

EXECUTIONERS KEEP BUSY IN THE FAR EAST

Shedding of Human Blood Delights Mad Mob at Canton.

PRISONERS PUBLICLY BEHEADED

Spectacles Similar to Those Enacted in France During the Stormy Days of the Revolution.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 13.—Advices from the Orient by the Empress of India say: As the Canton jails are overcrowded, the China Mail states that the number of prisoners is periodically decreased by executions of nineteen. The prisoners are beheaded on a vacant common in the presence of vast numbers of people who applaud the spectacles after the custom prevailing in Paris during the days of the French revolution. The executioners have been so busy of late that the usual remuneration of half a dollar a head has been reduced to 25 cents and yet there are many candidates for the job.

The Chiao Shimbun tells a remarkable story to the effect that \$5,000 Chinese residing in Java have decided to become Japanese subjects, as their treatment by the Dutch is intolerable. It is said that arrangements were made with Japan by these Chinese colonists prior to their naturalization by which Japan was to send a force of police to Java for their protection.

A disastrous fire is reported from Canton. It broke out in the vegetable markets and in four hours five hundred shops and dwellings were destroyed. The bodies of three victims were recovered, but it is believed that many more were incinerated.

The charges against the allied troops of cruelty and outrages have been lately renewed and it is said that the effect of the conduct of the allied troops has been to intensify the hatred of the Chinese against foreigners. The Japanese press is taking the matter of the allied troops against them having been raised. One Japanese paper contains a strong appeal to the Christian missionaries of Japan, whom it accuses of standing idle and silent spectators, while their faith is made to stink in the nostrils of the Orient by the inhuman excesses of those professing it. Another says that the doings of the Mongols under Genghis have found their counterpart in the villainous acts of Christian soldiers at the close of the nineteenth century. The Mongols boasted openly that the right sleeves of their tunics are dyed in the blood of Chinese women and children, and it is declared that the same language might truthfully be employed regarding some of the allied troops to-day.

MAGUD HELD TO ANSWER. Pleads Not Guilty to Charge of Shooting Chris Oosoonich.

ANGELS CAMP, Dec. 13.—Mitchell Magud, an Austrian, who shot Chris Oosoonich on election day during a quarrel on the street, appeared for his preliminary examination yesterday. The testimony from a long array of witnesses was taken behind closed doors. A bitter feeling had developed against the accused man by an opposing faction and it was feared that it might culminate in a deadly feud. Preparations were taken to prevent any further trouble growing out of the unfortunate affair. Magud pleaded not guilty to the charge and after listening to the testimony on both sides Justice Shepherd held him to answer before the Superior Court in \$200 bonds. This case promises to be a hard fought one on both sides.

Child Drinks Acconite. PETALUMA, Dec. 13.—The little son of Mr. and Mrs. Neils Jensen, who reside on a ranch north of here, took a dose of acconite by accident to-day and was badly poisoned. Mr. Jensen was treating a horse with the fluid. The baby, who was playing near, picked up the bottle and drank a small quantity. The parent saw the child writhing in agony and noting the cause, gave it an emetic and saved its life.

Keith Convicted. WOODLAND, Dec. 13.—After being out an hour and a half and taking four ballots a jury brought in a verdict of guilty against William Keith, charged with an assault on Lucinda Robinson. The trial of Fountain Clark on the same charge was immediately commenced. All parties concerned are colored.

PROMISING YOUNG MAN ENDS HIS LIFE AT WINDSOR WHILE HE IS TEMPORARILY DERANGED

John Worisheck Cuts His Throat With a Razor, but Finding This Method of Death Too Slow Blows Out His Brains.

WINDSOR, Dec. 13.—John Worisheck, one of Windsor's bright and promising young men, committed suicide last night. Deceased was a native of Austria, having come to this country with his parents at the age of 7 years. He was highly esteemed by all who knew him and had held some responsible positions. He was employed by the Lamar Bank of Lamar, Colo., as clerk until last spring, and has recently been connected with the well-known firm of Miller & Hotchkiss.



JOHN WORISHECK, WHO ENDED HIS LIFE AT WINDSOR WEDNESDAY NIGHT.

