police decided to make no further inquiry. The Baxter girl will be sent back to St. Paul.

Parry Sound Conservatives.

Callander, Ont., March 14.—Parry Sound Conservatives nominated Mr. Cana, M. P. P., as their candidate at the next provincial elections.

Women and Civil Service.

Ottawa, March 14.—The executive of the Ottawa Liberal association, which has much to do with patronage and local appointments to government positions, has passed a resolution recommending the curtailment of appointments of women to the civil service.

CALGARY'S BIG FAIR

Directors Arrange for Attractions and Fix on Sums for the Prize Lists

Calgary, March 14.—The Dominion fair directors held a four-hour session yesterday, arranging for the fair and getting out prize lists. The following sums were allotted for different exhibits as prize money: Horses, $9,000; cattle, $5,000; sheep, $1,566; swine, $1,000; poultry, $1,056; dairy, $415; dogs, $714; fine arts, etc., $876; natural history, $175; district exhibits and exhibits of agricultural products, $2,098.

Willis, proprietor of the Lyric theatre, has decided to build a new theatre here. It will be a vaudeville house, with accommodation for 500 people. The new theatre will be completed in time for the Dominion fair.

A despatch from Spokane received today states that city will run a business exchange excursion to Calgary for the Dominion fair, running several trains.

German Torpedo Boat Sunk

Cuxhaven, March 13.—The German torpedo boat S 12 was run into and sunk by an unknown steamer at the mouth of the river Elbe today. The chief engineer of the torpedo boat was drowned, but the remainder of the crew were rescued.

Fire on Steamer

New York, March 13.—Fear that a fire which was discovered on the steamer Providence while coming up the Long Island Sound early today might endanger the lives of his 350 passengers, caused the captain of the steamer to summon the steamer Richard Peck by wireless, and within a few minutes the passengers had been transferred to the latter vessel. The fire on the Providence was extinguished before much damage had been done.

Norwegian Crisis

Christiania, March 14.—King Haakon has accepted the resignation of the cabinet. This step on the part of the ministry is an outcome of the reception by the storthing of socialist and radical motions of lack of confidence. Both motions were rejected by the storthing, but the vote showed that the government could retain office only by favoring coalition parties, which the ministers were unwilling to do. They have advised the king to summon the radical leader, Gunnar Knudsen, to form a new cabinet.

American Cipher Stolen

Bucharest, March 13.—It was learned here today that a copy of the cipher of the United States department, used in private correspondence between Washington and the various American legations and embassies was stolen recently from the American legation here by a French employee who succeeded in making his escape to Constantinople. It is understood that this is the second time the United States cipher has been obtained by strangers within the past few years. The previous occasion was at St. Petersburg, where spies secured photographic copies of the cipher from the American embassy.

Principal McKay at Regina

Regina, March 13.—Rev. John McKay, M. A., principal of the new Presbyterian College in British Columbia, arrived in Regina this afternoon en route west, and addressed the inaugural meeting of the Canadian Club this evening at the conclusion of an informal dinner at the King's hotel. Dr. McKay announced his subject as the "predominant partner of the empire and some of her problems." His address was along the line of a better Canada, and dealt with some of the questions which will confront the people of this great land in years to come. As Mr. McKay is taking one of the most important positions in the west in assuming his principalship of the college on the coast, he was ably fitted for his theme, and his address was a good one.

St. John's Nfd., March 13.—An express train on the Reid Newfoundland railroad jumped the track near Port aux Basques last night. The passengers were asleep at the time, and as the cars turned over many of them were injured, though none fatally. Many of them were compelled to remain at Port aux Basques to have their wounds attended to. Aubrey Snow, of Fernie, B. C., had his arm badly dislocated.

MERCHANT SOUNDS NOTE OF WARNING

Men Who Rush Too Early to Finlay River Will Face Starvation

Vancouver, March 14.—Paul Dunlevy, merchant, of Hazelton, declares that the new Finlay river placer gold camp is yet unproved, and deprecates an early rush to that district. He says starvation will stare men in the face if they rush in early in large numbers.

