

## JAPAN FARES BETTER THAN POPULACE THOUGHT

### Meeting of Premier and Ministers Is Productive of New Facts.

### JAPAN HAS SUZERAINTY OVER KOREA TERRITORY

### Riots in Tokio Will Now Cease, It Is Thought.

### Question of Railroad.

Tokio, Sept. 9.—(Delayed in transmission.)—At an informal meeting which took place today between the premier, Count Katsura, and members of both houses representing their respective parties and associations, Count Katsura made a full statement concerning the peace negotiations. It now transpires that the report that Cape Soya, on La Perouse straits, could not be fortified is unfounded, the only stipulation made with Russia being in regard to the free passage of the straits.

Japan acquires a suzerainty over Korea, and will control entirely with a free hand the affairs of the peninsula south of Chang Chun, not Changtu, the former being ceded to Japan with the right to retain military guards for the protection of the railroad. Japan also holds the right to retain the collieries at Fushan and Yeng Tai, even after the evacuation of the country by the Russians.

When the fact that no stipulation exists against the fortification of Cape Soya and that Japan is to have a free hand in the government of Korea becomes known, it is expected that the popular indignation will be considerably allayed.

## EDITOR BEATEN TO HIS DEATH

### J. H. Thompson, of New York Times, Foully Murdered in His Room.

### CORONER'S INQUEST REVEALS THE CRIME

### Struck Over Head With Clubs While He Was Writing.

New York, Sept. 9.—A mystery of unusual proportions was today developed in the circumstances surrounding the death of Jacob H. Thompson, for the last forty years an editor of the New York Times, by positive evidence that he was murdered on the night of September 7 by a brutal clubbing in a prominent hotel situated in one of the busiest residence and business sections of New York city. This fact was disclosed today by the coroner's autopsy. This examination showed that Mr. Thompson had been struck over the head at least a dozen times with a blunt instrument and had been strangled as well. No one has been found who admits having the slightest knowledge of what transpired in the editor's room in the St. James hotel at 109 West Forty-fifth street from the time he entered it early Thursday evening until he was found by a chambermaid, who told the coroner that she saw him half sitting and making convulsive movements with his hands. He was then fully dressed and was wearing riding boots. An unfinished letter was lying on his desk, as if the writer had just laid down his pen.

## CALL MASS MEETING FOR ELECTRIC ROAD

### CITIZENS TO MEET AT COURT HOUSE TOMORROW NIGHT.

### Danger That Road May Be Diverted From Asheville to Rutherfordon.

A mass meeting of Asheville people is called for the court house tomorrow night at 8 o'clock in the interests of the building of the Appalachian Interurban electric railway from Hendersonville to Asheville. The meeting is called by a number of prominent citizens who feel that Asheville should show its interest in and disposition to help in the building of the road as has been done by Hendersonville and townships of Henderson and Rutherford counties. There is a very real danger that the road may be diverted so as to run to Rutherfordon instead of Asheville if the city does not take an interest in its building. A representative of the road has been asked to be present and explain its plans.

## FLYING FROM YELLOW FEVER

### Residents of Baton Rouge Scamper Aboard Trains for the North.

### CRESCENT CITY DEATHS SHOW DECREASE

### New Cases, However, Still Climbing, A Fact Inexplicable to the Authorities.

### YESTERDAY'S RECORD.

New Orleans, Sept. 9.—Reports of yellow fever to 6 p. m. Saturday were as follows:  
New Cases..... 41  
Total to date..... 2,262  
Deaths..... 1  
Total deaths..... 309  
New foci..... 12  
Cases under treatment..... 301  
Cases discharged..... 1,652

New Orleans, Sept. 9.—The chief interest in the yellow fever situation was the report of the infection at Baton Rouge and the fact that, although only one case had appeared there, numbers of people had taken the northbound train today out of fear that the sickness would spread.

Since the fever appeared in New Orleans the state capital has been bottled up, permitting no communication with New Orleans. The Baton Rouge patient is Aaron Block, son of a prominent citizen. Quarantines were immediately put on by surrounding towns.

Though the number of new cases in New Orleans today was again disappointing, the death report was favorable.

Chairman Janvier announced today that the citizens' fund had reached \$135,423 and that the lists would be kept open until the fever is declared over. With the \$150,000 placed at the disposal of Dr. White by the city and state, the total fund he has had to draw on exceeds \$285,000.

