

NEWS SUMMARY

Four lives were lost in a fire which destroyed the Verbeck theater at Lorain, Ohio.

A seat on the New York stock exchange was sold last week for \$90,000, the highest price on record.

The committee of mines and mining of the house has decided to report in favor of establishing a government bureau of mining.

Admiral Dewey has taken an emphatic stand against the hazing practices which prevail at the naval academy at Annapolis.

Four robbers blew open the safe in the bank at Baldwin, Ill., and escaped after a fight with citizens. Nobody was hurt in the street fight.

Clarence Albright, while seated at his breakfast table at Kingman, Kan., was shot and killed by an unknown assassin, who fired through the window.

The Dowager-Empress of China has ordered the Viceroy of Chile province to go to Shanghai, investigate the recent riots and punish the guilty ones.

According to Chinese dispatches to Japanese papers received at Victoria, the Chinese officials at Peking declare they are unable to stop the American boycott.

Charles Faas, a New York bank director and vice president of a brewery company, is still unconscious and may not recover from an assault made upon him by robbers.

Hugh McCoy, a cripple, age 45 years, was shot and instantly killed by two thieves while he was sitting at the kitchen window of his house on a farm two miles from Darlington, Pa.

The China-Japanese treaty was signed Friday at Peking by Baron Komura and M. Uchida in behalf of Japan, and Prince Ching and Viceroy Yuan Shi Kai in behalf of China.

A call has been issued for a meeting in Chicago, February 1 next, of all governors, attorneys-general and insurance commissioners in the country to discuss insurance legislation.

Jack O'Brien was declared the victor over Bob Fitzsimmons in the thirtieth round of their fight in San Francisco. Fitzsimmons announced that he had fought his last battle.

W. G. Nolan, assistant night yardmaster of the Southern Pacific railway at River station, Los Angeles, was run over by a car in the yards and killed. His body was horribly mangled.

The Japanese transports Ikuta Maru and Fukuoka recently collided in the Straits of Shimonoseki and the former sank within a few minutes. Thirty-six returning Japanese soldiers were killed.

Representative Williams of Mississippi has introduced a bill providing for the lending of surplus money in the United States treasury to state and national banks offering the highest interest.

The gate receipts of the Fitzsimmons-O'Brien fight were \$16,407. Of this sum 60 per cent went to the gladiators, the winner receiving 75 per cent of the 60 per cent and the loser getting 25 per cent.

It was announced that the British government, in response to communications from its consuls at Riga and other Russian ports, has authorized them in case of danger to charter vessels for the removal of British subjects.

Terrible cruelty to his crew was charged against Capt. Levin Lewis of the oyster dredge boat Sadie Lewis at Baltimore. Witnesses testified that one man had been so badly beaten that he fainted and fell overboard and was drowned.

The will of Sir Henry Irving, it is understood, leaves two-thirds of his estate, which consists solely of the \$100,000 realized at the recent sale of his theatrical relics, art works and library, to his two sons, Henry B. and Laurence Irving.

The latest dispatches received from Tiflis, Caucasus, say that 300 houses in the Mussulman quarter were set on fire by armed Armenians, who prevented the inmates from leaving, and fired on the firemen who attempted to extinguish the flames.

The trial of Hugh Watt, the former member of parliament, charged with inciting hired agents to murder his divorced wife, Julia Watt, and Sir Reginald Beauchamp, ended with a verdict of guilty. Watt was sentenced to five years' penal servitude.

Admiral Togo in his farewell address to the officers and men of the fleet who fought under his command, warned them to be in constant readiness for emergencies. He concluded with the words: "The victor should tie his helmet string tighter."

IDAHO RECLAMATION PROJECT APPROVED

Will Cost \$11,000,000 and Will Be the Means of Reclaiming 372,000 Acres of Land in Idaho.

Washington.—The secretary of the interior on Wednesday approved the Payette-Boise project in Idaho, providing for the irrigation of 372,000 acres at an estimated cost of \$11,000,000, or \$30 an acre. Senator Dubois, who was instrumental in securing the approval of this project, is much gratified. He estimates it will add 42 per cent to the value of farm property and 37 per cent to the gross income of farms in Idaho.

The plans provide for some remarkable changes in the physical conditions of the valleys. Great dams in the Payette and Boise rivers will store the floods of these streams. From the former stream a broad canal, running along a line of foothills and passing through the divide between the rivers, will carry the surplus flow of the Payette river into the valley of the Boise. Here a network of canals and ditches, many of which are now in operation, will furnish water to nearly 500 square miles of country.

