

# A Soldier's Revenge

### Unable to Stand Persecution by a Corporal He Fires a Magazine.

### Great Loss of Life—Fifty Bodies Have Been Taken From the Debris.

Toulon, March 5.—The naval powder magazine of La Courbarre, between La Seyne and Toulon, in the Department of Var, southern France, exploded at half past two this morning.

All of the soldiers on duty at the magazine and a number of inhabitants of the surrounding district were killed. The buildings were raised and fell on the victims. Forty corpses have already been recovered. The cause of the explosion is not known.

Fifty thousand kilograms of black powder exploded. It looks as though a volcanic eruption had occurred, the number of bodies taken were within two miles, houses destroyed, trees overturned, fields devastated and covered with stones and black dust. Some of the stores are enormous. One weighing sixty kilograms, in the suburb of Pont de Las. Signs of the explosion are evident in all the suburbs of Toulon and the city itself. Even at St. Jean de Var, five miles distant, windows were shattered and doors battered in.

Later reports show that of the seven soldiers four were killed outright and the others severely injured, the corporal being literally scalped and the scalp overhanging his face like a veil.

A large number of soldiers are now employed in clearing away the debris, but the work is very difficult. It is impossible to ascertain accurately the number killed, but it is believed that no fewer than 100 were injured.

Toulon, March 6.—About fifty corpses have now been recovered from the scene of the explosion of a powder magazine yesterday between La Seyne and Toulon. The remains of several other victims are still buried in the debris.

London, March 6.—A special despatch from Paris says it is rumored that one of the soldiers who perished in the explosion of a powder magazine yesterday morning at Toulon had for a long time past been the victim of systematic persecution upon the part of a corporal, and had vowed to avenge his death by the blowing up of the magazine.

## WORKMEN IN CONFERENCE.

Syracuse, N. Y., March 6.—A large number of delegates to the Grand Lodge of the A. O. U. W. arrived here today. Four hundred and forty delegates are to be considered for the constitution. The Grand Lodge of the Degree of Honor, woman's organization, meets here during the convention.

## MANITOBA CHIEF JUSTICESHIP.

Ottawa, Ont., March 6.—The Free Press Winnipeg correspondent today issues the following dispatch: There is special authority for the statement Mr. Isaac Campbell, Q.C., of Winnipeg, has been offered the position of Chief Justice of Manitoba in place of Sir Thomas Spence, resigned, and that he has declined to accept.

## THE KLONDIKE CLIMATE.

Toronto, Ont., March 6.—The Globe contains special correspondence from Dawson City, in which the writer argues against the idea that the climate in the Yukon is superior to Toronto, and as proof of this fact, Bartlett Brook, the biggest firm of forwarders in the Yukon, have had no less than 25 horses turned out to grass all winter, wintering 25 miles up the Klondike river, and eating only what they can pick up. So far they have done well and look well.

## NEW BRIDGE FOR QUEBEC.

Quebec, March 6.—Tenders were opened on Saturday for the bridge to which a payment is expected next session to give \$1,000,000. There are four tenders, Carnegie Steel Co. of Pittsburgh; the Dominion Bridge Co. of Montreal; the Phoenix Bridge Co. of Pennsylvania; and the Union Bridge Co. of New York. The tenders submitted plans for both cantilever and suspension bridges. It was decided to appoint a committee of experts to decide which shape the bridge should take before proceeding to award the contract.

## CANADIAN BRIVITIES.

Omemee, March 5.—Mary Ann Hannah is dead, aged 112. Deceased, who was a native of Ireland, was unmarried. Montreal, March 5.—Dr. Adolphe Piche died on the street yesterday.

Toronto, March 5.—An offer has been accepted by the University of \$35,000 for the ground on which the old Upper Canada College building stands. The sale is subject to the government's approval. At the coming session of the Dominion parliament an application will be made for the incorporation of the Dominion Fish Company. This will correspond with the fish combine in the United States, and will control the whole fish business of the Eastern provinces. Rates on live stock shipments from Ontario to Montreal will be reduced greatly this year.

Montreal, March 5.—The following are the officers of the Canadian Mining Institute elected at the annual meeting: President, Lord Minto; president, John Hamilton, Montreal; Provincial counsellors, G. R. Smith; J. Obalski, superintendent of mines; Dr. Adams, Montreal; R. T. Hopper, of Montreal; J. B. Jones, Montreal; A. B. Blue, Toronto; Charles Brent, Portage; and James Coste, Toronto. British Columbia: E. T. Galt, Letbridge; James Fowler, R. H. Helley, Nelson; and J. Black, Victoria.

