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## WANTS NO MEETING

### ADAMS ASKS PEOPLE NOT TO ASSEMBLE AT DENVER.

**He Concedes Their Right to Meet, but Says There Can Be No Question as to the Outcome of the Election Contest.**

Denver, Colo., Hearing of testimony in former Gov. Peabody's contest for the office of governor was closed Sunday. Briefs will be submitted to the committee this week as required under the rules adopted by the general assembly to present its report and recommendations on March 1 to Joint Gov. McDonald, president of the joint committee of the legislature by which the contest will be finally decided. The joint convention will receive the report on March 2, and will then determine how much time shall be allowed for argument.

Thirty days have been consumed in hearing evidence in the case and the expenses of the contest to be borne by the state will amount to more than \$60,000.

According to a resolution adopted at the session Sunday night a committee of three, consisting of Senator Dick and Representative Thomas, Republicans, and Representative Davis, Democrat, will frame the findings of fact and conclusions of law that the committee will present to the joint assembly. This measure was resolutely opposed by the Democratic members of the committee. The sub-committee, owing to a provision of the resolution, must have the report ready for presentation to the sub-committee by 1:30 o'clock Feb. 25. Only 233 witnesses were put on the stand in rebuttal.

Gov. Adams disapproves of the demonstration in his favor at the capitol on March 2, which has been proposed by the Building Trades Council of Denver, and in deference to his wishes it may decide to hold mass meetings elsewhere instead of assembling at the capitol.

In an address he says that the right to meet is granted under the constitution, but he deems it unwise for mass meetings to be held just now.

### STOESSEL A COWARD.

**Bitterly Denounced by the Russian Officers.**

Victoria, B. C. Aboard the steamer Victoria, which arrived Saturday, were Lieut. Below and a Boudy of the Russian cruiser Sevastopol, captured at the fall of Port Arthur. They were released by the Japanese after giving their parole.

Lieut. Below characterized Gen. Stoessel as a coward. "The world will know Stoessel as he is," said Below. "He is a coward, Stoessel was burrowed a great deal of the time in a cave. The real heroine was Mme. Zouhoul, who, when her husband was killed, took command of a battery of 11 guns and started at a point commanding the water supply and held them until she was also killed.

"The garrison was deceived by false reports of the approach of Kuropatkin's army and the Baltic fleet."

### A COSTLY BLAZE.

**Fire at Indianapolis Does Damage Amounting to Over \$1,000,000.**

Indianapolis: For four hours Sunday night the wholesale district, bounded by Georgia and Meridian Streets, Jackson place and the union depot sheds, was track and knocked out sewerage pipes. This caused the fall of top rock and six men were hurt by falling walls.

### Six Killed in Mine.

Pottsville, Pa.: Six men were killed and fourteen injured, four seriously, at the Lytle colliery Saturday. The men were being lowered into the mine in a gondola when the latter jumped and the track and knocked out sewerage pipes. This caused the fall of top rock and six men were hurt by falling walls.

**Revolutionary Meeting Broken Up.**

New York: Police reserves were called out Sunday night to disperse a crowd said to be sympathizers with the Russian revolutionary party. Eight men were arrested, all giving foreign names, being charged with parading without a permit, collecting a crowd and holding an unlawful meeting.

### Wilhelm to Accept Degree.

Mrs. Chadwick Sheds Tears.

**Steamer is Floated.**

**St. Paul, Minn.: The horribly mutilated dead body of Christian H. Schindler, a butcher, was found in a rear room of his meat shop by an employee. Revenge was the motive for the crime.**

### A Big Loss in Denver.

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**Nan Patterson Quite Sick.**

**Ship Arms into Bulgaria.**

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## TORN TO FRAGMENTS.

**Grand Duke Sergius, of Russia, Assassinated.**

Moscow: Within the walls of the famed Kremlin palace, and almost unscathed the historic tower from which Ivan the Terrible watched the heads of his enemies falling beneath the ax on the red square, and within a stone's throw of the great bell of Moscow, Grand Duke Sergius, uncle and brother-in-law of Emperor Nicholas and the chief of the reactionary, met a terrible death shortly before 3 o'clock Friday afternoon. The assassin was a single terrorist, who threw beneath the carriage of the grand duke a bomb charged with the same high power explosive which wrought Minister Von Plehve's death. The missile was packed with nails and fragments of iron, and its explosion tore the imperial victim's body to ghastly fragments, which strewn the snow for yards around.

