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UNCLE SAM CABLES RUSSIA DEMANDING RELEASE OF THE STEAMSHIP PLEIADES

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 13.—The Boston Steamship company has complained to the state department that the steamer Pleiades, from Puget Sound, loaded with flour for the Orient, has been wrongfully detained at Port Arthur by the Russians. The state department immediately cabled Ambassador McCormick at St. Petersburg to lay the case before the Russian foreign office and secure the vessel's release at once if there had been any detention.

CHEFOO, Feb. 13.—No one apparently has any knowledge of the whereabouts of the Japanese war vessels. None have been seen since the bombardment of Port Arthur on Tuesday. It is presumed they are convoying transports to Korea.

COPENHAGEN, Feb. 13.—The Russian Baltic fleet is reported to be still at Kronstadt, where the ice-breaker Ermak is keeping the channel open. Reports printed this morning that the fleet had been sen at Kattegat are erroneous.

LONDON, Feb. 13.—Minister Hayashi today received a telegram from Tokio announcing that Havloff, the Russian minister to Korea, had left Seoul for home. The embassy was escorted from the capital by Japanese troops in order to prevent hostile demonstrations.

The Japanese forces are maintaging order in Korea. The telegram does not give the reasons for the Russian minister's departure. Minister Hayashi says it is possibly due to the rebuff which Havloff received regarding the question of the disposal of the Russian marines who were taken prisoners after the sinking of the cruisers Variag and Korietz.

The telegram also says that Havloff, in addition to being accompanied by members of the legation, had as company all of the Russian residents of Seoul. The Japanese troops, after escorting them to the station, furnished a military guard on the train from Seoul to Chemulpo.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 13.—The Japanese liner America Maru, from San Francisco, arrived at Yokohama February 11 without mishap from the Russians.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 13.—The following explanation of Secretary of State Hay's circular note sent to the powers was made public this morning:

"After some preliminary exchanges of views between this government and other powers interested in Chinese matters, the department of state on February 10 sent the following instructions to American representatives at St. Petersburg, Tokio and Pekin:

"'You will express to the minister of foreign affairs the earnest desire of the government of the United States that in the course of military operations which have been begun between Japan and Russia, the neutrality of China shall not be impaired, and in all ways possible its administrative entity shall be respected by both parties, and that the area of hostilities shall be localized and limited as much as possible, so that undue excitement and disturbance of the Chinese people shall be prevented and the least possible loss to commerce and the peace of the world may be obtained.

(Signed) "'JOHN HAY.'

"At the same time the powers signatory to the Pekin protocal were notified of the note and similar action was asked."

Secretary Hay this morning said that the sole purpose was to protect American interests in China and save the latter from anarchism and ruin. He expressed regret that European diplomats should pursue the old line of suspicion and distrust.

FIVE ROBBERS SECURE $10,000

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 13.—Charles Heath was taken into custody today on suspicion of complicity in the Colonial club robbery. It occurred shortly after midnight, when five masked men entered the rooms, held up the six occupants of the place at the points of revolvers, securely tied their victims hand and foot, relieved them of money and jewelry and took the club bank roll, amounting to $5,500, and escaped. The robbers secured in all about $10,000.

A few minutes after the bandits left one of the victims managed to release himself and gave the alarm, but the robbers easily evaded capture by mingling with a crowd on the streets. Heath was in the rooms at the time of the robbery, but was unmolested. Suspicion immediately attached to him. He claims to know nothing of the robbery, but admits that he was acquainted with some of the men who did the work.

The men robbed are Clarence Waterhouse of the racng firm of Waterhouse & Burns; Joseph Schreiber, one of the proprietors of the club; Jerry Quill of Engstrom, Russell Flint and John Lyons.

The midnight hour had just rung when a knock was heard at the door. Joseph Harlan, the club custodian, opened it and was confronted by a "hands up" order, which was instantly obeyed.

The six players were then lined up with their faces to the wall, after which they were bound and placed face downward on the floor.

Harlan alone was not bound, but was kept covered. When the work of binding the men was finished, Harlan was overpowered and the key to the strong box was taken from him.

The box was quickly rifled, after which money and valuables were taken from the men lying on the floor.

In addition to the revolvers carried by the men, one of them had a bowie knife, which he wielded in a threatening manner.

When the job was completed the electric lights were turned off and the robbers rushed out.

The theory of the police is that the robbers were men who had often played in the rooms.

