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Uncle Henry Says



"Jim Hill may not be worrin' any 'bout th' Spokane boycott, but his hirelin's have done a lot of talkin' an' have worn out a little shoe leather."

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## SIX GIRLS KILLED IN A TERRIFIC EXPLOSION

### RUSSIANS WERE IN A HURRY TO GET AWAY

#### Czar's Troops Left Chong Ju Without Waiting to Take Their Rifles or Sabers.

(Scripps News Association.)

LONDON, March 31.—The Central News' correspondent telegraphs that Seoul advises that General Mishchenko, the Russian commander in the Chong Ju fight, narrowly escaped capture by the Japanese. The Russians left many sabres and rifles behind in their flight.

#### SMALLPOX RAGING.

(Scripps News Association.) LONDON, March 31.—The Eastern Gazette reports an increase in the smallpox epidemic in the province of Irkutsk. Thirty per cent of the population of the town of Matchai is infected.

#### JAPS BUY SALMON AT SEATTLE.

(Scripps News Association.) SEATTLE, March 31.—Two hundred and sixty thousand cases of pink salmon have been purchased in Seattle for the Japanese government during the past 40 days.

#### ASSAIL AMERICA.

(Scripps News Association.) ST. PETERSBURG, March 31.—The Novosti today graphically describes Port Arthur as a place markedly changed. Trains from the city are filled with fugitives. The military are almost the only persons left at the port, which resembles a city of the dead.

General Stoessel has ordered the shops to remain open during bombardment.

The newspapers in Russia continue to praise England and attack America, taking the statement of a witness to the Chemulpo battle as a text.

The British captain threatened to fire if the Japanese pursued the sinking Russian vessels for the purpose of destroying them in the inner harbor. The American ship Vicksburg alone refused to act on the part of humanity.

#### ENGLAND SENDS COAL TO JAPAN.

(Scripps News Association.) LIVERPOOL, March 31.—It is reported that an English firm is sending hundreds of thousands of tons of

coal, ostensibly to China but really to Japan at 23 shillings a ton.

#### BRITISH TROOPS READY.

(Scripps News Association.) HALIFAX, N. S., March 31.—Military authorities are expecting 10 regiments of the line next month to be stationed in Canada to be ready in the event of certain developments in the far east.

#### WILL SHOOT TO KILL.

(Scripps News Association.) ST. PETERSBURG, March 31.—General Stessel, commander at Port Arthur, has ordered shot and killed any unauthorized persons approaching the fortifications or batteries.

Admiral Makaroff, in reply to congratulations by the commander of the Black sea fleet, states that Lieutenant Krinikze, commander of the torpedo boat destroyer Stihl, is the real hero to be honored for repelling the Japanese attack.

The technician Ermaek has arrived at Cronstadt.

#### PRISONERS WON'T FIGHT.

(Scripps News Association.) BERLIN, March 31.—The Vossische Zeitung reports that the offer of the czar to pardon any political prisoner who would volunteer has not been accepted in a single instance.

#### MICHIGAN EDUCATORS IN SESSION

(Scripps News Association.) YPSILANTI, Mich., March 31.—Many of the leading educators of the state, members of the Michigan Schoolmasters' club, are gathered at the State Normal college here for their annual meeting. The classified conference held two sessions today.

The visiting educators will attend the dedication of the new science building of the normal college this evening. The general sessions of the schoolmasters' club will be continued through tomorrow and Saturday.

## WHY DID MAN CONFESS?

#### WRECKING CULPRIT ADMITS THE TREPT OF FEED TO CAPTAIN GOVERLY AND IS RELEASED.

Was Acting Chief Coverly's confidence in the sincerity of a hard luck story misplaced, is a question asked today.

Several days ago burglars entered the feed store of Stevens & Field, corner of Lincoln street and Main avenue, and took a quantity of feed. The theft was reported to the police and this morning a man walked into the police station and with tears in his eyes confessed to having committed the theft. He told of an invalid wife and three small children crying for bread at his home; of horses to feed and nothing to feed them, and finally confessed that he had been driven to desperation by this combination of suffering at his place and had committed the theft. He said he had intended to pay for the feed just as soon as he could earn enough money.

