

TAKEUP FOR RUSSIAN

Vice Consul Williamson Assaulted by Coolies at Dalny.

BRIEFLY REPORTS MATTER

Japanese Officials Express Regret at the Occurrence.

AFFAIR MAY BE DROPPED

Serious Injury Not Inflicted—Attacked Man Native of This City and Graduate of Local Schools.

A week ago the State Department received a cablegram from Dalny, Manchuria, stating that he had been assaulted by two Japanese coolies while he was watching the fishing. The vice consul gave no details of the affair, and the tone of his message indicated that he attached little importance to it. Therefore the State Department has taken no action, nor will it do so unless it receives a formal complaint from Mr. Williamson, who is at present acting as consul at Dalny in the absence of the regular consul.

Mistaken for a Russian.

More details of the incident are contained in a press dispatch from Tokio. From that it appears that the assault occurred at the Dalny fish market last Friday. Two Japanese and one Chinese, apparently mistaking the vice consul for a Russian, ordered him in Russian and Japanese to depart.

Mr. Williamson replied in fluent Japanese, saying that he would go, only whereupon all three attacked him, striking him on the head and chin with bamboo sticks. Another man had received a blow on his head, inflicting injuries.

The vice consul finally escaped to a telephone booth and arranged for a doctor to attend to the offenders. Mr. Williamson returned to the consulate later and was attended by a British surgeon.

Japanese Officials Regretful.

On Saturday morning several Japanese officials called at the residence of the vice consul and expressed regret at the occurrence. The press dispatch said further that Mr. Williamson was satisfied that his assailants were unaware of his nationality and official position and that he had no desire to have the affair develop into an international incident.

As Mr. Williamson stands six feet two in his socks and is an athlete of note, the officials of the State Department feel that he was fully competent to take care of himself against an ordinary assault. His brief report of the affair to the department indicated that he had received no serious injury and was disposed to have the incident passed without further notice.

Native of Washington.

Mr. Williamson was appointed a student interpreter at the Dalny consulate in October, 1906, and was appointed vice and deputy consul at that city in December, 1908. He was born in Washington, D. C., April 28, 1876, and graduated from the Western High School in 1901 and from the Business High School in 1902. For three years he was employed in a local real estate office and for nearly two years was physical instructor at the Y. M. C. A. He also engaged in newspaper work in this city. His appointment as student interpreter at Dalny was the result of competitive examination.

Mr. Williamson was connected with

Company C of the 6th Battalion, District National Guard, which under the organization of the 1st Infantry. He was of quiet demeanor, tall and well proportioned. He entered the service on June 18, 1901, and was honorably discharged on his own request May 13, 1902.

BUT ONE LIVING MAN IN WRECKED TUNNEL

Workmen Buried by Explosion of Nearly 4,000 Pounds of Powder.

EL PASO, Texas, December 29.—Efforts of the rescuers at the slag dump of the El Paso smelter early this morning were directed toward the release of Eusivo Aguillar, the only living man remaining in the dump. Aguillar had been pinned under a mass of the slag for nearly fifteen hours, but is able to talk with his rescuers.

Slow Progress Made.

Progress is unusually slow from the fact that every bit of slag must be removed from the tunnel in the dump with long-handled hoes. It is expected that Aguillar will be released some time today. It is stated that six is the total of the dead list in yesterday's explosion, when the accidental discharge of nearly 4,000 pounds of powder buried a score of workmen engaged in burrowing into the huge pile of slag to secure material for rail road ballasts. Four bodies still remain in the dump.

Murdered Man's Body Identified.

DETROIT, Mich., December 29.—The body of the man found mutilated in the woods north of the city Sunday afternoon was last night identified as that of Obed Westgate, a timber contractor of Big Prairie, Newaygo county, Mich. Westgate is said to have been in the habit of carrying large amounts of money with him and it is thought robbery was the motive which led to his murder.

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DEATHS RESULT FROM BLOWING OUT GAS

Bodies of Colored Girls Are Found in Bed by Employer of One.

VIRGINIA CITY SURPRISED

President Rixey Turns Over Real Estate to Protect Creditors—His Illness Given as Reason.

Special Correspondence of The Star.