Every window in the great, lofty facade of the palace of justice was shattered and bits of iron were imbedded deeply in the walls of the arsenal, a hundred yards away.

The assassin was thrown to the ground and stunned by the force of the explosion, but he quickly arose and ran toward the gate, attempting to escape. His haste and the blood streaming from his face, where he had been wounded by fragments of the bomb, attracted the attention of a sergeant of police, who seized him before he could draw a revolver.

The assassin belongs to the noted "fighting group" of the socialist revolutionary party, which has removed other prominent officials and long since passed sentence of death upon Grand Duke Sergius.

The grand duke knew that he stood in the shadow of death. He was the recipient of numerous warnings, and elaborate preparations were taken to secure his safety, but all the resources of the gendarme, secret police and soldiers proved unavailing against an attempt almost exactly duplicating the procedure that caused the death of Minister of the Interior Von Plehve last July.

### A MUCH ABUSED MAN.

**Buffalo Bill Says Wife Has Humiliated Him.**

Cheyenne, Wyo.: Testimony in behalf of plaintiff in the trial of the divorce case of Col. W. F. Cody (Buffalo Bill) was continued Friday. Several witnesses were on the stand and testified that Mrs. Cody accused her husband of immoral relations with a number of women, several of them prominent internationally, and at least one a member of the royalty.

The belief that the colonel was unfaithful to her, witnesses testified, caused Mrs. Cody to denounce him to the neighbors and otherwise humiliate him before friends and guests. Gifts highly prized by Col. Cody as evidences of esteem of European friends were destroyed at the instance of Mrs. Cody, witnesses also testified in order to spite the colonel, special mention being made of blooded dogs presented to Col. Cody by a crowned head of Europe.

### "PHOTOGRAPH MARRIAGES."

**Judge Cook, of San Francisco, Declares Them Illegal.**

**San Francisco: Superior Judge Cook decided Friday that Japanese photograph marriages are illegal in the United States. This decision was rendered in habeas corpus proceedings instituted to take a Japanese girl from the custody of the Japanese woman's home. The girl was 13 years of age, and was sent to the country against her will, she declares. Her parents told her she was to become the bride of a prominent Japanese to whom she had been married by photograph.**

The girl will be returned to Japan.

It is alleged that the photograph marriage scheme is being used for the purpose of importing Japanese women for immoral purposes.

### MRS CHADWICK CHEERFUL.

**Notorious Woman Appears at Hearing in Bankruptcy Case.**

Cleveland, O.: When the hearing of Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick's bankruptcy case was called Friday Mrs. Chadwick, attired in the same costume that she wore when she appeared in the United States district court on the day of her arrival from New York, appeared to plead to the charges against her.

Apparently she was enjoying excellent health. She walked briskly into the court room and displayed none of the nervousness that marked her bearing when last seen in public. On the contrary, she was perfectly calm and collected, and frequently smiled when conversing with her attorneys.

### Try to Destroy Brewery 'Ad.'

**Pittsburg, Pa.: Miss Myrtle Laughlin and Miss Sarah Wells, school teachers, attempted Friday morning to tear an advertising placard from a street car in Allegheny. The poster advertised a local brewery. The teachers first asked the conductor to remove it, as it was highly objectionable to them. He refused and prevented the women from destroying it.**

### Wilhelm to Accept Degree.

Berlin: Emperor William will accept the degree of doctor of law from the University of Pennsylvania. It will be conferred upon him in absentia Feb. 22, the same time that is bestowed upon President Roosevelt.

### Suspends Chief of Police.

San Francisco, Cal.: Chief of Police Wittman was suspended Thursday night for incompetency and neglect of duty in connection with recent scandals in the department in regard to gambling in the Chinese quarter.

### Negro is Hanged.

Mound City, Ill.: Eli Bugz, colored, was hanged here Friday as an accessory to the murder of Chris Mathis, at a picnic. William Cross, who is alleged to have instigated the murder, has never been captured.

