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TWO MEN HELD OUT.

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Williamsburg, Ky., Feb. 8.—The jury in the Shotwell conspiracy to murder case was discharged at 3 o'clock Thursday afternoon by Judge Morrow because of inability to agree upon a verdict. The jury was given the case Monday morning, and from the first the ballot stood for conviction and two for acquittal. The two men who hung the jury were Henry Finley, an uncle of fugitive Charles Finley, who is now rusticated in Indiana, and Frank Snyder, a noisy adherent. Finley, a respectable citizen, said that the proof introduced by the state, which was purely circumstantial, was not sufficient to convict any one of the five accused Shotwells, and he did not propose to aid in hanging men who had not been proved guilty. Snyder was of a like opinion. Judge Morrow remarked the Shotwell case to jail without bond. A new trial can not be held until the May term of court, as the present session ended Friday.

BERRY HOWARD.

It is Reported by His Friends That He Will Go to Indiana—He is Afraid of the Soldiers.

Midleboro, Ky., Feb. 9.—Berry Howard, of Straight creek, who is under indictment charged with complicity in the Goebel murder, was here over night. Howard is considerable exercised over the report that Gov. Beckham will send troops for him. Howard said he intended to go to Frankfort and ask mercy from Gov. Beckham, but his friends say he will go to Indiana. He said he had been told that John L. Powers, Caleb Power's brother, was in Indiana, and also that Charles Finley, who is a fugitive in Indiana, was in the Kentucky mountains recently.

FOR THE JUDGESHIP.

Lexington, Ky., Feb. 11.—Revenue Collector S. J. Roberts left for Washington Sunday night to urge upon the president the appointment of Judge George Deany, of Lexington, to the judgeship of the newly created district in Kentucky. He bears endorsements from Senator Lindsay, Kentucky court of appeals, and others prominent.

DEATH OF JUDGE KIRKBRUGH.

Carlisle, Ky., Feb. 8.—Judge W. W. Kirkbrugh, aged 50, of Cynthia, died in this city Thursday night about 5 o'clock. He was here holding court and has been indisposed all week. He was serving his second term as judge of this district. He leaves a widow and one grown son.

TWO JOBS PLACED.

Frankfort, Ky., Feb. 8.—The state board of equalization will meet Monday and begin the work of equalizing the assessments of the various counties. The board usually remains in session about 60 days, and employs three clerks at \$5 per day each for that time. Hamilton Fuqua, of Owensboro, and James Dale, of Shelby county, will be two of the clerks.

TOWNSHIP WORKS HARNED.

Headensville, Ky., Feb. 8.—The large plant of the Henderson tobacco extract works, limited, was partially destroyed by fire. Loss about \$20,000, covered by insurance. It will be rebuilt immediately. This is the second time fire has destroyed the plant.

SIXTY FIFTERS STRIKE.

Louisville, Ky., Feb. 11.—One hundred steam fitters and helpers of this city were engaged by Contractors J. B. McWilliams & Co., have struck because of the employment of two non-union men on the work at the new cellhouse for the Jeffersonville reformatory.

THREE CANDIDATES IN THE FIELD.

Cynthiana, Ky., Feb. 11.—Circuit Judge Kimbrough, who died suddenly at Carlisle Thursday, was buried here Sunday. His successor will be appointed early this week. Hon. J. T. Simon and W. S. Casson, of this city, and Hon. Hanson Kennedy, of Carlisle, are the announced candidates.

ARRESTED FOR MURDER.

Owensboro, Ky., Feb. 11.—Jas. Ray, for whom a warrant was issued secretly, charging him with the murder of Guy Burdette, was arrested by Deputy Sheriff Jake Woods and placed in jail.

CAPT. FRUCH DEAD.

Pat Fruch, ex-United States deputy marshal, died from a stroke of paralysis. He was the father of Deputy Warden John Fruch, of the Frankfort penitentiary.

LAUGHENBACH MUST HANG.

Louisville, Ky., Feb. 8.—Charles Laughenbach, who killed his mother-in-law, Maggie Woodward, was found guilty Friday night and his punishment fixed at death. The jury was out only 15 minutes. The accused was not affected the slightest by the verdict. His plea was insanity.

A NEW SHOE COMPANY.

Frankfort, Ky., Feb. 9.—Articles of incorporation were filed with the secretary of state Friday by the Lancaster Shoe Co., of Lexington. Capital stock \$50,000.

BRAKEMAN KILLED.