#### Offered to Return Feed.

Chief Coverly was touched by the fellow's hard luck story and his apparent sincerity, and when he offered to return the stolen goods the officer told the proprietors of the feed store that they could prosecute the man or not; he would not insist upon it. His belief in the man's honesty of purpose, though he had fallen, was such that he even refused to say anything about the case to anyone or to give the man's name.

At Stevens & Field's store, however, another story is told. The grain dealers have not prosecuted the man, whom they state is an expressman named Thompson. It would seem from their statement that the latter did not give himself up until he was on the verge of being caught.

#### Evidence Found.

According to the story of the members of the firm a large weight was found near their establishment the morning after the robbery. An expressman was found who identified the weight as belonging to Arthur Thompson, the expressman. Mr. Stevens found that Thompson lived on the road near Hangman creek and started to pay him a visit. He met Thompson coming up the hill with an empty wagon. He returned and went to the police station to swear out a warrant for his arrest. In the meantime, it is said, Thompson had heard from the other expressman about the weight, and made haste to the feed store, where he admitted all to Mr. Field. Thompson was told that Stevens was then at the station

procuring a warrant. He then went to the station and confessed all. He later returned the stolen goods.

## WHY HAS HE GONE

#### MR. CORBIN HURRIES EAST AND SPOKANE PEOPLE WONDER WHY—NOTHING TO BE DONE RELATIVE TO THE RIGHT OF WAY UNTIL HIS RETURN.

D. C. Corbin has gone to New York and pending his return the business men and property holders of Spokane will take no steps towards raising the subsidy necessary to secure for Mr. Corbin the right-of-way into the city and the terminal grounds needed for the road which he and his associates expect to build from Spokane to a connection with the Canadian Pacific. Mr. Corbin left Spokane Sunday.

Mr. Corbin was called east suddenly and unexpectedly and the men of Spokane with whom he was in consultation do not know the purpose of the trip. There is an idea that he goes on matters relative to the new road and that possibly some of the other railroad interests of Spokane are anxious to see him since Mr. Hill failed to secure what he wanted to accomplish by the merger.

Before he left Mr. Corbin suggested to those who have interested themselves in the matter that the question of right-of-way and terminal grounds be held in abeyance until his return. Will Hill interfere?

Some of the Spokane shippers who have hoped for benefits from the Corbin road are asking themselves if Mr. Hill, since his merger failure, will attempt to prevent Mr. Corbin constructing the line. Others feel that even if Mr. Hill makes the attempt that the Harriman and Canadian Pacific interests in Spokane are now sufficient to prevent any interference with Mr. Corbin's plans.

Spokane shippers have been informed that President Howard Elliott and Vice President Hannaford were on their way to Spokane. It is learned today, however, that they passed through Spokane yesterday, going west.

The Phi Gamma Alpha club has postponed its next meeting until Monday evening, April 4, when it will be entertained at the home of Miss Grace Mintzer, 5224 Hilliard street.

## NO MORE HOLDUPS

#### POLICE BELIEVE THE HIGHWAYMEN WHO OPERATED IN SPOKANE ARE THE THUGS WHO FOUGHT WITH THE SEATTLE POLICE.

No more holdups were reported to the police last night and today, and the officers now believe that gang which held up several citizens Tuesday night has left the city.

Captain Coverly is today more inclined to believe that the highwaymen who got in their work Tuesday night are the same as those who engaged in a fierce battle with Detectives Kennedy and Burns of the Seattle police department in that city Monday night.

After the fight in Seattle there is no doubt but that the thugs lost no time in leaving the city, as the entire police department of the Queen City was sent out to scour the town for them. It is the belief at the local station that the robbers caught either Northern Pacific or Great Northern trains, landed in Spokane the next day, stayed in this city just long enough to effect the holdups Tuesday night and then again took to the road for some place where they would be less liable to be arrested.

The affray in Seattle, in which 27 shots were fired and seven men were engaged, took place at the corner of Sixth avenue and Seneca street. The robbers crouched behind telegraph poles and had all the best of the affair with the officers. Detective Kennedy got a bullet hole through his coat. Otherwise not a piece of lead found a mark.

