

CHINESE LAY A DIABOLICAL PLOT TO KILL Put Dynamite Stick in the Cabin of Enemies Tongsmen's War Develops a Machiavelian Way of Slaying Superstitious Celestials Stand on the Brink of Eternity, Afraid to Extinguish Fire Approaching

Fuse of Death But for the pinching of a candle flame five celestials on the Barbour ranch, east of San Gabriel, would have supped last night with their ancestors in the halls of the dead.

Ah Tin, the Chinese foreman, tore away the fuse of an improvised infernal machine just as the fire burned down to a stick of dynamite. Five Chinese sat within three feet of the explosive eating their supper.

The machiavelian joke is supposed to have been the work of several members of an opposing tong, who robbed the ranch shack before arranging their clever little scheme for the elevation of their countrymen. Eighty dollars was taken from under the mattresses in the ranch house.

N. E. Heacock, the manager of the ranch, was sent for after Ah Tin had spoiled the plot. The neighborhood was searched for the traces of the would-be murderers. Hugh A. Labinger, who owns a ranch across the arroyo from the Barbour ranch, had seen two men, apparently Chinese, dressed in American clothes, drive up the canyon and tie their horse to a telephone pole in a position screened from view from the ranch house.

The men ran up the slope to the house, keeping the building between them and several Chinese who were hoisting in a nearby field. They were in the house nearly an hour before leaving and ran down the hill when they left. Supposing them to be some of the Chinese on the ranch, Labinger paid no attention to the matter.

Celestials Panic-Stricken When a search of the house was made and it was discovered that the place had been robbed the now thoroughly frightened Chinese broke out in a riot of lamentations that may have made a Schenck picnic seem mild and featureless. Manager Heacock had difficulty in persuading them to remain.

Investigation showed that one of the Chinese, Ling Ick, had been embroiled in a bitter feud, into which two powerful Chinese tongs had been drawn. A year ago Ling's factious took up his case against Chew Yuen, whom the former accused of attempting to steal his wife. Ling left a prosperous business in Los Angeles after several attempts on his life had been made and until a year ago was hidden on the ranch. But he was a marked man for the "messengers of fate" and "hatchet men" of the opposing tong traced him to the Barbour ranch. Ah Tin, the foreman, received several warnings and orders to dismiss Ling Ick, but ignored them. In the San Gabriel region there is little doubt but that the dynamite plot was the achievement of some of Ling's enemies in the opposing tong.

Tong Wars Renewed The outbreak of the tong war marks the revival of an old era in Los Angeles. The tongs were nearly exterminated years ago, but the earthquake and the fire of 1906 brought them back to their old enmities with them.

SCHIFF DECLARES THE PRESIDENT IS MAKING WISE MOVE AUGUSTA, Ga., March 15.—Jacob H. Schiff of New York is at a hotel near Alken, S. C., and said today concerning yesterday's Wall street panic: "The prompt and clear action of Secretary Cortelyou saved the day. I have strong hopes that much good will result."

In reference to the present railroad situation he said: "The railroads and people will be brought nearer together. The welfare of one is indissolubly connected with the success of the other. President Roosevelt did not know the railroads and people better recognized earlier than most others whether we were drifting."

"By the wise course he has taken he has rendered a great service to the people and to the corporations themselves. The lesson will be valuable to the corporation managers in the future."

GAMBLERS BITE THE DUST IN NEVADA By Associated Press. TONOPAH, Nev. March 15.—News has been received from Blair that Jack White, formerly a railroad conductor, this morning shot and killed Charles Meyers and Jack Harrington. The tragedy was the result of a gambling row. It is alleged that the men who were killed "fixed" a roulette wheel in a gambling house two days ago.

Walsh, who then was employed by the railroad, played the wheel, caught the combination, and won \$600. Meyers and Harrington are said to have demanded half of Walsh's winnings, and when he refused to give them the money they alleged to have beaten him and threatened him with death.

Walsh was discharged by the railroad superintendent for gambling. This morning Meyers and Harrington followed him to the depot, when he opened fire with a rifle, killing both of them. He then started for Goldfield to surrender himself to the authorities.

U. S. STEEL HAS PROSPEROUS YEAR By Associated Press. NEW YORK, March 15.—The United States Steel corporation, according to its annual report, issued today, has passed through the most prosperous year in its history. The gross receipts were \$694,753,926, an increase of \$111,426,190.

After paying out nearly \$150,000,000 in wages to 202,477 employees, and deducting the cost of manufacture, there was a total profit of \$138,892,535 for the year. After deductions the net earnings are reported to be \$156,626,273, the largest amount ever reported by the corporation.