Additional nurses were sent to Tallulah and Kenner today. Owing to the calls that have been made by the country the supply of nurses has run low, but, unless there are further unexpected demands, it is probable that the state board will be able to provide all the help that is needed.

### TWO IN NATCHEZ.

Natchez, Miss., Sept. 9.—Two new cases in one family, making one new focus of infection, were reported today. The patients, Ruby and Jow Zigler, white, live on a street adjacent to the block where the first infection was discovered. There are now five cases under treatment. A resume of the local fever record shows 19 cases for the last two weeks; no deaths. Tomorrow will be fumigation day.

### THREE AT VICKSBURG.

Vicksburg, Miss., Sept. 9.—Three new cases and one death is the yellow fever record up to 6 p. m. today. One of the cases is railway mail clerk who has been sleeping in a room on the third floor of the federal building. He was removed to the emergency hospital this afternoon. W. J. Edwards, a furniture merchant, died of the fever this afternoon. This case was reported to the authorities last night.

### TWO AT PENSACOLA.

Pensacola, Fla., Sept. 9.—Only two cases of yellow fever developed here today, they being in the eastern and western sections of the city and entirely separated from the original foci of infection.

One death occurred, the patient being a police officer, W. H. Fisher, who was taken ill two weeks ago. The number of doubtful cases showed a big increase today, and there will no doubt be a large number of pronounced cases tomorrow.

### MISSISSIPPI'S SUMMARY.

Jackson, Miss., Sept. 9.—The Mississippi yellow fever summary tonight is as follows:  
Vicksburg, three new cases and one death, total to date 21 cases and two deaths.  
Gulfport, six new cases.  
Natchez, two new cases, one new foci, total to date nineteen cases, six foci, no deaths. Five patients are now under treatment.  
Mississippi City, Hansboro and Pearlinton report no new cases.

### WINDY.

(By Associated Press.)  
Washington, D. C., Sept. 9.—Forecast: North Carolina—Fresh northeast to east winds.

## "BATTLING NELSON" PUTS NINETEEN MEN PERISH BY JIMMY BRITT TO SLEEP EXPLOSION OF POWDER

### Chicago Fighter Knocks Out the Californian in the Eighteenth Round.

### VICTORY OF NELSON WAS A CLEAN ONE

### The Dane Forced the Fighting From the Start. Battle Was Fierce.

San Francisco, Sept. 9.—In a fight that had many novel features Battling Nelson of Chicago knocked out James Edward Britt of San Francisco at Colma this afternoon. The end came in the eighteenth round and was a fairly won victory.

The surroundings, the crowd, the bitterness of the men toward each other, the uncertainty as to whether there would be a fight at all up to within a quarter of an hour before the fight actually began, together with the cleverness and the endurance displayed by the two boxers, made the fight one of great interest to followers of fighting.

It was the success of a strong, enduring fighter against a clever, cool boxer. From the first of the fight until Referee Graney finished the count of ten seconds Nelson forced the fighting. Though suffering many bruising blows on the face and body and being at times very tired, Nelson never gave ground. He came back after every attack by Britt always ready to exchange blows. For the rushing, forward, persistent tactics of Nelson Britt could find no effective counter. The Californian tried every blow known to him to stop his tireless opponent. In every way Britt failed, although he punished Nelson severely, knocking him down once and staggering him several times.

### Britt Had One Chance.

Only once, in the third round, did it appear to those close enough to judge the tide of the battle that Britt might win. In this round Britt reached the most vulnerable spot on Nelson's muscled body, the stomach, with two terrific right hand blows that carried punishment. Nelson faltered for a moment and doubled up. Quickly turning his attention to Nelson's face, Britt sent a terrific right cross that dropped the Dane to his knees. There was a shout from Britt's friends, but the elation was short. Nelson got up before the timer could reach the count of ten and fought aggressively for a few seconds, when the gong sounded a cheerful note to Nelson's supporters. The call of time for the succeeding round found Nelson on fresh and ready.

### Nelson Was Game.

Nelson was always the first to begin rounds, though not always the first to land a blow. Time after time he would glide along after Britt, much after the style of Fitzsimmons, never clever in his feet, but always seeking

to shorten the distance between his opponent and himself. Tireless persistence and disregard of physical punishment characterized Nelson's fighting throughout.

