

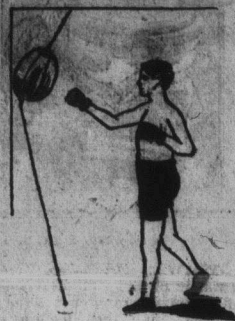
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## CHINESE AFFAIRS.

The Expedition to the Interior Said to be Abandoned.

As it is believed China Will Now Accept the terms of the Powers.

LONDON, Feb. 21.—"At their latest meeting," says the Pekin correspondent of the Morning Post, writing yesterday, "the foreign envoys agreed to a compromise. They propose to permit the Imperial court to commute the sentences of decapitation in the cases of Prince Tuan, Duke Lan and General Tung Fu Hsiao to life imprisonment, and will agree to the following punishments:—Prince Chwang to be strangled, Yui Hsien to be decapitated, Chao Shu Chiao and Ying Nien to be permitted to strangle themselves and Chi Hsin and Hsu Cheng Yu to be beheaded in Pekin. If the court advances no new obstacle, the negotiations on the first point of the demands of the powers may be considered closed."

Dr. Morrison, writing to the Times from Pekin, yesterday, says:—"The court has yielded and consented to the infliction of the punishment demanded, petitioning, however, that the sentences of Chao Shu Chiao and Ying Nien may be strangled instead of execution. To this the foreign envoys have agreed. The question, therefore, is virtually settled and a reason d'être for the Tai Yuen Fu expedition ceases to exist."

Commenting on the latest advice from Pekin, the Times says:—"There cannot be any reasonable doubt that the sudden surrender of the Chinese court was due to fears inspired by Count Von Waldersee's orders. The lesson will not be lost on the allies, should the Chinese resort again to their traditional tactics of evasion and delay. At the same time the powers are to be congratulated that it is not necessary to carry their threats into execution."

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 21.—The Novoye Vremya Vindictive despatches report that trouble is again rising in Southern Manchuria. Boxer emissaries have already arrived there and Chinese forces are joining them.

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PARIS, Feb. 21.—The correspondent here of the Associated Press has authority for the statement that Field Marshal Count Von Waldersee's expedition will not start, as it is believed a decree will be published in Pekin today accepting the terms demanded by the ministers. The informant pointed out the consistent position of the United States, France and Russia, as opposed to any military reprisals beyond these necessary to relieve the legations. The French minister of foreign affairs, M. Del Casse is strongly opposed to the proposed military expedition.

## THE "DOCTOR" IS DEAD.

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., Feb. 21.—Dr. Mary M. Smith, the companion and friend of Mark Twain and inspiration of the novel "Doctor," in "Innocents Abroad," is dead, at his residence in this city. Dr. Smith was born in Newburyport, Mass. August 19, 1816. He was one of the first graduates of Oberlin college, and was an intimate friend of Horace Greeley, starting life as a preacher and later as the first reporter employed by Greeley on the Tribune. He went to California in 1849, joined the regular army, and in 1850, joined the regular army, and later became rich and travelled with Mark Twain. He was minister and part owner of the first ship that sailed from San Francisco to Australia. Mr. Smith was the author of two works on other and telegraph from experiments he conducted.

For several years he gave his attention to medicine, and later was associated with Morse in completing the telegraph and constructing the first line between Washington and Baltimore.

## TORTURED AND WHIPPED.

DYERSBURG, Tenn., Feb. 20.—A mob took Bebe Montgomery from the jail at Dyersburg last night and swung him up to the limb of a famous "Mike Lynching tree" five times, letting him down each time, to make him confess his complicity in the assault with Fred King upon Miss Alice Arnold. The negro denied his guilt. The mob then carried him back to the jail more dead than alive, deciding not to lynch Montgomery until the third guilty negro implicated by King in his confession is found. In his confession King said that they had stated five of the best known young women of Dyersburg for assault. A number of negroes were whipped out of Dyersburg late last night.

## THE WEATHER.

TORONTO, Feb. 21.—Moderate to frost from west-northwest winds, fair and cold. Friday, westerly winds, fair and cold.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—Forecast—Eastern states and northern New York—Fair and continued cold tonight and Friday; fresh to brisk northwesterly winds.

## SOUTH AFRICA.

Eight Hundred Boers in a Despicable State.

LONDON, Feb. 21.—As Lord Kitchener is now back in Pretoria, the inference is that General Dewet has again escaped from the supposed corner. There is no further news of General French's pursuit of command and General Botha in the east Transvaal.

Statements emanate from both Pretoria and Brussels that Mr. Kruger contemplates returning to South Africa. It is said that he has just finished writing a memorial on the war which will be sent to the European governments and to President McKinley.

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—Sir Charles Dilke is quoted in a London despatch to the World as saying relative to whether America's permission to England to obtain supplies of horses for use in South Africa is a breach of neutrality.

