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WOMAN DYNAMITER.

Oakland, Cal., Dec. 19.—Mrs. Isabella J. Martin, who was convicted of conspiracy in the dynamiting of the house of Judge Ogden, in this city, was sentenced to-day to imprisonment for life.

According to records recently completed Europe is growing steadily colder.

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WANTS LEGATIONS MADE EMBASSIES

CHINA'S DESIRE TO RANK AMONG POWERS

Carrying Out of Reforms in Empire May Lead to Recognition of Claim.

Pekin, Dec. 24.—The foreign board has received a cablegram from Tang Shao Yi, at Washington, saying that the Washington government has responded favorably to the proposal made by China to raise the Chinese legation at Washingon to the rank of an embassy. Tang Shao Yi is the Chinese official who is at present in the United States on a diplomatic mission from his government.

China is very sensitive on the subject of an equal diplomatic footing with Japan, especially since the episode of the visit of the American battleships at Amoy. Only half the American fleet visited the Chinese port, while all the 16 vessels went to Yokohama. Anything that contributes to the success of the mission of Tang Shao Yi will tend to strengthen the efforts here of Yuan Sa Ho Kai and others in the work of reforming the court.

It is believed that the reform of the foreign board of the empire and the existing court practices, together with the adoption of a reformed code, the inauguration of courts of law, the establishment of an improved financial system, and the abolition of the existing system of ex-territoriality, will tend to influence the powers toward accepting proposals to raise the rank of Chinese diplomatic representatives.

TEACHERS MAY SHARE IN SUPERANNUATION

Provincial Government Considering Question of Including Them in Benefits.

In the new civil service bill which the provincial secretary, Hon. H. E. Young, will introduce into the legislature at the approaching session it is probable that teachers in the public schools may be given an opportunity to take advantage of the scheme of superannuation.

The Vancouver Educational Club has been interesting itself in the question. The minister, however, has had the question under consideration for a long time, and is still gathering data in the matter which will assist him in coming to a conclusion as to what can be done.

It is probable, however, that upon certain conditions teachers may be included in the general plan upon which all the civil servants will be placed in a position to derive benefits from the superannuation fund.

RAILWAYS BUY WATERFRONT.

Negotiations Completed for Property in Terminal City.

Vancouver, Dec. 23.—With the object of securing new terminal facilities for one or more big transcontinental railways, negotiations for a transfer of False creek waterfront property to the value of over $350,000 was concluded, but the agent of the purchasers, who are said to be the G. N. Ry. and the N. P. Ry, is still looking for more waterfront in that locality, provided the price is right.

The property involved in this big deal comprises all that stretch of waterfront on the north side of the upper basin of False creek, lying between Heatley avenue on the east and Boundary avenue on the west.

INJURED IN RUNAWAY.

Alfred Smith, Lulu Island Farmer, Crushed Against Wagon and May Die.

Vancouver, Dec. 23.—While engaged in harnessing a team of horses to a heavy wagon, Alfred Smith, a well known rancher of Lulu Island, was probably fatally injured last evening. He was standing between the horses against the pole of the wagon, and had almost completed the task when, for some reason, the animals took fright suddenly and dashed forward. The man was tangled helplessly in the harness, wheels and flying hoofs and was borne against the side of another heavy wagon that stood nearby. There, still carried on the pole, he was dashed full against the wagon and the horses stopped. When picked up, Smith was horribly crushed and mangled and may die.

RUSHING HIM TO PORT.

Rudolph Spreckles Paying For Extra Coal Burned on Steamship Nippon Maru.

Honolulu, Dec. 22.—In order to arrive in San Francisco in time to be present in court when sentence is passed on Abraham Ruef, next Thursday, Rudolph Spreckels, who financed the graft investigation and prosecution in that city, and who is a passenger on the Japanese liner Nippon Maru, which sailed from this port on Sunday, has agreed to pay for the extra coal burned in the effort to reach port a few hours ahead of schedule. The Nippon Maru is due at San Francisco on Thursday morning.