### Kansas After Oil Trust.

Topoka, Kan.: Kansas' desire for an oil refinery of its own was realized Friday when Gov. E. W. Hoch signed the bill appropriating \$200,000 for the erection and maintenance of a state plant, which was passed for the avowed purpose of fighting the Standard Oil Company.

### Old Dies While Dancing.

Merrill, Wis.: Miss Bertha Shuman, 18 years old, while dancing at her uncle's home Friday night suddenly threw up her hands and sank to the floor. Before a physician could be summoned she had died. Heart disease was the cause.

## FOUR MEN KILLED.

**Fourteen Others Injured on British Submarine Boat.**

Queenstown: Four men killed and fourteen others injured, of whom three are in a critical condition, was the result of two explosions on board the British submarine boat, subsequently named "A-5", which was torpedoed by a German U-boat. The killed included Engineer Artificer Chaffee, a leading stoker, and a stoker, Lieut. H. G. Good, commander of the vessel, was blinded. His condition is critical. Lieut. Skinner, an officer of the submarine boat, subsequently died of his wounds. Only one man of the entire crew escaped uninjured.

The first explosion is believed to have occurred while the crew was engaged in filling the gasoline tanks preparatory to proceeding outside the harbor. The "A-5" caught fire after the first explosion. When this explosion occurred a number of the crew of the torpedo gubboat Hazard volunteered to go to the rescue of the crew of the submarine boat. They boarded the "A-5" when a second explosion took place and all the rescuers were more or less injured.

The submarine boat was afterwards docked and an official statement issued Thursday evening says that the vessel has not suffered much damage.

An inquiry into the causes of the explosions will be held at once.

### DEATH OF JAY COOKE.

**Famous Financier of Civil War Period Passes Away.**

Philadelphia: Jay Cooke, whose fame as a financier is worldwide, died Thursday night at the home of his son-in-law, Charles D. Barney, at Ogontz, a suburb of this city. He was 83 years of age. He had been suffering from general debility, the result of old age, for several years. His condition was not considered serious, however, and his death came rather suddenly.

Last Monday he entertained as his guests 125 young ladies attending a Thursday school and his friends. On that occasion he appeared to be in good spirits and was the last to leave the reception room.

### "DOLL MEDICINE" KILLS BABY.

**Child Swallows Pellet to Show Pet "How Good It Is" and Dies.**

Pittsburg, Pa.: When her doll appeared reluctant to accept a medicine pellet which she had pressed to its painted lips, Eunice C. Parke, aged 4 years, to show "it did not taste bad" swallowed the pill.

The pills had been prescribed for Mrs. Parke by the family physician, and Eunice concluded that a dose of "mamma's medicine" would cheer up her doll.

She was too young to know that a portion of poison that would cure a "grown up" might be fatal to a child. The child died of a fever-strewn couch with the "sick dolly" by her side.

### NEGRO ELECTED COMMANDER.

**First of His Race to Lead Parade at G. A. R. Encampment.**

Boston, Mass.: The Massachusetts G. A. R. elected Thursday James H. Wolf, department commander, the first negro who ever held such a post in this country. He was elected junior vice commander in 1903 and senior vice commander in 1904. The election means he will lead the parade of the national encampment, which was sent to the Commander-in-Chief Blackmar in a Massachusetts man.

Wolf is a lawyer in Boston and a native of New Hampshire. He served in the navy in several wars and is a graduate of the Harvard law school.

### PROBABLY WAS HANGED.

**Texas Mob Takes a Mexican Assassin from the Officers.**

Houston, Tex.: A mob near Dale, Caldwell county, took an unknown one-eyed Mexican from a coach and deposited Thursday night and spirited him away into the woods. It is presumed that the Mexican has been hanged.

The officials offered resistance and emptied their pistols. It is not known whether they hit any one or not. The Mexican assaulted Mrs. Myers, wife of a farmer living between Dale and Lockhart, Wednesday afternoon.

### To Sort Mail at Sea.

New York: Second Assistant Postmaster General Shellenbarger and Assistant Superintendent Masten, of the railway division of the postoffice department, returned on the steamer Majestic Thursday from a trip to London and Paris, during which they established the first parcel post system with Great Britain and France, and arranged for setting mails at sea on three big steamship lines.

