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### TO CHEAT THE GALLOWS.

Ed. Biddle Had Seerated Enough Strychnine to Kill Him.

BUTLER, Pa., Feb. 4.—Had "Ed" Biddle failed in his plan to escape from the Allegheny county jail, he was prepared to cheat the hangman, and most likely would have done so. This discovery was made accidentally by Mrs. Mary Redd, who lives in Butler, and whose son Thomas Redd, was in jail at the time Biddle's clothing (that he wore when captured), were packed for shipment to Pittsburg. Redd managed to secure a piece of the strap on the back of Ed. Biddle's trousers, which he carried home as a souvenir and turned over to his mother.

Mrs. Redd ripped the strap open and found within a pill which physicians examined and declared it contained enough strychnine to have killed two or three men.

### QUEENSLAND DISSATISFIED

With the Result of the Australian Confederation.

BRISBANE, Queensland, Feb. 4.—Parliament has been dissolved and the premier has issued an election manifesto voicing Queensland's dissatisfaction with the result of the Australian federation. The premier criticizes the commonwealth government and declares it has bitterly disappointed the strongest advocates of the union which many Australians would gladly have dissolved.

### EXTENSIVE CONSPIRACY.

VICTORIA, B. C., Feb. 3.—News of a most extensive conspiracy to assassinate the empress dowager of China and members of the court and foment widespread rebellion, which was to involve the whole Chinese empire, was received by the steamer Genesek. The discovery of the plot was made while the court was at Hal Feng, when an unsuccessful attempt was made to destroy the palace and inmates by fire. Some of the incendiaries were arrested by the Honan provincials and torture was at once applied with a view of obtaining confession. One of the conspirators, aged 18 years, at last broke down and confessed that attempts were to be made to wreck the imperial train and fire on the empress dowager.

### PLACED ON TRIAL.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Feb. 4.—Henry A. Taylor, of Milford, Conn., was placed on trial in the supreme court here yesterday evening on the charge of furnishing the \$100,000 promoting fund, for the alleged conspiracy to procure by means of bribery a contract to supply this city with water from Lake Michigan. Former city attorney Salisbury has already been convicted of complicity in the alleged deal. The twelve men in the jury box at the hour of adjournment were ordered in the custody of the sheriff for the night.

### NO INTERVENTION ACCEPTED.

LONDON, Feb. 4.—The British government replied to Dr. Kuyper, the Dutch premier, that if the Boers in the field desire to negotiate for peace, negotiations can be entered into, but only in South Africa. The British government adheres to its intention not to accept the intervention of any foreign power.

### SKY HIGH.

CHICAGO, Feb. 4.—The city council decided last night to remove all restrictions on the height of fire-proof buildings. This action reverses that taken two weeks ago by the same body and paves the way for the immediate expenditure of \$20,000,000 for buildings in the centre of the south side business district, plans for which have already been prepared.

### TO THE VICTOR.

(Special to Star.)  
FREDERICTON, Feb. 4.—The contract for the Marysville post office building has been awarded to C. E. Simmons of Gibson. The contract price is \$8,787.

### HEAVY WEATHER.

QUEENSTOWN, Feb. 4.—The Cunard line steamer Utonia, which sailed from Boston Jan. 23 for Liverpool, and which arrived here today, reports having encountered terrific weather on Jan. 26 and 27. During these two days a blizzard and high seas prevailed and the vessel was only able to steam one hundred miles a day.

### CLOSING THEM IN.

LONDON, Feb. 4.—In his weekly report to the war office, Lord Kitchener states that, for the week ending Feb. 1st, twenty-nine Boers were killed, six wounded, 142 were taken prisoners and forty-eight surrendered.

### GROWING WEAKER.

BELFAST, Feb. 4.—It was announced from Clondeboye, this morning, that the Marquis of Dufferin, who has been ill for some time past is growing weaker.

### THE WEATHER.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—Probably snow with rising temperature Wednesday; fair, fresh westerly to south-westerly winds.