ROPE BREAKS, THREE DIE IN MINE SHAFT

Cobalt, Ont., Dec. 24.—Wm. Hamilton, of Ottawa; Fred Kelly, of West Templeton, Que., and Edward Nation, of St. Pierre, were killed in the Columbus mine yesterday by falling down a shaft through the breaking of the rope of a bucket in which they were descending.

BOMB THROWER'S SENTENCE.

Life Imprisonment for Man Who Blew Up Jim Gallagher's House at 'Frisco.

Oakland, Cal., Dec. 24.—Peter Claudians yesterday was found guilty of dynamiting the home of former Supervisor James L. Gallagher, the star witness for the prosecution in the San Francisco bribery cases. Claudians was sentenced to life imprisonment. The jury was out only eight minutes, and reached a verdict on the first ballot. Claudians waived appeal and started for San Quentin last night.

CATHEDRAL LOOTED.

Ornaments Torn From Tombs of Danish Kings by Sacreligious Hands.

Copenhagen, Dec. 24.—The cathedral at Roteskilde, the burial place for centuries past of the Danish Kings, was looted by burglars on Tuesday night and a large number of costly gold and silver wreaths, urns and shields were carried away. The tombs of both King Christian and Queen Louise were robbed of all the valuable gold and silver memorials sent by the crowned heads of Europe and the cities of Denmark.

PLUNGES DAGGER INTO 18-YEAR-OLD GIRL

Italian Assailant is Chased Through Montreal Streets and Captured.

Montreal, Que., Dec. 24.—Plunging a dagger three times into the body of a companion, an 18-year old girl, with whom he had been walking along University street, an Italian yesterday afternoon committed a deed that aroused the indignation of those who witnessed the stabbing and led to a desperate chase through the neighboring streets, ending in the assailant being finally brought to bay, overpowered, and handed over to the police. The girl was taken to a hospital, where her condition is reported as dangerous, although she may recover. She gave the name of Seliac Pastille while her assailant is Francesco Barlo, 22 years old.

NO U. S. SYNDICATE IN PANAMA CANAL DEAL

Receiver of Old Company Characterizes Story as a Fable.

Paris, Dec. 24.—In view of a possible congressional investigation in the United States into the Panama canal purchase, M. Lemarques, the receiver of the old company, who hitherto has declined to be interviewed, made the following statement yesterday:

"While I do not desire to go into details or participate in the polemic now raging in America, I do not hesitate, in speaking from personal knowledge, to brand the story of the existence of an America syndicate to which the purchase money is supposed eventually to have gone, as a fable, invented of whole cloth. As an officer appointed by the court, it would be improper for me to say more. Both tradition and practice make it impossible for me to disclose the list of individual bondholders to whom the money was distributed."

Another authority asserts that the American interest in the canal was comparatively insignificant, being confined practically to a single New York banker, whose holdings long antedated the project of the American purchase. He estimated the amount that went to America as well below $500,000.

TORONTO MAYORALTY.

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 24.—Municipal nominations were held in Toronto yesterday. The nominations for mayor and board of control were made at noon, and the nominations for aldermen last night. The mayoralty candidates are: Joseph Oliver (present mayor), Thomas Davies, W. A. Douglas, J. M. Briggs and J. Lindala; board of control: F. S. Spence, W. S. Harrison, W. P. Hubbard, H. C. Hocken, J. J. Ward (present controllers), B. R. Geary, James Hales, R. B. Noble, James O'Hara, F. O. Sabine and J. Simpson.

CASSELS' INQUIRY OVER.

Investigation of Marine Department Affairs in B. C. and P. E. I. Not Considered Necessary.

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—In concluding the investigation into the marine department yesterday afternoon Judge Cassels stated that departmental matters were all cleared except in British Columbia and Prince Edward Island but it was hardly necessary to go there.

WINNIPEGGER'S SUDDEN DEATH.

Winnipeg, Dec. 24.—John W. Woodward, a prominent real estate agent, dropped dead yesterday while talking to a friend. Apoplexy was the cause.

MANITOBA TO CUT PHONE RATES

PROBABLE FULFILMENT OF LONG-STANDING PROMISE

Government Management of System Proves Success—Profits During First Year.

