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ISLE IS UNPACIFIED

FIERCER TALK BY REBEL CHIEF OF THE PINES.

Boasts that Big Army Can be Put in the Field—A Letter to Secretary Root—Cabinet Officer Called to Account for Unfavorable Opinion

Havana: President Raynard, of the Isle of Pines Association, in a letter to the Associated Press, says:

"The last mail from the United States brought additional guarantees of \$40,000 in cash and of men and all the ammunition needed to defend our rights and uphold the American flag in the Isle. This makes over \$200,000 in cash, 6,000 men and all the munitions needed should we elect to use force in maintaining the rights of Americans on American territory."

Secretary of the Interior Freyre Andrade, when shown the above letter, was apparently undisturbed. He said the United States doubtless would be depended upon to prevent the embarkation of men and munitions of war for the Isle of Pines.

Asked whether he regarded Mr. Raynard's letter as grounds for prosecution, the secretary said that it was a matter for the government to pay no attention to such statements.

Mr. Raynard forwarded Saturday, by the advice of his attorneys, a letter in reply to Secretary of State Root's communication of Nov. 27, in which the secretary outlined to Mr. Raynard the attitude of the United States toward the proposed formation of the territorial government in the island as a part of the United States.

EXPRESS CAR DYNAMITED.

Robbers Held Up Northern Pacific and Get Away with Plunder.

Spokane, Wash.: The North Coast limited express No. 1, westbound on the Northern Pacific railway, was held up and robbed fifteen miles west of North Yakima, Wash., at 7 o'clock Saturday night.

Two masked men compelled the engineer to stop the train, run the locomotive, mail and express cars half a mile west of the balance of the train. They dynamited the express car, shattered the through and local safes and decamped with the contents.

The amount of plunder obtained is unknown. The contents of the through safe are known only at terminal points, the messenger not being in possession of the information. A report was received Saturday night as to the contents of the local safe, but it is declared to have been light, as the train does comparatively little local business.

The sheriff of Yakima and Kittitas counties have gone in pursuit of the bandits.

Passengers were not molested and no one was injured. No report was received as to shots being fired.

COAT OF TAR AND FEATHERS

"True Prophet of Christ" Terribly Punished by Arkansas Mob.

Wellington, Kan.: George Huffman, representing himself to be the "true prophet of Christ," was tarred and feathered at Perth, a small town near here, Friday night by a mob. After a terrible punishment was applied the man was left to find a refuge, which he did after walking all night.

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FIGHT IN PROVINCES.

Report at St. Petersburg of Bloody Encounters.

St. Petersburg: It seems to be beyond question that bloody collisions have occurred between troops and the united peasantry and workmen in the streets of Higa during which machine guns were used. The situation is most serious in the country, which is practically abandoned to the revolutionary bands owing to the concentration of the troops in cities and towns.

Against some of the estates where the landlords, aided by a faithful few adherents, are attempting to protect their property the revolutionists are conducting regular military operations. They reduced the garrison of the estate of Baron Von Loewis to submission, and the majority of the defenders had been killed and plundered and burned the buildings and carried off the baron. The survivors were made prisoners.

Foreign Minister Lansdorff at the first interview which he had with the American ambassador, Mr. Meyer, since the latter's return to St. Petersburg, while not optimistic, expressed the opinion that the situation and outlook had considerably improved.

Upon the early convocation of the national assembly, the pressure for which constantly increases, it is generally believed that Premier Witte will dispense with the services of Interior Minister Durново, against whom all classes have risen, and appoint M. Guechko, a prominent member of the Moscow committee, who is said to be ready to accept the office, as his successor.

The outbreak of the mutinous spirit in the Manchurian army is partly attributable to the failure to pay and properly feed the troops.

The problem is especially difficult, owing to the impossibility of forwarding adequate provisions from Russia on account of the practical paralysis of the railway system, rendering the purchase of supplies from the Chinese, for which adequate funds are not available.

The authorities have now hurriedly forwarded \$12,000,000 to the army in Manchuria.