HANNA STILL FIGHTS GRIMLY AGAINST DEATH

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 13.—The battle for Senator Hanna's life lasted almost without intermission until the early hours of the morning. At 3 o'clock and again at 6 his rest was disturbed and his temperature rose to an alarming point, but by strenuous efforts of the physicians the danger was fought off at each return.

Dr. Osler, who was at the bedside all night, brought with him from Baltimore Dr. Futcher, his assistant, with whom he divided the vigils until this morning.

Secretary Dover went to meet Dan Hanna, who had been notified at Harrisburg that his father was still alive.

When the latter arrived at the Arlington hotel he found 40 correspondents watching events.

President Roosevelt had arranged for special reports, and at 9 o'clock this morning he sent Secretary Loeb to the hotel to offer assistance if it could in any way be used.

After Senator Hanna awoke this morning considerable difficulty was experienced in keeping his temperature down. Frequent sponge baths were resorted to in the effort.

At 9:40 he had been given no oxygen for an hour. The attendants than said the gravest trouble was that he no longer responded so readily to the cold baths.

The temperature could only be reduced one degree or less, whereas last night it would lower three degrees or more.

Secretary Dover said this morning: "Last night he had once chance in a million; this morning he has one in a hundred."

Senator Hanna is conscious, but is unable to speak.

Dr. Osler left for Baltimore at 10 o'clock this morning, but will return this afternoon. This is taken as an evidence that the physicians think there is no immediate danger of death.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 13.—At 9 o'clock this morning Senator Hanna was sleeping peacefully. There has apparently been no change in his condition since 2 o'clock this morning.

At 9:30 o'clock the following bulletin was given out by the physicians:

"Senator Hanna passed a comfortable night. His temperature is higher, being 105 at 9 o'clock this morning; pulse 120; respiration 32. The patient takes nourishment well."

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 13.—At noon the following bulletin was issued:

"Senator Hanna is resting quietly. His temperature is 103.8; pulse 115; respiration 34. He continues to take nourishment well. There is no change in his general condition.. We have given him no oxygen since 5:30."

Te doctors say that they consider Mr. Hanna's present condition as favorable. A constant stream of prominent men of all parties comes to hotel to make inquiries.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 13.—After lying unconscious for over six hours yesterday and seemingly at the point of death, Senator Hanna rallied slightly. This change for the better was regarded by the attending physicians as little short of marvelous.

Another bulletin at 2 p. m. says: "Senator Hanna is sleeping quietly. At noon his temperature was 103. At 1:30, after a bath, his temperature was 100.8; pulse 112; respiration 32. He continues to take and retain nourishment."

After this bulletin was issued the doctors announced that owing to Hanna's extreme weakness the use of oxygen would again be necessary.

A SKETCH OF HANNA'S CAREER

Marcus Alonzo Hanna was born in New Lisbon, Columbiana county, Ohio, September 24, 1837. Columbiana county adjoins on the west the county of Stark, the home of McKinley, and on the east Beaver county, Pennsylvania, the home of Senator Quay. If there is anything in environment, Hanna had a good start.

His blood was that of Virginia Quakers and Vermont Presbyterians, and further back Scotch-Irish—the same as McKinley's In 1852 his father, Leonard Hanna, moved to Cleveland and became a wholesale grocer and provision merchant. That was Mark's first business, but first he finished school and went to college—Western Reserve university—for a year. His education, such as he got out of books, was not very liberal.

A few years ago Kenyon college bestowed upon him the degree of doctor of laws, less in tribute to high learning, possibly, than in recognition of a gift from him of $50,000. He always had a way of making money do strange things.

In 1857, at the age of 20, Mark Hanna went into his father's grocery firm—Hanna, Garretson & Co. It had become exclusively a wholesale concern, with customers all over the great lakes region. A year or so later the father sickened and the management of the store fell on the boy. It was a heavy load to carry for a young man, but the responsibility put iron in him and gave him the luck-stone of his life—the habit of industry. It schooled him, as no university can, with use of grit and self-reliance and courage. It made a man of him at a time of life when most youths are addicted to the picnic habit.

In 1862 his father died and Mark took charge of the business for the estate. When he closed up the store, five years later to go into other business, his energy was proverbial in Cleveland.

HE SERVED IN CIVIL WAR

He found time to serve 100 days as a lieutenant in the Civil war, his regiment, the 150th Ohio, being assigned to garrison duty about Washington.