HACKENSCHMIDT IS READY

Champion Wrestler of World Arrives in America for Match With Gotch

New York, March 14.—Expressing himself as not to be misunderstood by the American public, Georges Hackenschmidt, the champion wrestler of the world, who arrived here yesterday from Europe, proclaimed confidence in his ability to defeat Frank Gotch, the American champion, whom he will meet in Chicago on April 3.

"I would have it understood, however," he said, "that whatever may be the outcome of the match between Gotch and myself, it will be an absolutely square contest in which the best man will win."

While Hackenschmidt feels well, he is not quite in the best wrestling condition. "I have been working for the past year, and have had little time in which to train, but I know that with two weeks' training I will be in perfect shape."

When he was told that Gotch was a great wrestler, he said: "I'm glad to hear it. If he's as good as reported our bout should prove a good one."

LABOR MEASURE IS THROWN OUT

Unemployed Workmen's Bill Defeated in the British Commons

ADVERSE MAJORITY HEAVY

Liberal Members Apparently Influenced by Lord Rosebery's Speech

London, March 13.—The Liberals and the Socialists came to a clash in the House of Commons today, and, undoubtedly influenced to a certain extent by Lord Rosebery's speech to the Liberal league yesterday against Socialism, the Liberals threw overboard the unemployed workmen's bill of the labor party. The majority against this bill was 149.

The measure has become known as the "right to work" bill, because a vital clause makes it the duty of the local authorities to provide work for all unemployed persons, and failing this provision of work the authorities shall provide maintenance for the unemployed and their families.

Telephone Deal Off.

Salt Lake, Utah., March 13.—The $15,000 deposited by Utah stockholders of the Independent Telephone company with the United States Telephone company of Rochester, limited, to secure an option on the bonds and stock of the local company, has been returned. This was one of the terms under which the shares of stock held in Utah were sold today to George Aberger, of the Trust company of New Jersey. The eastern holdings of bonds and stock amount to about $1,000,000, and the price paid for the outstanding shares in Salt Lake is believed to be about $90,000, including the returned deposit.

Young Men as Witnesses

New Westminster, March 14. — Messrs. C. S. Cook and A. Betts, who conduct a poolroom, have been summoned to appear in court on Monday to answer to a charge of conducting a common gaming-house. It is alleged that winnings on slot machines were paid in cash instead of goods. Twenty young men have been summoned as witnesses.

STRIKES ON REEF AT VINEYARD SOUND

Nova Scotia Steamer Sylvia Hard Aground—Beta's Crew Aboard

Woods Hole, Mass., March 14.—The Red Cross line steamer Sylvia, from New York for Halifax and St. John, N. B., which struck on the Sow and Pigs reef, at the entrance to Vineyard sound, just before daylight this morning, remained hard aground on the reef tonight. Her passengers, who were taken off by the boats of the United States revenue cutter Mohawk, were carried to New Bedford, where they remained tonight in hotels and lodging houses, awaiting arrangements which were to be made by the steamship company for forwarding them to their destination. All the light baggage belonging to the passengers was taken away with them.

Efforts will be made tomorrow to remove the Sylvia from her dangerous position. Tonight the sea was smooth and the weather clear and the vessel was apparently in no immediate danger of going to pieces. Her captain and crew remained on board.

Among the passengers of the Sylvia were crews from wrecked vessels, Pickford and Black's steamer Beta which went ashore on Turk's island, and the British schooner Majorie J. Summer, from Weymouth, N. S., which was wrecked in West Indian waters not long ago. These crews were on the way from New York to their homes in the province.

A similarity between the fog signal on the new Hen and Chickens lightship and that on the Vineyard sound lightship is said to have been the cause of the grounding of the Sylvia.

CANADA'S TIMBER SUPPLY

An Alarmist Note Struck by Explorers at Recent Forestry Convention

Montreal, March 14.—The question as to whether Canada really possesses vast areas of standing timber formed the main topic of discussion at the concluding session of the Dominion forestry convention yesterday. It was contended by many of the speakers that the government had not the amount of standing timber or future prospects in that direction which many people seem to think.

Several practical explorers of the great Canadian northern wilds declared it was useless to make any predictions as to the possible timber value of that country. It was time to stop painting the forest resources of Canada in such glowing generalities as calling the Dominion the pulp and timber source of the world, and to get down to the hard fact that this country, like the United States, might ere long find the end of its timber values. Forest experts declared that a timber famine was actually in sight.

