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## CHINESE REFORMERS LOSE FIFTEEN HUNDRED MEN IN A TREACHEROUS AMBUSH

### Governor of the Chichili District Beheads Twenty-Seven Leaders in the Movement and Causes the Massacre of a Force Under the Leadership of Tong Mu.

**Special Dispatch to The Call.**  
VANCOUVER, Dec. 25.—News of a massacre of a reform force in China and the beheading of twenty-seven reform leaders was received here to-day in a cable by W. A. Cunyow, secretary of the Chinese Reform Association in America. The engagement took place in the province of Chichili, a populous section of the Yangtse Valley, in central China. It resulted in the killing of 1500 men and the complete demoralization of the reform forces. The battle, into which the reformers were brought by treachery, occurred on December 18, and the reform movement has, as a consequence, been dropped in all that part of the country. Chinese here are loud in their expressions of disapproval of the conduct of the campaign by the leaders.

It appears from the few details given in the cable received to-day, that Tong Mu, the reform leader, at the head of a badly-armed force of 12,000 men, paid a visit to Chung Hi Tung, the Governor of the district, who, though an imperial officer, was believed to be in sympathy with the reform movement. Tong was invited to the Governor's palace, and, with his 12,000 men, marched into the city. They left all their arms outside the gates, taking the precaution only to carry their loaded revolvers.

There were 500 imperial troops in the town, but nothing was feared from them, and a delay of a day took place in order that other reform leaders might be sent for. When the audience with the Governor was finally arranged twenty-seven of the leading followers of Kang Yu Wei were admitted.

Then a disagreement arose, and the Governor had the leaders seized and taken into the courtyard, where they were beheaded. In the meantime a secret order had been sent to the imperial troops to descend upon the poorly-armed rabble of reformers. The 500 well-drilled soldiers took the country people completely by surprise, but the latter pluckily fought their way through and escaped. They carried away their wounded, but left 1000 dead on the field and scattered about the streets of the city. The cable says that the scene of the butchery was frightful.

## TWO PRINCES UNDER ARREST

**Yu Hsein Ordered Back to Singan-Fu to Be Executed.**  
LONDON, Dec. 25.—The Shanghai correspondent of the Standard, telegraphing December 24, says: "The Government has arrested Prince Yuan and Prince Chung on the borders of the Shansi and Shensi provinces. Yu Hsein has been ordered to return to Singan-Fu forthwith, to be executed, it is supposed. It is inferred from these reports that the im-

## YAQUI INDIANS AMBUSH SMALL BODY OF MEXICANS

### Wound Colonel Francisco Peinado and Slay Many of His Soldiers.

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EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 25.—Another slaughter of Mexican troops at the hands of Yaqui Indians has occurred in Sonora, Mexico. A week ago to-day, while Colonel Francisco Peinado and a small body of men were crossing the country near Lamisa, they were suddenly attacked by the Indians from ambush and five officers and a number of men were killed outright and Colonel Peinado himself seriously wounded. The soldiers had no knowledge that the Indians were in the vicinity, and the attack was such a surprise that they had little time to prepare for it. The Indians fled to the mountains after firing a few volleys.

## MASSACRE OF CATHOLICS

Twelve Slain and Eight Burned in Temples Near Peking.  
LONDON, Dec. 25.—A dispatch from Peking to a news agency here, dated December 23, says missionaries report that Boxers thirty-five miles east of Peking killed twelve Catholics and burned eight in the temples.

## SMELTING TRUST'S BIG PURCHASE IN MEXICO

Negotiating for Control of the Republic's Best Paying Silver and Gold Mines.  
MONTEREY, Mexico, Dec. 25.—Negotiations are in progress for the purchase of six large smelters in Mexico and a number of the most paying silver and gold mines in this country by the American Smelting and Refining Company. More than \$40,000,000 is involved in the deal and its consummation means virtually the control of the smelting of gold and the silver and copper mining business in Mexico by a great smelting trust.

## PRISONERS EAT TURKEY

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 25.—Inmates of the various eleemosynary and corrective institutions of the city enjoyed Christmas along with the rest of the world to-day. There were special celebrations, in all of which religious services were a feature. The Post-Dispatch provided 3000 dinners for the poor in different parts of the city.

