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## TURK DEALS HARD BLOW TO RUSSIA

### Porte Closes Bar- gain for Bagdad Railroad.

### England, Germany and France to Share Control.

### Czar's Government Is Shut Out of a Far East Enterprise.

LONDON, April 12.—The Standard learns that an agreement has been concluded whereby Great Britain, France and Germany will participate equally in the control of the proposed Bagdad Railroad, the revenues of which will be guaranteed by the Turkish customs.

The main Bagdad railway is to run from Konia to Karamanereyeh, Mossul, Bagdad and Basra, with branches to Aleppo, Urfa and the Gulf of Alexandretta. The Germans obtained the concessions for the line and, according to a dispatch from Constantinople on February 12, the Turkish Government guarantees an income of £200 per kilometer and an annual contribution of \$600 per kilometer, to be used in the payment of working expenses for the first portion of the line from Konia to Bagdad. The convention between the Turkish Government and the Germans was then awaiting the issue of an irade to become effective.

The Russian press has been antagonistic to the Bagdad Railway, on the ground that it would increase British, and more particularly German, influence in those regions. The Novoye Vremya some time ago strongly urged a strenuous policy to offset British and German activity in Persia, saying that to wait until the Suez and Bagdad Railway line was completed would be nothing less than suicide on the part of Russia.

### ALBANIANS MAKE THREATS.

### Warn Turkish Peace Committee Not to Go to Djakova.

VIENNA, April 12.—A dispatch to the New Free Press from Belgrade says that the Turkish peace committee, which, it is reported, has been well received in two or three towns, has been warned not to go into Djakova, which is the center of Albanian resistance. Sadik Pasha, head of the committee, inquired whether the members might safely go to Djakova, and received the following reply:

"Come not, for if ye come it will be done to you as it was to Mehemed Ali Pasha."

Mehemed Ali was an exalted Turkish official, who was sent to Djakova in 1875 to persuade the Albanians to cede a small district to Montenegro in accordance with the Berlin treaty. The house he occupied was burned over his head and he was murdered.

### FIVE MEN ARE ACCUSED OF KILLING A NEIGHBOR

### Investigation Into the Assassination of a Colorado Rancher Leads to Their Arrest.

AKRON, Colo., April 12.—Five arrests have been made as a result of the investigation of the coroner's jury into the death of Joseph Meenan, who was assassinated near his ranch home, fourteen miles from here, on the night of April 2. The verdict of the coroner's jury was that Meenan was killed as the result of a conspiracy between Perry Tuttle, George Tuttle, Frank Irwin, Elmer Shanks and Clinton Damsell, and that the immediate cause of his death was four gunshot wounds inflicted by one or more of the above-named persons. All the suspects have been arrested.

It developed during the inquest that Tuttle had been frequently made against Meenan's life ever since he killed John Irwin on last Christmas day.

George Tuttle is one of the best known men in this section of the State. Perry Tuttle is his son, and is related to the Irwins by marriage. Shanks is a cousin of the Tuttle and Damsell, and is employed by the elder Tuttle. John Irwin, whose killing is said to have started a feud, was a son-in-law of George Tuttle.

### POLITICAL PRISONERS ARE OFFERED LIBERTY

### They Prefer Remaining in Jail to Accepting the Terms Pro- posed to Them.

CITY OF MEXICO, April 12.—The people imprisoned in Monterey for being partisans of Francisco Reyes, candidate for Governor, have been offered their liberty, but prefer remaining in prison to accepting the terms offered them.

The friends of Governor Bernardo Reyes say that neither he nor his party are responsible for the election troubles, and that the Governor was giving due protection to his political opponents, and that he is quite blameless for the regrettable occurrences.

### Russian Strikers Fight Police.

ST. PETERSBURG, April 12.—Strikes have broken out at the Morshine Shoe Works of the Russo-American Rubber Company here and bloody encounters have taken place between the strikers and the police. The czar's advisers are endeavoring to dissuade him from taking his intended journey to Italy for fear of anarchy.

