

TIN SOLDIERS WERE ROUTED BY MOB

Boysish Troops in Philadelphia Who Were Called to do Duty During the Strike, Were Handled Roughly by Crowd of Women and Boys.

THEIR TOY GUNS STOLEN FROM THEM

Coats Torn Off, Buttons Taken as Souvenirs and the Amateur Soldiers Were Rolled in the Dust and Made Laughing Stock of City.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 23.—Four companies of state troops, the Philadelphia Fencibles, lay close and decimated in their armory last night, sewing patches on their olive-drab trousers and applying witch hazel to their bruises.

Their introduction as a punitive force into the street car strike brought about the most desperate riot so far, and the Fencibles were saved from a savage hammering only by the courage of a German ex-cavalry officer who commanded a squad of ten mounted policemen.

All Philadelphia is laughing over the route of the state soldiery, but the bloody fight at Germantown and Lehigh avenues that resulted from the employment of the Fencibles was no joke. A dozen men were shot, at least 100 clubbed, women were knocked down and trampled upon, children injured and for two hours there was a fierce battle between the police and 10,000 strike sympathizers that ranged for five blocks along Germantown avenue.

Three Boys Shot.

Three boys were shot and probably fatally injured, and several less seriously injured in the riots which followed the resumption of service by the Philadelphia Rapid Transit company. The shooting occurred in attacks on the cars in the northeastern part of the city. Market street, the principal thoroughfare in the heart of the city, was the scene of the disturbance throughout the day. Cars were stoned and two policemen roughly handled by a mob of several thousand. A dozen were arrested and the prisoners placed in a trolley car. This was stormed by a mob, and two prisoners escaped. Preparations were made to call upon the state militia, if the police today are still unable to cope with the situation.

Mayor Called Fencibles Out.

Mayor Reburn and his director of public safety, Henry Clay, found themselves in such straits for men that they called upon the Fencibles, a battalion of boysish troops, made up of four companies. They were commanded by Maj. Thudbert Brazer. The Fencibles had never been a shot fired in anger or felt a brick thrown in haste, but they are willing to serve the city.

Building Dynamited.

Fifty policemen, quartered in the car barn at Ridge avenue, narrowly escaped death last night, when the entire northeast corner of the building was blown away with dynamite. The explosion occurred as C. O. Pratt was about to address a meeting of the car men at a hall at the corner of Ridge avenue and Dauphin street. This building and others in the vicinity were shaken by the explosion. How the dynamite was placed in the car barn is a mystery. It evidently exploded in a toilet room in the corner of the destroyed building.

Temper Cooled.

Determined action on the part of the police and the state Fencibles and the threat to call out 10,000 National guardsmen has cooled the tempers of the street car rioters, for no disturbance has been reported since the street cars were withdrawn at dark last night.

Boys Start Trouble.

The soldiers were stationed for five blocks along Germantown avenue, from Huntingdon to Indiana avenues. They were posted on each side of the thoroughfares, about thirty paces apart and the isolation of each man from his neighbor was a sure invitation to the crowd for somebody to start something.

Left for Washington.

William J. Tracey, president of the Allied Building Trades and other labor leaders left today for Washington where they will confer with Senator Penrose, who promises to use his influence to end the strike. D. T. Pierce, assistant to President Kruger of the Rapid Transit company, declared today that the company would not arbitrate.

SALOON KEEPERS WANT TO OPEN

Cairo Thirst Parlor Want the Lid Lifted and Promise to Preserve Order.

Woman Leads Attack

Suddenly, near Huntingdon avenue, a woman screamed and attacked one of the soldiers with her fists, scratching at his face. Real trouble broke out like a thunder clap. Boys and men sprang on the soldiers, fifteen or twenty to a soldier, bore them down, took their muskets away from them, tore their coats off their backs, struck them in the face with clenched fists and rolled them in the dirt. The crowd, now converted into a mob, wedged itself between the militiamen and the Fencible were utterly helpless to defend themselves. If the order had come to them to shoot they could not have obeyed. Many of them had lost their guns and there was hardly a man in ten who had a cartridge left in his belt.