Invitations were received from Halifax and Toronto for the next convention, while Regina extended an invitation for the summer meeting. These will all be dealt with by the executive committee.

OFFICERS TURN ROBBERS

Order People From Street Car at the Point of Pistol and Take Their Cash

New Orleans, March 14.—Following the complaint of two citizens that they had been taken off a street car at the point of a pistol, conducted to a near-by building and there robbed, a squad of police today went to the building and were surprised to find two of their brother officers in the place. One of the officers, supernumerary patrolman Warren E. Bofill, was identified as the man who ordered the citizens off the car after he had shown them his police badge. The other officer, patrolman A. Connely, was declared to be the man who had sat at an improvised desk and answered questions when Bofill addressed him as "sergeant." Bofill was placed under arrest and locked up on several charges. Connely was suspended from the force pending a further investigation. The men who made the complaint are laborers, who allege that Bofill took about $1.25 from them.

Tried to Finish Life.

Toronto, March 14.—Discharged from his employment for abstracting $5 from the purse of a lady, Louis Fried, a finisher, tried to commit suicide by taking antiseptic tablets. Prompt measures at the hospital saved Fried's life. He has a wife and children.

Grain Exchange in Trouble

Winnipeg, March 14.—The Winnipeg Grain Exchange is in a serious financial condition owing to inability to raise money to pay the debt of $320,000 against its new half-million dollar building. The members blame recent legislation for the trouble. Seats that were worth $2,700 a few weeks ago are now only worth $1,000. A special meeting of the exchange is called for next Friday.

MAY FIGHT AGAINST DOMINION'S ORDER

Hindu Question in Another Form—Suspension of the Natal Act

Vancouver, March 14.—Hon. W. J. Bowser, attorney-general, today announced that pending appeal to the full court, in the matter of the judgment of Mr. Justice Morrison yesterday that the Natal act was ultra vires, the operation of the act will be suspended. This suspension will apply not only to Hindus, but to all people entering British Columbia from foreign countries, because by Mr. Justice Morrison's decision the Natal act in its entirety is knocked out—for the time being at least. This declaration on the part of the attorney-general of the intention of the government involves a denial of reports published in two Vancouver newspapers that an attempt would still be made to enforce the act pending the appeal to the full court.

Every effort is to be made by the government to hurry on the hearing of the appeal by the full court, but owing to the fact that all the members of the supreme court bench are now exceedingly busy it is improbable that the Natal act question can be argued before the sitting of the court in Vancouver on April 7.

Tonight or tomorrow some hundred and eighty Hindus are expected to reach Vancouver from Esquimalt, where they were debarked from the C. P. R. steamship Monteagle some time ago because of the presence of smallpox on that vessel when she reached this coast from the Orient. No Natal act bars the entrance of these men to this province, and the only obstacle in the way of their enjoying perfect freedom here is the order-in-council passed some weeks ago by the Dominion government requiring all immigrants to come direct from the land of their birth or citizenship. The Hindus who arrived on the Monteagle all reached Hongkong direct from Calcutta, being transshipped at the former port to the steamer bound for Vancouver. To prove that they came direct from India to Vancouver the Hindus possess orders from the C. P. R. agents at Calcutta on the agents at Hongkong calling for trans-Pacific transportation.

Despite the fact that in previous instances of an exactly similar kind Hindus have been admitted by the Dominion officials the federal authorities now intend to question the claim of the turbanned men to having made continuous passage. The result may be another clash in the court, with the Hindus as aggressors and the federal government on the defensive. The government contends that the order from the Calcutta agents is not positive identification of the men presenting it here—that the order might have been transferred, say at Hongkong—and an attempt will be made to place the burden of proof of identification on the Hindus and on the C. P. R.

What proof the individual Hindus could possibly adduce to satisfy the officials that the order was held in a bona fide manner is still a question. It appears that the best they can do in that direction is to make oath.

So far as the C. P. R. is concerned it does not intend to accept the claim that the onus of proof is upon it. It was announced today by a prominent official of the company that it will contend that it is merely a carrier of these people—that when they buy tickets in Calcutta for Vancouver they are entitled to transportation, and it does not devolve upon the company to establish their identification before immigration officials at this port. It is understood that if the government presses the point as against the railway the matter will be fought out in the courts.

