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FOR AMERICAN READERS.

**Lurid Stories About the British
Army Contracts Told by the
Associated Press.**

LONDON, Feb. 8.—The apparent in-
competence, and it is claimed, possible
dishonesty which permeate the pur-
chasing departments of the British
army, as revealed this week in parlia-
ment, have caused a public agitation
the nature of which has not been
judging from recent and promised
disclosures, scarcely any of the sup-
plies for the army in South Africa were
secured on business principles. Specu-
lating contractors are now known to
have made hundreds of thousands of
pounds by re-selling contracts.

The opposition vainly endeavored to
get details regarding the new contract
for the supply of meat announced by
the government in the house of com-
mons, with the view of ascertaining if
a saving over the former methods will
really be effected.

The government successfully avoid-
ed answers, but the Associated Press
understands that the contract in ques-
tion was first re-sold at £10,000 pre-
mium and then at £40,000, while Cecil
Rhodes and the DeBeers group hand-
led over £200,000 and thus finally se-
cured the privilege of supplying the
troops in South Africa with fresh meat.

These figures are likely to be shortly
published here, and when known will
doubtless add fuel to the fire of public
indignation, which threatens to centre
around the secretary for war, Mr.
Brodrick, as viciously as it did around
Lord Lansdowne when the latter was
sponsor for the early blunders of the
war.

LONDON, Feb. 8.—A dozen or more
committees of investigation are now
sitting or are in process of formation.
But, as the Saturday Review says,
"These are only too often synonyms of
oblivion."

"The facts remain," adds the Satur-
day Review, "that we have been swin-
dled on a very large scale."
While these stringent criticisms of
the war office are being publicly aired,
there is proceeding beneath the sur-
face a revolt which threatens to be of
even greater importance. The leading
authorities of the volunteers, including
many of the commanders of the best
known regiments, several of them be-
ing titled persons and nearly all
wealthy, are holding frequent meet-
ings to decide on the best method of
defeating Mr. Brodrick's new volun-
teer regulations. The committee which
Mr. Brodrick appointed to hear the
grievances on irregular matters.

The commanders of the leading regi-
ments had previously formed them-
selves into a deputation to wait on
Mr. Brodrick, and he temporarily de-
clined to see them, but the secretary
for war stole a march on the members
of the deputation by announcing in
the house of commons that he had ap-
pointed a committee of his own, in
which not one of the deputation was
included. His action created intense
feeling among the members of the ori-
ginal deputation, who privately de-
clare that the new volunteer regula-
tions and the "Dead Head" committee
were introduced for the sole purpose
of making conscription possible.

INTERNATIONAL SCRAPE.

DENVER, Colo., Feb. 8.—The News
today says that a demand has been
made upon Governor Orman, by Sec-
retary of State Hay, at Washington,
for an investigation of the destruction
last summer of the buildings of Wil-
liam Radcliffe, an Englishman, located
at Grand Mesalakes, in this state, by
a mob. Radcliffe appealed to British
Ambassador Pauncefoot for redress,
demanding \$55,000 damages of the State
of Colorado. The trouble grew out of
a dispute between ranchmen and Rad-
cliffe over fishing privileges, and cul-
minated in the killing of a ranchman
named Womack by one of Radcliffe's
guards. A few days later the build-
ings on the lakes were destroyed by
fire, started, it is claimed by friends
of Womack, in revenge of his death. The
matter was originally referred to Gov-
ernor Orman early in January, and ac-
cording to the News communication
from Secretary Hay has just been re-
ceived asking what had become of it.

CANADA ATLANTIC EARNINGS.

(Special to Star.)

OTTAWA, Feb. 8.—According to the
official returns supplied to the de-
partment of railways and canals the
total share of capital and subscribed
bonds issued of Canada Atlantic Rail-
way Co. is \$1,142,470. In the building
of the road Mr. Both received domin-
ion, provincial and municipal subsid-
ies to the extent of \$2,400,000. The to-
tal mileage of system is 458. For the
year ending 30th June, the total re-
ceipts amounted to \$1,786,338, of which
the passenger traffic yielded \$283,659
and the freight \$1,390,197. The operat-
ing expenses for the year amounted to
\$1,411,482, leaving the net earnings
\$374,905. During the year the railway
carried 679,589 barrels of flour, 19,301-
281 bushels of grain and 318,690,000 feet
of lumber. Total weight of freight
carried was 1,592,957 tons.

SOUTH AFRICA.

LONDON, Feb. 7.—The answering of
questions in the house of commons to-
day by government officials disclosed
the fact that the government had no
reason to believe that the note of the
government of the Netherlands on the
subject of peace in South Africa was
formulated in consultation with an-
other European power.