## MINERS RIOT AND BULLETS SPEED DEATH

### Two Men Lose Life in a Fight at Picacho.

### Constable Sends an Ap- peal From Eastern San Diego.

### Authorities at County Seat Hasten to the Scene of Conflict.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

SAN DIEGO, April 12.—A special dispatch received late to-night brings the particulars of a riot at the mining camp at Picacho. Billy Horan, the constable at Picacho, while cleaning his gun accidentally discharged it, the ball going harmlessly through the ceiling. Pete Burke, the deputy constable, drunk and ever ready for a gun play, rushed into the room, brandishing his gun and shooting promiscuously. One ball passed through a partition, striking young Santiago Lopez, better known as Pelone, in the back of the head, killing him instantly. Constable Horan immediately placed Burke under arrest, disarming him and keeping him in custody.

A few hours later Horan, with his prisoner and Superintendent Humphreys of the Calking Gold Mining Company, drove up in a wagon to the office of the Justice of the Peace, where Burke was to have his preliminary examination. Excitement in the meantime had become intense and the great majority of the population, of which about 80 per cent are Mexicans, were worked up to a frenzy and had gathered about the place of the hearing.

### KILLING OF BURKE.

Rillito Lopez, a brother of the young man whom Burke had killed, stepped forward from the mob of angry friends and approached the wagon, gun in hand. Burke threw his hands in the air, exclaiming:

"For God's sake, don't kill me!"

Lopez fired, the ball taking effect in Burke's right shoulder. Burke jumped from the wagon, shouting and crying again and again:

"For God's sake, don't murder me!"

Thirty guns were out immediately and thirty men were trying to get a shot at Burke. Superintendent Humphreys, who tried to intercede, received a painful but not serious wound through the fleshy part of the thigh. Another Lopez, who was a chum of Burke's victim, but no relation, though of the same name, ran up to Burke from behind and, throwing his gun down on him, shot him through the head from behind, the ball coming out through the center of the forehead, killing him instantly. In the meantime Constable Horan did everything in his power to protect his prisoner, emptying his pistol over the heads of the frenzied mob, but without avail.

Burke was born in Yuma and had been known and feared. At different times he had been Deputy Sheriff, Constable and City Marshal, and at one time was Constable at Hedges, Cal. He had killed eight men during the last twelve years, all or nearly all without provocation, and his taking off is not mourned in the section of the country in which he is known.

### OFFICERS SUMMONED.

Sheriff Broadnax learned of the riot through a telegram received this afternoon as follows:

"YUMA, Ariz., April 12.—Thomas Broadnax, Sheriff, San Diego, Cal.: Riot here. My deputy, Burke, killed. Others shot and trouble arising. Come at once. Riot was at the mines."

"W. H. HORAN."

Broadnax did some lively moving and on the noon train left for the scene of the trouble with Deputy William Trotter. They were accompanied by Coroner A. Morgan and Deputy District Attorney W. R. Andrews. They will not reach Yuma until to-morrow afternoon and will then have to drive to Picacho, some distance up the Colorado River and on the California side.

The mines at Picacho are owned by a corporation, of which Senator Pettigrew of South Dakota is the principal stockholder. He had associated with him at one time Senator Dorsey and Senator Morgan, and it is said that they sold out of the company some time ago. The mines are located some four or five miles from the river. The only saloon in the place is owned by Horan and is near the mill.

The two Lopez boys, accompanied by a number of their friends and a Mexican called "Indian," who is supposed to have fired the shot that wounded Superintendent Humphreys, started immediately for the line and are doubtless in Mexican territory and among friends, where it will be difficult to capture them. It is doubted by some if the shooting of Santiago Lopez was accidental.