Lexington, Ky., Feb. 8.—Richard Carr, Jr., a brakeman on the C. & O. railroad and a son of Richard Carr, a major in the 1st Regiment Kentucky volunteers in the Spanish-American war, was killed by an east-bound C. & O. train while playing a switch at Akon, near Lexington.

EMPRESS YIELDS.

Owing to Pressure She Allows Emperor Kwang Su to Resume the Reins.

THE FORTIFIED PASSES GARRISONED.

Count Von Waldersee is Very Much Dissatisfied With the Conduct of the French Troops.

Gen. Billoud, French Commander at Pao Ting Fu, Says He is Acting Independently of the Commander-in-Chief.

Shanghai, Feb. 11.—It is reported here that the empress dowager, yielding to foreign pressure, has allowed Emperor Kwang Su to resume the reins of government.

A dispatch from Peking asserts that the fortified passes beyond the territory held by the allies are being garrisoned by the Chinese, and that Boxers are re-entering Peking secretly.

Peking, Feb. 11.—Count Von Waldersee is very much dissatisfied with the conduct of the French troops near Pao Ting Fu and also with their avowed intention, in spite of his protests against it, to organize an expedition to take possession of the province of Shan Si. He takes the ground that expeditions, except for police purposes, or against bands of robbers, should not be undertaken during peace negotiations.

Gen. Billoud, the French commander at Pao Ting Fu, says that he is acting in entire independence of Count Von Waldersee, and believes the wisest course to be to nip the insipient rebellion in the bud immediately. He asserts that he was attacked on three sides by a number of Chinese while out with a few men near Pao Ting Fu, and his theory is that the power of the foreigners should be shaken, if possible, whenever an occasion arises.

A staff officer of Count Von Waldersee, who investigated the Pao Ting Fu affair, could find no evidence of such trouble as had been reported. On the contrary he believes there are grounds for believing quite the opposite, although probably there, as elsewhere, considerable numbers of dangerous robbers infest the country districts.

Li Hung Chang asserts that the empress dowager and Emperor Kwang Su never had more harmonious relations than they have now and that the former quite agrees to the necessity for modern reforms. He has telegraphed to the court his refusal to agree to sentences of execution "fraught with extreme danger and threatening the dynasty itself."

CONGRESSMAN DEAD.

Col. Albert D. Shaw Died Suddenly in His Room at the Riggs House, Washington.

Washington, Feb. 11.—Representative Albert D. Shaw, of Waterbury, N. Y., formerly commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, was found dead Sunday morning in his room at the Riggs house. A physician summoned immediately after the discovery of the body pronounced death due to apoplexy, probably about 2 o'clock in the morning.

Col. Shaw had returned about 11:30 o'clock from a banquet at the Madison house in honor of his successor, Gen. Leo Bassler, and before he left the banquet hall had responded eloquently to a toast and appeared in excellent health and spirits. The body was discovered lying face downward on the floor. The features were slightly bruised, showing he had fallen suddenly and heavily. After his return to the hotel Col. Shaw asked for hot water, complaining of indigestion. The water was brought to him and that was the last seen of him alive.

MUST CLOSE UP.

The Jointists of Topeka, Kan., Given Until Next Friday to Quit Business.

Topeka, Kan., Feb. 11.—Three thousand male citizens of Topeka, in mass meeting here Sunday, decided that the numerous joints of the city must close their places. They issued an ultimatum giving the jointists till Friday next at 12 o'clock noon to quit business. If this is not done warning was given that a thousand armed men would immediately move on the joints and remove them by force. Sunday's action is the result of the crusade started in Topeka less than ten days ago by Mrs. Carrie Nation.

The ultimatum commanded the officers of the city and county to perform their duty regarding the closing of the joints. The officers were warned that they had waited long enough.

NORTH ATLANTIC SQUADRON.

Pensacola, Fla., Feb. 11.—The North Atlantic squadron, R. Adm. Farquhar commanding, composed of the flagship Kearsarge and battleships Alabama and Massachusetts, and the U. S. S. Potomac, entered this port Sunday afternoon. The squadron has been on a gulf cruise for three months.

PATTI WILL SELL HER ESTATE.

London, Feb. 11.—Mrs. Adeline Patti (Baroness Cederstern) will sell her beautiful estate Crispyn-Nes at auction June 15 unless it is previously disposed of at private sale.

NEURO LYNCHED AT PARIS, KY.

He Had Insulted Banker Board's Wife—Served Time in the Penitentiary and Was a Terror in the Community.