ALEXANDRIA, Va., December 29, 1910.—Virginia State Deposit and Trust Corporation, with a paid-up capital stock of \$300,000, and an authorized capital stock of \$1,000,000, closed its doors this morning, following the appointment of John S. Barbour of Fairfax, and Judge J. K. M. Norton of Alexandria as receivers to wind up its affairs. They gave a joint bond in the sum of \$50,000. A simple notice, written with lead pencil, was tacked on the doors of the bank this morning reading: "Closed—In charge of receivers; all notes due can be paid to any bank in town."

Bodies Are Discovered.

This morning when Dr. Sutliff failed to detect any sign of activity in the kitchen he started to ascertain what had become of the Copeland girl. The odor of gas led him to the servant's room on the second floor of the house. There lying side by side in the bed were the two bodies.

Coroner Nevitt visited the house, saw the bodies and quickly concluded that the gas had been left turned on, as explained. Certificates of death were issued and relatives of the deceased were notified. The bodies will probably be taken to the respective homes of the deceased for burial.

REPUBLICANS PLAN FOR NEXT NATIONAL CONTEST

Beginning of Campaign for the Renomination of President Taft.

Republican political leaders are favoring a meeting of the republican national committee in this city some time in January to elect a chairman of the committee and to lay the groundwork of the next national campaign. At present J. F. Hill of Maine bears the title of chairman, with Postmaster General Hitchcock as "the power behind the throne." Mr. Hitchcock is generally credited with preferring to remain at the head of the Post Office Department and conducting another campaign, and he will have to choose between the two undertakings.

Among the Possibilities.

Two names are mentioned in connection with the new chairmanship—former Senator James Hemenway of Indiana and Representative John W. Weeks of Massachusetts. Mr. Hemenway, while possessing admitted qualifications as a political manager, is objected to by some republicans on the ground of his pronounced "standpat" affiliations and the fact that he is the head of one of the Indiana law firms. Mr. Weeks is being urged by some of his friends in the House for the chairmanship and is being urged by others to organize the national campaign. He has had political experience in Massachusetts, has a wide acquaintance among public men and politicians, and is identified with the financial world and "is otherwise qualified."

Beginning of Taft Campaign.

The selection of an active chairman of the national committee, whose person will mark the actual beginning of the movement for the renomination and re-election of President Taft. It is assumed that the national committee, being informed of the president's willingness to stand for renomination, will select a chairman entirely acceptable to him. Following the national convention and upon the reorganization of the national committee the chairman who is to manage the campaign is expected that the chairman decided upon now will be the man retained throughout.

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Sweeping Program Mapped Out by Judge Who Started the Investigation.

WEST UNION, Ohio, December 29.—The investigation into the wholesale note buying in Adams county is to be continued through the special grand jury indefinitely. This statement was made from the bench today by Judge Blair, whose vigorous action has brought out the facts in the county-wide scandal.

Court's Position Defined.

Judge Blair said: "After we have had a general investigation of all the townships in the county I shall before me the workers of both parties from every township and submit to them the lists of those who have been indicted. I will tell them that there are still others who have sold their votes and that they must have knowledge who they are. I shall demand that they designate every purchasable voter in their precincts and I shall put special detectives in the field to bring up a list of names. I now intend to disclose the names of those whose votes he has bought I will bring the 'noters' in and they shall be asked if they are going to clean up Adams county as it has been purged since the civil war."

Additional Indictments.

One hundred and six additional indictments were reported by the grand jury today, bringing the total number of those indicted thus far up to 908. Forty-one men have taken advantage of the grand jury's action and have been indicted and in and confess without having been indicted.

Baroness Hengelmuller Ill.

Baroness Hengelmuller, wife of the ambassador from Austria-Hungary, according to a statement given out from the embassy this afternoon, is very ill of appendicitis, the attack beginning yesterday afternoon. A consultation of physicians, it is understood, is being held this afternoon.

DAK CLOSES DOORS

Alexandria Corporation in the Hands of Receivers.

FINANCIER TAKEN AWAY IN AUTOMOBILE BY HIS SISTER.

Charges Bank President With Larceny of \$80,000.

AT APARTMENTS IN NEW YORK

Engages Former District Attorney Jerome to Defend Him—Experts Go Over Books.

NEW YORK, December 29.—The grand jury this afternoon handed down an indictment against Joseph G. Robin, whose financial transactions are alleged to be responsible for the closing of the Northern Bank of New York last Tuesday. The indictment specifically charges Robin with the larceny of \$80,000 from the Northern Bank.

No Hint of Trouble.

The news came as a distinct surprise in banking circles. From what can be learned the slightest intimation was given that the bank contemplated winding up its affairs.