The war secretary, Mr. Brodrick,
said that the number of horses pur-
chased during the war totalled 446,988,
of which 77,101 came from the United
States and 11,364 from Canada. In ad-
dition about 89,705 horses had been
captured in South Africa.

A COLOSSAL COMBINE.

CHICAGO, Feb. 8.—The consolida-
tion of the principal traction interests
of Chicago and possibly the elevated
roads is the object of negotiations now
in progress here and in New York,
says the Inter-Ocean.

Furthermore, it is probable, it is
said, that this is but a preliminary
step in the merging of the principal
lines of five or more of the principal
cities in the country into one great
combine, probably the corporation
reported to be in process of formation
in New York. The local combine and
the great national concern are being
planned, says the Inter-Ocean, by the
Whitney-Elkins-Widner-Ryan syndi-
cate of New York and Philadelphia
capitalists, with the aid of J. P. Mor-
gan, E. H. Gary, who is now in Chi-
cago, is believed to have charge of the
local deal. Pres. John M. Roache of
the Chicago Union Traction Co., Gen-
eral Counsel W. W. Gurley and James
H. Eckels, a director, all have been in
New York recently, it is said, in con-
sultation with the heads of the Whit-
ney-Widner-Elkins syndicate regard-
ing the state of local traction affairs.
There has been a mutual interchange of
stock between New York and Chicago
banking interests, it is said, that
would be relied on by Mr. Morgan in
financing the colossal deal.

EXPENSIVE COLONISTS.

BERLIN, Feb. 7.—Herr Richter, the
Radical leader in the Reichstag, analyz-
ing the most recent government report
concerning the colonies, finds that there
are only 3,702 Germans in all the col-
onies, including officials, officers, mis-
sionaries, women and children. He
proves from the budget of 1902 that
every German colonist costs the empire
6,000 marks a year. While the total
colonial trade has increased during the
last five years from 11,000,000 marks to
25,000,000 marks, the colonial appropria-
tions during the same length of time
have increased from slightly more than
seven millions to nineteen million
marks. The increase in exports to the
colonies is chiefly due to government
goods, military supplies, etc.

The full returns from the census of
1900 show that 17,845 citizens of the U.
S. were then residing in Germany, an
increase in five years of 2,000.

SUGAR SPECULATIONS.

NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—The board of
trade returns for January says a Lon-
don despatch to the Tribune confirm
recent rumors that large stocks of sug-
ar have been imported in anticipation
of the forthcoming budget. Imports
of sugar for the month amounted to
5,540,434 hundred-weight, or about dou-
ble the quantity imported in January,
1901.

ALL FOR LOVE.

NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—It is rumored
that Miss Helena Gorham Wild, an
American resident in Paris, says a
Paris correspondent of the Herald, is
about to marry Prince Eugene of Swe-
den, if he gains his father's consent and
arranges to resign his right of suc-
cession to the throne of the Bernadottes,
as his eldest brother, Oscar, did when he
made a Morgantian alliance. Prince
Eugene is a painter and has lived in the
Latin quarter for many years.

A COMBINATION PLAY.

OLIVETTE, Minn., Feb. 8.—There is
a concerted movement on foot among
Michigan colleges to do away with foot-
ball. At a meeting of the college
branch of the State Teachers' Associa-
tion it was voted to recommend that
all colleges unite in prohibiting the
game. The faculties of nearly all col-
leges in the state are now considering
the recommendation. Its opponents re-
gard the game as physically injurious,
and say that it has not performed the
offices which its friends claim for it,
namely, that of increasing the attend-
ance.

IN WITH THE FARMERS.

BERLIN, Feb. 7.—At a banquet to-
night of the German Council of Agri-
culture, Count Von Buelow, the imper-
ial chancellor, in a long speech de-
clared that he had espoused the cause of
agriculture, not merely from a feeling
of duty, but with his whole heart.
"A chancellor without sympathy for
agriculture would be a strange fellow,"
said Count Von Buelow, "and he would
soon trip up."

DREYFUS NOT WANTED.

PARIS, Feb. 8.—The Matin says that
M. Dreyfus recently wanted to rent an
apartment in a house belonging to Ed-
mond Rothschild. The agent of the
house called on M. Rothschild, who is in
Australia, on the matter. The latter's
reply to this message was: "I abso-
lutely refuse to accept that tenant.
Break off negotiations at any price."

GALLOW'S FRUIT.

TOPEKA, Feb. 7.—Because she was
about to secure a divorce from him
John Kay, employed in a flour mill,
beat his wife to death with a flat iron
and then attempted to hang himself
from a bridge near his home. He was
cut down before life was extinct and
revived.

IN WESTMINSTER ABBEY.