Paris, Ky., Feb. 11.—George Carter, a brutal Negro, who assaulted Mrs. Lake Board about three weeks ago in a dark locality on Second street, was taken from the county jail at 2 a. m. Monday morning by a mob of 30 determined men and hanged to an iron arch in front of the courthouse. The mob made its appearance at the jail about 1:30 and demanded admittance. Jailer Kizer refused and the door was broken open and the mob surged in. Jailer Kizer refused to turn over his keys, but was speedily overpowered. The keys were secured and a rush was made for Carter's cell.

In his night clothes the trembling wretch was hustled into the night air, speedily bound and hurried to the courthouse entrance. There a rope was adjusted around his neck. Asked as to his innocence or guilt he maintained silence. The word was given and he was swiftly drawn up by willing hands. He was soon strangled and the mob speedily dispersed, leaving the body swinging with a north wind at its staling that this was the death meted out to Negroes who assaulted white women. The mob was orderly, but determined, and made sure and swift work.

Carter bore a bad reputation and had served two terms in the penitentiary, one for housebreaking and the other for malicious cutting. He was a member of a notorious band of Negro thieves that had long terrorized Paris. He had just been served with a warrant sworn out by Leslie Smoot, his sister-in-law, charging him with criminal assault.

EXPRESS ROBBERY.

The Safe, With Contents, Supposed to Contain \$40,000, Taken From the Railway Depot.

St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 11.—Prompt and active work by the authorities at Manila, Ia., resulted in the arrest of men who are accused of having been implicated in the theft of a United States express safe, said to have contained \$40,000.

The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul train on which the safe was taken from St. Louis arrived at Manila at 8:15 p. m. Saturday night. The Omaha train was late, and James Sturtevant, of St. Louis, the express messenger, did not hurry in unloading the goods and packages from his car. The express safe, with other articles, was unloaded and placed on a truck on the depot platform, and then Sturtevant and the other baggage men went to the other end of the platform to get another truck load.

When Sturtevant returned he noticed that the articles on the truck were disarranged, and a glance showed that the iron box was gone.

PROMINENT CAPTURE.

Datus, the Insurgent Governor of the Island of Calabuan, is a Prisoner of War.

Manila, Feb. 11.—A company of the 47th United States volunteer infantry, operating in the island of Calabuan, off the southeast coast of Luzon, captured Datus, the insurgent governor of the island.

The United States gunboat Don Juan de Austria, co-operating with a detachment of the 47th infantry, captured 30 insurgents, including a colonel and two majors in the province of Albay, Luzon.

Evidence is accumulating against the incriminated Manila traders who were charged with aiding the insurgents.

LAW AND ORDER LEAGUE.

Organization Formed in Kansas City For the Purpose of Seeing the Laws Enforced.

Kansas City, Feb. 11.—The Law and Order league has been organized here as a result of the visit of Mrs. Carrie Nation. The object of the league as stated in its by-laws is to see that the laws of Kansas City as to saloons and gambling are enforced for the protection of homes and children, and for the general welfare of the people.

SMASHING DRUG STORES.

Five Women Followers of Dowse Destroy Considerable Property in Chicago.

Chicago, Feb. 8.—Five women, followers of Dowse, the faith cure healer, invaded two drug stores in Milwaukee avenue Thursday afternoon and managed to destroy considerable property in one of the stores before they could be ejected. The women announced as justification for their smashing that the druggists were "devils" in human form.

FROM THE KING TO THE PRESIDENT.

Washington, Feb. 9.—The British ambassador called at the white house Friday and presented to the president an acknowledgment from King Edward of his appreciation of the president's courtesy in attending the memorial services here and of the feeling of sympathy of the people of the United States.

REPORT IS INACCURATE.

London, Feb. 9.—Gen. Sir Evelyn Wood, the adjutant general, says the report that he is to supersede Gen. Kitchener in command of the British forces in South Africa, which are much discussed in the service clubs, is inaccurate.

FIFTY-SIXTH CONGRESS.

Washington, Feb. 8.—Senate.—The senate Tuesday passed the District of Columbia appropriation bill and partially considered the bill making appropriations for the support of the West Point Military Academy.

During the day the ship subsidy bill, by a vote of the senate, was formally laid aside and superseded as the unfinished business. The house continued discussion of controverted questions in connection with the post office appropriation bill. Mr. Griggs (Ga.) spoke against organizations of postal employees formed with a view to forcing legislation in their interest. Mr. Moody (Mass.) discussed the question of railway mail pay from the standpoint of a member of the joint postal commission. Mr. Brownell (O.) and Mr. Gaines (Tenn.) assailed the appropriations for special mail facilities from New York to New Orleans, and Mr. Catchings (Miss.) and Mr. Meyer (Ia.) defended these appropriations.