Miss Logan Weds.

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—Miss Mary Louise Logan, granddaughter of the famous civil war general John A. Logan, became the bride today of Henri Vincent DeBensi, scion of the wealthy family of Brussels.

HEAR WHISPER FROM WASHINGTON

Secretary Ballinger Will Resign From the Cabinet as Soon as the Investigation Has Been Completed.

NEWS FROM CAPITOL

Mrs. Cummins Will Undergo an Operation—News From Nicaragua Received by State Department.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—Among friends of Secretary Ballinger, it is whispered today that he intends when the congressional investigation of his official conduct is ended, to resign from the cabinet and re-enter the practice of law. His friends say the only thing that kept Ballinger in office this long is his desire not to have his enemies put a false construction on his resignation.

Bank Closed.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—On account of a reported shortage of \$144,000 due to the default of the bookkeeper, the National City bank of Cambridge, Mass., has been declared insolvent and was closed today.

Mrs. Cummins Sick.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—Mrs. A. B. Cummins, wife of Senator Cummins, will undergo a painful operation. She has been ailing all the winter and physicians have recommended the operation. Her daughter has arrived and will remain with her until the ordeal is over.

The News From Nicaragua.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—The capture of Granada by revolutionary forces of General Estrada and the seizure of the steamer Victory, were reported at the state department today in a dispatch from Bluefields.

Consul Moffatt Reports that the Madriz forces suffered severely in the engagement on the 18th. Scores of unburied dead were left upon the field.

CANNOT LOCATE MISSING GIRL

She Was Stolen From Her Home in The Dead of Night by Henry Nelson.

MONMOUTH, Ill., Feb. 23.—Officers all over this part of the state and Iowa are still on the lookout for Henry Nelson, the Warren county farmer who stole from her home 13-year-old Bessie Blagden, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Blagden, northwest of the city, in the dead of night.

It is believed, at one time, that the couple had been located and that the net would be sprung, but the man was quite wary and just barely escaped the noose. Since that time his whereabouts have been unknown and no further trace has been secured of him. That he went north from either Aledo, Rio or Keithsburg seems certain, but he has already secured such a start that he will be hard to locate.

In many respects the crime, the full nature of which is still unknown, is one of the worst that has been called to the attention of the local officers in years. The man is past 32 years. He enjoyed the confidence of the girl's parents, but repaid it by stealing the young girl from her home in the dead of night when they were entirely unsuspecting. The family is very desirous that the man be arrested and will prosecute him to the full extent of the law.

Wrestling Match.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Feb. 23.—Zbyszko was declared the winner of a finish wrestling match with John Lemm of Switzerland last night. For ten minutes afterward hundreds of men surged around the ring yelling "robber" and demanding that the match be declared no contest. The men had wrestled an hour and forty-five minutes when Zbyszko sent Lemm flying through the ropes. Lemm was apparently badly injured.

Nellie Taylor Trial.

DES MOINES, Feb. 23.—The state practically finished its evidence at noon in the case of Mrs. Nellie Taylor of Ottumwa on trial for the murder of her infant. Nothing sensational developed and the case hinges on the question, was the girl insane when she committed the deed. Mrs. Taylor will go on the stand in her own behalf, probably to show the events leading up to the murder which her attorney says drove her insane.

COLDEST WEATHER OF THE WINTER

Northwest Shivers at 38 Below and Record for the Season is Broken At Many Points.

EXTENSIVE FIRE LOSS

Train Schedules Are Awry and Cattle are Starving Because Grain Can Not be Shipped There.

BUTTE, Mont., Feb. 23.—All cold records for this winter were shattered last night when the extreme temperature of 32 degrees below zero was reported from Beaver Head county. On the flat below Butte the thermometer reached 38 below, while in the city it touched as low as 20 below.

A special from Spokane says: "The lowest temperature of the winter is reported from every point in the inland empire."