Washington, March 5.—Lord Strathcona donated \$100 to the Touchwood Hills school district.

# They Will Be Hanged

### Governor-General Declines to Alter the Sentence on Vian and Parslow.

### The Execution Has Been Fixed for Friday 10—Story of the Crime.

Ottawa, March 6.—Lord Minto signed an order-in-council this forenoon allowing the law to take its course in the case of Cordelia Vian and Sam Parslow, now at St. Scholastique jail, for the murder of Isidore Polier, husband of Cordelia Vian.

Mrs. Polier, whose maiden name was Vian, and Parslow will be hanged on Friday next, 10th instant.

The Polier murder was for atrocity, one of the worst crimes ever committed in this country, and the women was the principal actor in the foul deed. According to the evidence, Parslow failed on more than one occasion to murder Polier at the demands of Mrs. Polier, and when the woman was afraid that Polier would return to life after several fatal cuts from the hands of Parslow, she, with a butcher's knife, almost severed the head of her husband from the body.

Montreal, Que., March 6.—Archbishop Brochu paid a visit to Cordelia Vian and Sam Parslow at St. Scholastique yesterday. He celebrated mass in the school chapel and administered communion to the prisoners. He afterwards had a long talk with them and advised them to prepare for the worst.

## AGAIN REPULSED.

### Philippines Attempt to Capture Manila Water Works, but Are Driven Back by United States Troops.

New York, March 6.—A despatch from Manila dated 10 a. m. to-day and printed in the Journal, reports that the Philippines made an attempt to-day to capture the water works, six miles from Manila.

The attack was repulsed with a loss to the rebels of several hundred killed and many wounded.

The second Oregon and the first Nebraska regiments were engaged. Two Americans were wounded.

## VIVE LA LIBERTE!

Washington, D.C., March 6.—There is some reason to expect important news from Manila within the next fortnight. It has developed that General Otis has practically completed his plans for a grand onslaught on the insurgents, which is expected to deprive them of offensive power at least. It is probable that he will form a large part of his force into columns as soon as his reinforcements are all at hand, and will push these in parallel lines straight through the jungles, clearing out the insurgents in every direction as the troops go forward. The American troops are getting restless and nervous under the petty but annoying sharpshooting of the Filipinos, and are anxious to put a stop to this that General Otis has yielded to their desire.

## FISHERY REGULATIONS.

No Decision Yet Arrived at and Canners Suspend Preparations for the Season's Work.

Vancouver, March 6.—Mr. W. D. Burdick, secretary of the British Columbia Canners' Association, has received the following telegram from Mr. P. Gauvain, deputy minister of fisheries: "The department has received such various representations respecting the regulations that an early decision will be given. The minister has considered them. The canners say that this means the situation is where it stood when word was sent that the new regulations would probably be suspended. Arrangements had accordingly been made for going ahead with this season's work, but are now suspended. There is further talk of a deputation leaving for Ottawa to interview the department."

## PRISONER'S LEAP FOR LIBERTY.

Albany, N. Y., March 6.—A prisoner in charge of a deputy sheriff who boarded the last mail at Poughkeepsie jumped from the window and it is believed was killed. The train was stopped to allow the officer to go back in search of the man. The train proceeded without waiting for his return.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., March 6.—The prisoner who jumped from the fast mail near Hudson to-day was arrested in this city in the guise of a peddler of thread. The police believed him to be a crook and he was sentenced to six months in Albany penitentiary. A special from Hudson says the body of a man, supposed to be the prisoner, was found floating in the river in front of that city shortly after noon.

Hudson, N. Y., March 6.—It was learned here that the prisoner who jumped a train near here was named Charles Martin, and that he claimed Montreal as his residence. The officer who went in search of Martin found footprints leading from where he had jumped to the river bank. These were followed up, but no trace of the man could be found. There were no blood stains where Martin fell, and there is nothing to indicate that he was hurt.

## A BOILER EXPLODES.

Raguineer and Fireman of Manitoba Train Killed.

Winnipeg, March 6.—Engineer W. Hill and Fireman W. Donker were killed this morning by a boiler exploding on a Manitoba & Northwestern railway engine. None of the passengers on board the train were injured.

## THE QUEEN OF BELGIUM.

Her Majesty is Losing Strength and It is Feared She Will not Recover.