## PLANS FOR SHIP CANAL

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 25.—General plans for the Lake Washington ship canal have been completed by Major Mills of the United States army in charge of harbor work in this State. It is certain that a contract for a preliminary channel will be let shortly after January 1. The work will be within the appropriation of \$170,000 made by Congress some time ago.

## SEES CROWE ON PONY RIDDEN BY KIDNAPER

### Informant Adds New Link to the Chain of Evidence Against the Cudahy Suspect---Gives to Omaha Detectives a Description That Fits the Missing Man and Is Very Positive in His Identification.



Special Dispatch to The Call.

OMAHA, Dec. 25.—It was reported at police headquarters to-day that there is a man in Omaha who claims to have seen Pat Crowe on the Saturday prior to the kidnaping of young Cudahy riding the hay pony was found near the house where Cudahy was confined. This man is M. J. Greevey, and he lives in the vicinity of the park. He has made it a point to get a good description of both Crowe and the pony, and he said he had a slight acquaintance with Crowe a few years ago. Mr. Greevey affirms that he saw Crowe riding the pony; that when Crowe attempted to mount the pony it shied across the street, attracting the attention of several men; that he rode off in the direction of the Schneiderwind cottage. Several days ago Mr. Greevey reported this matter to one of the detectives.

## MUST ISOLATE LEPROUS HORDES IN PHILIPPINES

### Serious Problem the Taft Commission Has to Face.

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—There are 30,000 lepers in the Philippines, and the Government is trying to find a way of isolating them to check the spread of the disease. A Board of Health has been organized with Surgeon Guy L. Edie president, and Surgeon Edie reports to the War Department that a commission has been appointed to select a suitable island or islands for the purpose of segregating or isolating these people.

## "ONE-EYED" CONNOLLY NOW AN INSANE PRISONER

Well-Known Sporting Man Taken to Kings County Hospital in a Straitjacket.  
NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—James Connolly, known best as "One Eyed" Connolly, was found wandering about Flatbush, L. I., to-day, trying to persuade himself he was working. He was taken to Kings County Hospital in a straitjacket, insane and raving. He has been everywhere and has seen every sporting event in the United States since the Ryan-Sullivan fight, and so far as he or anyone else ever knew, never paid one penny for railroad transportation nor ever contributed to the capital of fight promoters.

## PLAGUE'S AWFUL RECORD

Twenty-Five Thousand Persons Have Perished in India.  
CALCUTTA, Dec. 25.—Lord Curzon of Kedleston, Viceroy of India, in the course of a speech to-day said that since the appearance of the bubonic plague in 1888, 25,000 deaths from the disease have occurred in the Mysore state.

## SAYS AMERICA IS WORST OF ALL NATIONS

Dr. Norton Deplores the Abandonment of Old Traditions.  
CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Dec. 25.—Professor Charles Eliot Norton of Harvard has made another of his characteristic criticisms upon this country. At the regular Christmas eve reception which Professor Norton gives each year before more than 200 Harvard and Radcliffe students, he said:

## INSPECTING COAST PORTS

SEATTLE, Dec. 25.—Captain M. Moller, an official of the North German Lloyd Steamship Company, is now in Seattle on a tour of inspection of Western ports. He has visited Portland, Tacoma and San Francisco and is to report the result of his investigations to the company.

## AMERICAN CORRESPONDENT OF LONDON TIMES OFFERS INSULT TO THE PRESIDENT

### Speaks of This Nation's Chief Executive as Messenger Boy to the Senate Because of His Transmission of the Hay-Pauncefote Treaty as Amended by That Body.

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LONDON, Dec. 25.—Americans here are somewhat indignant over a special sent by the Times' New York correspondent about the amended Hay-Pauncefote treaty. The attitude of this correspondent is only equalled by that of the Daily Chronicle's Washington representative. Instead of trying to give an unbiased state of American views on questions, leaving it to his journal to advance the English arguments, he regards everything from an exclusively English standpoint. Moreover, he introduces an acrimonious tone into his comment that is deplorable in view of its possible bad effect upon international relations. This is particularly odious as coming from one who is by birth an American.