The deed was evidently premeditated, as Worisheck was never known to have used liquor until yesterday, when he took several drinks, supposedly to brace himself up. Worisheck left the Lamar Bank and came back to Windsor last July, and since that time has been connected by his most intimate friends that his mind has at times been unbalanced. He seemed to be very changeable and at times despondent, it is thought, over a love affair. Before retiring last night he took two doses of medicine, administered by his mother, and asked for more, but it was refused him. When the family had retired he arose and hid his mother that his "head was in a whirl" and that the Catholics and Masons were having a fight. He was a Catholic and had been attending church at every opportunity here of late.

From blood stains on articles of clothing and a bloody razor found in his room it is evident that he endeavored to take his life with the razor, and went out to the kitchen sink to bleed to death, as the sink was covered with blood. Death by this method was apparently too slow, and he went into the tankhouse, which adjoins the residence, and placing a revolver to his head blew out his brains.

The family did not hear him leave the house nor hear the report of the revolver, but thought he had gone back to bed after being at the sink to get a drink of water. His mother, after going to his room this morning and not finding him there, began a search for him, and on entering the tankhouse was horrified at the discovery of the body lying upon the floor. A physician was summoned, but on examination

it was found that the body was stiff and cold. The coroner was notified, and a jury consisting of the following named was impaneled: J. D. Yeager, J. H. Wilson, H. N. K. Leitch, W. J. Mitchell, Robert Adler and L. E. Packwood. A verdict of death caused by a self-inflicted gunshot wound was returned.

Deceased leaves a half-brother in Austria, one in Windsor and a sister and mother. He was 23 years of age and unmarried.

HELD CAPTIVE BY ESQUIMAUX

Trying Experience of Educated Englishman in the North

Special Dispatch to The Call.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 13.—The rescue of a well educated Englishman who has been kept prisoner for five years in the extreme northern wilds of Canada is an achievement just accomplished by a Government expedition party. The details are authenticated by Professor J. W. Tyrell, the famous explorer of Canada, who has just returned from the barren lands west of Hudsons Bay station, bringing the released captive with him. Charles Bunn, the man who was held by the Esquimaux, has been compelled to live as one of them for over five years. He was found in a village at the head waters of the Thelon River at the end of the 200-mile journey due north undertaken by Professor Tyrell and his party. The nearest settlement of Europeans is 1500 miles away and between lies the wastes of the barren lands inhabited only by a few bands of nomadic Indians and herds of thousands of musk oxen.

Bunn's story is a strange one. He was well-to-do in England and came out as the representative of a wealthy concern to trade in rich furs and skins with the northern Indians. Bunn went out on a long hunting trip with only one Indian guide, in the spring of 1895. They secured at low prices a large quantity of very valuable furs and in the fall were starting home to Edmonton when they were frozen in. They were taken care of by the Thelon Esquimaux, but in a few weeks the Indian died. The natives then refused to allow Bunn to depart. They confiscated his goods and took him to a new village 900 miles further up the river, where escape was impossible. That was early in 1896, and since then Bunn has lived as an Esquimaux. A woman was allotted to him as a wife and for the most of the time she was very happy. Bunn is now returning to England.

TWO HUNDRED ARE DROWNED

Disaster on the West River, Near Hokow, in China.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

HONGKONG, Dec. 13.—A frightful disaster, resulting in the loss of 200 lives, occurred to-day on West River. A man fell overboard from a steamer near Hokow and 400 passengers made a rush to the side of the vessel to see what would become of him.

The steamer was overlaid and the sudden uneven distribution of weight caused her to capsize. Everybody was thrown into the water and before they could reach them 200 passengers were drowned.

GAMBLER SHOOT'S AND KILLS HIS COMPANION

Duel at Bakersfield Results in the Death of Tom Sayers, a Notorious Gun-Fighter.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

BAKERSFIELD, Dec. 13.—Tom Sayers, the notorious gun fighter and gambler, was shot and instantly killed here this morning by Jim McKinney, a fellow with a like reputation. Sayers and McKinney were companions and roommates. They had been drinking and gambling all night, and worked up a grudge against each other which resulted in the killing in an alley between K and L streets at the near city museum. Both men, it appears, pulled guns about the same time, McKinney being slightly the quickest. He sent his bullet directly through Sayers' heart. McKinney was immediately arrested.

Both Sayers and McKinney, it is stated, lived a long time at Porterville. McKinney has served time for blood letting. Sayers and McKinney are not to be classed among Bakersfield's regular residents, they having been here only a few months. Sayers, it is reported, came here from Southern California, where he was favorably known in centers of population of that portion.