### CHINA AWAKENING.

The Movement Going on Quietly and With Great Rapidity.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—Secretary Wilson has received a report from David G. Fairchild, the expert of David F. Archibald, the expert of the department of agriculture, who, with Mr. Lathrop, a wealthy New Yorker, is exploring the world for new plants for introduction into this country. The report is dated at Colombo, Ceylon, and discusses general conditions in China. He says the missionaries frightened out by the recent troubles are returning to their posts, and that foreign merchants claim the outlook for trade improvement is very favorable in the region of Shanghai. The American occupation of Manila has led to a remarkable increase in price of labor, hotel accommodations and food products in China. The Chinese government to pay its war indemnity has levied a tax of five American cents a year on each rafter of every house in the country. Foreigners already pay about five per cent. ad valorem on practically everything imported. The victory in Canton is already having great difficulty in collecting the taxes, and white people living there say this tax on the natives is arousing a great deal of animosity toward the foreigners.

Mr. Fairchild says a British army officer assures him that the Chinese arsenal at Tien Tsin is manufacturing cannon and small arms which fall very little short of being as good as those of European make, and this without even the supervision of the Europeans, and that the awakening of China is going on with a rapidity that will soon astonish those westerners who refuse to recognize the course they are taking.

### ANOTHER RACE.

Shamrock II and Columbia May Meet Again With Different Crews.

NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—Sir Thomas Lipton is quoted in a despatch to the Journal and American, from its London correspondent, as saying he has not yet received the letter from C. W. Post of Michigan, offering to charter the Shamrock to race against the Columbia this year.

"There may be a feeling in the United States that the Shamrock's defeat was due to her crew last year," said Sir Thomas, "and it is very good of Mr. Post to offer to man her with Americans to try conclusions with the Columbia, sailed by Brits, but not having received his letter making a specific offer I am unable to say anything definite at the present time."

"However, I am always delighted to benefit or help in any possible way, and I might lend the Shamrock to Mr. Post provided he adequately fitted her out at his own expense for a contest with the Columbia, if it is possible to send Brits to man Columbia."

"Frankly, I would rather see a race between the two yachts this season with American crews aboard each, which I think would be a better test of the relative merits of the two boats."

### NOT GOD'S HOUSE.

But a Joss House Said the Anti-Ritualists, Concerning a Memorial Service for Queen Victoria.

LONDON, Feb. 4.—The large and fashionable congregation which attended a memorial service, officially described as a "Requiem for the repose of the soul of our sovereign lady, Queen Victoria," at St. Matthew's church, Westminster, this morning, was greatly scandalized by the conduct of a number of anti-ritualists, who, immediately after the service was concluded, stood up in the church and declared:

"The service was a blasphemous insult to Queen Victoria's memory."

"This is not God's house," said one objector. "This is a Joss house."

### A LIST OF DEATHS.

(Special to Star.)

MONCTON, N. B., Feb. 4.—Mrs. Gross of Aberdeen school teaching staff left for Valdosta, Florida, recently, for the benefit of her health, taking her twelve-year-old son with her. Last night word was received of the death of the little boy, who was in good health when he left here. There are no particulars.

William McKenzie, a respected resident of Moncton and a section foreman on the I. C. R., died this morning, aged 68. Deceased was a native of Cape Breton, but lived in Moncton for thirty years. He was an active member and one of the senior elders of the Presbyterian church.

A telegram was received here on Saturday announcing the death at Fresno, California, of C. W. Cutten, son of late David Cutten, Hillsboro, Albert county. Deceased had lived in California for twenty years.

### BRITAIN'S DEMANDS.

Likely to Cause a Horse Famine in Montana—Last Year's Sales.

Conservative estimates of the number of horses shipped from Montana last year places the number at 100,000. The British call for mounts for South Africa has resulted in thousands of head of stock leaving the state. The stock is so depleted that unless there is a movement of horses to Montana from the south there is certain to be a horse famine in that state next year.

### COMMITTED SUICIDE.

Two Girls Connected With a Dance Hall at Nome Took Poison.