"It is not a breach of neutrality, but any government must permit to allow horses to be exported without committing an unfriendly act. Some countries never permit the export of horses for war purposes. Others, like Austria-Hungary, have a law against it, but when they are friendly disposed toward either of the belligerents such countries occasionally wink at a breach of the law. Austria-Hungary has allowed us to export horses to South Africa, and there is no breach of neutrality involved. It is a case of catch me if you can. There are plenty of precedents for refusing to allow horses to be exported for war purposes."

LONDON, Feb. 21.—A special despatch from Pretoria, dated Feb. 20, says eight hundred Boers yesterday passed Pienars river, moving in the direction of Nylstroom, a point about 75 miles north of Pretoria, on the railroad between Pretoria and Pietersburg. It is supposed they purposed discussing the question of desertion and surrender. They were in a despicable state. Their clothing was in rags. Many were riding donkeys, while others trudged afoot. All appeared to be in the greatest distress.

## GREAT CANAL SCHEME.

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 20.—A marvelous system of state canals, the boats to be run by electricity and to be 150 feet long by 25 feet wide, with a draft of ten feet and to travel in fleets going from Albany to Buffalo in less than three days is the plan presented by State Engineer Bond and a capable board of engineers to Governor Odell. The system is to be built for \$7,000,000 less that proposed by the canal commission appointed by Governor Roosevelt. The canals will be able to carry 15,000,000 tons of freight, a season of seven months. The estimates of cost are: For building an Erie barge canal, \$4,000,000; for deepening the Oswego canal to 9 feet, \$559,926; for deepening the Champlain canal to six feet, \$5,472,000; total cost of canal improvements \$9,031,926.

## BOLD ROBBER CAPTURED.

RANTOUL, Ill., Feb. 20.—The private banking institution of F. B. Venn, at Foshier, a small hamlet situated in the northwest part of Champaign county, was robbed today by a lone highwayman, who secured \$1,820. About 10 o'clock Arthur Hoyer, a farmer boy, aged 22 years, entered the bank and said he wanted money, at the same time covering the clerks with a pistol. The cashier handed out the money and the robber backed out of the door. An alarm was given at once, but before the robber had boarded a freight train. He took charge of the engine and pulled through town at high speed. However, several citizens caught the caboose of the train, which was stopped and the desperado captured. All of the money stolen was recovered.

## RAILWAY DISASTER.

BATAVIA, N. Y., Feb. 21.—A west-bound Lehigh Valley freight train, having over to the east-bound track on an overhead highway crossing at Stafford this morning when another freight crashed into the middle of it. James Laven, of Niagara Falls, aged 39 years, fireman on the colliding train, was killed, his body being cut in two. The engineer, David Craven, jumped and escaped with slight injuries. The colliding engine and thirteen cars were totally demolished.

## LORD ROBERTS.

LONDON, Feb. 21.—It is reported that the British parliament will be invited to vote \$100,000 to Lord Roberts. A question on this subject will be asked in the house of commons this afternoon.

## OLD VIOLINS AT A CONCERT.

Gathering of Famous Instruments at an Entertainment in Berlin.

Amidst a German correspondent, a concert has just been given in Berlin which has a unique interest on account of the instruments used for the occasion. The first item on the programme was played on a violin formerly possessed by the royal household of the Duke of Sax-Coburg-Gotha. They were a Stradivarius of 1725, a Guarneri of 1733, a Vieux of 1733 and a Fiescher violin of 1768.

Other violins were: One formerly belonging to the Earl of Palmstun, a Carlo Bergami of 1733, a 1723 Stradivarius, made for and owned by the King of Spain; Lord Nelson's Amati of 1685, and his Sanctus Seraph of 1712. The violin bows used were made by Tourte, and formerly owned by Victor-Emmanuel and Paganini, and the Violoncello bow, formerly owned by De Heriot and Prince de Chimay.

## FOILED AGAIN.

"Miss Gotox," began the young man, "I am about to tell you the old story—"

"Pray, spare me," interrupted the fair child. "I'm tired of ancient fiction. Can't you substitute something truthful and up to date?"—Chicago Daily News.

## IN CHICAGO NOW.

The Saloon Smashing Craze Has Broken Out.

Three Places Wrecked and the Perpetrators Arrested and Locked Up.