NO REAL USE FOR PRESIDENT.

Anticipating Removal, Morales Fled to Revolutionists.

Washington.—The state department has received by cable from San Domingo advices which throw much needed light on the revolutionary disturbances reported from there. These were to the effect that the diplomatic corps had been notified by the Dominican minister of foreign affairs, General Tejera, that the president, Morales, having abandoned the capital, leaving the government without an acting head, the cabinet had called upon the vice president, General Caceres to take charge pending the temporary failure of Morales to exercise his functions. The city of San Domingo was quiet and the cabinet officers were exercising their functions without interruption.

President Morales was reported to be at Jaima, ten or twelve miles from the capital, among a band of revolutionists who were fighting there.

Finding himself without power because the cabinet controlled the party, Morales anticipated removal by the party leaders and fled to the revolutionists with the intention of securing a sufficient force to re-enter the capital and drive out his enemies.

BLOODY CONFLICT CERTAIN.

Tennessee Double Tragedy Leads to Armed Uprising.

Bristol, Va.—News reached Bristol, Wednesday of a double tragedy enacted Christmas evening at Bartha, Tenn., near the Virginia-Tennessee line, resulting in the instant death of Roscoe Nichols and the fatal wounding of Silas Green, which has given rise to a condition in that section bordering on a state of war. A dispatch says there are a hundred armed men in the mountains following leaders from among the friends of the dead and of the wounded man, and that a bloody conflict seems certain. During the day both factions have been gathering arms and ammunition.

TO PROTECT AMERICANS.

Secretary Root Asks Navy Department to Take Action.

Washington.—Because of the serious situation in Russia, Secretary Root has requested the navy department to take measures for the protection of American citizens in St. Petersburg. The state department was informed by the secretary of the navy that, unfortunately, there is no vessel in European waters which can be sent to St. Petersburg before navigation is interrupted. It is expected, however, that a ship will be sent to Europe, certainly to Riga, which is not frozen up.

CAPTAIN FATALLY HURT.

Explosion of Bromide Gas in Salvation Army Barracks.

Chicago.—A tank containing bromide gas which was being used to operate a stereopticon lantern in the Salvation Army barracks at 6335 Halstead street, exploded Wednesday night and fatally injured Captain Follet, who was working the lantern. His left leg and left arm were blown off, and in addition he was severely bruised and cut about the body and head. His wife and daughter were blown through a plate glass window by the explosion, but both escaped with minor bruises.

President Smith and Party Spend Day at Historic Spot.

Cleveland.—A delegation of twenty-nine high Mormon dignitaries, headed by President Joseph F. Smith, passed through here Wednesday in a private car on a pilgrimage to Kirtland, O., the birthplace of Mormonism. They had been on a trip to Vermont to dedicate a monument to the memory of Joseph Smith, founder of the sect, and were on their way back to Salt Lake City. They spent the day at Kirtland and left at night for Chicago.

MORALES FLEES FROM CAPITAL

Troops Sent in Pursuit of the President and Fight Occurs Near Town.

Another Revolution on Down in Santo Domingo, and Serious Conflict Between the Opposing Forces May Occur at Any Time.

San Domingo, Santo Domingo.—Following the announcement that the president of the republic, General Carlos F. Morales, had left the capital for an unknown destination, troops were sent in pursuit of the chief magistrate. What took place after that cannot be definitely determined, but it is known that a fight occurred about ten miles from here on Monday and it is supposed that General Pimentel, the rebel commander, was attacked by government troops.

The whereabouts of the fugitive president is not known. It is generally supposed that he endeavored to reach the coast and board a sloop, with the object of reaching Puerto Plata, on the north coast of Santo Domingo, and there join the followers of Jiminez, in opposition to the followers of Horacio.

Juan F. Sanchez, former foreign minister of Santo Domingo, has also left the city. Senor Sanchez with the American special commissioner, Commander Albert C. Dillingham and former Minister Thomas C. Dawson, and Frederico Valasquez, minister of finance, on January 20 last, signed the agreement between the United States and Santo Domingo, providing for the fiscal protectorate of the United States over Santo Domingo.

ONLY ONE SURVIVOR.

Three-Masted Schooner Goes Down Off Coast of Florida.

Tampa, Fla.—The three-masted schooner Sakata of Petersburg, N. S., has been wrecked and its entire crew of at least seven men drowned, except Mate John F. Williams of St. John, N. B. The drowned include John Colon, managing owner of the schooner, and his son.