In all about \$50,000,000 was appropriated for improvements, etc., an increase of more than \$30,000,000 as compared with 1905. One lump sum of \$50,000,000 is charged off to appropriations for construction and discharging of capital obligations.

These deductions brought the final surplus down to \$12,742,580, which is smaller by nearly \$4,500,000 than in 1905. The balance sheet discloses a total surplus of undivided profits of \$97,720,717.

STOCKS ARE STRONG AT THE CLOSE All Signs of Panic Disappear in New York Brokers Greet Favorable Signs with Loud Cheering Well Posted Financiers Declare There Is No Cause to Fear a Crash. Confidence Is Now Restored

By Associated Press. NEW YORK, March 15.—An unusual scene was enacted on the floor of the stock exchange today just after the market had closed strong and buoyant in sharp contrast to the demoralization of yesterday.

Brokers gathered around the trading posts and cheered loudly in their relief. The feature of the day was a statement by William Rockefeller, who said: "The present astonishing decline in the values of securities is as much a mystery to me as it can be to anyone. I know that public confidence has been disturbed, but I do not think that it should have been in any such measure as to justify so great a fall in prices."

"With genuine overwhelming prosperity throughout the country, there certainly seems no adequate reason for it. As for myself and my associates, our faith in the future of the country has not been shaken at all and we have been buyers and not sellers throughout the past ten days."

"Throughout these troubles we have done and are doing all we can to restore and maintain public confidence. It is very clear to me that the people who are throwing away their securities at panic prices will sorely regret it within the next six months."

Market Opens Strong Today's market opened very strong at much higher prices than yesterday's closing figures. Reading leading with a rise of 11 points.

Amalgamated Copper and Union Pacific were buoyantly strong, and with Reading led practically the whole list in a sharp upward movement. There were the usual reactions, but the tone held relatively strong.

It was known in the market that the bankers had reached their offices early and a careful investigation of the situation did not reveal any result of anxiety as to the solvency of any banking or brokerage house.

This knowledge had much effect on the market, and together with the announcement of government relief for the money market, gave the traders confidence that the situation threatened no grave danger and that the money market would be able to care for all immediate requirements.

CITIZENS OF SUTTER COUNTY PREFER TO HIRE WHITE LABOR By Associated Press. MARYSVILLE, Cal., March 15.—The Marysville chamber of commerce and numerous citizens today sent telegrams to Governor Gillett urging him to sign the Pacific exposition bill, passed by the legislature.

Sutter county fruit growers, in an endeavor to control the Japanese labor problem, have entered into a compact not to pay such laborers more than 12 1/2 cents an hour during the fruit season.

They hope thus to at least partly solve the labor problem, as in former seasons the wages to Japanese have been run up during the busy export period to figures equal to those paid white laborers.

Preference is given to white labor. Special to The Herald. BELLINGHAM, Wash., March 15.—Following weeks of investigation by the authorities of Whatcom county, four well known business men of Bellingham, all past middle life, and three more than sixty years old, were today arrested on the charge of criminally assaulting Helen Lasher, a 13-year-old girl, and another man was apprehended for alleged criminal assault.

These men are Dr. William H. Hayes, veterinary surgeon and formerly president of the Whatcom County Humane society; V. V. Lowe, upholsterer and heavy property owner; William Kellier, dry goods merchant; Martin Sutherland, painter, and Frank E. Curtis, a butcher.

Curtis is held for attempt to commit an assault. The girl is small in stature, homely and unattractive. She is now in the Bellingham Rescue home. Of the accused men, three have families. One of the men gave the girl \$250 to go to Portland, apparently to protect himself, but she returned.

The arrest of these men has caused a profound sensation in Bellingham. LAND FRAUD CASES TO COST A LARGE SUM By Associated Press. WASHINGTON, March 15.—The Hyde-Benson-Diamond-Schneider land fraud cases, involving alleged fraudulent transactions in state school lands in California and Oregon, were today set for trial, beginning April 22, before Justice Stanford in court No. 1.

Attorneys for the defense estimate that the trial will require from three to five months. It will require the testimony of between 300 and 500 witnesses and will cost anywhere from \$30,000 to \$200,000.

NO DELAY IN BUILDING BIG COALING STATION By Associated Press. SAN DIEGO, March 15.—That there will be no delay by the government in building the coaling station in this harbor was indicated by the reception of plans for the officers' home by commander Army, who will have charge of the work.