He was 30 years old when he married and went into business with his father-in-law, Daniel P. Rhodes. Rhodes & Co. dealt in coal, iron ore and pig iron. Young Hanna threw himself into that business with passionate enthusiasm. He learned the iron trade from the bottom, omitting no circumstance. He took his iron and his coal and built the first steel boats that ever plowed the lakes.

When in a few years Rhodes died the firm name was changed to M. A. Hanna &

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SEIVER LARSEN WOUNDED BY MASKED ROBBER LAST NIGHT

Seiver Larsen, one of the proprietors of Trommald's pharmacy, 1555 South Tacoma avenue, was shot in the abdomen and fatally wounded about 8:30 o'clock last night, by a robber. He now lies at St. Joseph's hospital, his life slowly ebbing away, and a man giving the name of Burke is locked up at the police station, charged with the crime.

Two friends of Larsen, Henry Meland and Richard Brown, had come into the store early in the evening to visit with him, and were sitting in an office in the back room.

Larsen and Brown were scuffling in a friendly way and went out of the office into the room back of the prescription case, where they would have more room. They continued to scuffle there, and while they were so engaged some one entered through the front door and passed behind the counter to the back room. The next instant Larsen and Brown were startled by the command 'Hands up." Both men looked up and saw confronting them a man wearing a black handkerchief over the lower part of his face and holding a revolver in his right hand.

Being so early in the evening, Larsen thought it was some friend trying to play a joke on them, and made a jump at the intruder. They grappled and had scuffled to a point opposite the end of the prescription case when the robber placed the muzzle of the revolver against Larsen's abdomen and fired. The bullet passed through his body and lodged in the wall.

When the shot was fired Brown realized the true state of affairs and started to go out for help. As he passed the robber struck at him with the revolver, but missed him.

All this time Larsen, with the blood streaming from his wounds, was trying to hold his assailant, and was struck over the head with the revolver and stunned. The robber then hurriedly left the store and ran down the street.

During the time the men were scuffling Meland sat in the office, unconscious of what was going on. When the shot was fired he started for the front room, and got there just as the robber was leaving.

Although so terribly wounded, Larsen kept his presence of mind and started for the telephone to call the police, leaving a trail of blood on the floor from where the shooting took place to the telephone. He called up the police station and then asked Meland to call the officers. He then sat down and tried to unfasten his clothing to see how badly he was wounded. He insisted on going to his room and walked upstairs unassisted. There his blood-soaked clothing was removed and Drs. E. M. Brown and Parker, who had been hastily summoned, dressed the wounds temporarily. Larsen was then removed to St. Joseph's hospital.

The police arrived at the drug store in a few minutes after they were notified and made a careful search of the neighborhood, but found no trace of the man.

A short time later Chief Fackler and Officers Sipe and Murphy arrested John Burke at the Commercial house, 1522½ South C street.

Shortly after the shooting a man answering Burke's description attempted to hold up an Italian candy peddler. The peddler escaped with only the loss of his hat.

When Burke was arrested he had on the hat lost by the peddler, and had a black handkerchief in his pocket.

This morning Burke was taken to the hospital and identified by Larsen. Coroner E. M. Brown, who was present, took the statement made by Larsen, in which he described the appearance of his assailant, the mask, etc.

The officers have not the least doubt that Burke is the man who did the shooting.

A telephone message from the hospital this afternoon stated that Larsen is very low. He keeps growing weaker all the time and the physicians give no hope for his recovery. The bullet made 12 perforations in the intestines.

The crime was one of the most cold-blooded and deliberate assaults that ever occurred in Tacoma, and to all appearances was deliberately planned. A man answering Burke's description was seen watching the store fully half an hour before the shooting occurred.

ASK POSTMASTER TO FIND THE LOST

This morning Postmaster Cromwell received three letters asking for information of persons who have disappeared from home.

Mrs. Mary Nalied of Milwaukee writes concerning her brother, Gus Carlson, and family. Carlson is a sailor and carpenter by trade.

William Hichbaum of Little Rock, Ark., asks concerning the whereabouts of Max Hochbaum.

C. E. Stowell of Kansas City, Kan., asks for information of Vance L. Stowell, who has been absent from home for four years, and says his father and mother are now breaking down from grief over him.

MARINE GLIMPSES

The steamer Greyhound, now undergoing repairs at Everett, is due back on the Tacoma-Olympia run the fore part of next week. Captain Wilson says his steamer would have been repaired here but for the fact that he was having the Gullet patent valve gear put on and the Sumner iron works controls the rights for this coast.