Washington, Feb. 7.—Senate.—The war revenue reduction bill was under discussion in the senate less than an hour Wednesday. Determined, but unsuccessful effort was made to reduce the tax on bank checks and to provide that telegraph and express companies should bear the burden of the tax on messages and packages. The finance committee's amendment levying a tax on transactions in so-called "bunker shops," modifying the tax upon cigars and cigarettes and providing for a rebate on unbroken packages of tobacco in addition to several others of minor character, were adopted. An amendment substituting an income tax for the war revenue measure was rejected by a vote of 21 to 23. The bill was then passed. The military academy bill was passed.

House.—Debate on the post office appropriation bill consumed another day. It was agreed before adjournment that the debate should close Thursday at 12:30 p. m. when the several amendments which are pending on the bill were taken up.

Washington, Feb. 8.—Senate.—The senate had both day and night sessions Thursday. At the day session the pension appropriation bill, appropriating \$14,000,000, was passed after a few minutes' consideration. The ship subsidy bill was then taken up. Mr. Morgan opposed it in vigorous language. He asked Mr. Allison for an estimate of the appropriations for the present session, and the latter replied that he thought the aggregate would be about \$750,000,000. Mr. Hale expressed the opinion that the figures would be nearly \$850,000,000.

House.—The post office appropriation bill, debate on which has continued almost a week in the house, was passed Thursday. The debate hovered about three topics, railway mail pay, pneumatic tube service and special fast mail facilities, but it bore no fruit. The amendment to reduce the rate of railway mail pay was ruled out on a point of order, the amendment to continue the pneumatic tube service in New York, Boston and Philadelphia was abandoned. The house then took up the diplomatic and consular appropriation bill. Mr. Hill, chairman of the committee on foreign affairs, explained that the bill carries \$1,500,000.

Washington, Feb. 8.—Senate.—An ineffectual effort was made in the senate Friday to secure an agreement, operating a time for a final vote upon the shipping bill. Vigorous protests were made by opponents of the measure against any such agreement, even for a date in the indefinite future. The naval appropriation bill was considered the rest of the day, the shipping bill being laid aside informally. The naval bill had not yet been acted on when the senate adjourned.

House.—Friday the house passed 184 private pension bills. In all, the house at this session has passed about 900 bills, a number considerably exceeded in the Fifty-first. A general pension bill was passed to restore to the pension rolls widows of soldiers of the rebellion who subsequently married and became widowed or divorced. A bill was passed to amend the act creating the Mississippi river commission, so as to require the meetings of the commission to be held at some city along the line of the river. At 5:40 the house adjourned.

Washington, Feb. 11.—Senate.—No business of importance was transacted in the senate Saturday. House.—Governor Saturday presented a petition to the house from the storekeepers and gangsters in the Eleventh Ohio internal revenue district praying for an appropriation by congress to enable them to employ their vacations without loss of salary. Representative Taylor introduced a bill to confirm the private land claim in New Mexico of Arroyo de San Lorenzo made to Antonio Chavez. It appears that about ten years ago the estate of Chas. D. Arms, of Youngstown, bought a portion of this land, paying therefor about \$100,000, and Taylor's resolution is in the interest of the heirs of that state.

THE TENTH INFANTRY.

Two Battalions Will Be Brought From Cuba to Be Transported to the Philippines.

Washington, Feb. 8.—Several orders were issued at the war department Thursday looking to the replacement of the volunteer troops in the Philippines by regulars. Two battalions of the 10th infantry now in Cuba will be brought to Newport News and thence transported by rail to San Francisco, where they will embark for Manila on the first available transport.

"FORT CARRIE NATION."

Washington, Feb. 9.—With the passing of the canteen at Ft. Meyer the troopers on duty there have rechristened the post "Fort Carrie Nation."

NEWS IN BRIEF.

Interesting Events of the Week Through-out the United States and Overseas in a Condensed Form.

MONDAY.

Fa-King Milan is seriously ill.

Three persons lost their lives and four were injured in a fire in Boston. Owing to foreign pressure the empress dowager has allowed Emperor Kwang Su to resume the reins of government.

A law and order league was organized at Kansas City, Kan., for the purpose of seeing that the law in regard to saloons and gambling houses is enforced.

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An iron box containing \$40,000 was stolen from the depot platform at Manila, Ia., in charge of the express company. Three men have been arrested, suspected of the crime.