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## SEARCH FOR TWO WOMEN

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## FIGHT

#### GREEKS AND BULGARIANS HAVE MIX UP IN MONASTIR DISTRICT—MANY KILLED.

(Scripps News Association.) VIENNA, March 31.—Pierce fighting is reported near Kostur in the Monastir district. Twelve Greeks and 20 Bulgarians were killed.

## AN INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH

PARIS, March 31.—From October 10 till the beginning of December meetings were held in Paris for the purpose of devising the best means for the prevention of epidemics. The meetings had adopted the name of an "international sanitary conference." The first object was to agree upon a period of observation time in case of suspected plague.

Up till now it had been deemed necessary to keep human beings and freight suspected of infection by the plague bacilli under close observation for 10 days.

The conference has arrived at the conclusion that the period can be reduced to five days.

It has been the aim of the conference on the one hand to find the best possible guaranty for the public health, but on the other hand to choose the measures for this purpose so as to interfere with international commerce in the least degree.

For the present only the principles for prevention of plague and cholera were discussed. Before adjournment a motion was made to create an international health board as a permanent institution, having its main office in Paris.

## BLACKSMITH LAW ILLEGAL

#### JUDGE STOCKER SAYS LEGISLATURE HAS NO POWER TO PASS IT AND THAT IT IS CLASS LEGISLATION.

Hoffman, charged with doing blacksmith work in the city without a license.

The demurrer to the complaint was heard last week and the justice has had the case under advisement.

The principal feature on which the decision is based is that the legislature has a right to enact such laws only when they come under the police power of the state in the interest of comfort, health, safety, morals or general welfare. If the law is sustained, it must be shown that it comes under the police power.

"I can see no way in which the act in any manner tends in the least degree toward protecting either public morals, safety, comfort, health or general welfare, and I would therefore hold the law is unconstitutional," said Justice Stocker. "The demurrer is sustained."

The decision also held that the law tended toward monopoly and that the fact that only blacksmiths in cities of the first, second and third classes were bound by it is class legislation.

## TREASURER IS MISSING

(Scripps News Association.) CLEVELAND, Ohio, March 31.—The Federal Trust company assigned this morning. Its deposits amount to \$800,000. The assignment was decided because Secretary and Treasurer Clawell is out of the city and the officers are unable to locate him or understand his absence.

## LEGAL FIGHT IS ON

#### STERNHOUS EFFORTS BEING MADE TO SAVE LIVES OF CARBARN MURDERERS.

(Scripps News Association.) CHICAGO, March 31.—Judge Chytraus this morning issued a writ of habeas corpus returnable Monday in the case of Marx, the carbarn murderer. The petition was made by counsel for Marx, who alleges error in sentencing the homicide, as the date conflicts with the statutes, there being two days overtime allowed, and errors in the clerk's record. A legal fight is now on.

## PERJURY CASE

Judge Richardson today denied the motion of Frank Rutledge for a new trial in the case in which he was tried for perjury and denied the motion for an arrest of judgment, but allowed a re-taxation of the costs of the case.

In the original case, in the case of Frank Fair the witnesses, Eichensauer, Bailey and Johnson, all of Prosser, testified and were not allowed fees because Judge Kennan was of the opinion that they testified falsely. They were called in the Rutledge trial but the prosecuting attorney did not include them among those entitled to witness fees.

In sustaining the petition, Judge Richardson expressly stated that his ruling was in no sense to be taken as opposed to that of Judge Kennan. Judge Richardson said that he had heard but little of the evidence in this case and that what he heard was not sufficient to persuade him that the witnesses were testifying falsely. Judge Kennan, on the other hand, he said, had heard the examination of the witnesses at the Fair trial and was able to judge the matter. At the Rutledge trial the witnesses in question were asked but few questions by the prosecuting attorney—not enough for the court to form an opinion as to the truth of their statements.

Rutledge will appear before the court tomorrow morning for sentence. It is not known whether his attorneys, Robertson, Miller & Rosenhaupt, will appeal or not.