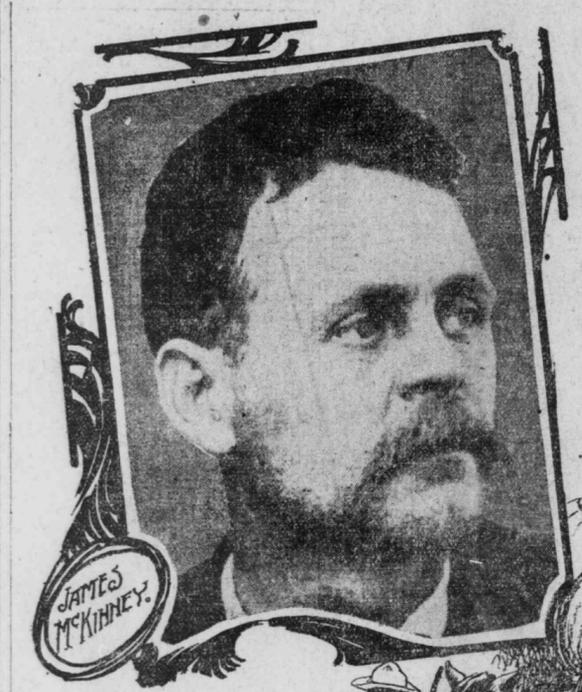
### OFFICERS HOLD RANCHER PENDING INVESTIGATION

### Believe That He Murdered Mr. and Mrs. John Church, Who Mys- teriously Disappeared.

NEWCASTLE, Wyo., April 12.—Mr. and Mrs. John Church, formerly of Omaha, Neb., who have been missing from their ranch near Moorcroft, are believed to have been murdered. A reward for information of their whereabouts has been offered by the county officials. W. C. Clifton, with whom it is alleged the Churches had a quarrel, has been arrested, charged with their murder.

## OFFICERS WOUND M'KINNEY BUT THE OUTLAW ESCAPES

### Murderer Nearly Stumbles Into a Trap on the South Fork of the Kern River, and After Firing Shots at Deputies in Ambush Gallops to the Mountains



Special Dispatch to The Call.

BAKERSFIELD, April 12.—Outlaw James McKinney had his first brush with officers of the law this afternoon at 4 o'clock on the south fork of the Kern River, six miles from Kernville, and escaped. At that hour the murderer came down the bank of the stream on horseback. He was headed toward the northwest, in the direction of Linn Valley and Porterville, and had evidently come direct from the vicinity of Randsburg.

The fight was at Fugatt's ranch on the river, near where the stream comes through the mountains. Here R. W. McCracken and Warren Rankin, deputies of Sheriff Kelly, were lying in wait for McKinney, his arrival being hourly expected. Both are tried officers. When the fugitive came in sight they drew a line on him and waited in their hiding place for a shot, as he was compelled to take this road to get by on his journey.

The hunted man, however, was cautious and on the lookout for an ambush. He approached carefully and the officers were seen before he got close. He was

## BANDIT FLEES THROUGH WOODS FROM SHERIFF

### Downieville's Stage Robber May Soon Be Captured.

NEVADA CITY, April 12.—Notwithstanding the fact that in all portions of the county officers have been hunting the highwayman who robbed the Downieville stage three miles from Nevada City yesterday, no trace of the fugitive has been found, but the Sheriff is said to be in possession of information that may lead to the outlaw's capture very soon.

Sheriff Walker left alone at daylight this morning for the Clear Creek district in the southern portion of the county. The indications are that he has a good idea of where the bandit is located. Detective Thacker of the Wells-Fargo Company arrived here this morning and during the day has been closeted with Deputy Sheriff Waters and Joseph Downey.

Downey, the driver of the stage, arrived here this afternoon from North San Juan. He stated that he would be able to recognize the robber if he saw him again. Suspicion is now centered on a man who was seen around Nevada City on several occasions. He was observed within half a mile of the place of the crime half an hour before the robbery.