In a fight between Louis Botha and Gen. Smith-Dorrien's forces, near Ermelo, Gen. Spruit was killed and Gen. Randemier wounded. Twenty Boers were left dead on the field.

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The jailer at Paris, Ky., was overpowered by a mob and George Carter, colored, dragged from his cell and hanged to an arch in the court house entrance. He had assaulted banker Board's wife. He had served time in the penitentiary, and was a terror to the community.

TUESDAY.

The German press is aroused over the denunciation of Lord Roberts by Emperor William.

One thousand citizens of Holton, Kan., banded together and smashed three saloons there.

British diplomats believe the empress's position has been strengthened since the queen's death.

The physicians give warning that President Kruger can not live very long. His heart action is weak.

Armstrong Bros.' cork factory and the machine shops of Tolson & Hogg, Pittsburgh, burned, with a loss of \$750,000.

An appeal was made to end the Boer war but failed, believed to be due to the influence of King Edward and Emperor William.

Representative Lawrence introduced a bill in the Kansas house to legalize joint smashing. The bill was advanced to second reading.

Queen Alexandra is growing so deaf that before long it is feared she will have to use an ear trumpet. In other ways she is not so strong as formerly.

At Denver, Col., District Judge Douth M. Malone made a new record for industry by hearing three different cases at the same time. His docket is rather crowded, and he resorted to this expedient to relieve the pressure.

WEDNESDAY.

A scheme is on foot to combine all the independent cereal mills in the country.

The power house of the Omaha Street Railway Co. and contents burned. Loss, \$200,000.

Fire destroyed the car stable and 10 cars of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Co. a loss of \$200,000.

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FRIDAY.

Five hundred Boers were lost in the great petroleum fire at Bakus, Russia. President Kruger sent a bronze statue of Queen Wilhelmina as a wedding present.

Senator M. A. Hanna was elected a candidate in the Memorial post, G. A. R., of Cleveland.

A passenger train on the Erie road was wrecked at Greenville, Pa., and five passengers were killed and a score injured.

According to the Austrian census, the population of Vienna is 1,603,847, an increase of 282,719 over the census of ten years ago.

Two battalions of the 10th infantry will be brought from Cuba and sent to Manila to take the place of returning volunteers.

Five seamen were scalded to death by the bursting of a steam pipe on the steamer Ventura, bound from Tacoma for San Francisco.

Prince Carlos de Bourbon was proclaimed a son of Spain and took the constitutional oath before the queen regent and other functionaries.

The case against Mrs. Carrie Nation for smashing the senate saloon, Topeka, Kan., was dismissed, as there is no ordinance covering the destruction of personal property.

Five women, followers of the faith cure healer, invaded two drug stores in Milwaukee avenue, Chicago, and managed to destroy considerable property in one before they could be ejected.

Queen Wilhelmina's marriage to Duke Henry of Mecklenburg-Schwerin, who became Prince Heinrich of the Netherlands, was a huge family affair. All Holland that could went to the Hague to participate. Those who stayed at their homes celebrated with parades, decorations and banquets.

Several hundred cases of dynamite exploded in the San Andres silver mine, on the Sierra Madre, in the state of Durango, Mex. A miners' village was immediately over the underground shaft. The whole top of the mountain was torn away, and 87 men, women and children were killed and many others injured.

THURSDAY.

The King and Queen of England will reside at Marlborough House.

Fire destroyed a lumber yard saw mill and 14 houses in Havana, causing a loss of \$700,000.

Two Negroes, charged with killing a white man and wounding another, were shot to death in their cells in the jail at Dade City, Fla.

All the Topeka joints closed and proprietors promised to dispose of their stocks of liquor. In the evening, however, they opened up again.

Gen. Julian Arosea, chief of the revolutionary movement in the Camaguey district, Venezuela, is a prisoner in the hands of the government forces.

Messrs. Carranza and Carman, Manila merchants, were arrested, charged with trading with armed insurgents and furnishing funds to the insurgents.

The Confederate Veterans' association of Savannah passed resolutions against the visitation of President McKinley to attend the reunion of confederate veterans in Memphis.

The foreign envoys have agreed to spare the lives of Prince Tuan and Duke Lan on account of their relationship to the imperial family. Prince Chowing with eleven other Boer leaders must be beheaded.

J. Pierpont Morgan and associates have purchased Andrew Carnegie's control in the Carnegie Co. They will establish a million dollar steel combine. The announcement caused a stir in New York business circles.

THE MARKETS.

Cincinnati, Feb. 9.	
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