## ASSESSOR ON SKEES

"We had hoped," said County Assessor Stewart, "to have the bulk of the outside work finished by the end of this month, but the weather kept the deputies back a great deal. We hope, however, to soon finish most of the work."

"The men have had a hard time getting over the country owing to the almost impassable roads. If weather like today continues we will be able to make great headway. Up in the northeastern corner of this county we have a deputy who is going from place to place on skis. The snow is deep and the country is rough."

"Outside of the business district the city work is about done and will be completely finished soon. The work is slower in the business district and will not be completed for several weeks. Considering what the deputies have had to contend against I feel that they have done very good work."

## NO ONE ACTS IN JENKINS MATTER

#### NO STEPS TAKEN TO HOLD MEN INVOLVED IN STREET CAR ACCIDENT—PROSECUTING ATTORNEY WAITS FOR TRANSCRIPT OF EVIDENCE.

"It will be some time before the testimony in the Jenkins inquest is ready to be submitted to the prosecuting attorney," said Coroner Smith today when asked if any steps were being taken in the matter of holding any one responsible for the accident on March 20, in which George Jenkins sustained injuries that resulted in his death several days later.

"I am having the testimony in the Stevens case transcribed first," continued the coroner, "and there is nothing further for me to do in the Jenkins case. It is up to the prosecuting attorney."

"No steps have been taken in the case as yet," said Prosecuting Attorney Kimball when asked about the Jenkins matter. "I will wait until the testimony has been forwarded to me."

"Nothing, so far as I know, has been done to keep the streetcar men in the city."

"Are you keeping an eye on either the streetcar men or railway men involved in the streetcar accident resulting in Jenkins' death, and has the sheriff's office done anything to prevent them from leaving the city?" was a question put a Press man to Deputy Sheriff Doak this morning.

"No," he replied, "the matter has not been referred to us at all."

## MRS. BOTKINS IS SATISFIED

(Scripps News Association.) SAN FRANCISCO, March 31.—Despite the revelations of an alleged attempt to fix the Botkin jury the murder trial proceeded today. Mrs. Botkin ignoring the advice of her counsel, insisted upon a verdict from the present jury.

When court convened, Attorney Knight for the defense arose and announced that his client refused to be bound by the motion made yesterday that the jury be discharged. Accordingly the counsel withdrew the motion and the court, addressing the prisoner, asked her if she had anything to say in the matter. Mrs. Botkin arose and in well-modulated tones said:

"My honor, in opposition to the advice of my attorneys I want a verdict from this jury."

The court then declared that there was nothing else to do but to go on with the case, and the jury was brought into the courtroom.

## TRY TO DODGE NEW TARIFFS

CITY OF MEXICO, March 31.—During the last week or so the custom houses of Mexico have had the busiest period of their existence owing to the rush of importers to get their goods through before the new tariff laws become effective tomorrow. The new schedule is designed to protect the growing manufactures of the republic, and the imports from the United States are expected to drop off considerably owing to the increased duties. For instance, the duty has been raised on machinery, dry goods, vehicles, clothing, iron, telegraph poles, belting, railroad rails, structural iron and steel, bottles and mirrors. Steel rails, hitherto free, will pay a duty of \$10 per metric ton, and leather belting will pay 50 cents per kilogram, against 1 cent formerly. Other commodities on which a prohibitive tariff has been placed are Virginia tobacco and fencing wire.

## WANT PLACES

"The Union Veterans' union is not a part of the G. A. R.," said D. K. Oliver, colonel of the Spokane regiment of that organization.

"Although we are composed of G. A. R. men and Sons of Veterans and are essentially a political body, we are not a part of the G. A. R. Our aim is to further the cause of the old army men and their sons. The chapter here has been dead, or rather dormant, for some time, but we have come to life again now that the fall elections are approaching. At present there are over 60 members enrolled and the list is growing at every

meeting. Meetings are held every Wednesday evening.

"Our principal aim is to secure positions for our members. Our system is to have a committee 'sound' candidates and see how they feel toward the old army men. If they give us reason to think they will appoint some from among our number to the vacancies they have to fill we endorse them and stand behind them. If, on the other hand, they tell us that we cut no figure and are little potatoes, we boycott them and work for their defeat."