The steamship Atholl left at 10 o'clock this morning for the Orient. Flour was going into the vessel's hold right up to the last moment. The value of her cargo is $190,854.

The Tacoma-San Francisco steamer Queen is due tomorrow morning.

The steamship Santa Ana discharged 500 tons of copper ore from Valdez at the smelter this morning.

The rudder of the ship Lamorna was unshipped yesterday by a force of men from the Puget Sound Drydock company's shop. The rudder weighed about seven tons and it will probably be another week before it is repaired and put in place again.

The Hamburg-American steamship Memphis will be in Monday.

The freighter La Conner was in from Roche Harbor this morning with a load of lime. The La Conner, on her last trip up from here. lost her mate just after getting through Deception Pass. He was engaged in fastening a tarpaulin over some cargo and, losing his hold, fell into the water and was drowned before help could reach him.

The tug Falcon, with a scow, went to Port Orchard this morning for rock to be used in the concrete work at the Columbia Improvement company's plant.

The tug Wanderer, Captain Morrison, was in this morning and took the Pass of Brander to sea.

LADIES WILL GIVE UNIQUE CONCERT

Tuesday afternoon the Ladies' Musical club will give a unique concert, at which all selections will be rendered by the Simplex piano player. The entire program will consist of selections from the best masters. The entertainment is given to permit the musical people of Tacoma to note the difference between human art and the mechanical rendition of classical selections.

DONATES SHOES TO THE CHINESE COOK

The last opportunity to help swell the cruiser fund will be given today. The committee has hopes of raising the $3,500 which they set out to raise. At present they have $2,598.75. The schools and several other sources have not yet been heard from.

Included in the gift for the cruiser will be a pair of shoes for the Chinese cook. These were donated by a young miss from the Lincoln school, who insisted that her contribution be accepted.

MRS. BOWERS IS SENTENCED

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 13.—Mrs. Martha Bowers, convicted of the murder of her husband by administering poison was today sentenced to life imprisonment in San Quentin. A stay of execution was granted and an appeal will be taken. The alleged motive for the murder was her infatuation for another man.

MILLIONAIRE BREWER, W. J. LEMP SUICIDES WHILE DESPONDENT

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 13.—William J. Lemp, multimillionaire brewer, committed suicide in his palatial home by shooting himself at 9 o'clock this forenoon. He had grieved over the death of his son and was also despondent because of the death of his intimate friend, Captain Pabst.

Lemp shot himself in the right temple. He lived for an hour afterwards, but the fact that he had committed suicide was not known until 11, when the family announced that he had died of complications. He never recovered consciousness.

Mr. Lemp arose at the usual hour this morning, but complained of feeling ill. He went to his room soon afterwards and then shot himself.

Thirty minutes later the big Lemp brewery was closed, with the flags at half-mast.

It is reported that Lemp left a note for his family. Louis Lemp, a son, is expected to arrive in San Francisco today from a tour in Japan.

The deceased was born in Germany in 1838. The brewery was started by his father in 1840, and he assumed full charge in 1862. He leaves five sons and three daughters. He was one of the richest men in this city.

ROBBERS DYNAMITE BANK IN NEBRASKA AND DEFY CITIZENS

MARTINSBURG, Neb., Feb. 13.—Five robbers began blowing the safe of the State bank of Martinsburg at 2 o'clock this morning. Citizens, alarmed by the explosions, armed themselves and surrounded the bank.

The robbers barricaded the front of the bank with agricultural implements and barrels. For two hours the citizens laid in wait while the robbers coolly blew the safe.

Several hundred shots were exchanged between the citizens and the besieged. One robber was wounded.

The safe was wrecked, but the robbers did not get the money from the inner vault. They took $80 in stamps, charged their opponents, stole a buggy and escaped, reloading and firing rapidly as they fled.

FIFTEEN PERMITS ISSUED THIS WEEK

The weather of the past week was unfavorable for building and consequently the number of permits issued by the building inspector fell a little short of the number issued the previous week.

Fifteen permits had been issued up to today, representing a total outlay of $6,200. Eleven of the permits were for dwellings to be built at a cost of $5,575.

OLD BUNCO GAME WORKED IN TACOMA

At least three people in Tacoma are mourning the loss of $40 each. The fact that they lost the money on an old bunco game worked by a Chinaman does not make them feel any better.