Two small towns near Spokane, Alblon, Washington, and Priest River, Idaho, lost their entire business districts by fire. The loss at Priest River is estimated at \$80,000. Fire in the basement of the downtown district of Spokane, gutted buildings covering half a city block.

Fire and Suffering.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Feb. 23.—Fire and suffering is trailing the most intense cold wave of the season through Minnesota, Montana, Washington and British Columbia causing a million dollars in losses by flames and great sacrifice of stock on the ranges.

The government forecasters in eastern Oregon ordered the opening of the timber reserves to thousands of starving cattle sent south out of Washington and western Montana to escape the cold.

Traffic is paralyzed and rural mail carriers are blockaded.

Texas is Hit.

DALLAS, Tex., Feb. 23.—One of the worst blizzards of the winter is sweeping the southwest today. A high wind is blowing and a driving storm of snow has been in progress for hours. The mercury has dropped below freezing point.

PERCY WINS BY FIVE VOTES

Senatorial Deadlock in Mississippi Broken in a Combine Against Vardaman.

JACKSON, Miss., Feb. 23.—Leroy Percy of Greenville, one of the most brilliant lawyers in Mississippi, last night was nominated as United States senator from Mississippi to fill the unexpired term of A. J. McLaurin, who died December 23.

The election was on the fifty-eighth ballot, after a deadlock that had continued since January 4, with one or two ballots nearly every day. At the beginning there were seven or eight candidates, but they dropped out one after another, until four were left. Three of the candidates—Percy, Kyle, and Byrd—pitted against Vardaman.

ABDUL HAMID IS ALIVE AGAIN

Deposed Sultan Who is Reported Dead Each Week, is Likewise Reported Alive.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Feb. 23.—General Cheska Pasha, minister of war, declared positively today that Abdul Hamid, the deposed sultan, is not dead.

Taft's Quiet Day.

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—President Taft spent a quiet day today at the home of Henry W. Taft here. At 4 o'clock he will leave for Newark, N. J., to be the guest of the Newark board of trade at its banquet tonight. He will leave for Washington at midnight.

HOW THE STORK WAS FOOLED

Alleged Parents of Quadruplets Are Now Charged With Obtaining Money Under False Pretenses.

NURSE TELLS SECRETS

Says the Wilsons Worked the Public and Got Large Sums by Pretending to Have so Many Babies.

GALESBURG, Ill., Feb. 23.—A startling disclosure was made in Los Angeles a few days ago, when Mrs. W. W. Wilson, formerly of Chicago, after professing to have given birth to quadruplets, made a confession that she obtained the infants from a foundling home, and also confessed that twins, supposed to have been born in 1901 triplets soon afterward, and still another set of triplets, had all been hoaxes. On Sunday a statement printed in the Chicago Examiner was made by her that she had fooled her husband in order to satisfy his longing for children.

However, another phase is given the story from this city, and one which is unexpected, by Mrs. Wilson Mrs. Alice Schwartz, of 321 East Main street, a specialist, nurse and electro-therapist, who has been located in Galesburg for about a year, has a knowledge of the case, and declares that the confession by Mrs. Wilson is by no means a true one. "Mrs. Wilson," she alleges, "has not been fooling her husband, but the two of them have been in partnership, as it were, in fooling money out of a credulous public."

Mrs. Wilson, according to this authority, got her numerous babies out of foundlings' homes, or wherever she could find them, and by an ingenious system of self-advertising, inveigled an unsuspecting public into giving her money for the babies.

According to a story told to the Mail by Mrs. Schwartz, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson made enough clear money off their hoax regarding the first set of triplets to pay for a home in Chicago, besides getting \$500 each given as a trust fund for them by a liberal donor. What they made off the succeeding sets was more clear money.

Mrs. Schwartz's story is not based on hearsay, but upon actual experience. She states that she was called on the case of the first set of triplets, all of whom died. Her assertion is that the children died of nothing more or less than criminal neglect.

MORMON FARM OF 50,000 ACRES

Large Colony to be Established in Mexico, Which Country Made Several Concessions.