Brussels, March 6.—Marie Henrietta of Belgium, who is suffering from ague and pneumonia, passed a better night. She slept a little and the doctors are satisfied with her condition.

Later in the day it was announced that the Queen's strength had diminished, and a fatal termination of her illness is still feared. Physicians are in permanent attendance upon Her Majesty.

## PAYING OFF THE CUBAN ARMY.

New York, March 6.—A despatch to the Herald from Washington says: Paymaster-General Carey has perfected arrangements for going to Cuba next week to pay off the Cuban army. General Carey will take the entire appropriation of three million dollars to Cuba.

# TO PLEASE THE STATES.

### The Kaiser Appoints His Brother to the Command of the German Asiatic Squadron.

### Another Sensation

Berlin, March 6.—A high official of the German Navy department has confirmed the Associated Press correspondent's statement that the appointment of Prince Henry of Prussia, brother of Emperor William, to the command of the East Asiatic squadron has been considered for months past, and was finally decided upon as being most available, the Emperor desiring to show the American people that he is thoroughly friendly to them, knowing that Prince Henry is popular in the United States.

When the official referred to was asked whether the appointment was equivalent to the disgrace of Admiral Von Diederichs he said: "Not exactly. If Admiral Von Diederichs had shown more tact last summer before Manila it would undoubtedly have been productive of good results all round. Our government, unfortunately, was advised too late of a number of errors before Manila, none of which were really important, but they showed grave want of tact upon Admiral Von Diederichs's part. The main trouble was that Admiral Von Diederichs was insufficiently informed regarding international law, and in such a delicate situation. Consequently, he continued, the naval movements, drill and practice, as if elsewhere than in a blockaded port, thus arousing distrust upon the part of the Americans. This is important as being the first official admission that Germany was at fault in Manila Bay."

THE POPE'S HEALTH.

Rome, March 6.—Another satisfactory bulletin regarding the health of the Pope was issued this morning.

## B. O. RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

Consideration of General Hutton's Suggestions—A Protest From Major Williams.

A meeting of the council of the B. O. Rifle Association was held on Saturday evening at the officers' mess in the Drill Hall. There were present His Honor the Lieut.-Governor, Col. Peters, D.O.C., Col. Gregory, Capt. Fletcher, H. A. Murray, J. H. Taylor, G. A. Pittendrigh and W. W. E. Melmore, M.P. The Westminster and Vancouver riflemen were unrepresented.

A communication was read from General Hutton in which he recommended mass firing at moving targets, but on account of the difficulties in the way of carrying the recommendation out, the matter was referred to the officers commanding the rifle companies of the militia and the presidents of local rifle associations, together with George Pittendrigh and J. D. Taylor, for consideration.

A communication was also read from Major Williams in which he stated the fact that three members of the council elected at the annual general meeting in July last were ineligible for seats on the council from the fact that they were not members of the rifle association.

It was generally believed that Mr. Kipling's condition was such that the doctors would not tell him until he should be stronger.

Elsie, the three-year-old daughter of the author, who is sick in one of the apartments in the hotel, was doing nicely, according to the morning's report of Mr. Donley.

## A CLEVER INVENTION.

Mr. Thomas Shaw Invents a New Retort Door for Canneries.

At the Marine Engine Works there is on view a new retort door invented by Mr. Thomas Shaw, the well-known mechanic. It is intended for use in canneries or any place where an air tight or water tight door is required.

Under the old plan it took some 20 minutes to close a door after being once opened and only then under great difficulty. Mr. Shaw's patent has completely done away with that waste of time and energy and the door can be closed and a steam joint made in the marvellously short space of 30 seconds.

The door is built of solid iron and involves on enormous hinges, which turn with a lever with a very small amount of pressure. The parts of the retort are most simple and if by any chance they should be broken they can be replaced in a minute's notice. The retort will be placed in the same position as the old ones, and the track of the retort will be placed level with the track of the floor.

The doors, therefore, being able to enter and come out as before without alteration. The invention will undoubtedly be hailed with great satisfaction by the cannery men and should prove a pronounced success. For the convenience of those interested Mr. Shaw wishes to state that steam will be up every day after 10 a. m., when the door can be seen at work.

## LAW INTELLIGENCE.

The Full Court commenced its regular March sittings this morning. Many counsel were in attendance, and amongst them many from the Mainland.