Shortly after the killing, Billy Edwards, a variety show musician, while listening to the first announcement of the affair dropped dead.

RECEPTION FOR HAYS.

Los Angeles Men Will Welcome Southern Pacific President.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 13.—President Hays of the Southern Pacific is to reach Los Angeles on his way to San Francisco early in January, and when he arrives here he will receive the "glad hand" in a manner not bestowed on any official of the system by the business interests of this city for many a year.

The ways and means for the entertainment of the new head of the Southern Pacific have been under discussion for several weeks, and it has been decided that Mr. Hays is to be greeted of honor at a big banquet, at which the leading business and professional men of the city will be in attendance. The several commercial organizations of the city are taking the initiative in the matter, the idea being that no matter what the Southern Pacific may or may not have been guilty of as a corporation in the past, President Hays being a new man in the harness out here is entitled to the good will of the people of Los Angeles and of Southern California.

Slaughter of Birds.

PETALUMA, Dec. 13.—The Two Rocks Sportsman's Club held a club shoot yesterday in the valley just west of here. Over 600 larks were killed, besides a number of hawks, crows and other destructive birds. The team captained by H. Martin made the most points and won a supper. The farmers are anxious to kill off the larks and such birds that they can, as it means hundreds of dollars in the crop being up at the end of the year. The birds do much damage to the crops, and if allowed to thrive without molestation would overrun the country and be a thorough pest.

Sewall Badly Damaged.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 13.—Mail advices from the Empress of India state that the American ship Benjamin Sewall, which went ashore at Wanchal during the disastrous typhoon, was more seriously damaged than at first supposed. Although floated after the disaster the rocky shore on which she had been cast had ground her timbers so that they were worn away until less than half an inch in thickness. It will be some time before the ship can leave the blocks.

Killed by a Train.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 13.—Thomas Beauford, a vender of butter and eggs, while leading his horse across the Santa Fe tracks in this city was struck by a switch train and instantly killed. Two cars passed over him and his body was frightfully mangled. He leaves a wife and four children.

Rich Finally Discharged.

SAN JOSE, Dec. 13.—After four years of litigation in the insolvency court Jacob Rich, the builder of the First-street electric railway line, to-day secured his final discharge as a debtor from Judge Rhodes, relieved of over a half-million indebtedness.

PORTO RICANS PASS THROUGH LOS ANGELES

Look Forward to a Happy Future in Hawaiian Islands.

ALL ARE IN THE BEST OF SPIRITS

Journey So Far Has Been a Pleasant One and They Offer No Complaints Regarding Their Treatment.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 13.—Happy, well fed and ragged, joyously jingling small change—lured from overzealous yellow newspaper agitators—the children of Porto Rico passed through the city this afternoon. The tattered travelers turned with benign smiles upon the Call representative, and not a word of evidence that they were being mistreated could be obtained. Of the 14 passengers in the three sleeping coaches twenty-one were women and nineteen were classed as children. If the present ratio of increase continues the children promise to outnumber the adults by the time Hawaii is reached, for there have been no less than three births since the train left New Orleans.

The star attraction in the motley crowd was a group of three men who stood near the train. They were the yellow representatives, who had joined the party at Indio. For two days they had dined on the disadvantages of Hawaii as a settling place for Porto Ricans who sought to improve their condition, and had distributed small tracts among such of the immigrants as could be induced to speak in sympathy with their views. The men received their pittance, and after walking around the train returned for more. Just before the train pulled out one energetic fellow laughingly held out his pocket, in which rested 46 cents thus collected. Then he boarded the train with the rest and merrily bade adieu to the journalistic trio, left alone and forlorn.

"You can't blame the men for doing it," remarked Frank Alvis, who had charge of the colony. "They need the money," he added, laughing.

Alvis is a Porto Rican who has lived for several years past in Brooklyn. "These families and men," he continued, "are bound for Hawaii, where they will be employed by the Hawaiian Sugar Planters' Association. There they are to receive \$20 per month for ten hours work a day, all overtime to be paid at double rates. They will be furnished with houses, water, light, wood and medical treatment, all free, and they are not under written contract, understanding being verbal, and all are well satisfied with the arrangements. They receive their transportation and board during that time free. They are supplied with three meals a day of good, wholesome food, and not one word of discontent was heard until we reached Indio, where we staid for two days, preferring to stay there rather than in San Francisco, where the men might become of him.