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 24.—In the immediate future, probably before the end of the year, an announcement will be made by the government of a reduction in the present phone rate.

Under government ownership it is expected that the profits for the first year will amount to approximately $225,000. This has been brought about by a careful saving of expenses and also by a judicious raising of rates in certain classes which had hitherto been too low.

As far as can be learned, although nothing has yet been definitely decided, residence 'phones in Winnipeg will cost about $20 after the first of the year and business 'phones will cost in the neighborhood of $30 or $35 against $50 now charged. Throughout the province similar reductions will be made wherever possible but in every case the rates will be considerably lower than those now charged.

Careful estimates show that under the proposed rate the 'phone system will be self-supporting, in fact will show a small surplus every year while the new lines to be constructed will also be supported by their own revenue.

POSTAL RETURNS.

Department Has Net Surplus of $1,082,301—Nearly 400 Million Letters Sent.

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—The report of the postmaster-general for the year ended March 31st, shows a net surplus of $1,082,301, the best showing in the history of the Canadian post office. This surplus is in spite of a very large ex- [illegible] the postal service, including the establishment of 446 new post offices. It is estimated that 398,011,000 letters were posted in Canada in the twelve months ending March 31, an increase over the previous year of 31,916,000.

ONE DEAD, FOUR INJURED, IN NEW YORK BLAZE

Prompt and Heroic Work of Firemen Saves Many Lives.

New York, Dec. 24.—One man was killed, three other men and a woman were seriously burned, and the lives of many others were saved only by prompt and heroic work by firemen and the tenants themselves, in a fire that wrecked the five-story apartment house at 122 West 127th street early today. The fire damage was about $15,000.

MONTANA TRAIN ROBBERY.

Man Wanted For Crime Believed to Be Under Arrest.

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 24.—Geo. T. Frankhauser, believed to be the man who with a companion robbed the Oriental Limited train on the Great Northern railway near Rondo, Mont., on Sept. 9, 1907, of about $40,000, is under arrest at Moorhead, Minn. Rewards aggregating $13,000 have been offered for his capture and conviction.

EMBEZZLEMENT OF $15,000.

London, Ont., Dec. 24.—Proceedings have been dropped in the case of W. H. Bartram, a well known local lawyer, charged with embezzling $15,000 from Marion Bowles, a client. This means that Bartram goes as a free man, but it is understood that Mrs. Bowles will receive about $2,000 of the $15,000 she is said to have deposited with Bartram.

BISHOP OF SOUTH JAPAN.

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 24.—Word has been received here that Bishop Boutflower, of Dorking, England, has been appointed to succeed Bishop Awadry, of South Japan, who has resigned his post on account of ill-health.

CHRISTMAS PARCEL FRAUD.

Windsor, Ont., Dec. 24.—A thousand dollars' worth of Christmas parcels which were brought across the river from Michigan, in order to be mailed from the Canadian side, have been held up by the customs authorities.

G. T. P. AT LAKE SUPERIOR.

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 24.—Port Arthur is objecting to the carrying out of an enactment passed by the legislature granting a provisional subsidy to the Lake Superior branch of G. T. P. railway because, it is claimed, Fort William will have the advantage of the new road's terminals.

NO ONE INJURED.

Trenton, N. J., Dec. 24.—The derailing of two freight cars due to a broken axle on the P. & R. railway near Pennington early to-day gave rise to serious reports of serious loss of life, but it later developed that no one was injured in the accident.

BIG FALLING OFF IN IMMIGRATION

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—The total immigration to Canada for the eleven months ending November was 143,754, a decrease of 124,553, or 46 per cent. compared with the corresponding months of last year. Immigration via ocean ports totalled 39,483, a decrease of 123,243 or 38 per cent. Immigration from the United States was 54,271, an increase of 660 over last year.

CASTRO WILL NOT INTERFERE

DEPOSED PRESIDENT MAKES STATEMENT

No Difficulties to Be Placed in Way of Present Administration.

Berlin, Dec. 24.—Cypriano Castro today gave a statement to the Associated Press which amounts virtually to the abandonment of his present claims to the presidency of the Venezuelan republic. This statement follows:

"After taking cognizance of everything printed in the newspapers from Venezuela, I doubt the attitude therein attributed to the present government at Caracas. But I will have more to say on this subject when I am in better health and when I have full knowledge of what has occurred.