CHICAGO, Feb. 21.—Three saloons in this city were damaged last night by admirers of the methods of Mrs. Carrie Nation. The smashing was done in each instance by a different person and necessarily so, as the police gathered in the smashers with great promptitude and locked them up. The saloons were those of Peter Pellegrini, 24th and State streets, plate glass door broken by Mrs. Agnes Breen Smith, damages \$50; the Berghoff, State and Adams streets, plate glass door and window broken by Frank Owens, damages \$200; Charles Vientzen, 270 South Clark street, plate glass door and glass were broken by James C. Labb, damages \$100. Mrs. Smith declared that her husband, who had been drinking to excess, had procured the liquor at Pellegrini's place, despite her request to the proprietor that he cease selling it to him. Her husband was intoxicated last night, she said, and she went once more to the saloon keeper, who put her out, she said, and in the struggle the glass was broken. Pellegrini declares that he never sold liquor to the woman's husband, and when he told her so she threatened him with a hatpin. He put her out, and she came back with a brick and a few other missiles and hurled them around generally, smashing his plate glass door. After throwing the brick Mrs. Smith was arrested and locked up at the police station.

## ARCTIC EXPLORER.

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—Dr. Frederick A. Cook, the Arctic explorer, has just returned on the Oceanic from a visit to Belgium. In Brussels he attended a meeting of more than a hundred scientists interested in the recent Belgian expedition toward the south pole. All of them contributed something for the report of the Belgian government.

"This report," said the explorer, "is the official record of the expedition, the story of which had not been published. There will be eleven volumes, one of which collected by me, makes a vocabulary of 30,000 words of the Yekuan language, the tongue of the inhabitants of Toca, Delfago. Three Antarctic expeditions are now being fitted out on the other side. The one from England will start in August, going south of Australia, and the German explorers are to start about the same time. The Swedish expedition will leave their country later."

Dr. Cook is not going with any of them. He has been exploring for years and now means to rest.

## THE SIOUX MAY FIGHT.

OMAHA, Neb. 21.—Information from direct sources obtained by the World-Herald indicates that the Sioux Indians are contemplating an uprising if demands now being formulated for submission to Washington shall not be complied with. Several council meetings already have been held, particularly among the Ojigallala Sioux and preparations are being made for a great council to select delegates to Washington. Owing to the desire to avoid sensationalism the gatherings of the council have been given little notice, but the aspect is now considered grave.

Recent orders of the Indian commissioner are responsible, say the Indians, for their attitude. One chief openly declared hostilities will begin if relief shall not be forthcoming. The trouble is over the cutting down of supplies and a claim unpaid for the ceding of the Black Hills.

## EIGHT BODIES RECOVERED.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Feb. 20.—The work of recovering the bodies of the victims of the mine disaster at Cumberland, B. C., proceeds slowly. So far eight bodies have been found, four being whites.

These were found in the main drive, lying face downward, close to a cave in. They apparently were attempting to make their way toward the shaft of No. 6 when overcome. All the victims whose bodies have been recovered were buried today after the remains had been formally viewed by the coroner. The inquest was adjourned for a week.

## DEADLY INDELIBLE PENCIL.

CHICAGO, Feb. 21.—A local physician has begun a crusade against the use of the indelible pencil, which he charges with being the cause of innumerable sore lips and fingers and sometimes poisoning so severe as to result in death. The doctor says the coloring material in the indelible pencil is aniline, the dye which in the stockings of Senator Cushman K. Davis caused his death from blood poisoning.

## MYSTERY OF THE SEA.

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., Feb. 20.—There have been no fresh developments today in connection with the wreck mystery. Additional wreckage has been found in several harbors, but so battered as to be unrecognizable. The government steamer Ingraham was unable to continue her search work today in consequence of the storm.

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## THE PULP INDUSTRY.

(Toronto Globe.)

Recent advice indicates that now Ontario will be in a greatly-increasing degree the source of the world's supply of pulp, and that that district is steadily taking the place of Norway and Sweden in the production of paper. An evidence of the advance of the industry is the formation of the Spanish River Pulp and Paper Company, with a capital stock of \$1,500,000 and a strong list of directors, who include Angus MacLeod, M. P., of Bracebridge; Charles McCool, M. P., of Sarnia; John B. Barber, M. P., of Georgetown; W. J. Sheppard, Waukegan; Irvin Sutherland, Toronto; M. J. Dodge, New York; C. Kloeffer, Quebec; William F. Fennel, James I. Paynter, Montreal; T. H. Shumard, Grills, and W. D. Lumsden, Sarnia, Ont. The new company controls large tracts of pulp lands along the Spanish River, and the construction of mills and development of water-power will be proceeded with at once.

## MOST IMPORTANT INVENTION.

(Woman's Home Companion.)

The art of alphabetical writing is undoubtedly the most important invention in human history. The first alphabet was invented by the Phoenicians, who gave the idea to the Greeks. They passed it to the Romans, whose alphabet is the basis of nearly all of our modern alphabets. "Capitals" were used all over the world in the seventh century, when small letters began to come in. Function, unknown at first, was introduced about 1500 B. C., and was finally reduced to a system in 1500 by Aldus, the famous Venetian printer.