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SLAYER OF OFFICER HAS SURRENDERED

Alonzo Reeves Kept Fifty Armed Men
at Bay All Night—Killed
Deputy Sheriff.

Riverside, L. I., Dec. 17.—Alonzo Reeves, who shot and killed a deputy sheriff yesterday when the latter attempted to serve papers on him and barricaded himself in his home, surrendered this morning after defeating his house the entire night. Fifty deputies surrounded the house when Reeves refused to surrender and they kept up a fire from rifles and shot guns. This morning the officials made an attack and attempted to smash the door. Reeves appeared at a window above and fired a shot gun on the invaders, no one of whom was seriously injured. Reeves received a charge of buckshot in the face and a few minutes later he gave up.

STREET CARS

A fellow remarked the other day right out loud "street cars in Walla Walla." Now another fellow like that young man and to the work house you go for ten days, understand? If he had said "the streets need paving" or the Toggery for Swell Togs or some other short truthful saying we would have forgiven him. Swell Togs at the Toggery is no bubble it is a positive fact. The Toggery is the name of a Haberdasher Shop down on Second street in the Jones block and Togs are furnishings for men, carried in said shop, so there you are and if you don't believe it, ask the landlord. It takes quite an assortment to satisfy everyone, but we have the assortment.

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GEORGE G. HEDGER
The Optician

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FOR THE HOLIDAYS

The packages are beautiful, the contents fresh. From 10c to \$3.00 at

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SITUATION IS GRAVE

Russia and Japan
Can't Agree.

CZAR'S TERMS NOT ACCEPTABLE

The Mikado's Government Wants Rus-
sia to Evacuate Korea and
Manchuria.

TOKIO, Japan, Dec. 17.—It is generally believed that the eastern situation has taken a graver aspect, since the meeting of elder statesmen yesterday was unable to come to any conclusion, as Russia's proposal is not acceptable.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—Reuters says that Russia's reply to Japan has not resulted in solving the eastern dispute and further negotiations will be necessary.

Reformers Put to Test.

SPOKANE, Dec. 17.—The preachers' crusade against scarlet women was given a unique test by the Spokane Daily Press. Rev. George Wallace, head of the clergy who are agitating reform, declared that he would hire any girl from the red light district if she would reform. His theory was to let the scarlet women hire out as servants or go to jail.

The Press sent a woman of the slums to his home. He offered her a job in his mother's house, where the girl was required to do washing for a family of six, wax a hardwood floor and do general housework, but had no use of the bath. The salary offered was \$15 a month. The girl laughed in her mistress' face and left in disgust.

Perry Heath Pleads Not Guilty.

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—Perry Heath arrived last night enroute to Indianapolis. Today referring to the charges made against him in the postal frauds report he said: "The stuff relating to me is a lie from beginning to end. There is nothing new in it and it is a mere rehash on old lines."

Maxim and Gay Under Fraud Order.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—A fraud order was issued today against Maxim and Gay, turf tipsters, who are charged with having caught many suckers through extensive advertising.

PANAMA, Dec. 17.—The Atlanta has returned to Colon and reports that she saw about 500 Colombian soldiers north of Atriat river.

Murderous Engineer Adjudged Insane.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—George Robinson, the engineer, who made a murderous attack on the secretary of the bank of England, Graham, nearly a month ago, was today adjudged insane and sent to a hospital.

Cleveland People Cremated.

TOLEDO, O., Dec. 17.—Mr. and Mrs. Herman Neihaus, wealthy and prominent people, were cremated by a fire in their home this morning.

Reeves is believed to be insane. It is now learned that he wrote numerous letters threatening President Roosevelt.

ANOTHER SUIT AGAINST THE STUBBLEFIELD ESTATE

Henry White and Mary McElroy Bring Action in Equity Department of the
Superior Court Atracking Validity of Home Bequest.