### Fire Visits Ziegler.

Benton, Ill.: The administration building at Ziegler, which has been the scene of many exciting events since the beginning of the miners' strike last July, was burned at noon Thursday. This building was erected less than a year ago to take the place of the old administration building, which was burned in January, 1904, and cost \$40,000.

### Finds \$13,000 in the Street.

Cleveland, O.: George Putnam, 15 years old, found in a street Thursday a purse containing \$13,000 in currency and drafts, with a Guardian Trust Company bank book. He returned the property to the bank and received a reward. The purse is said to belong to H. J. Bryer, an out of town customer of the bank.

### Son's Death Fatal to Father.

Plainville, Mich.: George Gary Soule, a wealthy retired banker, died suddenly Thursday from congestion of the brain, brought on by receiving news of the death of his son Ellis Soule, who was city attorney of Spokane, Wash.

### Hold Student for Theft.

Terre Haute, Ind.: Zeno Vandever, a student in the Indiana normal school from Indianapolis, was arrested Thursday, and stolen pocketbooks, money, etc., were found in his room. Nearly 100 inches of his hair were found. He is accused of recent thefts at the normal school and the Y. M. C. A. gymnasiums.

### Insane Woman Chops Off Arm.

Kalamazoo, Mich.: In a fit of insanity Mrs. D. Groves, the wife of a mail carrier, cut off her left arm with a hatchet Thursday. She died in a few hours.

### Pistol Battle Fatal.

East St. Louis, Ill.: John Sorotch, known as the "King of Little Lithuania," Thursday died from wounds inflicted during a pistol battle in which he was shot by a rival gangster. He was shot in the chest and two negroes were shot in several places.

### Bold Women and Men for Murder.

Hartford City, Ind.: Four men and two women will go to trial here Monday for the murder of E. P. Sanderson, a wealthy farmer. Two brothers-in-law, half brother, two brothers-in-law, stepdaughter, and Samuel Emery. All are charged with murder in the first degree.

## WEEK'S HAPPENINGS

NEWS OF THE WEEK IN A CONDENSED FORM.

### Terrible Experience of a Spanish Actor in South Dakota—Tramps the Country in the Bitter Cold—Eyes Frozen Shut When Rescued.

Exposed to the elements until his eyes were frozen shut, and bewildered while on the open prairie, with a fierce northwest wind blowing and the temperature considerably below the zero mark, was the experience of a Spanish tragedian who has been entertaining the people of the smaller towns of the state.

The tragedian gave a "show" in the Epiphany open house, but the proceeds were not sufficient to pay his way on the cars to the next town, so he set out on foot, notwithstanding that the day was one of the coldest of the winter.

The Spaniard wore a louch hat, with no protection for his ears, was without an overcoat, had no covering for his hands but a very light pair of mittens, and carried a satchel. Some time after midnight he was overtaken by a party of tramps, and John Kremmer, while driving home along the road, saw at some distance near a slough a man who was running around in a circle.

Attracted by the peculiar actions of the stranger, they went to the spot, a glance telling them that the man was freezing and that he was entirely out of his mind. The cold wind made the tears run from the Spaniard's eyes and the intense cold caused them to freeze shut, so he could not see, he lost the road and was wandering helplessly about when discovered.

The two farmers bundled him into their wagon and took him to their home, where they finally succeeded in thawing his eyes. The Spaniard's escape from a narrow one, for had he been discovered just when he was he would without doubt have been frozen to death.

### FIRE IN A DAKOTA TOWN.

**Blaze in Business Section of Bryant Causes a Loss of \$50,000.**

A fire Friday morning destroyed all but two buildings in the principal business block at Bryant. It started in the rear end of the Vitas drug store on one corner of the block and swept the block to Severson's general store, the second building from the opposite end, leaving only this building and a bank building on the corner intact.

The buildings destroyed were: The general stores of Heald Bros. and Beckum Bros.; the hardware store of Bork & Hanson; a restaurant, hotel, meat market and jewelry store.

The town is entirely without fire protection, and it is feared that the progress of the flames.

The loss is estimated at \$50,000, with insurance of about \$30,000.