The Chinaman, so it is reported, went to his victims with a lottery scheme and asked them to invest.

Three of those who are said to have been caught are F. J. Smith, Tacoma avenue and Fourteenth street; Mrs. S. J. Benson, 755 C street, and A. L. Brinsmore, who lives in a Pacific avenue boarding house.

JAP IN TROUBLE

M. Sakamoto, who was arrested yesterday, charged with disorderly conduct, was guilty of a much more serious crime than disturbing the peace. The charge against him has been changed to attempted assault of a well known woman of the city. His examination was set for this afternoon.

H. A. Johnson and W. M. Howarth, street car conductors, were arrested this afternoon, charged with embezzlement.

With the assistance of an employe in the office, it is alleged, they have been selling street car tickets and pocketing the proceeds. Warrants for the arrest of two other conductors on the same charge have been issued.

PORTLAND, Or., Feb. 13.—The worst storm in the history of the country is raging here. The velocity of the wind is 45 mile san hour. It is fearful along the Oregon coast. No communication has been had with coast points for two days.

PARIS, Feb. 13.—It is announced that France has agreed to Hay's note, with the exception that it wants a modification regarding Manchuria.

Governor McBride has denied the application of the California stockmen to bring their cattle to Washington for pasture.

CITY WHARF SHOULD BE LEASED TO HIGHEST BIDDER

The city wharf proposition seems not to be without its drawbacks, and there are several matters which should be more closely investigated before the council settles the matter finally.

It has been called to the attention of The Times that the city could make a much better bargain if the wharf should be leased to the highest bidder, instead of being disposed of without any competition whatever. As the property now stands, the city has been getting a rental of $65 a month and the wharf, such as it is, is kept in repair by the parties who occupy it. When the new wharf scheme was promulgated, the parties to whom the property had been rented were notified to vacate. The proposition now is to go to the expense of building a new wharf and then rent it for a sum that will aggregate less than the city is now getting.

The Times is informed that if the city will advertise for competitive bids there are parties who are willing to pay more for the privilege of using the dock than the rental offered by the Tacoma Fruit & Produce company. The offer will also include market privileges for the farmers and grocers.

The prevailing sentiment seems to be that if the wharf is to be built and leased at all, it should go to the highest bidder, so that the city might get the most possible good from it.

Another matter that will require the closest kind of investigation is the condition of the slip where it is proposed to build the gridiron. As it stands now, there is not more than three feet of water in the slip at high tide. Years ago a gridiron was built in the slip and it now lies buried under about four feet of sand and mud. One of the main sewers of the city empties into the slip and is continually depositing sand there, and unless the sewer is extended a considerable distance this condition of affairs will not only continue, but will become worse. If the new gridiron is to be of any use at all, it will be necessary to dredge out the slip and extend the sewer, and this, The Times is informed, will cost considerably more than the amount appropriated for the construction of the gridiron.

To all appearance, the new wharf is going to cost much more than the city will get out of it, and the privileges to be accorded the grocers, truck gardeners and small shippers will not amount to enough to cut much figure in the deal.

CESSPOOLS ORDERED REMOVED FROM BANKS OF CLOVER CREEK

Efforts are being made by the city officials to improve the city's water supply by eliminating all means of possible contamination. R. W. Clark, commissioner of public works, has given the matter particular attention since Dr. Schug, the health officer, made his report to the council, in which he pointed out the ways in which the water is being contaminated at the source of supply.

In regard to the cesspool at Parkland college, which occasionally overflows into Clover creek, Mr. Clark has taken decisive action. The authorities at the college have been ordered to abate the nuisance at once and to construct a new cesspool far enough away to preclude all possibility of any further contamination from that source.

Other property owners along the creek have been given notice to at once remove all outhouses and vaults and place them farther up the hill, and Mr. Clark hopes that in a few days every source of contamination will be removed.

Mr. Clark stated to The Times this morning that every possible effort would be put forth to clean up the territory in the vicinity of the creek.

The fact that the work has been undertaken, however has not yet purified the water. The only safe course is for people to continue to follow Dr. Schug's advice and boil all drinking water.

ATTENTION, FORESTERS.

All Foresters of America are requested to be present at the Eagle hall, 1137½ Commerce street at 12:45 p. m. on Sunday, February 14, 1904, to attend the funeral of our late lamented brother, John F. Vogel. R. H. HARRISON,

Deputy Supreme Chief Ranger.

Tacoma, Wash., Feb. 13, 1904.