"In any event I shall place no difficulties in the way of the present administration of Venezuela in settling the pending controversies with foreign governments, even if this should involve my own withdrawal from acting in the affairs of the nation."

General Castro will remain for two weeks longer in the private sanatorium of Dr. Israel. He will give out no information concerning his future plans.

G. T. R. FIREMAN KILLED.

Cornwall, Ont., Dec. 24.—A Grand Trunk fireman, William Hargrave, fell from his engine near Lancaster and sustained injuries which caused his death. His home was in Brockville, and he was about 22 years old.

BIG HOMESTEAD RUSH.

Six Hundred Entries Dealt With in One Day at Moose Jaw.

Moose Jaw, Sask., Dec. 24.—The Dominion land office staff established a record here on Tuesday, when as a result of a strenuous day's work they received 600 entries for homesteads and pre-emptions in the Moose Jaw district.

The figures for the local land office with regard to entries during the past three months have thrown all previous records out of gear. The previous biggest single day's entries was Sept. 17th, when 327 were made. On Monday the total reached 324, but Tuesday's figures make the other records look small.

Such a rush for land never was seen before here, and possibly never will again. The streets of Moose Jaw present a stirring sight, and fresh batches of land-hungry men are coming in by every train and by every trail leading to the city.

MARITAL TROUBLES MAY BE AIRED IN COURT

Defence in Yacht Club Murder Case Bases Hope in T. J. Hains' Story.

Flushing, N. Y., Dec. 24.—The state's case against Thornton J. Hains nears its close. District Attorney Darrin said that he hoped all the prosecution's witnesses could be heard before an adjournment is taken over Christmas until Saturday. The wives of three members of the Bayside Yacht Club, where Wm. E. Annis was shot and killed, are under subpoena, and are called by the prosecution to tell of the incidents in which Mr. Annis participated previous to the shooting.

The lawyers for Hains expect to open the defence on Saturday or Monday and Joseph Shay will outline the case to the jury. It is not known how many witnesses will be called by the defendant's lawyers, but they are placing their main hope in the story that Hains will tell on the stand.

"Thornton Hains' recital," said John F. McIntyre, "will be clear and convincing, and will tear the state's case to pieces. The defendant has no fear of the cross-examination of the prosecution's lawyers, and after his testimony the shooting of Annis will be seen in a different light."

It is generally regarded as certain that Hains' lawyer will take the stand to refute the testimony of Policeman Fallon that Thornton Hains, referring to Annis, said to him on the night of the coroner's inquest "that he would like to go down into hell and bring him back and kill him over again."

With the introduction of the Ripley letter yesterday the defence's counsel will probably develop from Thornton Hains what he meant in his letter regarding Annis, and if this line of examination is allowed the story of Capt. C. Hains' unfortunate marital trouble will come out.

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GRAFT SCANDAL ON BIG SCALE

PITTSBURG THRILLED BY BRIBERY SENSATION

Revelations in Examination of Councilmen—"Reached" by Small Sums.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 24.—Pittsburg was shaken from end to end yesterday by thunderbolts of sensational testimony in connection with the newly disclosed municipal legislative scandal. The troubles of San Francisco are popularly declared to be tame in comparison. Furthermore it is stated that the developments yesterday are mere preliminaries to subsequent steps against additional councilmen and business men.

The testimony offered in court yesterday intimated strongly that over three score councilmen are "easy" to reach," and the "reaching" necessitated only small sums, ranging from $100 to $500, and out of a mass of testimony came an apparent disclosure that a majority of the council body had been "reached." In the passage of one ordinance alone, it was testified that sixty councilmen had divided $45,000. Sensations followed one another in rapid succession during the hearing of the seven councilmen and two former bank officials arrested on charges of bribery, corrupt solicitation and conspiracy last Monday night.