This morning R. M. Dorothy, E. A. Reser and C. M. Rader, executors and trustees of the estate of Joseph L. Stubblefield, deceased, were served with a copy of a complaint, by McDonald & Rupp, representing Henry White and Mary McElroy, of the state of Arkansas. In another suit that will be instituted in the equity department of the superior court, to set aside the 31st paragraph of the will of the late Joseph L. Stubblefield. The former action commenced by the Arkansas heirs, which was settled by consent last Saturday, was brought in the probate department of the court and the plaintiffs asked that the entire will be set aside, alleging that at the time of the making of the will Stubblefield was not in sound mind and was not capable of executing a will.

In their last complaint the plaintiffs, after setting forth the facts of the death of Stubblefield and other matters, allege that in and by the will of the deceased the sum of \$151,000 was devised and bequeathed to the trustees to be held by them upon a pretended trust, which trust provision of said will was for the establishment, maintenance and support of a home for orphans and indigent widows of the state of Oregon and Washington; that the defendants have not devoted any of the proceeds of the estate to the objects specified in said pretended

trust provision of the will, and they have now in their possession and under their management and control property of said decedent to the value of \$151,000; that said trust provision of said will is invalid, for the reason that said defendants as trustees therein are given by the terms of said instrument an absolute and unlimited power and discretion as to the execution of said trust and as to the application or non-application of any of the proceeds of the said trust estate to the purposes therein mentioned, or to any purpose, or at all, and it is uncertain and unascertainable from the terms of said trust provision what the intention of said testator was as to the application or devotion of the proceeds of said estate. They pray that the trust provision of the will be declared void and that the defendants be declared by decree of the court to be the trustees of the residue of the estate described in the 31st paragraph of the will to hold for the use and benefit of the heirs at law of said Stubblefield, and that said defendants be ordered to distribute to the plaintiffs, as heirs at law of said deceased, their distributive shares of so much of said estate as is held by them under the authority of said paragraph, as by law they may be entitled to, and for such other and further relief as to the court may seem equitable and meet, the premises considered.

PERISHED BY FIRE MANY TRAGIC DEATHS

Families in Various Parts of the Coun-
try Cremated in Burning
Dwellings.

ASHLAND, Ky., Dec. 17.—In a fire this forenoon in the residence of William Benedict he with his wife and six months' old babe was burned to death. His 16-year-old daughter was seriously burned.

SALT STE MARIE, Dec. 17.—A fire this morning in a ramshackle water front dwelling burned to death Martin Olsen, John Rusk and L. Anderson, lodgers, and Mrs. Charles Sandstrom had her legs broken by jumping from a window.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 17.—The Sherlock building on Second and Oak streets, destroyed by fire last night was occupied mostly by Chinese. Three dead bodies have been found and half a dozen Chinese are missing. The building is located across the street from the police station and the officers helped many to escape. It is reported that \$10,000 in coin is missing.

Mother and Children Cremated.
PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 17.—Mrs. Harry L. Smith and two children, aged 12 and 16, were cremated in a fire at their home this morning. Mrs. Shelmire, a policeman's wife, in trying to rescue the Smiths was seriously and perhaps fatally burned.

Idaho Promoter Under Arrest.
NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Frank Hobbs, of Idaho, is in the Ludlow jail under an order for his arrest by Edward Tustin, treasurer of the Green Copper company, who claims that he advanced \$75,000 to develop mining property to which Hobbs has no title and which he called the Comstock Mining company.

Morgan's Man a Witness.
NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Steele, J. Pierpont Morgan's right hand man, was a witness in the Shipbuilding company's case today. He said that \$2,500,000 of each kind of stock had been received by the Morgan company.

Murderers Must Stand Trial.
NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—The two men arrested in England for murdering Contractor Ferguson, at McDonald, Pa., arrived at New York today and will be taken to Pittsburgh tomorrow.

After Hanna's Job.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—President Roosevelt took luncheon today with Governor Crane, Senator Lodge, Secretary Cortelyou and Secretary Root. It is expected he will know by night whether or not Crane would accept the national chairmanship in case Hanna refuses to serve.

Spain Won't Show at St. Louis.
MADRID, Dec. 17.—The cabinet today decided to send official notification to America that Spain won't participate in the St. Louis exposition. The alleged reason is shortage of funds. The real reason is Spanish merchants' hatred of America.