The wreck was reported by Captain Lermond of the schooner Helen Thomas, which arrived at port Tuesday from Galveston. Captain Lermond first sighted the capsized schooner on December 23. He sent a boat to the wreck. The men found Mate Williams clinging to the vessel and he had been without food or drink for four days. Hunger had forced him to eat a portion of his oil coat. The wrecked schooner was bound for Havana.

A KENTUCKY CHRISTMAS.

Three Men Killed During the Yule Tide Festivities.

London, Ky.—News has reached here of the killing of a deputy sheriff and two other men. At Big Fork a large crowd of men congregated at an old-time turkey shooting match. A dispute over the match soon brought a general fight in which John Duff and Jake Wilson shot and killed Joseph Wilson and Alexander Little shot and killed Deputy Sheriff MacRoberts. Duff and Wilson were arrested. During the excitement Little escaped and is being hunted for by a posse. The third killing occurred Sunday night at Goose Creek, James Creech being shot dead by Bill Van Over in a dispute.

REMAINS A MYSTERY.

Body of Woman Found on Railroad Tracks.

Philadelphia.—The coroner's jury on Tuesday rendered a verdict in the case of Mrs. Margaret Todd, the wealthy New York widow whose body was found on the tracks of the Reading railroad in Fairmount park, this city, October last. The verdict states that the woman came to her death in a manner unknown to the jury. No new evidence was developed at the hearing.

Shot to Death by Mob.

Columbus, S. C.—News of a double lynching at Baron Well, Friday, has been received here. Sheriff Creech wired Governor Heyward that the affair was brutal murder; that helpless prisoners were butchered in open daylight and that officers were guilty of dereliction of duty. H. S. Chaddock, a well known white merchant, was killed by Frank and John Deloache, negroes, who were taken from jail by the mob and shot to death.

Guests Escaped in Night Clothes.

Walsenburg, Colo.—Charles Crockett of Denver was severely burned and thirty-five other persons narrowly escaped death in a fire which destroyed the Twin Lakes hotel here Tuesday night. All of the guests were forced to flee in their night clothes. A defective fire is supposed to have caused the fire, which started in the kitchen. The hotel was a large frame building owned by the Wisconsin Trust company, and the total loss is placed at \$8,000.

THE NEW ELECTORAL LAW OFFERED RUSSIANS

Suffrage is Greatly Extended, But Not Universal, and Proletariat is Not Expected to be Satisfied.

St. Petersburg.—The new electoral law was gazetted on Monday and was accompanied by a statement explaining that in view of the fact that even some of the western countries do not possess universal suffrage, the cabinet could not assume the responsibility of decreeing it. The ultimate decision must be made by the national assembly itself. The election list will be published forthwith, the date of the elections will then be announced and as soon as the government receives notification that half the members are elected the national assembly will be convoked.

The extension of the suffrage proclaimed applies especially to the cities where it is made almost universal. Besides the workmen in the factories and mills who are especially provided for, the suffrage will include every owner of real estate paying taxes, persons conducting enterprises, like shop keepers paying license, persons paying a lodging tax or occupying separate lodgings and persons in the government service, including railroad men. All limit of rent paid by lodging holders as a voting qualification is removed. The indirect system of two degrees of voters in both the cities and country is retained.

A new feature of the law is that the workmen instead of being allowed a specified number of class representatives have to take their chances in the electoral colleges with the other classes. Moreover, instead of the cities having separate representatives the electoral colleges will be composed by the provinces. The workmen will choose an elector for every 10,000 men.

The new law is a great extension of the law of August.

REVOLT HAS FAILED.

Military Has the Situation Well in Hand in Moscow.

St. Petersburg.—Emperor Nicholas and Count Witte received Monday night a report from General Doubassoff, governor general of Moscow, saying that the revolt there had failed; that the military had the situation in hand, and that whatever disaffection may have existed among the troops had been overcome by attacks on them with bombs and revolvers to which they had been subjected from the windows and roofs of houses and which had so enraged them that they could hardly be restrained.

Although the rebellion may flare up immediately elsewhere and although there is an indication of an upheaval at Odessa, if the attempt at armed rebellion in Moscow should be crushed, the leaders of the "reds" will receive a blow from which they cannot quickly recover.

Hill and Harriman Clash.

Portland.—The granting of an injunction by the state circuit court directing the Portland & Seaside railroad and Simms & Shields, contractors, to discontinue the work of railroad construction in the vicinity of a proposed crossing with the new line of the Oregon Railway & Navigation company between here and the Columbia river, marks the first legal clash actually to occur between the principals themselves in the legal fight between the Hill and Harriman interests. Both companies have for some time been striving to gain the vantage at the point of crossing in order to establish a grade to which the other compute.