## CORDIALITY OF RUSSIAN PRESS

Praises American Action on the Hay-Pauncefote Treaty.  
ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 25.—The Novoye Vremya, discussing the English newspaper indictment of the United States Senate for "its unparalleled attempt to overturn the Clayton-Bulwer treaty," says: "The case is not unusual. Conditions have changed and the treaty must change, too. Russia afforded an example in 1870 in declaring that she was no longer bound by her promise not to maintain war vessels in the Black Sea."

## NEGRO MOB IN CONTROL OF A TOWN IN INDIANA

### Terrorizes the White Residents of Cementville and a Race War Is Threatened.

JEFFERSONVILLE, Ind., Dec. 25.—A race war is on at Cementville, a small station on the Panhandle road, five miles north of this city, and serious trouble is expected at any moment. The negroes are all armed and the whites are keeping within doors to avoid them. The outbreak began yesterday afternoon, when Lee Ranganer and John Redmond, negroes, both very drunk, started in to intimidate white men. When their insults were resented other negroes jumped in with the liquor-crazed men and captured Samuel Kendall's saloon. Nearly twenty shots were fired, but no one was wounded. An appeal by telephone was made to Sheriff Rave for help, and he drove out to Cementville in a buggy, and to some extent quieted the negroes while he was present.

## APPOINTS A SUBJECT OF THE QUEEN AS GOVERNOR

### Taft Commission Places H. Phelps Whitmarsh in Office in the Philippines.

**Special Dispatch to The Call.**  
CALL HEADQUARTERS, 1406 G STREET, N. W., WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—H. Phelps Whitmarsh, who has been appointed by the Taft Commission as Governor of Benguet, on the island of Luzon, is said to be a subject of Great Britain. His appointment is, therefore, in violation of the President's instructions to the commission, which limited the holders of office in the Philippines to Americans and natives.

## DIRECT STEAMER LINE TO THE PHILIPPINES

Oregon and Oriental Company's Vessels to Ply Between Portland and Manila.  
PORTLAND, Dec. 25.—A direct line of steamships between Portland and Manila will be in operation by February 28. The Oregon and Oriental Company, in order to accommodate the growing trade between the two ports, has decided to put into commission the steamships Monmouthshire and Carmarthenshire. The steamships will be placed exclusively in the service and make regular trips.

## GAVE HER JEWELS TO REPAY DEPOSED BANK

Testimony That Will Be Introduced Relative to Embezzler Alvord's Wife.  
NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—The trial of Cornelius Alvord Jr., defaulting cashier of the First National Bank of this city, is set for to-morrow in the United States District Court. The amount of his default was \$500,000.

## ACCUSED OF CONSPIRACY

VIENNA, Dec. 25.—A dispatch from Warsaw says that fifty-two Poles have been arrested there, accused of participation in a political conspiracy.



MILLIONAIRE CUDAHY, DEPOSITING THE RANSOM FOR HIS SON.

animal at Pacific Junction is not the much-wanted broncho. A thorough investigation is being made.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Dec. 25.—At police headquarters here to-night it was stated that Pat Crowe, whose name has been mentioned in connection with the Cudahy kidnaping case, was believed to be in St. Joseph. The police are said to be searching for Crowe.

## FINDS BOX OF CARTRIDGES IN YOUTSEY'S SAFE

### Ammunition Similar to That Used by Goebel's Assassin.

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FRANKFORT, Ky., Dec. 25.—One of the clerks in the State Auditor's office, in searching the vault for old records to-day, found a cartridge box containing eight metal-patched, smokeless powder cartridges, 28.55, corresponding exactly to the bullet found in the hackberry tree, and which was believed to have passed through Senator Goebel's body.

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## DESPERATE ATTEMPT TO BLOW UP HOTEL

Dynamite Exploded Under the Structure, but the Veranda Only Is Damaged.

WICHITA, Kans., Dec. 25.—A desperate attempt was made last night to blow up the Farmers' Hotel at Alva, O. T. The thimble of a wagon wheel was filled with giant powder and put under the corner of the building. Before the fired fuse caught the powder the thimble fell to one side, with the result that the veranda was blown 150 feet skyward. Except the breaking of windows, no other damage was done.

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