

# MESSENGER IS KILLED

### MASKED MEN HOLD UP TRAIN ON THE SOUTHERN PACIFIC AT COPLEY, CAL.

### EXPRESS CAR WRECKED BY DYNAMITE

### BANDITS CARRY OFF CONTENTS BUT AMOUNT OF BOOTY IS NOT KNOWN.

Sacramento, Cal., April 2.—Three masked men held up the Oregon express, southbound, on the Southern Pacific railroad at Copley, near Keswick, killed W. J. O'Neil, the express messenger, and carried off the contents of the express box.

The train is known as No. 15 and stopped at Copley, a small station, for water. As the train came to a standstill three men jumped on and cut the train in two, taking the engine and express car down the track a short distance. They stopped the engine and demanded that Messenger O'Neil open the express car. He refused, whereupon they blew up the express car with dynamite and deliberately killed O'Neil by shooting him through the head. The bandits then robbed the car of its contents, but it is not known how much they obtained.

After robbing the express car the men cut the car loose and, getting on the engine, compelled Engineer Joesink to go ahead. When near Keswick the men dropped off the engine and disappeared in the night with their plunder.

Engineer Joesink backed his engine to Keswick station, where he reported for orders to run to Redding and summon the sheriff. He then started back with Sheriff Richardson and a heavily armed posse.

There were two safes in the car, a heavy through safe and a small local one. The local safe was blown to atoms and the top of the through safe was blown off. Tiny pieces of greenbacks and twisted coins covered the floor. It is not thought the robbers secured a great amount of money.

# SEVERE FIGHTING IN TIBET

### NATIVES LOSE FIVE HUNDRED KILLED IN ENGAGEMENT WITH BRITISH.

Tuna, British India, April 2.—News has been received of severe fighting in Tibet, the Tibetans having attacked the British mission under Colonel Younghusband. There were two engagements and the Tibetans were repulsed with heavy loss.

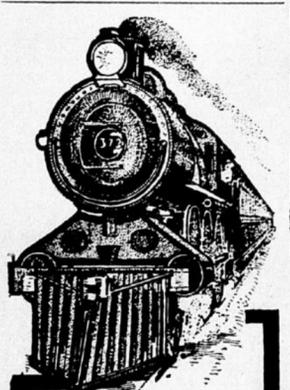
The British captured the Tibetan camp at Guru.

Among the Tibetans killed were the Lhasa general, the military commander of Phari and Lata and the representative of the golden monastery, to whose influence and violence the existing actions were largely due.

The Tibetan losses are believed to be over 500, while the British casualties are about a dozen.

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# MANY NOTABLES PRESENT.

### Emperor Francis Joseph Observes Ancient Ceremony.

Vienna, April 1.—Emperor Francis Joseph during the day observed the ancient ceremony of washing the feet of twelve old men in the Crystal hall of the Hofburg. The hall was filled with distinguished personages, including members of the diplomatic corps, the cabinet ministers, military officials and court functionaries. The emperor, who was in excellent health, assisted by eight archdukes, personally waited on the old men, placing before them food and drink, which, however, they did not consume then, the refreshments being immediately removed and later sent to their homes.

The ceremony concluded with the emperor hanging around the neck of each of the old men a silk purse containing the traditional thirty pieces of silver.

The United States was represented at the ceremony by Ambassador Storer and Mrs. Storer, Captain F. W. Harris, the military attaché; Secretary Hale and Mrs. Hale, Second Secretary Rives and Miss Diehl.

### Senator Allison's Condition.

Washington, April 1.—Senator Allison of Iowa, who became ill at the Capitol Wednesday, is still confined to his home. Dr. J. J. Richardson, the attending physician, said that there were no dangerous symptoms; that the senator is improving and might be able to resume his duties at the senate about Monday.

# RIVERS CONTINUE TO RISE

### FLOOD SITUATION IN INDIANA MORE SERIOUS AS RESULT OF HEAVY RAINS.

Vincennes, Ind., April 1.—The Belgrade levee has broken again and the Wabash is rising an inch an hour. The water has now reached the principal streets here. It has been raining hard all night and day in Southern Indiana and a still higher stage of water is feared. This county and Lawrence county, Ill., are largely under water. In Lawrence county the water has reached the second story windows of barns and houses. In one house fifty refugees are living. Twenty-seven women and children are staying in a schoolhouse, the men coming here in boats for provisions. Water is over the railroad tracks and landslides have stopped traffic again.

The Indianapolis and Vincennes railroad has not moved a train for a week.

All wire communication is broken off with Hazelton, Decker, Russellville and many other small towns, which, it is believed, are flooded.

Westport, opposite here on the Illinois side, has been totally abandoned. Stock on the hills are being fed by men in boats. One hundred refugees are housed in an old hotel, south of here. There is a continuous lake for eight miles.

### Indiana Streams Again Rising.

Madison, Ind., April 1.—Torrents of rain have fallen during the past twelve hours. Over an inch of water has fallen and it is still raining. The Ohio and smaller streams are again rising.

