

GOWELL'S LAST LETTER OBJECTS TO PRAYER, CEREMONY OR CROWD

Staring Death in Face He Writes to F. B. Campbell in Tacoma then Turns on Gas and Dies

The gruesome fact has developed that H. W. Gowell, the well known advertising writer, made deliberate preparations for suicide before asphyxiating himself with gas while in Portland two days ago.

BURIAL STOPPED BY NEIGHBORS

George Nicols and wife of Orting have been charged by neighbors with letting their three-weeks old baby die for lack of nourishment.

REPORT DOUBTED

LONDON, May 4.—Nothing further was received concerning the capture of Newchwang up to 3 p. m.

UNCLE SAM FORMALLY TAKES CHARGE OF PANAMA CANAL

PANAMA, May 4.—The formal act of turning over the Panama canal to the United States government was performed with much ceremony at 7 o'clock this morning.

THE HORRORS OF WAR



We have been trapped by suddenly exclaimed the Russian commander. The days are behind the rock-strewn...

company. The forty millions are to be deposited with Morgan immediately upon delivery by the Canal company to the United States of all property included in the purchase by the French interests, which latter will accept this deposit as an equivalent to payment.

SAM PARKS DIES IN PENITENTIARY

OSSENING, May 4.—Sam Parks, the walking delegate of the Housemiths' union of New York, who was convicted of extortion in connection with building strikes, died at 7:15 this morning in the prison hospital.

PORT ARTHUR "BOTTLED UP" AGAIN

ROME, May 4.—A Tokio dispatch asserts the latest attempt to block the channel of Port Arthur was successful. The vessels, the telegram says, now lie in the harbor entrance.



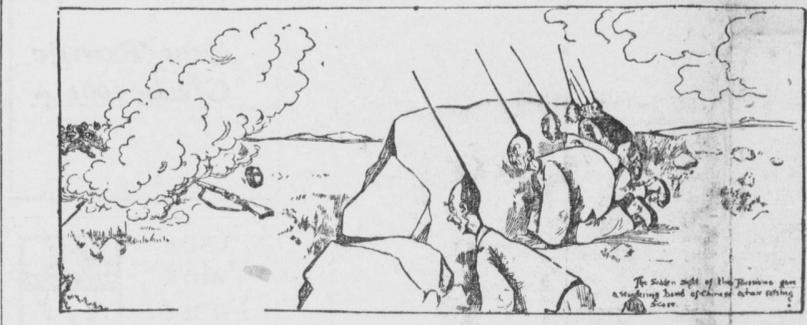
Will face no chances but fly for our lives and... the coast!

TREASURER REED IGNORED THE ADVICE OF COUNTY ATTORNEY

In reference to the refusal of County Treasurer Reed to have school warrants issued for the Tourist hotel site County Attorney Campbell said today: "As legal adviser under the law, I told the board of education they had a right to purchase the hotel property and I also advised Treasurer Reed to endorse the warrants.

BIG ROW ON RESERVATION

There promises to be things doing on the reservation as a result of the primary held there yesterday. It is charged that the regular caucus was not held but that the candidates for delegates to the convention were selected by one man.



The sudden sight of the Japanese gun... a wonderful band of Chinese is now sitting...

reference to withstanding the wrenches and strains consequent upon firing the heavier guns. All such doubts, however, have been removed, as a result of the practice.

WELLS STAND SEVERE TEST

William Welsh, commissioner of public works, stated after his return from the city wells at South Tacoma this morning that the official test was progressing satisfactorily.

HEARST WINS IOWA'S VOTES

DES MOINES, May 4.—When the Democratic state convention assembled at 2 o'clock this afternoon Hearst was the master of the situation and it was a foregone conclusion that Iowa's twenty-six delegates to the national convention would be instructed for the New Yorker.

METHODISTS OPEN THEIR BIG CONFERENCE AT LOS ANGELES

LOS ANGELES, Cal., May 4.—The General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church began its quadrennial sessions here this morning. The delegates number 750 and represent 3,000,000 church members scattered throughout the world.

MARINE GLIMPSSES

TIDES FOR THURSDAY. Time. Height. 2:56 a. m. 2.8 feet. 9:51 a. m. 12.5 feet. 4:46 p. m. 3.3 feet. 10:17 p. m. 11.5 feet.

WILL WORK FOR BETTER STREETS

The Tacoma Riding and Driving association held its annual meeting at the Tacoma hotel last night. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, J. H. Scott; vice-president, S. A. Perkins; treasurer, Frank C. Hart; secretary, Victor H. Malstrom.

STOPS POOL ROOM BETTING

SEATTLE, May 4.—Every pool room in this city was closed last night by order of Chief of Police Delaney, and city officials aver that the places are out of business permanently, or at least so far as the authorities are concerned.

REAL ESTATE

Chas. W. Matson and wife to Julia and Della Whiting, lots 12 to 15 inc. Lawrence ad, Tacoma, \$600.

BOMBARDMENT AT PUMPING STATION

Employees at pumping station A, which is located in the bottom of a deep gulch, are complaining of an attack which the boys in the neighborhood made upon them with stones yesterday afternoon.

OBJECTION RAISED

There is considerable complaint among lumbermen in Tacoma over the action of Addison & Hill, the contractors who have undertaken to build the addition to the Lincoln school and who have, it is claimed, gone outside of the city to get their lumber for the school contract.

HE VENTURED INTO SEATTLE

SEATTLE, May 4.—Fred Updiba, who has been rooming at the Great Northern hotel in Tacoma, strayed over to Seattle yesterday with \$85 in good, hard cash in his pocket.

TACOMA'S DECKS STOOD THE TEST

The cruiser Tacoma has successfully completed her gun test at Port Los Angeles. There were some misgivings as to the strength of the Tacoma's upper decks; that is as to their substantiality with

THE CRUISER TACOMA

The big liner Alaskan is taking coal from the Gravity bunker and loading on lumber from scows.