DOUGHERTY'S BIG SHORTAGE

Auditors Estimate It at Over \$400,000 in Past Five Years.

Peoria, Ill.: The Everett auditing committee, which is investigating the shortage in the accounts of N. C. Dougherty, former school superintendent, will make a report to the school board next Monday night, and this, the first public announcement of the actual amount of the shortage, will show that the accounts are short slightly over \$400,000 in the last five years and that the delinquency will run back for several years further. The official shortage for the year ending June, 1905, is \$84,000; for 1904, \$90,000; 1903, \$80,000, and for the two years preceding a total amount of about \$110,000.

In the possession of the school board now is property turned over by Dougherty aggregating in value \$225,000, and the balance of approximately \$200,000 is unsecured.

ACCUSED OF MANY CRIMES.

Cuban Postmaster Being Brought to Kansas City to Stand Trial.

Colon: On board the Panama railroad steamer Havana, which has sailed for New York, were Mr. Price, a special agent of the Santa Fe railroad, and Mr. Kennedy, a detective of Kansas City, having in charge a man named Fuller, who for the past eight months has been station agent and postmaster at Pedro Miguel, in the canal zone, but who, it is alleged, is a well known criminal.

It is said that the man is known as Armstrong, Ledtha and McGee, but that his right name is Letts. It is charged that he has already been convicted of larceny, burglary and arson and that he has escaped from prison three times.

It is further alleged that he has been accused of attempted murder, bigamy and forgery. Fuller, it is said, married his third wife, Anna Lassen, of St. Louis, at Cristobal a month ago.

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Odessa Jew Writes American Relative Describing Massacre.

Denver, Colo.: H. H. Pellish, of this city, Wednesday received a letter from his brother Eli, in Odessa, describing the massacre of Jews in that city. The letter in part follows:

"From Oct. 23 my family and I were hidden in the darkness of my cellar and now thank God that our lives were even spared. There happened here the most terrible scene. There are 20,000 families here saved absolutely nothing but the clothes which they wore, and are now huddled together in the open streets. There were 25,000 injured and 15,000 murdered. Little children were hurled out of windows to their deaths, and awful shrieks were heard. Women were pierced with large knives and left to die in the streets by thousands.

"On account of these deadly scenes I am too weak to give you anything like a true description. All I can tell you is that our nerves cannot bear it any longer.

"The same story we hear from all the small towns around and the condition of the people is the same. Their homes and stores have been looted and the people tortured and murdered."

EVIDENCE AGAINST IMBODEN

Denver Banker Accused of Forgery by Former Partner.

Denver: Stocks of banks in Texas, Oklahoma and Indian Territory and other securities of more than \$500,000 of Denver Savings bank deposits which were loaned were introduced in evidence Thursday at the trial of Leonard B. Imboden and James A. Hull, on the charge of conspiracy to defraud the Denver bank. So far these securities are declared by the state's attorney to be absolutely worthless.

Charles B. Willy, formerly president of the Denver bank, who was indicted together with Imboden, Hull and others, and who is a witness for the state, testified that Imboden forced him to make a loan of \$80,000 to P. L. Hull, taking a report to the school board next Monday night, and this, the first public announcement of the actual amount of the shortage, will show that the accounts are short slightly over \$400,000 in the last five years and that the delinquency will run back for several years further. The official shortage for the year ending June, 1905, is \$84,000; for 1904, \$90,000; 1903, \$80,000, and for the two years preceding a total amount of about \$110,000.

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WEEK'S HAPPENINGS

NEWS OF THE WEEK IN A CONDENSED FORM.

Barker Positively Identified—Witness Swears He is the Man Who Shot Lee Zook—Defense Unable to Shake the Testimony.

"There is the man, sitting right there!" Pointing his finger at W. W. Barker, on the 4th of last September, R. L. Ashley, one of the men who was in the box car at the time Zook was murdered, thus positively identified the prisoner as the man who fired the shot which killed Zook.

Attorney Taubman for the defense on Friday morning concluded his cross-examination of Wiley Williams, Zook's boy-friend and companion, who was killed by Barker, who moved the state witness to the stand to testify to the facts of the case.