The appointment of receivers was made in corporation court here by Judge L. C. Barley exactly five minutes after midnight last night upon application of the stockholders and directors of the company, all except the president, C. J. Rixey, who is ill at his home in Washington.

Changed His Name.

Robin has been in America only twenty years, changing his name eighteen years ago. It has been claimed for him that he is related to Russian royalty.

One to Run Bank.

"Of owing illness of the president of the 'defunct company,'" the application reads, "and being without reasonable assurance that he will be able to personally conduct the affairs of the company for some time to come, complainants find themselves unable to carry on the business."

Receivers at Work.

It is understood that the receivers are at work this morning arranging as rapidly as possible to wind up affairs. It is not yet known, however, when the depositors will be paid off.

Weather Bureau Chief Suggests Establishment of a Seismographic Bureau in Washington.

A plan for a comprehensive system of earthquake observations at weather stations, through installation of seismographs at from ten to twenty stations, has been urged on Congress by Chief Willis Moore of the weather bureau. There is already such an instrument at the bureau office at Washington, and from another source, backed by scientific bodies, a movement has sprung for the creation of a seismographic bureau at a cost of about \$200,000, together with proposed for a seismographic laboratory at the Smithsonian Institution.

Justice Blinded, Indeed.

DOUGLAS, Ariz., December 29.—A puzzle to the courts of justice and the immigration officers here is the case of a boy about seventeen years old, arrested on charge of stealing money from a locker of the Copper Queen smelter.

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The defendant, supposed to be Conrad Molino, cannot read or write, and is a deaf mute. He is apparently an Indian-Mexican from Sonora and speaks only the most primitive signs indicating the need of food and sleep. All efforts have failed to make him understand the charge against him.

Fatally Poisoned at Communion.

ST. PETERSBURG, December 29.—Three communicants have died and twenty-nine others are seriously ill as the consequence of a mistake made by an elder of the Lutheran Church in the Peterhof district, who last evening filled a communion cup with a mixture of sulphuric chromate instead of wine.

THIS MESSENGER ACTELY

Fire Drama in Old District Building, in Which Ross Colwell Is Hero.

UNIFORM TIME RECORDS FOR TREASURY CLERKS

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MAJ MOORE SITE

Court's View of Scope of Recent Enactment.

DIFFERS FROM CONTROLLER

Buling Which Affects Provision for Meridian Hill Park.

EFFECT OF ACT OF CONGRESS

Chief Justice Clabaugh Holds That Authority to Purchase Implements Appropriation.

Chief Justice Clabaugh of the District Supreme Court today took a contrary view to that of Controller Tracewell of the Treasury in reference to the action of Congress in authorizing the condemnation of land for the site of the Meridian Hill park between Florida avenue and Buell street and 15th and 16th streets.

Controller's View.

Mr. Tracewell held that the word "authorized" used in the statute did not carry an appropriation, and that money could not be expended until Congress had actually appropriated the money.

The chief justice spoke in the highest terms of the care and thoughtful consideration given by the latter to the question. The court then rendered its decision, which, slightly modified, were not binding on the court, and stated that in this instance he felt obliged to differ with him.

Reading the statute the court pointed out that the Secretary of the interior had no authority to acquire the land by purchase, if possible, directly from the owners; on failure of this method, he was authorized to acquire the land by condemnation. The court declared the language to be an absolute direction to acquire the land.

Further Provisions Cited.

Further provision, the chief justice pointed out, was made in the act by directing the Secretary of the Treasury to pay into court such an amount as may be necessary to pay the award of the commission in the event of condemnation proceedings.

Timekeeper to Keep Tab in Each Division and Bureau.

The new regulations require an employee in each division or bureau to be appointed as timekeeper. This official must keep the time records of every employe upon certified forms that have been arranged for.

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Stroot & Gellerf. THE GREATEST OF THE YEAR! EVERY DEPARTMENT HAS SOMETHING IMPORTANT FOR TOMORROW'S. Friday Clearance. THE LAST OF 1910. OF COURSE, YOU WILL PAY THIS STORE A VISIT TOMORROW. And—in full swing—our JANUARY CLEARANCE OF Coats, Suits, Dresses, Etc.

First big WOOLTEX reduction sale. Make selections tomorrow! Suits as low as \$9.50. Coats as low as \$11.50, etc.