Wolfe v. Nelson Electric Light Co.—In this case the defendants appealed from an order of Mr. Forin allowing the plaintiff to enter summary judgment against the defendant in a County Court action. The appeal was allowed with costs. L. P. Duff for appellants, and A. E. McPhlips for respondents.

McPhlips v. Ross—The husband of the plaintiff was killed in a collision on the Fraser river between the steamer Robert Dunsmuir and a fishing boat. At the trial the jury allowed the plaintiff \$12,000 damages, and the defendants now apply for a new trial. Aulay Morrison for appellant, and Alexander Henderson for respondent.

Chief Justice McColl made an order confirming the sale of the Manuacense to Williamson & Son, the mortgagee, for \$11,000, and the launches for \$200. F. Peters, Q.C., for plaintiffs, and J. M. Bradburn for defendants.

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Yesterday, at 11 a. m., there died at his residence, Yates street, Jacob Lenz, one of the oldest and best respected pioneers of Victoria. Mr. Lenz was born at Kerpen near Cologne, on the Rhine, Germany, and was 81 years of age at the time of his death, which was due to general break up of his system. The deceased left Germany at the age of 35 and went to Medicine Hat, where he was engaged in a large business for 20 years. He first came to Victoria in 1873 and entered into partnership as a wholesale merchant with his brother-in-law, and was engaged in a very important factor in the house. In 1874 he went to Cassiar, where he opened and carried on an unassisted large merchandise business until the early eighties, when he returned to Victoria and was the means of establishing the large and well-known firm of Lenz & Leiser, which, through his able assistance and business capacity, is now one of the most successful firms in British Columbia.

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The deceased leaves a large number of relatives to mourn his loss, amongst them being Mr. Simon Leiser, well known in business circles; Mr. Max Leiser, of Pithers & Leiser, and many others. At the time of his death he was surrounded by his children, his grandchildren and his great grand-children, who watched the spark of life slowly burn out of the grand old man.

Victoria is to-day in mourning for the memory of the deceased and everywhere are heard remarks eulogizing and bringing back to memory the many good deeds that can be traced to his hand, and very appropriately are the words of Gay applied to him:

"If the motive right were understood, His daily pleasure was in doing good." The remains of the deceased will be conveyed to San Francisco and will leave by the Kingston to-morrow afternoon. He will be laid to rest at the side of his late partner in life, who predeceased him some twenty years ago. The body, which is at present lying at his late residence, is covered with floral tributes from his many sorrowing friends who have paid this last respect to one that in life never refused to assist the deserving, and brought hope and comfort to many a home. The memory of the deceased will long be treasured by those who knew him, and when speaking of him with unobscured hearts they will say, "He was indeed a man."

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# Sporting Intelligence.

### THE RING.

### For Fitz and Jeffries.

Dave Holland, who is in New York receiving bids for the Fitzsimmons-Jeffries fight, on Friday received the following telegram from Butte, Mont.: "Boston will pass on Old guarantees \$25,000 purse. 'P. J. DONAHUE.' Holland wired back that \$500 deposit was necessary to secure consideration of the bid, and received a reply that a check for that amount had been forwarded.

## The Defeat of Hawkins.

The following are particulars of the fight at San Francisco on Friday night between Ernie, of Buffalo, and Dal Hawkins, of San Francisco. The latter was knocked out in the seventh round. The result came as a complete surprise to Hawkins and his friends, as until the end of the sixth round Hawkins had the better of the contest. Ernie had fought almost entirely on the defensive, and many predicted that the fight would last the limit.

The feature of Ernie's fight was his magnificent defense. He guarded uppercuts impenetrable, and after the first round did not appear to be materially affected by his punishment in the twelve seconds. Both men came up in good condition after comparatively inactive rounds. Hawkins started in with an aggressive left, landing Ernie's body. The Buffalo boy, after a few seconds' guard, suddenly advanced and rushed Hawkins all over the ring, Dal responding gamely, and there were several lively rallies. Then, like a flash, Ernie made an opening, feinting with his right and driving severely with his right on Hawkins' jaw. Dal dropped on his back, completely knocked out. He had to be carried to his corner, and it was two minutes before he recovered consciousness. Ernie carried little evidence of the punishment he received in the earlier rounds, and walked to his corner smiling blandly and cheered by the crowd.

Round 1—Hawkins was the first to lead with the left, but fell short. Ernie landed first with a left on Hawkins' jaw. Hawkins was after him like a flash and floored him clean with a terrific left on the jaw. Ernie remained on his knees some seconds. Hawkins did not follow his advantage, and the going found them sparring slowly.