GALVESTON, Texas, Feb. 23.—A deal has been closed whereby the Mormon church becomes owner of more than 50,000 acres in the state of Coahuila, Mexico, upon which it will establish the largest colony on this continent, outside of Utah.

The government gave 100,000 acres and exempts the entire tract from taxation. All property brought in for the next five years by the Mormons will be admitted free of duty.

THE WEATHER.

For Keokuk and vicinity: Partly cloudy tonight and Thursday. Slowly rising temperature.

For Illinois: Increasing cloudiness tonight probably becoming unsettled Thursday. Rising temperature.

For Iowa: Partly cloudy tonight and Thursday. Slowly rising temperature.

For Missouri: Snow tonight, or Thursday. Rising temperature.

Weather Conditions.

The western and southwestern areas of low pressure have passed to New England since Monday and there has been light snow in the northern districts, east of the Missouri river, and rains in the gulf states.

Conditions indicate partly cloudy weather, with a slow rise of temperature, for this section tonight and Thursday.

Local Observations.

Feb. 22 7 p.m.	30.50	6	NW	Clear
23 7 a.m.	30.69	-5	N	Cldy

Rainfall for past 24 hours 1 hundredth.

Mean temperature, 14.

Minimum temperature, 23.

Maximum temperature, 6.

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PUGILISTS CELEBRATE WASHINGTON'S BIRTH

Wolgast Hammers Battling Nelson Forty Rounds and Wins the Title of Lightweight Champion of America in California.

CONLEY ALSO WINS IN THE 42 ROUND

Both the Lightweight and Bantamweight Prize Fights Went Into Long Number of Rounds and the Spectators Got Money's Worth.

RICHMOND ARENA, Cal., Feb. 23.—With his face battered to a pulp, his eyes closed, lips puffed, covered with blood and staggering helplessly about the ring, Battling Nelson, conqueror of Joe Gans, was saved from a knockout in the fortieth round of his fight with Ad Wolgast, when Referee Eddie Smith hurriedly stopped the fight. Nelson was game to the last, stood in the center of the ring, and even though he could hardly raise his hands, begged to be allowed to continue. He was led to his corner heartbroken.

In the opposite corner of the ring, the new light-weight champion of the world, Ad Wolgast, of Cadillac, Michigan, was lifted to the shoulders of his trainers amid the cheering of the big crowd. Only once in the fight did Nelson have a chance—the twenty-second round—when with a stinging right cross to the jaw he staggered his opponent. Before the round closed he dropped Wolgast in the middle of the ring with a similar blow and three seconds were tolled before Wolgast regained his feet. The crowd prepared to leave the arena and word went from bench to bench through the spectators, that another boy had fallen a victim to the Dane's wonderful ability.

Wolgast Became Stronger.

In the next round Wolgast recuperated, and from then on slowly, steadily and surely wore Nelson down. For twelve rounds before the finish Nelson seemed bewildered and his blows were sent as though he held a weight in his hands. From the thirtieth round Nelson could hardly see or hear, the left side of his face having lost all semblance to its former contour. He staggered and hung on. In the thirty-seventh round he was all but out, but survived the round.

In the thirty-eighth round John Robinson, Nelson's manager, wanted to throw up the sponge, but Abdul Turk, one of the seconds, tore the sponge from Robinson and threw it into the bucket. Robinson continued to protest, on the verge of tears, that his man was beaten.

Nelson Game to the Last.

When the fortieth came Referee Smith asked Nelson if he wanted to quit. Nelson, unable to walk, merely shook his head in the negative. When thirty seconds of the fortieth round were gone, and as darkness was beginning to creep over the scene, Smith raised Wolgast's glove into the air and a new light-weight champion had come into Flstiana.

Wolgast had out-general, out-boxed and all but out-gamed Nelson. After the battle, Wolgast scampered out of the ring like a school boy, and galloped through the mud. Nelson was carried out on the arms of his seconds, but was cheered for the remarkable grit shown and gameness, such as is seldom shown in a prize ring. Referee Smith said:

"Wolgast fought Nelson at his own game and beat him fairly and squarely. Nelson complained at times of Wolgast butting, but it was simply a case of the battler getting the worst of the game where both were guilty."