One lot of 2-clasp Gloves—white, tan, gray and black, in Reynier, Perrin and other makes. Tan—5/4-6/4-6/4-7-7/4. Gray—5/4-6-6/4-7. Black—5/4-5/4-6-7-7/4-7/4. White—5/4 to 6/4. 85c

Reduced from \$1.50, \$1.75 and \$2.00. Small lot of 12-button-length Glace Gloves—Perrin's make—pearl and champagne, white, tan and black. Pearl—5/4-5/4-6/4. Champagne—6/4. White—5/4-6/4-6/4-7. Black—6-6/4-6/4. Tan—5/4 to 6/4. \$2.00

Reduced from \$3.50. UMBRELLAS. Lot of Men's and Women's Holiday Umbrellas, with gold, silver and gun metal trimmed, mission, hand carved and mourning handles. \$4.50. One lot of 25 Umbrellas, 26 and 28 inch—union taffeta silk, with mission, hooked and mourning handles. \$1.85. Reduced from \$2.25.

NECKWEAR. Mussed Neckwear, 15 cents each or 4 for 50 cents. Some Xmas box goods included in lot. Laundered Collars, soiled from Xmas handling, 50c and 25c values, in all sizes in lot—10c each. Reduced from \$4.00. Remnant price, 15c each. Still a few more of our silk collar and cuff sets, neatly trimmed with Swiss and lace ruffling. \$1.00 one, 75c. 75c ones, 50c. Persian Ruffling, 50c and 75c per yd., to close, 25c per yard.

SPECIAL IN SILKS. 24-inch Persian Messalines, \$1.00 quality, Special, 50c. 24-inch Persian Cashmeres, the most beautiful silk of the season, \$2.00 quality for \$1.25. ALL REMNANTS HALF PRICE IN SILKS. MUSLIN UNDERWEAR. Soiled Underwear, Gowns, Skirts, Corset Covers and Drawers greatly reduced. Flannelette Kimonos at 85c. Lingerie Waists—mussed ones at low prices. Sold at \$1.50, 79c.

HOSIERY. Christmas Remnants in Ladies' Hose, Ladies' Pure Thread Silk Hose in white and colors, \$1.25 value. Remnant price, 65c pair. Sizes, 9 1/2 and 10. 50c value. Remnant price, 3 for \$1.00. HANKERCHIEFS. Men's colored bordered Linen Handkerchiefs, 50c quality. Special, 35c-3 for \$1.00. Mussed Handkerchiefs for Ladies. All linen. 12 1/2c quality. Special, 9c-3 for 25c. DRESS TRIMMINGS. Silk Embroidered and metal effects, gold, silver and gun metal, in a great variety. At 25c a yard. Were 50c and 75c. At 50c a yard. Were \$1.00 and up. At \$1.00 a yard. Were \$1.50 and \$2.00. At \$2.00 a yard. Were \$5.00.

MARQUISSETTE DRESS PATTERNS. Black Embroidered Dress Pattern, \$20.00, now \$17.50. Black and White Embroidered Dress Pattern, \$20.00, now \$17.50. Black Braided Dress Pattern, \$25.00, now \$21.50. Black and White Embroidered Dress Pattern, \$25.00, now \$21.50. Black Marquessette Dress Patterns, with king blue beads and beaded, in a conventional design, \$50.00, now \$29.50.

PAROLE DECLARED BROKEN. Rufus Clark Committed to Jail With Sentence Doubled. The first man placed on probation in the Police Court under the new law was arraigned before Judge Mulwony this morning for breaking parole. Clark was ordered committed to jail under the original suspended sentence of thirty days. Thirty more days were added to the imprisonment term following his conviction for theft.

DETROIT GROCERY WRECKED. Proprietor Blames Italian Enemies for Two Dynamite Explosions. DETROIT, Mich., December 29.—A grocery store owned by Jim Mano at 205 Clinton street was wrecked by two dynamite explosions early today and ten houses in the neighborhood were damaged. Ten men, a woman and a little baby were sleeping on the second floor of the store building, but escaped unharmed. They were thrown from their beds.

FIRE LOSS, \$50,000. Narrow Escapes From Burning Building in Asbury Park, N. J. ASBURY PARK, N. J., December 29.—Fire today burned out the interior of the Franklin building on Cookman avenue, owned by Mayor Appleby and occupied on the ground floor by retail grocery and drug firms and on the two upper floors by apartments. The total loss is estimated at \$50,000. Samuel A. Patterson, a lawyer, and his son George had narrow escapes. They were cut off in their apartments on the top floor.

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