The navy department intends to build the officers' home first. The work of construction is to be rushed. DEATHS OF THE DAY Lemuel J. Chipman By Associated Press. SAN JOSE, March 15.—Lemuel J. Chipman, for many years county superintendent of schools, who removed to San Francisco two years ago, died this morning in that city, in St. Luke's hospital. Mr. Chipman was one of the best known educators in the state. He leaves a widow and grown daughter, who reside in this city.

Judge Thomas Maloney By Associated Press. OGDEN, Utah, March 15.—Judge Thomas Maloney, who was private secretary to President Andrew Johnson and who has lived in Ogden for the past twenty years, died here today. He was born at Greenville, Tenn., in 1846.

HUMMEL IS SHOWN UP BY DELMAS Former's Acts Are Brought Out by Questions Thaw Case Promises Now to Be Prolonged for Weeks State's Experts Not Examined by the Defense, but Others May Be Called by Letter's Counsel

By Associated Press. NEW YORK, March 15.—With Attorney Delmas fighting him every inch of the way, District Attorney Jerome today secured from Abraham Hummel his complete story as to the affidavit which it is alleged Evelyn Nesbit Thaw made in the lawyer's office in 1903, charging Harry K. Thaw with beating her when she had told him that the statement that Stanford White had drugged and ruined her was not true.

Mr. Delmas first objected broadly to all of Hummel's testimony, and later offered a specific objection to each question put by the prosecutor. Justice Fitzgerald overruled every objection and Delmas made exceptions.

Evelyn Thaw was called to the stand in the effort of the defense to keep Hummel silent. She declared that she had called upon Hummel in his professional capacity and to seek his advice as a lawyer. Stanford White had taken her to the lawyer's office with that end in view.

Justice Fitzgerald declared that, admitting the proposition of counsel and client, Mrs. Thaw herself had waived the professional privilege by taking the stand early in the case and giving her version of what had transpired at Hummel's office. The bond of secrecy once removed could not be re-established.

Hummel on the Griddle Unsuccessful in blocking Hummel's testimony, Attorney Delmas on cross-examining the witness brought from his own lips the fact that he had been convicted in December, 1905, on a charge of conspiracy in the same court room in which Thaw is being tried.

He further admitted that two indictments for subornation of perjury are pending against him, and that one of these indictments charges him with having caused a false affidavit to be made.

Mr. Jerome protested against the witness being dragged through the "humiliating details" of his trial, but Justice Fitzgerald declined to interfere. Then Delmas asked Hummel if he had not heard the speech made by District Attorney Jerome when sent to jail about to be imposed, when Mr. Jerome urged the court to pass the longest and heaviest sentence within its power upon Hummel, as "he had been a menace to the community for twenty years."

Justice Fitzgerald finally sustained an objection to Hummel and Hummel was not compelled to answer. Mr. Delmas wanted to know if Hummel had any more recent business transactions with the district attorney, and asked if Mr. Jerome was pressing the charges against him.

"He certainly is," said the witness with spirit. Says Thaw Beat Her Hummel's testimony in brief was to the effect that Evelyn Nesbit told him among other things that Thaw had beaten her when she refused to sign papers he had prepared charging Stanford White with her betrayal; that he had dictated a statement to a stenographer in the presence of Miss Nesbit and Stanford White; that he gave the affidavit to two of his clerks to take to Miss Nesbit in the Madison Square garden tower and that the next day the paper was returned to him with Evelyn Nesbit's signature attached.

MEXICANS TO SERVE NOTICE ON JAPS TO SEEK OTHER CLIMES By Associated Press. EL PASO, Texas, March 15.—So great has been the influx of Japanese through this port that hundreds have stopped in El Paso, readily securing employment as house servants, displacing Mexicans.

The result is that the Mexican authorities have taken cognizance of the matter and propose action toward the abatement of Japanese immigration until the new amendment to the United States immigration law brings relief.

An immigration inspector stated tonight that every vessel from the continent and the Hawaiian islands arriving at Manzanilla is brought from 500 to 1700 Japanese, and Mexico had facilitated the entry into this country. He said it was not a matter of much surprise that the Mexicans should suffer.

CAPITOL TO BE A HOME FOR PIONEERS By Associated Press. PHOENIX, Ariz., March 15.—The legislature has passed a bill appropriating \$30,000 for purchase and equipment of a home for aged and indigent pioneers.

It is understood that Arizona's first capitol building, a log house standing in Prescott, will be bought and preserved for this purpose, thus blending sentiment and practicality. The prison commission, recently created by the legislature, has filed a recommendation that the penitentiary be removed from Yuma to Florence, and the industrial reform school from Benson to Solomonville.