Encouraged by the hope of securing a State reward and the reward offered by Wells-Fargo, several parties of men hunters spent the greater part of the day in the woods looking for the bandit. Thacker will probably prepare plans for a more active search. Walker's return is anxiously awaited.

### MASKED HIGHWAYMEN HOLD UP A STREETCAR

### Chicago Desperadoes Rob Passengers of Their Valuables and Make Their Escape.

CHICAGO, April 12.—Three masked men held up a streetcar near Garfield Park in this city at an early hour to-day and robbed seven passengers, the conductor and motorman of about \$100, a gold watch and some jewelry. The highwaymen boarded the car near Sacramento avenue. One kept guard on the front platform and one on the rear, while the third entered the car and at the point of a revolver forced the occupants to give up their valuables. The only woman on the car fell on her knees, praying for mercy. The matter was not reported to the police for several hours and no clue has been found to what is the boldest holdup of the kind in this city since October, 1895.

### UNION PACIFIC TRAIN ESCAPES DESTRUCTION

### Passes Through Aspen Tunnel Few Minutes Before a Big Land- slide Occurs.

SALT LAKE, Utah, April 12.—A special to the Herald from Evanston, Wyo., says that a landslide occurred at the east end of the Aspen tunnel late to-day, burying the Union Pacific tracks eighteen or twenty feet for a distance of 200 or 300 feet and badly caving in the end of the tunnel. It is thought the tracks cannot be cleared for at least twenty-four hours. No one was killed in the slide as far as known. The east-bound passenger train had just passed through the tunnel when the slide came down the mountain, just missing the train.



MURDERER OF SEVERAL MEN WHO IS BEING HUNTED BY POSSES  
IN THE KERNVILLE DISTRICT AND WHO IS REPORTED TO HAVE  
BEEN WOUNDED BY OFFICERS.

## GAIN WEAPONS BY A ROBBERY TO DEFY LAW

### Desperate Fugitive Convicts Prepare for Battle.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

VANCOUVER, B. C., April 12.—Fred Jones and Clark, the desperadoes who escaped from Westminster penitentiary last week and were fired on by the police here yesterday, committed a bold robbery early this morning, which put them in possession of a full supply of firearms and ammunition.

The fugitive convicts broke into Tisdall's gun store in the center of town. They shattered a pane of glass in the front window and ransacked the premises. The two men secured two big Colt's revolvers each and a supply of cartridges. They threw a number of small revolvers into a corner and had evidently made a careful selection.

They are supposed now to be hiding south of the city near a cemetery and another big force of police will start on the hunt to-morrow.

### BURGLARS USE DYNAMITE ON SAFE IN A POSTOFFICE

### Noise of Explosion Attracts Attention of Citizens and the Crack- men Are Captured.

LONGMONT, Colo., April 12.—Two men dynamited the safe in the postoffice here early this morning, but were surprised by citizens before they could gather much booty. Only two registered letters were secured and these were later recovered from the men who were captured in a lumber yard near by. The men gave their names as George Bradley and William Morrison and claim they are from Pueblo. Officers here believe they may have had something to do with the recent holding up of a restaurant there, when two men patrons of the place were shot and killed. Postoffice Inspector Sullivan thinks they are responsible for the numerous cases of safe-blowing that have occurred in Colorado and adjoining States during the past several months.

nevertheless, within range of their rifles, and they fired on him without parley or preliminaries. There was no thought of attempting to take him alive, but it was a case of kill or to be killed. From the start it has been an open secret that the intention of every officer is to show no quarter and to kill the murderer at the first opportunity.

### OUTLAW RIDES HARD.

McKinney, seeing the trap, put spurs to his horse and dashed off at full speed, firing several shots at the officers as he went. None of the latter took effect, and the deputies were soon hot on the trail, which lay straight for the Green Horn Mountains, which range runs northeast and southwest and separates this portion of the county from Linn Valley and Glennville. Although his mount was jaded and worn, McKinney had a good start on the officers, and the country, with its rough formation, favored him. Nevertheless, he would probably have been overtaken but for the heavy brush, into which he turned, and was lost to sight. The officers beat the brush for some time and scouted the country over without success. They are of the opinion that the murderer was wounded in the fight.