The attorney, one of the ablest in the state, was unable to shake Williams' testimony. After Williams' testimony was concluded the state put on a number of witnesses from Hecla, who testified that the murder occurred. The physician in the hospital at Oakes where Zook died at noon on the day after the hold-up was also put on the stand to testify to the nature of the wounds which caused Zook's death.

The conductor of the freight train on which the murder occurred testified that Barker was on the train during the day of Sept. 4, the murder having been committed that evening.

Ashley, who moved the state witness to the stand, was then called. He was positive in his identification of Barker as the man who shot Zook. Although the only light in the car was that from a match struck by one of the victims, Ashley testified that Barker was sitting in his identification of the prisoner as the murderer.

Ben. M. Neale, an attorney of Springfield, Mo., arrived on Friday to assist Taubman, Williams & Herried in handling the defense. Neale is employed by Barker's father, who is said to be a highly respectable and well-to-do citizen of that town.

The jury in the Barker murder case at Aberdeen returned a verdict of guilty and fixed punishment as a life imprisonment. Barker was tried for the murder of Joseph Zook, who was killed in a box car last fall while on his way east after working in the harvest fields.

LANDS ALLEGED DEFALTER.

Man Wanted in Memphis is Caught in South Dakota.

United States Marshal Laughlin returned to Pierre Wednesday night with a trip to the forks of Bad River, bringing back with him H. J. Freeman, alias W. H. Horton, who is wanted at Memphis, Tenn., on a charge of embezzling \$25,000 from the Chickasaw Savings Bank and of carrying on a business in a bank in the bank and last year became tangled up in the Sully cotton deal and is alleged to have taken the money to carry his deals. After leaving Memphis he went to Costa Rica, but was compelled to return to this country on account of the unhealthfulness of the climate in that country.

After wandering about in the west he secured employment with the engineer corps of the Northwestern road and was located by Marshal Laughlin, who made a hurried trip of about 100 miles to capture his man. Authorities from Memphis will take him back, and he announces that he will go without requisition papers.

LIKE A BALL OF FIRE.

Small Meteoric Stone Fell in Door Front of Post Office.

Mrs. Frank H. Burgess, of Post Office, recently was attracted to the door of her residence by a strange light. She had barely opened the door when a blinding ball of fire, seemingly as big as a water ball, fell from the heavens and struck her, but a few feet from where she stood.

About two hours later her son Floyd dug out, at a depth of about seven inches, a meteoric stone weighing about four pounds, the same being still hot when uncovered.

Barker Accused of Another Murder.

Since the conviction of W. W. Barker, at Aberdeen, of the murder of Lee Zook for the slaying of Lee Zook in a box car at Hecla on Sept. 4, it has developed that if Barker had been acquitted he would have been arrested immediately on a charge of murder which he is alleged to have committed in the city of Hecla, 15, 1908. The authorities of Tazewell County issued a warrant for Parker's arrest, which has been in the possession of Sheriff Anderson for some time.

Children Burned to Death.

Two motherless children, aged 2 and 4 years, of Matthew Dapio, 832 1/2 street, died Wednesday near Hanna, ten miles from Lead, their cabin taking fire during the absence of the father.

Alleged Horse thief Still at Large.

The Miner County authorities have not yet been able to apprehend S. F. Farley, alias William Erway, a former resident of Onawa, Ia., who is wanted by the South Dakota officers for horse stealing.

To Enforce Gambling Laws.

A strong county organization was effected at a special called meeting at Platte Saturday to enforce the statutes against gambling houses and kindred vices.

New Roller Skating Rink.

Sturgis is to have a roller skating rink. The rink has been located on the upper hills towards good and strong, and has now reached Sturgis. The rink will be in operation in a short time.

Wanted for Incendiarism.

Ole Thresvig, a farmer of Davison County, residing near Mt. Vernon, was placed under arrest by Sheriff Schleuter, of Redwood Falls, Minn., on the charge of setting fire to his personal property located on a farm near Redwood Falls.