A memorial to congress was presented in the council expressing sympathy for Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone and asking congress to investigate the manner of their removal from Colorado. GRAY THE PROPER COLOR FOR SUITS By Associated Press. CHICAGO, March 15.—Three hundred tailors, who met here yesterday under the auspices of the Merchant Tailors' National Protective association, decided that so far as color is concerned gray will predominate during the coming season.

It was pointed out in this connection that the majority of the tailors have large stocks of last year's grays still on hand, and that it would on this account be unfair to make any other color fashionable. Dressed browns, which have not yet disappeared from the shelves of all of the tailoring establishments in the west, will go as a second choice, while black and blue in tweeds will be delivered to patrons who absolutely insist upon having what they want.

The exhibition which went with the talk was participated in by tailors from Chicago, New York, Cincinnati, Baltimore, Dallas, Philadelphia and Boston, and was witnessed by many gentlemen of the trade from Illinois, Wisconsin, Indiana and Ohio. PARENTS MUST SUPPORT THEIR INVALID CHILDREN IS REPORTED FROM CITIES IN OHIO By Associated Press. CLEVELAND, O., March 15.—Flood conditions in the upstate section of Ohio were improved today by falling rivers and their tributaries.

The Muskingum river, which submerged parts of Zanesville and other towns in that section, continues to fall, but there is considerable destitution among those driven from their homes by the flood. At Springfield, Dayton, Hamilton and other points in the Miami valley the danger stage has been passed. While headwaters of the Ohio river are receding, (Continued on Page Two.) THE DAY'S NEWS FORECAST For Southern California: Cloudy Saturday; light south wind. Maximum temperature in Los Angeles yesterday, 68 degrees; minimum, 45 degrees.

1—Chinese lay diabolical plot. 2—Bryan is hailed as party leader. 3—Schoolboys are ready to act. 4—Think abscorder is in city. 5—Shows where fault lies. 6—Editorial. 7—City news. 8—Sports. 9—Southern California news. 10—Markets. 11—Classified advertisements. 12—Railroad news. COAST Five men guarding Abe Ruef night and day at San Francisco. Several prominent Washington citizens under arrest charged with criminally assaulting 13-year-old girl. Supreme court hands down decision holding that parents must provide for invalid children. EASTERN Prominent Boston man predicts W. J. Bryan's election to presidency in 1908. Flood damage in eastern states estimated at from \$20,000,000 to \$50,000,000. Danger of panic in Wall street now thought to be passed. LOCAL Chinese plan diabolical murder but are foiled. Hay yard is destroyed by fire and residences are threatened. Consolidation commission issues its vetoed report. Abscorder from Connecticut bank believed to be in Los Angeles. Judge fires defendant's expenses in a way that makes him gasp.

THOUSANDS OF HOMES DESTROYED Damage by Floods Is Placed at Many Millions Danger Point Is Passed but Further Rise Expected Conditions at Marietta, Ohio, Worse Than in 1884—Destitution Exists in Many Cities

By Associated Press. ATHENS, Ohio, March 15.—The high waters of the Hocking river have claimed seven lives in this city and four elsewhere in the county. Those drowned in Athens are: ED SWEET, YOUNG AND WIFE, CHARLES BEHARS, OTTO BARTH. Late Wednesday night the roadway of the Baltimore & Ohio

bridge along the river broke, allowing the water to run into Athens. A thousand persons are homeless and are being cared for in halls and churches.

PITTSBURG, March 15.—With the rapid receding of the waters in the Monongahela, Allegheny and Ohio rivers conditions are resuming normal appearances tonight. The bridges are now clear of water and street car service has been resumed.

At 9 o'clock tonight the rivers had fallen almost eight feet. At that hour the stage was twenty-nine feet and dropping six inches an hour. Ten square miles were inundated. The loss is summarized as follows: Loss in output of steel mills, \$3,000,000. Loss in output of other industries, \$2,000,000. Losses in wages of employes, \$1,837,000. Estimated damage to industrial plants, \$2,700,000. Total, \$9,337,000.

Various other estimates are being made, ranging from ten to twenty millions of dollars. Reports from numerous Western Pennsylvania points are to the effect that the flood has subsided. Thirty large blast furnaces in this city are out of commission. It is said here that the suspension will cause a scarcity in iron.

The power from the plants of the Allegheny Light company was turned into the trolley wires tonight in an effort to maintain street car service. As a result Pittsburg is in darkness. MUCH SUFFERING IS REPORTED FROM CITIES IN OHIO By Associated Press. CLEVELAND, O., March 15.—Flood conditions in the upstate section of Ohio were improved today by falling rivers and their tributaries.

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