The news was immediately brought to Kernville, telephoned to Caliente and from there wired to Bakersfield. Sheriff Kelly received a confirmation in an official report by telephone from the deputies at Kernville. Details are difficult to get, as all messages have to be telephoned by a private line to Caliente and relayed by others to Bakersfield. There are no officers at Glennville or in Linn Valley, but Sheriff Kelly has wired to Visalia to have a posse sent out to way-lay McKinney at White River Station, at the border of Kern and Tulare counties. If the outlaw is wounded, as believed, he can hardly hope to escape.

A message to-night from Randsburg says that Sheriff Collins of Visalia and Deputy Sheriff Gus Tower of Bakersfield returned there this afternoon. The remainder of the posse is still at the box works at Searles, where Collins and Tower had expected to return to-morrow, but the latest news is likely to change their plans.

### OFFICERS ARE SURE.

The officers at Kernville are positive of the identity of the man they met and it was McKinney, whom both know well. This should set at rest all doubts as to the identity of the Kingman murderer with that of the Porterville outlaw, which many acquaintances of the latter profess to doubt, notwithstanding the positive identification of him by others. A sporting man of this city has a letter purporting to have been received from the outlaw, dated and sent from Hermosillo, Mexico, on March 27, four days before the Kingman murder. If that be true it would be impossible for him to have made the trip to Kingman in that time except

## MEN IN HIGH STATION MAY BE ARRESTED

### Postoffice Inquiry Is Nearing a Crisis.

### Each Promoted Clerk in New York to Be Questioned.

### Wholesale Violations of the Merit System May Be "Revealed."

Special Dispatch to The Call.

WASHINGTON, April 12.—This being Sunday, no new subjects for investigation were added to the Postoffice Department catalogue of scandals. As the case stands now, the investigation of the department, so far as the New York Postoffice end of the case is concerned, will be most searching and thorough. While the charges before the department set forth that postoffices in all parts of the country were concerned in the extensive system of the promotion syndicate, its operations are said to have been most extensive in the New York Postoffice and the initial investigation will be made there. Each separate case of the 176 promotions authorized will be carefully inquired into and the clerk promoted will be questioned in order to discover any violations of the merit system rule, which, it is claimed, has been rendered inoperative so far as the New York office is concerned by the operations of the syndicate.

A rumor was afloat to-night, to the effect that several arrests might be made within a day or two, the persons to be apprehended being high officials in the Postoffice Department.

The charges filed yesterday that Superintendent Machen of the Free Delivery division was in collusion with a buggy company which sold turnouts to rural drivers, and that advance information supplied this company as to the establishment of routes enabled it to defy competition in this particular trade, will be investigated in their spare moments by several inspectors who are working on various details of the scandals, indicating the existence of rings, combinations, deals, grafts, games and syndicates.

The buggy case is distinct from the mail box charges only in the difference between buggies and mail boxes. The charges in both cases are the same—that the favored companies obtained inside information which enabled them to get on the ground where rural routes were about to be established and sell their wares before rival companies in the same line of business had a chance to enter into competition.

Machen to-day denied the buggy charge absolutely. He had previously asserted that he had absolutely no connection with the alleged mail box scandals.

Officials high and low in the department are anxiously awaiting the return of Postmaster General Payne from his Southern pleasure trip with Secretary Moody. Payne probably will be at his desk on the 15th, and the first official act will be to look over the catalogue of scandal and familiarize himself with the work that is being done to make the department's housecleaning a thorough one.

### PRIVATE EASTER MASS CELEBRATED AT VATICAN

ROME, April 12.—Easter Sunday here was marked by magnificent weather. A private mass was held at the Vatican with a few selected guests. The Pontiff was present, but for the first time in his pontificate he did not officiate personally. This circumstance has given rise to all kinds of rumors respecting Pope Leo's health. He, however, was well enough to receive a large number of Hungarian pilgrims.