### Appeal Cannot Be Heard at May Term of Court.

St. Louis, April 2.—The case of United States Senator Burton of Kansas, convicted of having accepted payment from the Kialto Grain and Securities company for representing the company's interests before the post-office department, cannot go before the United States circuit court of appeals at St. Paul on appeal for rehearing during its May term, as the bill of exceptions was not filed during the day by Burton's counsel and this was the last day for filing the bill to enable the case to be heard at St. Paul. By stipulation of the attorneys on both sides the case may now be heard at the September term of the United States circuit court of appeals at Denver. Otherwise the regular course will be for a rehearing of the case at the December term of the United States circuit court of appeals at St. Louis.

### TO AMEND CHINESE TREATY.

### Patterson of Colorado Introduces Bill in Senate.

Washington, April 2.—In the senate Mr. Patterson (Colo.) introduced a bill for the amendment of the Chinese exclusion act of 1902, giving notice that on Wednesday next he would address the senate on the bill.

In giving this notice he said that he had received what he considered definite information that the Chinese government had denounced the treaty between that government and the United States and that the treaty would expire Dec. 7 next. Unless the law should be amended Chinese can come into the United States after that time without obstruction. Mr. Platt of Connecticut expressed a dissent from this view.

A bill was passed authorizing the free transmission through the mails of books for the blind.

### MORGAN'S TRIP TO EUROPE.

### Held to Indicate Satisfactory Arrangement of Merger Interests.

New York, April 2.—In view of the fact that J. Pierpont Morgan has arranged to leave for Europe next week, Wall street is inclined to expect an early announcement that some sort of a satisfactory arrangement has been reached between the Union Pacific interests and the Hill-Morgan interests regarding the distribution of the assets of the Northern Securities company. Several men prominent in Northern Securities matters were callers at the office of J. P. Morgan & Co. Thursday. Representatives of that firm and of the Union Pacific interests said, however, that there was nothing new in the situation.

# RUSSIANS KEPT MOVING

### JAPANESE TROOPS CONTINUE TO THE NORTH AFTER ENGAGEMENT AT CHONGJU.

Tokio, April 2.—Information has been received here from a private source that the Japanese troops, after dislodging the Russians at Chongju (about fifty miles northwest of Pingyang) on March 28, rested for one day and then advanced to Yongchun (about forty-five miles west of Chongju). After a brief engagement there they drove the enemy further north, the Russians retreating towards Unnan, a town eighty miles northeast of Yongchun.

### RUSSIANS IN DISTRESS.

### Cavalry in Northern Korea Retiring Toward Wiju.

Seoul, April 2.—It has been learned here that the Russian cavalry, in much distress, is retiring toward Wiju. They are cutting down telegraph poles to use as fuel and their horses are dying for lack of proper food.

# DESTINATION KEPT SECRET

### CORRESPONDENTS AT TOKIO FINALLY ALLOWED TO GO TO THE FRONT.

Tokio, April 2.—The first party of foreign correspondents left Tokio for the front during the day. It consisted of sixteen newspaper men, mostly British and Americans. From here the party goes to Moji, leaving there April 6 on a Japanese transport for their destination, which is kept secret.

The order of the Japanese authorities unleashing the correspondents was joyously received. It ended a long siege on the part of the correspondents at Tokio. They appreciated the necessity for the government maintaining secrecy in regard to the movements of the troops and their disposition for the campaign, but the newspaper men chafed under their extended idleness.

A crowd gathered at the Shinbashi station, where the correspondents went on board a train, and cheered the departing writers.

# AGAIN ATTACK PORT ARTHUR

### JAPANESE RESUMED BOMBARDMENT OF STRONGHOLD ON WEDNESDAY NIGHT.

London, April 2.—A dispatch to the Central News from Tokio says Vice Admiral Togo made another attack on Port Arthur during the night of March 30-31.

The dispatch adds that it is understood the attack was for the purpose of taking soundings and ascertaining the effects of the last attempt to bottle up the Russian fleet.

No details of the attack are obtainable.

### MANUFACTURING AMMUNITION.

### Russians Seize the Chinese Arsenal at Kirin.

New York, April 2.—General Tseng Chi, commanding the Chinese troops in Manchuria, has notified the government, says a World dispatch from Peking, that the Russians, having seized the arsenal at Kirin, between Harbin and Mukden, are using it to manufacture ammunition, which they are turning out ceaselessly.

General Tseng Chi asserts that the Russians intend to raise a body of 50,000 Mongolian troops to relieve the Russian guards engaged in patrolling the Manchurian railway.

### GIVEN A ROUSING WELCOME.

### Survivors of the Korietz and Variag Reach Odessa.

Odessa, April 2.—The Russian steamer Malaya, from Far Eastern ports, with the survivors of the crews of the Korietz and Variag on board, arrived here during the day and was accorded an enthusiastic reception by the enormous crowds which lined the streets and joined in the procession. The foreign vessels in port dressed ship and their crews cheered as the Malaya entered the harbor, escorted by a flotilla of steamers and other craft with bands of music on board and crowded with people who had gone out to meet her. As soon as the Malaya was anchored the commandant of the port boarded the steamer and pinned crosses of St. George on the breasts of the rescued men.