CUBAN BILL SIGNED BY ROOSEVELT

It Will Go Into Effect as Soon as Cuba
Has Pledged Compliance With
Terms.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Roosevelt signed the Cuban reciprocity bill at 1 o'clock this afternoon with the same pen used by President pro tem Frye and Speaker Cannon. The pen will be sent to Havana at the request of the Cuban minister, where it will be placed in a Cuban museum.

Minister Quesada has notified his government that the bill has been signed. Upon receipt of a reply that Cuba is prepared to carry out the provisions of the treaty Roosevelt will issue a proclamation putting the law into immediate effect. President Palma will then issue a similar proclamation.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—President Roosevelt issued his proclamation giving effect to the Cuban reciprocity bill at 3:35 this afternoon. The proclamation makes the Cuban reciprocity law effective ten days from date.

HAVANA, Dec. 17.—When official news was received last night of the passing of the reciprocity bill by the United States senate, President Palma had a national salute fired from the Cuban fortress. As the first gun belched forth the stars and stripes fluttered over Moro castle, while bands over the city took up the national anthem. Immense crowds cheered America wildly.

To Purchase Friars' Lands.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 17.—The war department confirms the news that Governor Taft and the Philippine friars have reached an agreement for the sale of the church lands. The settlement provides for the purchase of 403,000 acres, comprising all the agricultural lands and buildings of the friars, with the exception of 12,000 acres, including a farm near Manila, which has been sold to a railway company, and also one sugar plantation. The price agreed upon is \$7,250,000. The friars originally asked \$13,000,000 and Governor Taft offered them \$6,000,000.

GUARDING TRAINS FROM DESPERADOES

Officials of New York, Hartford and
New Haven Road Received
Threatening Letters.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 17.—Heavy guards have been placed on the special express train on the New York, New Haven and Hartford railway as a result of a letter received by the officials in which the writer threatens to wreck and rob the train unless a specified sum of money be put in a place that he designates.

Captain Benjamin Dead at Manila.
MANILA, Dec. 17.—Captain Benjamin of the Twenty-seventh Infantry, died at the hospital here this morning of malarial fever.

WARSHIPS ASSEMBLE

New Orleans Has Cen-
tennial Anniversary.

THE LOUISIANA PURCHASE

The Program Begins Tomorrow Eve-
ning—French and Spanish Bat-
tleships There.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Dec. 17.—The presence of the warships of three nations and the attendance of scores of prominent visitors from various parts of the country give promise that the celebration of the Louisiana Purchase centennial, which begins tomorrow and continues three days, will surpass in scope and brilliance the most sanguine expectations of its promoters. Visitors are already arriving in large numbers and the crowded streets and public places resemble the Mardi Gras throngs.

New Orleans is particularly pleased over the presence of the Spanish man-of-war Rio de la Plata, which is the first Spanish war vessel to visit this country since the Spanish-American war. The new French man-of-war Gravier is also here, while the United States navy is represented by the cruiser Minneapolis and several smaller vessels.

During the three days of the celebration there will be civic, military and religious ceremonies, a colonial ball, a colonial exhibit and a naval parade. Though there will be several parades and other spectacular features the program in its entirety has been so arranged as to appeal more to the student of history than to the ordinary sightseer. Conditions are favorable to this arrangement, as all the old buildings connected with the transfer are still standing in very much the same condition as they were a century ago.

Thus the main ceremonies will take place in the Cabildo, the government house under the Spanish and French regimes, now the supreme court building. It has been furnished exactly as it was on the day of the transfer. The exercises will include the reading of the original transfer, and Loussat, Claiborne, Wilkinson and other commissioners will be represented by prominent citizens in the costume of the times.

The religious ceremonies in the St. Louis cathedral will be identical with those of a hundred years ago, and the salute will be fired from Jackson Square (formerly the Place d'Armes) and from cannon a century old.

The colonial exhibit will remain open a month in the archiepiscopal palace, formerly the Ursuline convent, the oldest public building in the Mississippi valley. The exhibit will include a large number of interesting relics which have been preserved by the Creole families of New Orleans.

The program as finally completed will be opened tomorrow evening with a reception and ball in the Cabildo. The celebrated beauties of New Orleans will dance the minuet in costumes duplicating those of colonial days, and an old fashioned New Orleans supper will interrupt the dancing at midnight. This event is in charge of the ladies of the Historical society, its patronesses representing the best and oldest families of New Orleans.