Horses Dropping Dead on the Streets.

New York.—Afflicted with spinal meningitis, more than a score of horses dropped in the streets of Williamsburg Tuesday, and at least half of them succumbed to the disease before a veterinary could reach them.

Every veterinary surgeon in Williamsburg was called into service and they were busy trying to check the spread of the disease. All of the animal hospitals are crowded with horses suffering from the disease.

A Deadly Political Plot.

El Paso, Tex.—Further news from Torreon, Mexico, where leading citizens were poisoned at a banquet Saturday night, says that nine are dead and many others ill and that the poisoning was part of a political plot. Strychnine was put into a bowl of punch. All the dead are said to have been of one political faction. The members of the opposing faction who attended the banquet were not affected by the punch they drank.

Saloon Man Shoots Two.

Tacoma, Wash.—William Howell, the proprietor of the Steamer saloon, shot Oscar Welfreiger and Charles G. Steel, longshoremen, in his saloon Monday morning, as a result of a quarrel over a bottle of whisky. Welfreiger was shot through the lungs. Steel received a very dangerous wound in the abdomen. On the way to the hospital he escaped from the ambulance and ran several blocks. He will die. Steel is said to be an ex-convict, generally known as "Gib" Steele.

BOY ACCUSED OF HORRIBLE CRIME

Chicago Lad Who Hacked His Employer to Pieces With a Hatchet.

After Committing Atrocious Murder, the Youngster Sat Down and Calmly Finished His Meal Which Had Been Disturbed by the Crime.

Chicago.—Rudolph Gumoff, 17 years old, has been placed on trial in the criminal court to answer the charge of killing Jacob Lieb of Chicago Heights, his employer, with a hatchet. During the recital of the facts of the killing to the jury by Assistant State's Attorney Barbour an ordinary-sized hand hatchet, still spotted with the blood of the slain man, was shown the jury. The state, because of the youth of the prisoner, waived the death penalty, but demanded imprisonment for life.

The boy was employed by Jacob Lieb in the shoe repairing shop in Chicago Heights, according to the story of the prosecutor. On the afternoon of August 5 piercing screams from the little shop aroused the village. When, some minutes afterward, two or three men entered the place they found the kitchen floor spattered with blood and the body of Lieb hacked to an indistinguishable mass, while at the table sat the boy who evidently had committed the atrocious deed. He had just finished eating some soup, and the empty bowl stood before him.

AGONIZING CRIES FROM RUSSIA.

Jews Write Pitiful Appeals to Their Relatives in America.

Minneapolis.—"Do not ask any questions; do not wait to write, but if you want to see us alive send steamer tickets," is the despairing cry which the Russian Jews of this city are daily hearing from relatives residing in the empire of the czar.

Horrible descriptions of slaughter and rapine are contained in many of the letters. A letter from Kotoras, Russia, gives a lurid description of the massacres which occurred there and in Uman following the issuance of the czar's recent manifesto. According to the account, crews of brigands followed the parade which was held in celebration of the issuance of the manifesto, gathered in a mob and, placing at their head a picture of the czar and a cross, emblem of state and church, made their way to the Jewish quarter, where they began their work of murder and robbery.

Driving a number of Jewish children into the street, they poured kerosene on them and set fire to them, while the mothers were obliged to stand by and helplessly listen to the agonized screams of their little ones as they perished in the flames. After making way with the children the murderers turned their attention to the parents and slaughtered them without mercy. Three hundred Jews perished at that time in Koloras, while in Uman 1,000 were killed. The most horrible cruelties were practiced by those who participated in the massacres.

WENT OVER EMBANKMENT.

Twelve Badly Hurt in Wreck on the Rio Grande.

Durango, Colo.—The eastbound Denver & Rio Grande passenger train from Silverton, well loaded with passengers, was wrecked three miles from his city Monday, and while no one was killed, a large number of passengers were injured, twelve of them quite seriously. The accident was caused, it is claimed, by a defective rail.

When the accident occurred, the chair car rolled down an eight-foot embankment, dragging the other cars with it. The cars were dragged along in this manner on their sides for over 400 feet before the engine and train were brought to a stop, the engine tender nearly tipping over, while the drive wheels of the engine were running on the ties.

Grizzly Kills Old Hunter.