"At every meeting we discuss different men that we hear are out for some office. In case both candidates are inclined to give the Union Veterans' union consideration we vote on party lines."

"We fight as much for our sons as we do for ourselves. We want to place them in positions just as much as we wish to place the old men. We want the sons in the order because soon the G. A. R. will be a thing of the past and it will fall upon the younger men to keep the organization alive. We can not enroll the Spanish war veterans in the order because we have a rule identical with one of the requirements of the G. A. R., which provides that no one who ever fought against the country can belong to our order. There were many southerners in the Spanish war and, much as we would like to do so, we can not enroll the boys of '98 in our order."

"We have an employment committee that makes recommendations to the city and county officers for appointments. We can not do more than recommend, but if we are turned down by a candidate after we have given him our support, we do not forget the fact at the next election."

"Some of the soldiers are getting pretty well along in years, but there are a great many positions they can still fill. For instance, almost any member of the G. A. R. could be appointed a bailiff in the courts."

"We make fights only for city and county offices. Although we are a national organization, we take no part in national politics."

When asked about the success the order has had in past elections, Mr. Oliver looked wise, but said nothing. He, however, admitted that the order has not labored in vain in past campaigns.

## INCREASE MILLION DOLLARS

The banks this month report clearings more than \$1,000,000 higher than for the month of March, 1903. In that year they were \$8,090,390. This month they are 13,758,272.

The Mountain Lion mine of Republic has shipped 300 tons of ore to the smelter at Trail, B. C., in the past six days. The mine is putting out 60 tons a day.

## STRIKE

#### THIRTEEN THOUSAND MINERS WALK OUT IN IOWA—A LONG AND BITTER FIGHT IS PREDICTED.

(Scripps News Association.) DES MOINES, Ia., March 31.—Thirteen thousand five hundred miners in this state went on a strike this morning on account of a proposed reduction in the wage scale. Every mine in the state is closed. The scale committee met this morning and perfunctorily announced the result of the disagreement with the operators, who now claim they will reopen only on the open shop principle. They have millions of tons of coal on hand. The men have \$80,000 in the treasury. The prospects are that it will be a long and bitter fight against the reduction in the scale.

(Scripps News Association.) SEBASTIAN, Pa., March 31.—Six persons were killed and five injured, several fatally, in an explosion at Dickson & Snuggb company's factory at Priceburg at 11 o'clock this morning.

Five of the victims were girls employed in the factory and the sixth an unknown boy. The known dead are: Laura Matthews, Bessie Lewis, Lizzie Mahon, Lizzie Bray, Mary Callahan.

The cause of the explosion is unknown. Several buildings were wrecked. All the bodies of the victims were removed soon after the explosion and before the debris was consumed by a fire that started a short while after the accident occurred.

## FAILED

(Scripps News Association.) BOSTON, March 31.—The United Trust company closed its doors this morning. The bank had a capital of \$100,000 and deposits of \$1,500,000. It was a state institution.

## PLOTTED AGAINST KAISER

(Scripps News Association.) ROME, March 31.—The newspaper Berico states that the police are now searching for an alleged anarchist named Pretti, suspected of contriving a plot against the kaiser.

## PARKER OR HEARST IN NEW HAMPSHIRE?

CONCORD, N. H., March 31.—The democratic state committee is in session at the Eagle hotel today, Chairman N. R. Martin presiding. The purpose of the meeting is to decide upon the time and place for holding the state convention to elect delegates to the national convention at St. Louis. Views expressed by the committeemen and other party leaders attending the meeting indicate a strong Parker sentiment, though signs are not lacking that the Hearst forces have designs on the state and doubtless will make their influence felt before the state convention meets.

## DEATH OF MRS. PHILLIPS.

Mrs. Phillips died last night at the St. Joseph Hospital after a long illness. She was 77 years old and had a young son. Until shortly before her death Mrs. Phillips was employed at the Whitehouse. The funeral arrangements will not be decided upon before the arrival of her parents from New York.

## Wanted--A Carpenter.