W. W. Ramsey and A. A. Vilsack, former president and cashier of the German National bank, were first called for a hearing yesterday. It was testified that they had been approached by Councilman John Klein, one of the accused, who stated that the bank would be made a depository for the city's funds "if the German National bank would do as other banks have done." A witness further declared that after several conferences the bankers placed $17,500 on a table in a room of the bank, and that Councilman Klein and a companion entered the room and a short time later left the bank. The bankers then visited the room and the money was gone. At the request of the directors both of the bank officials resigned last Saturday. They were held in bonds of $14,000 each.

The seven councilmen, President Brand and Members Klein, Soffel, Wasson, Melaney, and Fergusop, of the common council, and Atkinson, of the select board, were then called for hearing. The principal witness was Robert Wilson, a private detective and superintendent of the municipal league of Scranton, Pa., who is employed by the Voters' League of Pittsburg, which brings the complaint against the nine defendants.

Mr. Wilson's testimony was sensational. Aided by an assistant, it was told that Wilson engaged a room in a local hotel, cut holes in the door and walls of an adjoining room. Then a series of meetings was arranged with councilmen. His assistant, Herbert Jones, posed as a business man desiring certain ordnances passed, and during his conferences with the councilmen, Wilson and a stenographer were stationed in the next room, making a full report of the transactions. During these conferences, Councilman Klein had a great deal to say regarding how completely councils were controlled by the accused men, the detective said. It was also testified that Klein and Brand each accepted $500 from Jones in payment for securing the passage of an ordnance.

At a meeting held in another local hotel, Klein, it was testified, told Wilson how hard it was to divide money among the councilmen. To illustrate his remarks, it was testified that Councilman Klein told of how $45,000 had to be split between sixty councilmen.

This money was alleged to have been received in connection with the construction of the filter beds at the new filtration plant of Pittsburg. Councilman Klein, Mr. Wilson testified, said that the councilmen had different prices. Some councilmen, Klein told him, wanted $100, some $75, and some $25, and still others $5. According to Councilman Klein, Wilson related, the $5 councilmen were known as "hoodlums." It was also possible to secure some councilmanic votes on some measures in return for a suit of clothes or for street car tickets.

With the exception of Klein and Wasson, all of the defendants immediately renewed their bonds for appearance for court trial and were released. In the aggregate the bonds amounted to $118,000.

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NEW ORLEANS TRAIN WRECK.

Number of Railway Officials Are Charged With Manslaughter.

New Orleans, La., Dec. 24.—As a result of the disastrous wreck on the New Orleans & Northeastern railway, within a few minutes of New Orleans, on November 11th, in which 33 lives were lost and a dozen or more people severely injured, the grand jury yesterday returned indictments charging manslaughter against the following: N. G. Persall, general superintendent of the New Orleans Great Northern; H. E. Flanagan, divisional superintendent of the New Orleans & Northeastern; J. O. Armstead, chief train dispatcher of the New Orleans Great Northern; Henry Slager, conductor, and A. E. Hughson, engineer of the New Orleans Great Northern. The indicted men were required to furnish bonds in the sum of $1,000 each.

SENTENCE IN 'FRISCO ASSASSINATION CASE

Slayer of D. W. Stevens Found Guilty of Murder in the Second Degree.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 24.—Whan Chang, a Korean, who shot and killed Durham White Stevens, a Japanese diplomatic adviser to the Korean Emperor, last March in San Francisco, was found guilty of murder in the second degree by a jury last night in Judge Cook's department of the Superior court. Sentence will be passed on December 26th. The minimum penalty is ten years and the maximum life imprisonment.

CHRISTMAS CHEER FOR NEW YORK STARVING ONES

Salvation Army Will Feed Million and a Half People in U. S. A.

New York, Dec. 24.—A million and a half or men, women and children throughout the country, including 125,000 in Greater New York City alone, will be supplied with dinners, and upwards of 4,000 destitute New York children will be given toys suited to their ages on Christmas day from the proceeds of this year's Salvation Army "kettle" contribution.

In Manhattan the dinners will be given out on Christmas morning at the Grand Central Palace, where 4,000 more such baskets containing dinner enough for five will be distributed at the same time from the army headquarters in Brooklyn.