In accordance with their expressed wishes after having been consulted upon the matter, it was here that the yellow correspondents were taken to the station at once, telling the men and women that no Spanish-speaking people would be found in Hawaii, with the exception of the inhabitants solely by Chinese and Japanese. A single man was found who lent a willing ear to the talk. This was Edward Rendle, an American, who had previously confessed that he did not intend going to Hawaii, but had joined the others for the sole purpose of gaining free transportation to Oakland, where he has relatives. This morning he had a fight with one of the men on board, striking him with his fist, and was asked to quit the train at Ontario.

A statement was corroborated by the Southern Pacific agent in charge of the train and a dozen of the men themselves, who stated that they were well pleased with the prospects held out by the company. They told pathetic tales of the hard times experienced in Porto Rico, where they say wages are exceedingly low.

INTERESTS THE COAST.

Postmasters Appointed, Army Orders and Pensions Issued.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 13.—Postmasters commissioned: Oregon: William C. Pickens, Dillard.

Washington: William W. Benson, Mossy Rock.

Appointed: California—J. Evey, Los Ninos, Los Angeles County; vice W. L. Burgess resigned; L. Y. Barnes, Pacific Beach, San Diego County; vice Owen Taylor, resigned; H. O. Comstock, Tallac, El Dorado County; vice N. A. Alverson, resigned.

Washington—W. J. McKenna, Bayview, Skagit County; vice Martin C. Smith, resigned; George Spencer, Boardman, St. Croix County; vice A. O. Spencer, resigned.

Army order: Captain Philip G. Wales, assistant surgeon, now at San Francisco, will proceed to Fort Duchesne, Utah.

Pensions issued to-day: California—Original, George K. Rider, Sacramento, \$8; William Blair, San Jacinto, \$6; additional, Charles C. Allen, Sallinas, \$2.

Oregon—Original, Thomas Coats, Bandon, \$8; Leonard White, Clatsop, \$8; increase, George W. Holloway, Myrtle Creek, \$10.

Washington—Original, Cassius E. Kinney, Tacoma, \$6; increase—James H. May, Everett, \$4.

CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES.

Forty-Nine Names Posted by Registrar at Stanford.

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Dec. 13.—The list of candidates for graduation at the regular mid-year conferring of degrees was posted by Registrar Elliott to-day. It contains forty-nine names and represents thirteen departments. Following is the list:

- Classical philology—L. Passmore, Miss J. Yoch, Miss E. Welges.
Latin—W. J. Campbell, Miss C. E. Coleman, Miss H. Dorset, E. R. Flint, Miss E. Rider, Miss Y. Townsend.
German—Miss K. Birdsall, Miss C. B. Meyer, Miss R. Schofield, Miss R. B. Wigle.
Romanian language—Miss C. McKee, Miss E. Merritt.
English—L. E. Bassett, Miss M. L. Caldwell, Miss E. M. Hobson, Miss E. U. Lynn, C. M. Marrack, Miss J. Mathews, Miss L. Patterson, Miss M. M. Phelps, Miss E. J. Russ, H. D. Walker.
Education—K. Robson, Miss G. Rowell, J. B. Wooten.
History—Miss C. G. Barnhisel, Miss A. Butterfield, Miss M. Conneau, Miss K. Daly, Miss R. L. Davis, Miss M. Kidder, A. E. McKeith, Miss F. Patterson, Miss G. Ramsey, Miss Wilson.
Law—W. F. Bourland, G. T. Cochran, R. P. Cross.
Chemistry—Miss J. A. Moore, R. Wheeler.
Physiology—L. R. Ferguson, Miss C. E. Hogue, Miss H. F. Vinyard.
Geology—L. D. Mills, C. C. Thoms.
Civil engineering—E. Breen.

Killed Near Baden.

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO STATION, Dec. 13.—The body of John Coill, a resident of this place, was found this afternoon beside the railroad track near Baden Station. He was evidently struck and killed by Southern Pacific train Wednesday evening.

Butcher Injured.

PETALUMA, Dec. 13.—Henry Myers, a butcher in the employ of Poehlman & Co., was stabbed this afternoon while trying to cut a rope that was fastened about a calf's legs. The calf gave a lunge and the knife was driven deep into the butcher's knee.



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