The Monteagle Hindus, it is understood, will be examined here tomorrow by Dr. Monro, Dominion immigration agent.

Kingston Painters' Demands

Kingston, Ont., March 13.—Painters here want an eight hour day with no cut in wages, and threaten to strike if their demand is not granted.

SECURE MONEY FROM GULLIBLE

Profitable Game Played by Bidwells in Company Promotion

FOUND GUILTY OF SWINDLE

Elder Operator Brother of Men Who Defrauded Bank of England

Chicago, March 14.—Benson Bidwell and his son, Charles F., promoters of the Bidwell Electric company, a "cold motor" concern, were found guilty tonight of operating a confidence game.

Benson Bidwell is a brother of George and Austin Bidwell, who, it is said, defrauded the Bank of England out of $5,000,000. He started the electric company in 1906. He declared that he had invented an electric motor that would not burn out. He also asserted that he was the inventor of the trolley car and of the electric fan.

Investors from all parts of the United States answered his advertisements, sending to the company a total of $225,000, according to the books of the concern. Charles F. Bidwell, the son, was appointed secretary and general manager of the concern. The son received 366,000 of the 2,500,000 shares of the stock of the concern.

It was alleged by the prosecution that the Bidwells sold their private stock in the company to persons who thought that they were buying treasury stock. This allegation was supported at the trial by Miss Ida Palmer, who had been employed as an assistant by Charles Bidwell. In addition to testifying against her former employers, she turned over to the state a secret stock book containing the names of investers in the concern. The state also brought forward expert electricians, who declared that the motor invented by the elder Bidwell was impracticable.

The case, which was based on a complaint brought by an investor in the company, was brought to trial on February 17. It went to the jury shortly before noon today, the verdict of guilty being found after seven hours of deliberation. Sentence will be passed later.

SHOT ON STREET

Supposed Agent of Black Hand Killed by Two Fruit Peddlers in New York

New York, March 14.—A well dressed prosperous looking Italian was shot to death in a street duel with two men at 114th street and Fifth avenue today. The men made their escape and have not been captured. It is believed that the dead man was a Black Hand agent and that his death was a result of an attempt to collect tribute from the men who afterwards killed him.

Early today the victim, a stranger in the neighborhood, asked two men who were wheeling wheelbarrows filled with bananas whether they had "received that message." Both men made some answer, whereupon the stranger drew a revolver from his side pocket.

The two men were equally quick. The stranger fired and his two adversaries closed in on him. They caught his revolver hand and while one held it the other pressed a revolver against the back of the man's head and fired. The man fell to the sidewalk dying. His assailants fled in opposite directions.

KAISER'S LETTER

Statement That It Became Known to the London Times by King's Permission

Berlin, March 14.—A lively correspondence has been in progress between members of the English and German courts since the fact became known that Emperor William sent a personal letter to Lord Tweedmouth, first lord of the British admiralty, in February, supposedly concerning British naval estimates. Through this channel news has reached the German court that it was King Edward himself who permitted the information about Emperor William's letter to be communicated to the London Times. Unwillingness to publish His Majesty's communication and Lord Tweedmouth's reply was expressed on the English side because, as was anticipated at the time, it might embarrass Lord Tweedmouth. For this reason the emperor did not give his consent to publication. Copies of the letters in question, however, have been shown to various persons who are able to say as a result of their own reading that the letter of Emperor William contained nothing that could be construed into interfereace with the naval plans of Great Britain.

Only a Fairy Tale.

Toronto, March 14.—General Manager Jemmett says the story that the Sovereign bank held notes totalling $62,000, the maker and endorser of which could not be found, is a fairy tale.

Motor Car in Jerusalem

Jerusalem, March 13.—Charles J. Glidden, of Boston, and Mrs. Glidden arrived here today in a motor car from Haifa, Syria. It was the first motor car ever seen in Jerusalem, and created a sensation among the populace.

Chinese Riot Claims

Ottawa, March 14.—On his return from England, W. L. Mackenzie King, deputy minister of labor, will be sent to Vancouver by the government as a royal commissioner to adjudicate and settle claims of Chinese residents there for damages in connection with the anti-Oriental riot last summer.