Commander Miss Eva Booth, who has recently returned to her life's work after a long illness, said yesterday that her idea, and that of the army officials, was to give Christmas cheer to all who lack it most, whether called "good" or "bad" characters. Among the donations received by Miss Booth in aid of the work of the Salvation Army is a large 17 room house valued at $20,000 at Long Branch, N. J., which will be used as a refuge home for children. The donor is a wealthy New York woman who prefers to have her identity remain unknown.

Another acquisition of value to the Salvation Army is a home for young women, a site for which has been purchased in Los Angeles, Cal. The building is soon to be erected at a cost of $95,000, of which $40,000 has been subscribed by residents of Los Angeles. It will replace the present structure, which has grown inadequate for the purpose for which it was intended.

NIGHT RIDERS' CASE.

Union City, Tenn., Dec. 24. — The state attorneys in the Night Riders' trial yesterday afternoon announced that they would close their case to-day. The defence will be an alibi for each of the eight defendants. Members of their families will swear that the men were at home and in bed during the night of October 19th, the night that Captain Ranken was murdered. No attempt will be made to show their whereabouts the nights that other outrages were perpetrated as the defendants are indicted only for the murder of Ranken.

COMMERCIAL TRAVELERS.

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 24.—At the annual banquet of the Commercial Travelers' Association of Canada last night, Provincial Secretary Hanna said steps would be taken to make a higher standard for hotels in Ontario, to which hotel keepers will have to adhere to. An official will be appointed to devote himself exclusively to the inspection of country hotels.

VERDICT AGAINST LABOR LEADERS

JUDGMENT IS PROTESTED FROM VARIOUS QUARTERS

Case Should Prove Death Knell of Boycott, Says Buck Stove Counsel.

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 24.—James M. Beck, of New York, counsel for the Buck Stove Company, when informed of the decision in the labor case at Washington, while in this city yesterday, said: "This case ought to be the death knell of the boycott. If so, it is the most important decision in a labor controversy since the Debs case of 1906, from which it differs only in the fact that in the Debs case physical violence was used to paralyze interstate traffic, while in the Buck stove case the insidious and far more dangerous method of a national boycott was employed."

"Should Be Pardoned."

Boston, Mass., Dec. 23.—First Vice-President James Duncan, of the American Federation of Labor, said last night: "I am of the opinion that the pardoning power of the president could be used right away in causing the release of President Gompers. If President Gompers is compelled to spend the year's term in jail he will conduct the affairs of the Federation in the jail in which he is confined. I think the decision is the most unjust that I have ever heard." Other local leaders, including President John F. Tobin, of the boot and shoe workers' union, expressed similar disapproval of the decision.

Mine Workers' Protest.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 24.—W. D. Ryan, national secretary-treasurer of the United Mine Workers, of which John Mitchell was president, when the alleged boyoctt resolution was acted upon at the miners' convention a year ago, has sent the following telegram to President Roosevelt: "As an official representative of the United Mine Workers of America, I emphatically protest against the court's decision in sending Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison to jail. I know of no law that has been violated by Gompers or Morrison in connection with the case in question, and I am positive that Mitchell is absolutely innocent."

Will Never Serve Terms.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 24.—"I think you will find that Mr. Gompers, Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Morrison will never serve their sentences," was the comment of Commissioner General of Immigration D. J. Keefe, former vice-president of the American Federation of Labor, and head of the Longshoremen's Union, made regarding yesterday's decision in the Buck Stove Company case.

What Will Roosevelt Do?

Washington, D. C., Dec. 24.—Whether President Roosevelt will take any action, as he has been urged to do in telegrams received from different labor organizations throughout the country in connection with Judge Wright's decision, has not been decided, it was stated at the White House yesterday. It was explained there that the president had not read the decision, and therefore cannot say if he will take any action. There was an intimation, however, that some action might be taken if he should be convinced that the sentence is unjust, if it should be affirmed upon appeal. The various la-

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$60,000 CHURCH GUTTED.

Montreal, Que., Dec. 24.—The Roman Catholic church at Coteau du Lac, forty miles from Montreal, was destroyed by fire last night. It was fifty years old and valued at $60,000.