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## MISSIONARIES EXONERATED

**Minister Conger Says the Stories of Their Looting are False.**

**It was by His Orders That They Entered Abandoned Houses.**

**DR. AMENT ANSWERS MARK TWAIN'S CHARGES**

**SOLD THE CLOTHING AND CURTAINS FOUND IN THE UNOCCUPIED HOUSE OF A PRINCE WHO HAD TURNED BOXER.**

San Francisco, April 26.—In reference to the accusations of looting made against missionaries, United States Minister Conger, who arrived here last night, makes the following statement today:

"The Americans have a larger number of missionaries out there than any other nation and I am frank to say that under the circumstances there are very few things which the missionaries have done, if any, for which there need be any apology whatever. The stories of their looting are false, to my knowledge.

"Believing that our government would not demand a monetary indemnity for the murder and pillaging of native Christians, I advised them that wherever they could make settlement themselves with the villages where those murders or destruction of property had taken place to make them on their own responsibility. Li Hung Chang and Chang Yen Mao suggested that settlements might be made in this way with the least possible friction. There was no going out and compelling the people to pay anything. It was altogether voluntary on their part.

"The missionaries have been criticized very severely for going, immediately after the siege was raised, into abandoned houses for shelter for themselves and the native Christians who had been expelled from their homes. I said, 'if there is a boxer's habitation abandoned, take possession of it so you can have a place in which to shelter and take care of the native Christians.'

Speaking of the siege Mr. Conger said: "It took every white man we had to stand by the guns. Without the missionaries' assistance and without the native Christians none of us would have been saved. The missionaries were not the prime cause of the trouble; they were only one of the causes. The missionaries were not responsible for the building of the railroads or for any of the foreign innovations against whom the hatred of the boxers seemed to be directed."

Washington, April 26.—The following cablegram has been received at the state department from Mr. Squier, the United States charge at Peking, dated today:

"The empress dowager has appointed a board of national administration to relieve her of her public functions. They embrace three members of the cabinet with the empress at Sian Fu and Prince Ching. Viceroy Li and Prince Kung who are now at Peking."

This news is regarded as of importance, indicating as it does the relinquishment by the empress dowager of the arbitrary powers she has heretofore exercised. It is also apparent that she has placed herself in a position to avoid direct responsibility to the foreigners for whatever may happen in the future and that the board will have to bear the brunt of any complaint. It is felt that the appointment of this board will make it much easier for the foreign ministers to transact business with the Chinese government. The three members of the cabinet now at Sian Fu include the notorious Jung Lu, who was one of the most active in the outbreak against the foreigners last summer. One of the other members of this cabinet is seventy years old and is said to be debilitated. The third member has been at least lukewarm toward foreign interests. The choice of these three is looked upon as likely to compromise the situation.

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placate the good which Li Hung Chang and the others may accomplish.

### DR. AMENT'S STATEMENT.

Rev. Dr. W. S. Ament in charge of the Congressional Mission at Peking, who arrived on the same steamer with Mr. Conger, takes vigorous exceptions to charges made by Mark Twain and others at the alleged misconduct of the missionaries. He says: "We found ourselves at the close of the siege with 500 native Christians upon our hands, no food, no clothing, no money, and every Christian house burned."

"On the very day of the arrival of the allied forces we were informed that we must leave the British legation as it was to be used as headquarters for the officers of the British army. Immediately thought of a Mongol Prince Hsi Ling, who was an ally to the boxers and blackleg. We found the prince's place entirely empty and late next day we brought up our native Christians and occupied the deserted place. In that house and its neighboring houses that we occupied we put more than 400 people. We took only the abandoned property."

"The only food in the prince's place was a bit of rice. We decided to sell the clothing and curbs found upon the premises and realized \$2,500 in gold. They were bought by British and American officers at a private sale of two weeks' duration."

"Native Christians brought us furs and sable which they had purchased at a low price from wealthy Chinese who feared they might be looted by the military people and who were willing to dispose of them for a little money. These articles were sold at our place to British and other officers."

"I considered that that was a fair, honest speculation, which injured nobody and benefited many people. There may have been some looted goods taken, but it was without my knowledge. The Russians and shiks soldiers were selling off truck very cheap but my people did not do the looting."

## GENERAL TORRES FORCED TO SURRENDER

**Will be Held Prisoner Until Charges Can be Investigated.**

Manila, April 26.—A column of native scouts surprised General Torres command at Lake Nasit, Island of Mindanao, causing the surrender at Butuan, town where Magellan landed, of Torres with 21 officers and a number of aides. Captain McRae defeated the insurgents under Torres at Norzargue province, Bulacan, yesterday. As a result Torres surrendered. He will be held a prisoner until certain atrocities attributed to him are investigated. Lawyer Gibbs, who is defending the six men charged with murder has requested MacArthur to permit Agulnaldo to come forward and explain the insurgent law in regard to summary executions. He also requested General Pineda to be brought back from Guam for the same purpose.