### STRIKE OF THE DUTCH LABOR UNIONS FAILS

### Employees of the Transportation Com- panies Give Up the Struggle.

AMSTERDAM, April 12.—The strike has collapsed. The aged Socialist leader, Domela Nieuwenhuis, who emerged from his retirement in order to conduct the strike agitation, was present at a stormy meeting of the labor organization, which sat during the whole of last night and until half-past 8 o'clock this morning. He proposed to terminate the agitation, since the cause of labor had been betrayed. The meeting acquiesced in this view and decided not to elect a new strike committee. A similar decision was reached at a recent meeting at Rotterdam.

### FIGHT AT CHRISTENING MAY CAUSE ONE DEATH

### Peons at Los Angeles Have a Cel- ebration and Three Are Wounded.

LOS ANGELES, April 12.—There was a battle royal early this morning as a wind-up of a peon christening at Boxcar Town in the stockyards of the Southern Pacific. Teodoro Nieuwenhuis, who emerged from the hospital at the point of death, Louis Soto is at the Receiving Hospital with four cuts in the head and one in the groin and Felipe Robles, who has a fierce jab in the left arm, is detained as a prisoner at the City Jail.

## ANGRY LION SEEKS LIFE OF A TAMER

### Employe at Fresno Has a Narrow Escape.

### Wallace, a Ferocious Beast, Tears the Man's Flesh.

### Blows of a Whip Prevent the Animal Killing Its Keeper.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

FRESNO, April 12.—Joe Katool, the wild animal tamer in the employ of the Southern Carnival Company, was caught in a cage this afternoon by Wallace, the untamable lion, and fearfully lacerated by the savage beast.

The accident occurred during a performance of the wild animal show. The tent was crowded, probably 200 people, mostly women and children, being present. Wallace has a record of killing nine men, and Katool's appearance inside the cage at every performance has been one of the features of the show.

This afternoon the lion was in a particularly savage mood. Katool entered the cage safely enough and for a few seconds kept the brute away with a whip. But just as the door was opened for him to spring out the animal leaped upon him with a vicious roar. Pandemonium reigned for a few minutes, women screaming at the top of their voices and every one in the tent making a rush to the door for fear of the lion's possible escape from the cage.

The tamer remained remarkably calm. He struck Wallace several blows with the whip until the animal retreated to its corner. Then he sprang outside, covered with blood from his many wounds. There was a long, deep gash on the side of his face, commencing within an eighth of an inch of the eye. There was also a big cut in his left side and a deep laceration on the left leg. His left arm was torn nearly half in two by the animal's teeth.

Katool was carried to a comfortable place and a physician was summoned. Unless blood poisoning sets in he will recover from his injuries. Last week Wallace severely injured Mille Warda, Katool's wife, who alternates with him in entering the cage.

### "ARRAH-NA-POGUE" MEETS WITH HEARTY RECEPTION

### Irish-Americans Crowd Theater in Chicago and Enthusiastically Approve the Play.

CHICAGO, April 12.—The movement against the sort of drama that drives the Irish to violence was given an entirely new direction here to-night. The members of the same organization that is engaged in the crusade against the green whisker type of Irish comedian sent to the performance at McVicker's Theater large delegations who led the applause. The enthusiastic concert approval for what was deemed a worthy Irish dramatic representation was intended as a fitting public contrast to the demonstration of the Irish descent against the caricatures of that nationality on the stage.

A revival of "Arrah-na-Pogue" by Andrew Mack was the play which met with such a hearty reception. It was given by a strong company with a mounting that compared favorably with the most elaborate productions of the present theatrical season and the success was complete. The production is part of the general plan to present on a welcome scale the best plays of similar character in a manner fitted to the highest requirements of modern stagecraft.

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