Saturday morning commemorative exercises will be held in the Cabildo at which there will be addresses by Governor Heard and the French and Spanish ambassadors followed by a military parade and a naval review before the city. In the evening the guests of the city will attend a special gala performance at the French Opera house.

Sunday, which will be the real centenary of the transfer, the day will begin with high mass and a Te Deum in the old cathedral, after which, at the hour when the actual transfer took place, there will be an oration from the balcony of the Cabildo and the national colors will be raised amid the booming of cannon in Jackson square.

Nicaragua Recognizes Panama.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Nicaraguan Minister Meyer cables that the state of Nicaragua has recognized Panama to the extent of appointing a consul at Panama city.

Job Offered John P. Irish.
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 17.—The Citizens' Alliance, an anti-union labor merchants' organization of San Francisco, has made John P. Irish, naval officer of the port, an offer of a large salary to manage their fight against unionism. It is the same job that W. M. Parry holds in the East.

MITCHELL SPEAKS

Urges Appropriation
for Portland Fair.

TELLS WHAT HAS BEEN DONE

The Wood Investigating Committee
Will Not Report Till
January 4.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The senate military sub-committee has decided to postpone action on General Wood's nomination to be major general until January 4th.

It was announced at noon that the president had tendered the position of civil service commissioner, vacated by the death of Proctor, to General John Black, of Chicago, commander in chief of the Grand Army and commissioner of pensions under Cleveland's first administration.

In the house this afternoon Hamilton, of Michigan, asked unanimous consent for consideration of a bill authorizing Phoenix, Tempe and Mesa, Arizona, to bond themselves for \$100,000 to be expended in building a railway from Phoenix to Reservoir at Tonto creek and Salt River, a distance of 75 miles. A spirited colloquy followed which lasted an hour when Hemenway formally objected, after which the house committee of the whole resumed the consideration of the pension appropriation bill.

In the senate Hoar called up his resolution on Panama affairs and made a lengthy speech.

Most of the session of the senate today was occupied with an eloquent and forcible argument by Mitchell, of Oregon, in behalf of his bill appropriating \$2,125,000 for participation of the government in the Lewis and Clark exposition at Portland. He showed that the work is well under way, the site graded, and landscaped, the macadamizing finished, the water and sewer systems well advanced, and that nine states had already appropriated a total of nearly \$1,125,000, these states being Oregon, California, Washington, Idaho, Utah, Montana, North Dakota, Minnesota and Missouri. He declared that the exposition is of such national character as to justify the appropriation proposed. He showed that according to treasury reports since 1875 the government has appropriated in excess of \$21,000,000 to aid various expositions but no one dollar for such purposes west of the Rockies.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Senator Hanna today said emphatically that he would continue to fight against the confirmation of Wood on the floor of the senate.

FUNERAL OF MRS. VANSYCKLE.

Pioneer Lady Buried in Walla Walla
This Afternoon—Died in Seattle.

The remains of Mrs. Susanna Van Syckle, who died in Seattle Tuesday were received in Walla Walla this morning and the funeral took place this afternoon from Cookerly's undertaking parlors.

The deceased was 77 years old and was one of the pioneers of the Pacific coast. She was born in New York in 1826, came to the coast in 1865 and resided in Walla Walla many years. She had lived in Seattle for the past 16 years. Mrs. Van Syckle was the widow of the late J. H. Van Syckle, a former member of the Washington legislature. She leaves three children, Mrs. John Dines, of Seattle; Oscar Van Syckle, who lives in North Yakima, and Hugh Van Syckle, a purser on the Alaska route of the Pacific Steamship company.

AMERICA'S NAVY REGARDED AS WEAK

Russian Official Paper Says United
States Cannot Maintain Open
Door.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 17.—Nova Vremya today says that America won't find it easy to keep the open door to Manchuria as it has been shown beyond the possibility of a doubt here that her navy is too weak and her mercantile fleet too small.

Chicago Wheat Market.
CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—Wheat opened at 78 1/2; closed at 79.