Judge Young, president of the criminal bench of the supreme court, has resigned. He will return to the United States.

## EMPRESS RELINQUISHES ARBITRARY POWERS

**Such is Reported the Effect of her Most Recent Action.**

Peking, April 26.—A prominent Manchu officer recently urged Sir Robert Hare not to leave legation quarters, saying there was no guarantee that his life would be safe outside if the boxers should rise again. This is an indication that the pacification is merely superficial.

There is some criticism of the American government for asking such a large indemnity, considering the size of the military contingent sent to China.

## REPORT ON THE REVISION OF PRESBYTERIAN CREED

Pittsburg, April 26.—The committee on revision of the creed appointed by the general assembly of the Presbyterian church completed its work today. In its report the committee finds the church desires creedal change which will not impair integrity of the system of doctrine contained in the confession of faith.

## RAID OF ARABS RAID A TOWN, KILLING 300

Paris, April 26.—Advices received here say that a band of Arabs swooped down on the village of Marquerita near Algiers and slaughtered 300 inhabitants. They killed and wounded the French officials and gendarmes. A relief force arrived and compelled the Arabs to withdraw.

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## NOTED BANDIT IS HANGED

**"Black Jack" Ketchum Suffers Death for Train Robbery in New Mexico.**

**Wrote a Letter Declaring Three Convicted Men Innocent of Crime.**

## A REVOLTING SCENE ON THE GALLOWES

**THE BRUTE SHOWED MUCH BRAVADO IN THE CLOSING HOURS OF HIS LIFE—WAS LEADER OF A ROBBER BAND.**

Clayton, N. M., April 26.—The execution of "Black Jack" Ketchum, convicted of train robbery today was witnessed by a large crowd. A thousand cowboys and miners heavily armed were present to prevent any rescue by outlaws or friends. Ketchum displayed great nerve. He arose at 7:30 and ate heartily of breakfast. When asked by the sheriff at what time he would be ready he replied, "Oh, suit yourselves. I'm contented, just so I arrive in hell for dinner." He requested music and a violinist was found who went to his cell and played for two hours. When he concluded the bandit remarked, "That's my last music." He then wrote a note to President McKinley saying he would die like a man and requesting him to pardon three men now serving time in the Santa Fe penitentiary for a crime which he says were committed by his brother Sam, now dead, Will Carver, Broncho Bill and himself. He told his attorney today where he concealed articles and money secured in the Southern Pass hold-up that occurred in Arizona, in 1897.

At 11 o'clock he began dressing for the gallows. At 12:30 he ate a light lunch and sent for a priest. While he refused to talk to the priest he listened to his counsel. At 1:17 he mounted the scaffold firmly without a tremor and aided the sheriff to adjust the black cap. His last words were: "Good bye. Dig my grave deep, please."

When the trap dropped the rope severed his head from his body smoothly as though by a knife. The scene was revolting and made the strongest grow sick and faint. The body and head were placed in a coffin.

Ketchum's letter to the president is as follows: "Clayton, N. M., April 26, 1901. "His Excellency the President of the United States, Washington, D. C.: "Sir—Being now at the town of Clayton, N. M. awaiting my execution which is set for this day and realizing the importance to the liberty of other men and the duty which I conceive to be incumbent upon myself, standing in the presence of death, where no human aid can reach me, I desire to communicate to you by means of this letter some facts which I deem would be of interest to people through their president and perhaps be the means of liberating innocent men."

"There are now three men in Santa Fe penitentiary serving sentences for the robbery of the mail at Steins Pass, Ariz., in 1897, viz: Leonard Albertson, Walter Huffman and Bill Waterman. They are as innocent of the crime as an unborn babe. The names of the men who committed the crime are Dave Atkins, Ed Bullin, Will Carver, Sam Ketchum, Broncho Bill and myself. I have given to my attorney in Clayton, means by which articles taken in said robbery may be found where we hid them and also the names of witnesses who live in that vicinity who will testify that myself and the gang were in that neighborhood both immediately before and after the robbery. The fact that these men are innocent and are suffering impels me to make this confession. While you cannot help me and while I realize that all efforts to secure to me a commutation of my sentence have signally failed, I wish to say this much in the interest of these innocent men, who, as far as I knew, never committed a crime in their lives. I make this statement fully realizing that my end is fast approaching and

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that I must very soon meet my maker. Very respectfully your servant, "BLACK JACK" KETCHUM."