Round 2—Hawkins went after Ernie and scored twice with left in succession. Ernie woke up and landed a solid left on the face and right on the body, blocking the counters. Dal got a light left in on the chin, countering on the body. The pace slackened in this round, but Ernie, by some remarkably clever foot work and ducking, kept out of Ernie's way. No damage was done either way.

Round 3—Hawkins made half a dozen trials with his left for the jaw, but landed only once lightly. He then tried with his right for the body, but missed. Ernie got a good right on the jaw, and the body and stopped a couple of hard lefts. Dal then planted left and right on the head. As the bell sounded Hawkins got in a good right on the neck.

Round 4—Hawkins forced Ernie, keeping his left busy, but missing Ernie's defense, but he landed. Ernie on the defensive throughout. Dal landed a good right and left on the ribs, and a fight under the belt. Ernie found a solid left on his face and right on the body, blocking the counters. Dal got a light left in on the chin, countering on the body. The pace slackened in this round, but Ernie, by some remarkably clever foot work and ducking, kept out of Ernie's way. No damage was done either way.

Round 5—Hawkins made half a dozen trials with his left for the jaw, but landed only once lightly. He then tried with his right for the body, but missed. Ernie got a good right on the jaw, and the body and stopped a couple of hard lefts. Dal then planted left and right on the head. As the bell sounded Hawkins got in a good right on the neck.

Round 6—Hawkins forced Ernie, keeping his left busy, but missing Ernie's defense, but he landed. Ernie on the defensive throughout. Dal landed a good right and left on the ribs, and a fight under the belt. Ernie found a solid left on his face and right on the body, blocking the counters. Dal got a light left in on the chin, countering on the body. The pace slackened in this round, but Ernie, by some remarkably clever foot work and ducking, kept out of Ernie's way. No damage was done either way.

Round 7—Hawkins rushed Ernie to the ropes and landed a good left on the ribs. He scored on the jaw and again on the ribs. Ernie rushed at Hawkins' viciously, planting three hard lefts on the jaw. They clinched and fell to the floor. When they rose Hawkins went for his man, but the Buffalo boy came back at him with both hands on the jaw. Hawkins staggered back, dropped his guard, and Ernie put a fearful right on the jaw, lifting Hawkins off his feet and landing him on his back. Hawkins lay like a dead man for the limit but when he rose he started to his corner. His seconds worked on him fully two minutes before he revived.

## THE OAR.

The University Boat Race. The Oxford and Cambridge boat race will soon be rowed. English papers just to hand show that the severe weather which has interfered with many sporting fixtures in England, has not deterred the Cambridge university eights from indulging in their daily practice work. Great interest is taken in the doings of the crews, and according to the latest reports an exciting struggle is anticipated. Cambridge appears to be making an unusual effort this year to stem the tide of defeat, and the coaches are attending to their duties in the most painstaking manner. The home race of the Light Blues was completed on February 4th. They were to take up their quarters at R.C. Lehmann's place, Bourne End, about the end of February, and practice for a week or so over the Henley course. They are due at Putney to-day. The aggregate of the "Cantabs" is 14 pounds more than that of the Dark Blues. The Cambridge president, E. B. Edington-Smith, who rows No. 5, tips the beam at 188 pounds, and the total weight of the crew and coxswain is a trifle over 1,500 pounds. Frequent changes have been made in the position of the men, and on February 1st, J. H. Gibbons, of Third Trinity, supplanted J. E. Payne, of Peterhouse, who had previously stroked the eight.

The plans of the Oxonians are not so well known, but it is expected they will do some work on the Henley course as usual. Illness caused the retirement of Warren, who rowed No. 6 on February 3rd, and some consequent changes of lineup in the make-up of the crew. J. A. Tinnis, University, is the new man in the boat, which is stroked by H. Gold, of Magdalen.

## ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

The teams representing the above met at Beacon Hill on Saturday afternoon, when a good fast game was played, which ended in a win for the Victorias by 3 to 1. Some splendid shooting was done. The victors journey to Nanaimo on the 18th inst., and as the Nanaimo team is reported to have an extra strong team a good battle may be anticipated.

The South Parks and Columbias are to meet for the last time on Saturday night, and on the following Saturday the Y.M.C.A. team and No. 2 Company, Royal Brigade, will play off.