SEATTLE, Wn., Feb. 4.—Advices from Nome state that two girls connected with a dance hall recently committed suicide by taking carbolic acid. Despondency is ascribed as the cause. They were known as the Carlisle sisters. The Nome Gold Digger, of Nov. 18, has the following: The United States mail carrier, Jacob Aldon, who left on the first of the month for Leaska Point with the mail, may be lost in the tangled underbrush and thick timber which lies between Golovin Bay and the point. August Nelson, who was one of the party that reached Nome, from North Bay on Sunday, being the first man over the ice from the district this winter, says that they saw the mail carrier when they were crossing Golovin Bay. He states that Waldon was alone and was making very slow time, his sled being heavily laden and his six dogs in bad shape.

### LORD SALISBURY

May Retire When Peace is Restored in South Africa.

LONDON, Feb. 4.—It is now said that the retirement of Lord Salisbury from office will be coincident with the end of the South African war. The St. James Gazette claims to have the highest authority for saying, "The premier has fixed the restoration of peace in South Africa as the appropriate moment to resign office. If the war is ended Lord Salisbury will retire at the conclusion of the present parliamentary session, but it is his present intention to retain his post until this is accomplished."

### BRIEFS BY WIRE.

LYNN, Mass., Feb. 3.—The body of a woman was found on the Lynn marshes by a hunter today, but until an autopsy is held it is not possible to tell the cause of death or the length of time the body had been in the grass. The body was brought here. Externally there are no signs to show that the woman was foully dealt with, and nothing to disclose her identity. She was of about middle age. On the right arm are the letters N. T. O.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—While driving his fast trotter, Gold Pebble, on the White Lot today, General Nelson A. Miles met with an accident, his sleigh colliding with the rear of one driven by Wm. Hackey and being overturned. General Miles was thrown to the ground, but slung to the reins and managed to control the frightened animal, although he was dragged about 50 yards over the icy ground. The cutter was then righted and the general drove away. Tonight he was suffering no ill effects from the accident.

FALL RIVER, Mass., Feb. 4.—The factory of the Haywood Narrow Fabric company was burned this morning. The loss is \$25,000 with partial insurance.

JANESVILLE, Wis., Feb. 4.—Fire last night destroyed the F. M. Marsluff & Co. shoe factory, one of the largest in the state. The loss was \$80,000.

### WILL SPEND TWO MILLIONS.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Feb. 4.—The site for the new Standard Steel Co.'s plant was made known yesterday. It is situated between Beaver and Vanport, a few miles below Pittsburg, and consists of 250 acres, which will connect the Pittsburg and Lake Erie and the Cleveland and Pittsburg railroads in the form of a triangle. Besides the building of its great car works, it is the intention of the camp to erect a new town by building houses for the accommodation for 3,000 workmen.

The cost of the new plant will exceed \$1,500,000 and the new corporation is prepared to spend another million on equipment and improvements during the year. Building will commence as soon as the weather permits.

### ONCE HELD PROMINENT POSITION.

LONDON, Feb. 4.—The hearing of the charges against Charles Bright, an American engineer, who is alleged to have concealed £100,000 of his assets in connection with bankruptcy proceedings, was resumed today. Counsel for J. F. Moreno, who, with R. G. Fudge, was summoned as an accessory of Mr. Bright in conspiring to defraud the latter's creditors, declared it was disgraceful to compel a man who had once held positions in the American legations at Paris and Madrid to remain under accusation without a chance of proving his innocence. The treasury officials spent the morning in introducing the technical evidence.

### IMPORTANT DECISION.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Feb. 4.—In a decision handed down yesterday in the case of the defunct St. Louis brokerage firm of Cayford and Blessing, by Judge E. B. Adams in the United States district court, the relations of a broker and his customer are declared to be those of debtor and creditor and that the broker is not a trustee for the customer. The decision is considered one of the most important handed down recently in bankruptcy cases.

### MORE WRECKAGE.

FIRE ISLAND, N. Y., Feb. 4.—The life saving station reports having found four masts, which have been washed ashore. They also found the sterns of two barges on the beach, one of them painted green and the other black. No more bodies have been found.

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