Thomas Ketchum, alias "Black Jack," was the most noted desperado of the southwest. Although he boasted of having taken the lives of many fellow beings, yet he finally paid the forfeit with his own life for an attempted train robbery in which nobody was killed.

His crime was committed near Folsom, N. M., August 16, 1899. Single handed "Black Jack" held up a Colorado & Southern passenger train. He ordered the engineer and firemen to uncouple the engine and leave the train. The conductor and mail agent opened fire on him which he promptly returned. He received the contents of a double barreled shotgun in his right arm, but quickly changing the rifle to his left shoulder he succeeded in wounding both conductor and mail agent. He then escaped in the darkness, but was captured the next day. He was tried for assault on a United States mail agent and sentenced to ten years in the penitentiary. Then in September, 1900, he was tried on the more serious charge of assault on a railroad train with intent to commit a felony. He was also convicted on this charge and sentenced to be hanged in November last. The execution was stayed until March by an appeal to the territorial supreme court, which affirmed the finding of the lower court and in March a reprieve was granted until April 26.

"Black Jack" was said to have been the leader of a band of outlaws who committed many train robberies and other raids in Texas, New Mexico and Arizona. This band has been scattered since his arrest. Seven or eight have been killed. Three are in jail and others have been driven to the mountains.

## EXPRESS CAR ROBBED BY TWO BANDITS

**Secured \$350 but Overlooked \$1000 Package.**

Macon, Ga., April 26.—The express car for Savannah on the Central of Georgia was robbed early this morning by two men who boarded the train at Macon. Messenger White was confronted by the men, who quickly bound him and threw a sack over his head.

They secured \$350, but overlooked a \$1000 package lying on the floor. They were unable to open the safe. The robbers left the train at Gordon. Detectives of the country are scouring the country. The men are described as tall, well dressed, clean shaven and wearing gray suits.

Savannah, Ga., April 26.—The train carrying the car which was robbed at Macon last night arrived at Savannah this morning. Express Messenger J. N. White states that at Macon two men called to him that they had a letter for the messenger. He opened the door and the men entered. This was just as the train was pulling out of Macon. The messenger was then bound hand and foot and blinded.

The men rifled the small safe, but could not get into the large safe, as it was locked with a combination. At Gordon, Ga. the plight of the express messenger was discovered and he was released. No trace of the robbers has been found.

## AUDACIOUS ROBBERY OF A SALOON

**Burglars Carry Away the Safe and Return it Empty.**

Anaconda, Mont., April 26.—A most audacious robbery was committed today by two burglars who secured \$10,000 in gold. The burglars entered the Alaska saloon, forcing in the street door. Bodily picking up a 300 pound safe. Bodily loaded it into an express wagon.

Driving outside the city limits they broke the safe open and secured the \$10,000. Putting the broken safe in the wagon they started the horse toward town and made good their escape. There is no clue.

## YESTERDAYS LEAGUE GAMES.

At New York, New York, 5-7-3; Brooklyn, 3-4-1; Matthewson, Bowerman, Donovan, McGuire.

Chicago, 7-8-0; Cincinnati, 6-12-4 (twelve innings); Hughes, Kling; Newton, Pietz.

Philadelphia, 3-6-4; Boston, 4-8-4; Donohue, McFarland; Zettinger, Kitzinger.

Pittsburg and St. Louis game was postponed on account of wet grounds.

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## FOR ANOTHER CANAL TREATY

**Secretary Hay Thinks one can be Framed that will be Acceptable to All.**

**Has Canvassed Views of Senators and Has Notified Pouncefote**

## BRITISH AMBASSADOR TAKES UP THE MATTER

**LORD LANSLOWNE'S OBJECTIONS TO THE FORMER PROPOSITION THAT WILL BE OVERCOME IN THE NEW TREATY.**

Washington, April 26.—Hay has secured sufficient views of senator to justify the hope his opinion that a new canal treaty can be negotiated that will be satisfactory to the senate and to the British government. In view of this Ambassador Pouncefote decided to defer his departure to England until Mr. Hay's return from the trip with President McKinley to the Pacific coast, and enter into negotiations for another treaty.

Meantime Pouncefote will correspond with his government on the basis of the views of the senators with whom Hay has conferred.

From Lord Lansdowne's note to Pouncefote explaining the reason of the rejection of the former treaty it would appear that England mainly objected to the elimination of the clause which required the treaty to be brought into effect by the senate.

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