Talks on the Fight.

"Both men fought the same. One had the youth and power to come back, vigor and life, while the thirteen years of fighting through which Nelson has gone, had left him without his old snap, dash and stamina."

Wolgast said: "My fight was like a training bout. Only once did he bother me, that was in the twenty-second round. Nelson hurt me more by butting me than anything else, and I felt funny for a few seconds. I am ready to give any deserving light-weight a chance."

When Nelson was able to talk he said: "I am sorry they called the fight off when I could have stayed the forty-five rounds, but have no complaint to make."

Before the fight began Nelson was the favorite two to one, and even money was offered that Wolgast would be on his feet at the end of 25th round. Both fighters were under the required weight of 144 pounds

The Final Rounds.

Round 37—Wolgast took no chances, apparently of the opinion that the champion was faking weakness. Wolgast jarred Nelson with three right punches to the jaw, and Nelson could hardly come back. They met in mid-ring with Nelson swinging like a babe and Wolgast landing with good, clean punches. Nelson's ability to stem the tide was a wonderful exhibition.

Round 38—Nelson was a pitiful sight as he staggered to the center of the ring. Wolgast appeared to be in no hurry to complete his work. Robinson at this stage tried to throw up the sponge, but the other Nelson second took the sponge from him and threw it in the bucket. Nelson to all intents and purposes was a beaten man, and it required the use of all his senses to stare off or prolong the inevitable defeat. Both men were covered from head to foot from the Dane's blood and the arena was a shambles.

Round 39—Wolgast appeared loth to put in the finishing punch. He jabbed incessantly at the battle's anatomy and again the blood flowed in a stream. Nelson tried to make a last rally, but it was only for a fleeting moment, and he again quickly subsided and could scarcely hold his hands up. Wolgast almost sent Nelson to the floor, landing blow after blow on the defenseless champion's face. Ring followers stated that never had they seen an exhibition of gameness as displayed by Nelson. Referee Smith stated he would stop the fight in the next round if Nelson's seconds did not.

Wolgast Given the Fight.

Round 40—Wolgast backed away, looking for an opening for a final blow. He smashed the beaten Dane champ flush on the jaw with a mighty right, putting all his remaining strength in the blow. Nelson tottered and was on the point of collapse when Referee Eddie Smith stopped the fight and gave the verdict to Wolgast.

The Bantams.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 23.—Frankie Conley, of Kenosha, Wis., knocked out Monte Attell, of San Francisco, in the forty-second round. The fight was scheduled for forty-five rounds and was for the bantamweight championship. Attell was badly punished. When Conley knocked him down in the forty-second round his seconds threw up the sponge before the count was finished.

Conley was not scratched. Attell lay three minutes after receiving Conley's finishing blow on the jaw. His left eye was closed and badly disfigured, his mouth and nose were bleeding, his lips swollen and bruised.

Attell was unable to break through Conley's defense. He perceptibly weakened after the thirty-third round when Conley landed a heart blow and he was going down hill from then until the finish. Attell started the forty-second round with the usual rush, but slipped and fell. Conley waited for him to rise, and then staggered him with a series of lefts and rights. As he came for a clinch, Attell was dazed by jabs in the face, and turned his back to run. Conley suddenly drove his right to the jaw and the fight was over.

Conley wins the McCarry diamond belt for the bantam weight championship.

The Big Fight.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 23.—The Jeffries-Johnson battle, July 4, for a purse of \$101,000, will be fought in San Francisco. The announcement was made last night, following a conference between Tex Rickard, Eddie Graney, Supervisor Herget, Sam Fitzpatrick and Jim Griffin.

Nelson Wants Another.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 23.—Battling Nelson offered \$10,000 cash bonus to Ad Wolgast, the new light-weight champion, for a return battle at any time. Wolgast is to marry Miss E.