LONDON, Feb. 8.—A bronze medal-
ion memorial of the late John Ruskin
was unveiled today in Westminster
Abbey in the presence of a distinguish-
ed gathering. The memorial is in the
poets' corner, above the Sir Walter
Scott memorial, and beside the Oliver
Goldsmith medallion.

MRS. SOFFEL

**Who Aided Murderers to Escape
Appears to be Recovering.**

PITTSBURG, Pa., Feb. 8.—Mrs. Sof-
fel, who aided in the escape of the
Biddies and was shot during the bat-
tle which resulted in their recapture
and death, shows considerable im-
provement in her condition today. She
is suffering more from mental distress
than from the wound, and it may be
a week or more before she can be re-
moved from the Butler hospital to the
Pittsburg jail. Her husband, ex-War-
den Soffel, has retained counsel for her
defense, but says he does not want
to see her or have any communication
with her in the future. Mrs. Soffel is
receiving letters from all over the
country. Most of them contain tracts
and advice of a religious nature. When
she opens a letter and discovers that
it is one of this character, she turns it
over to some of the nurses without
reading. Many letters are also from
the hospital, preferring their services
free in her defence.

CHINESE EXCLUSION BILL.

NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—Former Gov-
ernor Budd, of California, is in this city,
after having testified in Washington
before the committee in charge of the
Chinese exclusion bill. The failure of
the Kahn-Mitchell Chinese exclusion
bill to pass before the end of the ses-
sion, he says, in an interview, will mean
the extinction of the present treasury
regulations for the transit of Chinese
across this country, and will mean a
great influx of Chinese before the op-
portunity to enact restrictive legisla-
tion occurs again.

"The Kahn-Mitchell bill now before
both houses is so framed," continued
Governor Budd, "as to provide for the
most humane treatment of those Chin-
ese permitted entry to this country, and
it excludes perfectly all Chinese coolies
and laborers of all sorts. It is a bill
against which nothing can be said, and
there is no other bill under considera-
tion which can in any way compare
with it for effectiveness. If enacted in
to law it will fulfill the purposes for
which it was drawn and will prevent
the entrance into this country of the
undesirable element among the Chin-
ese. It makes adequate provision for
the transit of Chinese across the coun-
try under treasury regulations now in
force, and which have been considered
effective heretofore."

A SAD CASE.

DECATUR, Ills., Feb. 8.—Because
he did not know how to deposit money
in a bank and had committed a for-
gery, John Kohler, aged 17, son of a
farmer living near Decatur, killed him-
self. Kohler had earned \$20 and came
to the city to deposit it. When he
stepped up to the teller's window he
presented a check bearing his father's
name. It was a forgery and an officer
was called. He took the boy home for
an investigation. Arriving there the
officer stepped in one of the rooms to
talk with the boy's mother about the
matter.

Young Kohler, thoroughly frighten-
ed and evidently believing that he was
going to be sent to the penitentiary,
stepped into the next room, picked up
a shotgun, placed the muzzle against
his forehead and pulled the trigger.
The top of his head was blown off.

BRIEFS BY WIRE.

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 8.—The fire
on the steamship Indavell has been
practically extinguished, and it is ex-
pected the hatches could be removed
today without danger of an outbreak.

NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—A waterspout
has wrecked a station on the Jeron-
imo Mezzitia Central railroad, causing
many deaths and great damage on
plantations according to a Herald de-
spatch from Rio Janeiro, Brazil.

NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—Thomas Man-
ning, the well known yachtsman and
yacht broker, is dead in this city from
heart disease.

RAISED CHECKS.

NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—Arapad Von
Kubinyi, formerly a first lieutenant in
the Austrian army, then a banker, and
last a journalist, is locked up in the
tomb, because of the allegations of a
German hotel keeper of this city,
who charges him with having raised
two of his checks from \$50 each to
\$500. He says his father is president
of the Bar Association of the northern
district of Hungary, and that his un-
cle is an equerry to Emperor Francis
Joseph.

TEDDY'S CONDITION UNCHANGED.

GROTON, Mass., Feb. 8.—There was
no change noted in the condition in
the son of President Roosevelt during the
night, and Dr. Warren, the Groton
school physician, on his visit to the
patient early this morning found him
as on last evening, as comfortable as
could be expected.

Mrs. Roosevelt, accompanied by her
maid, reached here just after 10 o'clock
today.

RECORD BREAKING WEATHER.

LONDON, Feb. 8.—Snow storms and
fog envelope practically the entire
United Kingdom. The weather is the
most severe known in 30 years. For a
time this morning London was plunged
in darkness, traffic was interrupted and
navigation on the Thames and Mersey
was very dangerous. The unpre-
cedented snow fall necessitated the sus-
pension of out-door work in many dis-
tricts, and vehicular and train traffic
was carried on with the greatest diffi-
culty. In parts of Scotland and Wales
communications were entirely blocked.

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