Pharmacy Board Meeting.

The next meeting of the South Dakota state board of pharmacy will be held at Canton on Jan. 10. Applications for examination must be filed with the secretary at least five days before the date of the meeting.

Three Siblings in Family.

Mrs. R. Stuart, of Gavril, who drank carbolic acid with suicidal intent Monday night died Wednesday night. Mrs. Stuart had been ill for about three weeks and was dependent over her ill health. Her mother and brother also took their lives. Her husband is a lumberman at Gavril.

Kelley Not Guilty.

In the case of the State against Chas. A. Kelley, a prominent attorney and real estate man of Pierre, who returned a verdict in Mr. Kelley's favor, declaring him not guilty of the charge of making false certificates of acknowledgment to a certain warranty deed.

DECLINATION NOT SURPRISING

Regents Expected Chalmers to Decline University Presidency.

A Pierre dispatch says: The declaration of Dr. Chalmers of his appointment to the presidency of the state university and the reasons which brought it about are being variously discussed, and in some quarters it is stated that the declination came as a "surprise to the board of regents," and in others that he is to be retained at the head of the agricultural college. These statements are without foundation, as it can be stated positively that the regents were not only not surprised at the declination, but would have been surprised had it not been handed in. As a matter of fact the letter of declination was written on the 30th of the month and after the board had unanimously concluded to rescind its action taken nearly a year ago in selecting Chalmers to the presidency.

Dr. Robert Slagle, who has had a wonderful successful career as president of the state school of mines, will succeed Chalmers as president of the agricultural college at Brookings within a few days.

STRANGE DISAPPEARANCE.

Unknown Man Wrote Apparently Misleading Letter to Relatives.

An Armour special says: This county is all torn up over the disappearance of one Joe Weingarten, who wrote his brother in Chicago on the 22d of November the following letter, post dated Armour, S. D.:

"To All that Are Dear to Me: I am now, I believe, near the end; am in a hospital suffering from a bullet wound which I received while in a game of cards. The doctors say I may not recover. I had been in the hospital for some time. Was thinking of coming home soon, so goodly all. God be with you. Joe."

This letter was received by his brother, who hastened to Armour expecting to find Joe at the point of death, and was very surprised to find that Armour did not possess a hospital and that there was no man answering the description of the writer to be found in the city.

SHE MARRIED HER PUPIL.

Romance of Former Matron of Reform School.

Something of a sensation has been caused by the announcement that Mrs. Emma Bailey, until recently matron of the girls' cottage at the state reform school at Plankinton, has been married to M. Barnes, a young man who was committed to the reform school some time ago, and who was released from that institution only last June. The marriage took place at Hecla, Marshall County. The groom and his bride will make their home in that vicinity.

Mrs. Bailey made a good record during the three years she was matron at the reform school, and the groom is said to have developed into an honest and upright young man.

TO DEPORT TWO CHINAMEN.

South Dakota Officers Take Them to San Francisco.

Deputy United States Marshal Jerry Carleton departed from Sioux Falls, Monday, for San Francisco, having in custody two United States prisoners, Wong Back Doo and Chin Hee, both Chinese, who had been ordered by Judge Carlund, of the United States court in that city, to be deported from the United States. They were arrested in Deadwood and Lead by Chinese Inspector Payne, of Fargo, N. D., and brought back to Sioux Falls on the charge of being in this country in violation of the Chinese exclusion laws. They were brought to Sioux Falls in October and since that time until Monday were occupants of the county jail.

INJUSTICE TO MEMORY OF MAN WHO WAS FOUND DEAD.

A Sioux Falls special says: The ease with which reputations are blasted by thoughtless persons, jump at conclusions, is illustrated by the case of Herman Luckow, a prominent farmer whose home was in Day County, and who met a tragic death a few days ago.

Luckow's body was found on a public highway, and it was found that a bottle of whiskey was found on his person started the report that he had met his death by freezing while in a state of intoxication. An investigation proves this view to have been entirely wrong, and an injustice to the reputation of the unfortunate man.