### MARQUIS ITO RETURNS.

### Visit to Korea Expected to Cement Friendly Terms.

Tokio, April 2.—The Marquis Ito has returned here from his special mission to the emperor of Korea. He was received at the railroad station by the ministers and was granted an audience by the emperor of Japan.

While it is denied that political significance is attached to the mission it doubtless will cement the cordiality between the Korean and Japanese courts and will inspire the Korean emperor with confidence in the intentions of Japan.

### ADVERTISE IN THE ALERT

# BIG BATTLE EXPECTED SOON

### JAPS AND RUSSIANS MANEUVERING FOR ADVANTAGEOUS POSITIONS.

London, April 2.—Dispatches from the Orient are full of indications of the imminence of a great battle on or near the Yalu river.

The skirmishes such as that in Chongju, where the Russians retreated before the Japanese after a score had been killed or wounded and other minor actions, are skirmishes that invariably precede a pitched battle and are consequent on the maneuvering on either side for advantageous positions for the actual combat.

A message from Seoul states that the Russians have already made the Japanese pay for the victory in Chongju. After this action the Russians retreated to Kwaksan, followed by the Japanese.

North of Pakchan river the Russians stopped their retreat and the rear guard, reinforced for the maneuver, lay in ambush.

They did not reveal the ambush to the Japanese scouting cavalry, but waited for a small detachment of infantry and fell upon them.

It is reported that every infantryman in the party—fifty in all—was slain.

### RUSSIANS CLAIM VICTORY.

### Say Japs Lost Fifty Killed in Fight at Chongju.

St. Petersburg, April 2.—The following semi-official dispatch has been received from Liaoyang:

"In the first encounter with the Japanese in Northern Korea, which was crowned with victory for the Russian arms, the enemy's losses were ten times those of the Russians. According to Korean reports the Japanese buried 50 men, while 120 wounded were removed with the help of 500 Koreans to the headquarters of the Japanese main force. The confusion of the Japanese was so great that they hoisted two Red Cross flags in token of surrender."

Throughout their war with China the Japanese never showed themselves so distracted. The people here are in high spirits over the news of the first brilliant fight in Korea.

### RIVER WILL BE CLOSED.

### Russia Preparing Systematic Defense of Newchwang.

Newchwang, April 2.—United States Consul Miller has informed the citizens of his nationality of the United States' acquiescence to the proclamation of martial law by the Russian authorities here. The United States gunboat Helena leaves Newchwang within a few hours.

The British gunboat Espiegle is awaiting additional instructions. Russia's authority has been established here without friction. There is no apparent alarm, although movable property is being partly removed. It is understood that immediately after the eleven ships now here are loaded the port and river will be closed as the work of providing for a systematic defense of Newchwang is progressing.

### ROADS IN BAD CONDITION.

### American Military Officer Returns From Pingyang.

Seoul, April 2.—Brigadier General Allen, United States military observer with the Japanese army, has returned here from Pingyang. He says the roads in Northern Korea are in very bad condition and that the Russians have lost excellent opportunities to take advantage of the natural obstacles offered by the country to oppose the Japanese advance.

General Allen believes it to be evident that the Russians intend to make a stand at the Yalu.

### HOT LEGAL CONTEST EXPECTED.

### Diamond Match Company Fighting Duluth Concern.

Duluth, April 2.—Arguments for a permanent injunction in behalf of the Diamond Match company against the Union Match company of this city were heard in the United States circuit court before Judge Page Morris during the day. On March 1 Judge Morris granted a temporary restraining order to the Diamond Match company against the Union Match company on a bill of complaint which was filed in the court by the Diamond Match company. In which the plaintiffs allege that the defendant, the Duluth concern, is using machinery in its West Duluth plant on which patents are held by the complainant.

As viewed locally it is an effort on the part of the Diamond Match company to drive the Union Match company out of the field and a hot legal fight is anticipated. Several attorneys for the Diamond Match company, headed by Paul Rakewell of St. Louis, are present to fight the plaintiff's case, while the local company is ably represented.

### GIRL DIES OF POISONING.

### Police Suspect Knockout Drops as the Cause.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., April 2.—Annie Owens died at the Mercy hospital during the day from some form of opium poisoning and Ida Moore is in a precarious condition. The girls became unconscious in Kramer's saloon about midnight and after the police and the physicians had worked over them some time without effect they were taken to the hospital. The police are now investigating the cause in an endeavor to discover if knockout drops were given the girls.

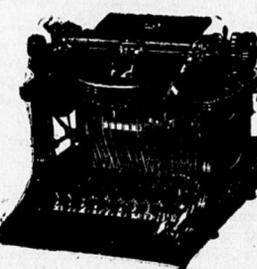
### Demand Various Concessions.

New York, April 2.—Seven hundred members of the Elevator Constructors and Millwrights' union of New York and Brooklyn went on strike during the day because their demand for an increase of wages from \$4.25 per day to \$5.25, with various other concessions, was denied by their employers.

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