Omaha.—Simon B. Clark of Omaha, one of the best-known pioneers of Nebraska, was recently killed in a battle with grizzly bears in the Big Horn country. The news was contained in a letter from a ranchman named Adams, who said Clark's horse came to his ranch December 21. Recognizing the animal, Adams followed his trail back five miles into the mountains, where he found the badly-mangled body of Clark at the mouth of a cave and beside it two dead grizzlies.

Negro Flagman Riddled.

Paducah, Ky.—In a battle between a policeman and John Tice, a one-legged negro flagman on the Illinois Central, who had barricaded himself in his tower at Eleventh and Broadway street, Patrolman James Clark was shot twice in the hip and Tice was riddled by scores of people with rifles and pistols from the surrounding streets and roofs. The negro became enraged at some one throwing bricks at his tower and began firing from the tower at people on the streets below.

THOUSANDS KILLED AND WOUNDED IN MOSCOW

Revolutionists Fighting Desperately to Overcome the Government, and the Streets Run Red With Blood of Insurgents.

Moscow.—The situation is hourly growing worse. The insurgents hold several quarters of the city and fighting continues desperately. Two large arms stores have been pillaged and the weapons distributed among the men who have erected barricades along the Sadovia, which encircles the city.

Two bombs were thrown at the prefecture of police Saturday morning and partially destroyed that building. Two policemen were killed and soldier was wounded.

There are many revolting details of Saturday's fighting. At Fidler's school after the students had raised the white flag and came out, they were charged, ridden down and sabred by the dragoons. The revolutionaries retaliated wherever they caught an officer alone, and on the slightest resistance he was beaten into insensibility.

Telegraph poles, wires, planks, barrels and any material available was used in the construction of many barricades, which sprang up all over the city, and as soon as one was destroyed another went up as if by magic at a distant place. Crowds fought the troops with intense stubbornness, using revolvers and hand grenades, but many hundreds of persons had rifles and repeatedly stood their ground, even while they were being mown down by quick-firing guns.

Many innocent persons were killed, among them a number of women. Many bodies were blown to pieces by shrapnel. On Tverskaja street, where the crowds were enflamed, the losses were heavy.

RUSSIAN MOB HORRORS.

Babe of Helpless Jewish Woman Dismembered Before the Eyes of the Agonized Mother.

New Haven, Conn.—A description of mob horrors in Russia is contained in a letter just received by Dr. Max S. Mandell of this city, from a friend in Egaterinoslav. It is dated November 19. The letter says in part:

"We were saved by the kindness of a Christian friend who gave us a place to hide in and kept watch for us himself."

"He took us to his stable, where we remained with our two little ones for three days without a morsel of food or a drop of water, but a horrible death staring us in the face every moment of the time."

"Many have lost their lives in addition to similar suffering; still more remain cripples for life with no means of support. Others were compelled to witness the brutal dismembering of their dear ones before they were killed themselves. My clerk told me that he saw how the mob overtook a helpless Jewish woman, who apparently had run to a place of safety, carrying a child in her arms. The beasts wrenched the infant out of its mother's arms and dismembered it, holding out every part to her face and then forced the hysterical mother into shame, which killed her."

RIOT IN A TURPENTINE CAMP.

Five Negroes Killed and Eight Wounded During a Christmas Frolic.

Valdosta, Ga.—A bloody riot among negroes is reported here from Ewing, a turpentine camp between Fargo and St. George on the Georgia Southern & Florida railway. The riot was the result of a Christmas frolic among negroes who had been drinking.

A general fusillade occurred, and probably fifty shots were fired. Two negroes were killed outright, three were mortally wounded, while eight others received bullet wounds. One negro woman was among the killed, and women were also among the wounded. One of the women was brought to Fargo for treatment, having several bullet wounds in her body, and another of the negroes came here with part of his chin and jaw shot off.

Tide is Turning.

Vladimir, Russia.—Owing to the hostile attitude of the people here who attacked the houses of the railroad men, the strike leaders would have been torn to pieces had the troops not interposed. The railroad strike here is ineffective. Most of the employes are working. Reports received here from several villages in the provinces tell of the murder of agitators by peasants who were enraged at their attacks on the emperor. Among the victims was a young woman.

Venezuela Incident Not Closed.

Paris.—The officials here say that President Castro's failure to resume diplomatic relations with M. Taigny, the French charge d'affaires at Caracas, may complicate matters and postpone a settlement of the questions in dispute. France asked for the withdrawal of Venezuela's offensive note, declining to deal with M. Taigny. Therefore, the withdrawal of the note and the continued declaration to deal with M. Taigny are considered as renewing the old controversy.