### TRANSFERRED TO MITCHELL.

**Gregory County Lands Now in Jurisdiction of that Land Office.**

A Mitchell special says: Register Burns, of the United States land office, Monday afternoon returned to Mitchell from A. B. Kitzredge in Washington that President Roosevelt has just attached his signature to an order promulgating the general land office transferring the lands in Gregory County from the Chamberlain district to the Mitchell district.

Gregory County includes the Rosebud reservation, which was opened to settlement last summer, which included 410,000 acres, half of which is still open to filing. By this transfer all final proofs will be made before the Mitchell office.

### No Sensation in It.

After making a thorough investigation of the circumstances surrounding the mysterious death of Lars Olson, a farmer whose home was about twelve miles north of Sioux Falls, and whose body was found near his wife, who was in a critical condition, the coroner's jury summed up the case as returned verdict to the effect that Olson's death was caused by hemorrhages, induced by asphyxiation by soft coal gas.

### Farmers Want Elevator.

There is a disposition on the part of a number of farmers in the vicinity to purchase or erect an elevator in Vermillion, and operate it for their good. They are of the opinion that once an organization is perfected by them, and an elevator put in operation, they will realize more profit in future than they have in the past.

### Velben Commercial Club.

The Commercial Club of Velben, which was recently reorganized, has energetically taken hold of several propositions which will prove of benefit to the town. One of the chief things which the club is doing is the establishment of a co-operative creamery in Velben.

### Egan School Record.

A report from the primary room of the Egan public school shows that 14 of the little folks were not absent during the month of January, a pretty good showing for such cold weather.

### Old Resident Dies.

Mrs. G. F. Brewster, an old and respected resident, died at her home, southwest of Platte, of pneumonia.

### Child Ate a Rat Biscuit.

Howard, son of Will S. Preston and wife, of Huron, narrowly escaped death from eating rat poison; he was fearfully sick for a time but is recovering.

### Measles at Yankton.

Yankton has a number of cases of measles. Only one death has resulted, that of Randolph Hanger, son of Sig O. Hanger, of the Yankton National Bank.

### Soldier Badly Frozen.

Otto White, member of the Sixth cavalry band at Fort Meade, had his feet, hands and ears frozen near Sturgis during the night. His hands swelled and burst for some time past and his death, though sudden, did not come as a surprise.

### Build Sewerage System.

Now that the bonds for the purpose have been sold, the construction of a first class modern sewerage system at Faulkton is assured. The cash derived from the sale of the bonds is in the city treasury and everything is in readiness for the commencement of work.

## THREATENED WITH DEATH.

**Made a Serious Charge Against Innocent Party.**

The arrest of A. Wheaton, a well known resident of Dell Rapids, on a serious charge preferred by Miss Tillie Lund, who with her father is now a resident of Sioux Falls, adds another chapter to a sensational case which for several days has been the talk of the people of Dell Rapids.

Miss Lund originally had a man named Alexander Johnson, also of Dell Rapids, arrested, but the case against him was afterwards dismissed upon the girl confessing that he was innocent and alleging that Wheaton, in whose home she was employed as a domestic, had threatened her with death if she did not institute the sensational case.

The preliminary examination of Wheaton will be held March 7 next. Bonds for his appearance at that time were fixed at \$500 which he furnished and is now at liberty.

### JUDGE WHITING SATISFIED.

**Expects Eastern People to Boycott His Divorce Court.**

Judge Whiting, of the Ninth judicial circuit, when shown a recent dispatch from Sioux Falls stating it was rumored he was seriously considering the discontinuance of the practice of hearing divorce cases in chambers, instead of in open court, confirms the accuracy of the dispatch.

Whiting states that in future all divorce cases instituted in his circuit will be tried in open court at regular terms of court in the counties in which they are commenced. In cases where he is satisfied that there are reasons why certain cases of this kind should be tried in chambers, the rule may be deviated from.

### ANOTHER LAND RUSH.

**Mile Square Law Will Bring Many People into South Dakota.**

Owing to the opening of new lands in Butte County under the Martin homestead law allowing 640 acres of land to each settler, railroads running into South Dakota are getting ready for what they anticipate will be a great rush this coming summer. Already their headquarters are being flooded with inquiries asking information about the new country, and there is no doubt but that a repetition of the Rosebud experience will occur.

The Martin bill providing for the opening of land in Butte County for homestead has been reported favorably by committees in both houses of congress and stands a good chance of passing this session.

### SHOCK MAY PROVE FATAL.

**Old Moe Discovered Companion Dead in Bed Beside Him.**

Old Moe, of Hills, east of Sioux Falls, is in a critical condition as the result of discovering the dead body of his comrade in bed beside him.

Robert, of Hills, the comrade in question, who roomed with Moe, died in the night of heart trouble. In the morning Moe discovered that his friend was dead beside him, and the shock of the discovery was so great that he suffered a stroke of paralysis.

### SALOON MUSIC UNDER BAN.

**An Edict is Issued by the Mayor of Deadwood.**

Some days ago Dr. J. A. Sutton, pastor of the First Baptist church at Deadwood, appeared before the mayor and council of that town to ask that all music, vocal and instrumental, be excluded from the saloons. This he did after talking with a number of saloonkeepers and as a result of his observation that the boys were attracted to the saloons on account of the music.

A number of complaints from various citizens were also sent to the mayor's office and as a result Mayor McDonald has issued an order removing all music from Deadwood saloons.

### Belle Fourcee Investigating Work.

Raymond F. Walter, chief engineer in charge of the irrigating work of the Belle Fourcee project, states that the work on the project is well advanced and will be opened early in April. More than enough land has been subscribed for the north side and the books closed. Only 500 acres remain to complete the amount required.

### No Blacksmiths' Combine.

Secretary George Harris, of the State Blacksmiths' Association, says that a wrong impression has gone out concerning the formation of a combine of blacksmiths of the state. The secretary, whose home is in Vermillion, says that the only advance in price is in shoeing horses, and in this the blacksmiths are justified, owing to the recent 50 per cent raise in the price of shoes.

### Child Dies of Baras.

The 3-year-old daughter of County Treasurer H. W. Evers, at Wheeler, while putting some paper into the heating stove Sunday morning, was so severely burned about her face and body that she expired the next day at 2 o'clock after a painful suffering. Her other clothes caught fire and before help arrived her left side was burned almost to a crisp.

### Fire at Redfield.

At Redfield, Friday, a fire destroyed the main barn at the northern hospital for the insane. The loss is \$1,500; well insured.

### Driven to Suicide.

A. G. Moorhead, a prominent business man of Spearfish, hanged himself Wednesday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. S. B. Averill in Canton.

### Death of Canton Woman.

Mrs. M. A. Ivens, aged 75, died Monday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. S. B. Averill in Canton.

### Farmers May Own Elevator.

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### Wajking Around with Smallpox.

A farmer suffering from smallpox crossed the state coming to Abbeville, where he was found by the authorities and taken home and quarantined.

### Street School Closed.

Complaint is made of the supply of coal at school houses in the country around Huron diminished very rapidly when school was not in session. Coal thieves also make frequent visits to railway stations where carloads of coal are allowed to remain on the track over night.

### Westro Goes Through Bankruptcy.

A discharge from bankruptcy has been granted by Judge Carleton of the United States court, in the case of Henry Westro, a merchant of Meckling. Clay County, against whom all claims accordingly have been cancelled.

## SLAV TYRANT KILLED

**GRAND DUKE SERGIUS ASSASSINATED AT MOSCOW.**

Two Men Throw a Bomb Under His Carriage, a Violent Explosion Follows and the Czar's Uncle Is Picked Up Dead—Assassin Arrested.

Grand Duke Sergius, uncle of Czar Nicholas II, and branded as "Russia's evil genius," was assassinated at Moscow on Friday. He was killed by a bomb which was hurled beneath his carriage as he was driving through the Nicolai gate of the Kremlin. The great Slav tyrant was literally blown to bits. His body was terribly mangled. The carriage was blown to fragments of shattered wood. The bomb was thrown by one of two men who were in cabs. The instrument of death was hurled just as their vehicles came close to the Grand Duke's carriage. Both men were themselves injured by the terrific explosion of the deadly bomb. Soldiers