Britt fought gamely at all times, but after his spurt in the third round the Californian fighter weakened perceptibly to those seated close to the ring-side. Britt had used all his strength, all his cleverness and all his blows the third and he had failed to achieve a knock out.

### Britt Knew It.

Britt appeared to realize as he took his corner after the fourth round that he was unable to hurt his opponent. Nelson also seemed to reach this decision at the same time and subsequently took Britt's blows with more confidence and without flinching. Except in spots, Nelson always forcing, Britt always giving ground; Britt trying to keep Nelson at the end of his snappy left hand and the Dane using every means to get inside the circumference of the Californian's hands. Whenever Nelson broke down the defense or accepted the blows aimed at him, he would hammer away at the body, always coming out of a clinch swinging at the jaw. The agreement of the two men to break at the call of the referee and the referee's interpretation of the rules and their strict enforcement seemed to be in Nelson's favor. Graney told the men before the fight commenced that they must break at his command, and he carried out his intention. The refereeing was successful, according to popular opinion.

In the fifth round Britt held a momentary advantage, staggering Nelson with a series of blows and making a desperate effort to win. This was the first round in which both threw aside all knowledge of boxing and slugged viciously, each hoping to end the fight with one blindly delivered lucky blow. Both were bleeding at the close of this round, but Nelson was the stronger.

### Crowd Cheered.

It did not seem possible that a fight could be much fiercer than the fifth round, but the succeeding period of three minutes brought the vast crowd to its feet and kept it there throughout the round. The fighters slugged each other ceaselessly. Both were bleeding and weary, but always game. In the last minute of the sixth Nelson suddenly took the lead and getting Britt in a corner, beat him about the head and face until he went waving about the ring, vainly trying to protect himself. Britt took a terrific beating about the body, unable for the time to block Nelson's blows; but in a flash Britt took a brace. He set himself in the middle of the ring and met Nelson with two punishing swings to the face. Nelson halted and Britt leaped forward. He slugged and swung in one last desperate effort, but again the gong ended the round, like the previous critical one, at an opportune time for Nelson. In the eighth Nelson had Britt in trouble, staggering the Californian with a left and driving him to the ropes. Britt's seconds were in a frenzy.

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### Rand Mills at Fairchance, Pa., Entirely Wiped Out Yesterday Morning.

### THIRTEEN VICTIMS HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED

### Shock of Explosion Was Felt Fully Twenty Miles Away From Scene.

Connessville, Pa., Sept. 9.—The Rand Powder Mills at Fairchance, six miles south of Uniontown, were entirely wiped out by an explosion at 9:05 o'clock today. Of the 32 men who went to work in the mill this morning, 19 are known to be dead. Of these thirteen have been identified. Nine men, including C. M. Rand, manager of the plant, were seriously injured.

Scores of people in the town of Fairchance, within half a mile of the powder mills were more or less painfully injured. The shock of the explosion was distinctly felt in Connessville, twenty miles away, buildings being rocked on their foundations. At Uniontown hundreds of panes of glass were broken. In the town of Fairchance there is scarcely a house that did not suffer damage. The slides were battered as though axes had been used. Haystacks were toppled over in the fields and live stock were stunned. The rails of the Baltimore & Ohio railway and the West Pennsylvania Traction Railway were riddled from the roadbed and their offices was delayed from four to six hours, transfers being made over the Pennsylvania. Train No. 52 on the Baltimore & Ohio had a narrow escape from annihilation. They had just passed the Rand mills when the explosion occurred. The windows in the passenger coaches were shattered and passengers thrown into a panic. Had the train been a few seconds late it would have been blown up as the mills were in a few rods of the track. A street car on the West Pennsylvania had also passed just a few seconds before the explosion and was far enough away to escape damage, though it was derailed.

There were seven explosions in all. Every one of the open buildings were totally demolished. Not a vestige of them remain tonight.

### NIAGARA FALLS ON FIRE.

Niagara Falls, Sept. 9.—Fire, which started in the wire tower of the Niagara Falls hydraulic power pump, threatens several of the largest establishments in the district. The large plant of the Pittsburg Reduction Company is threatened with total destruction.

## FIVE PERSONS PERISH IN TROLLEY ACCIDENT

### GREENSBORO GRAFTERS FLEE

### Men Under Indictment "Hit the Pike" for Parts Unknown.

### LOVELY CONDITION OF FEDERAL AFFAIRS

### Long and Pointed Probe of Investigation May Go Still Deeper in Wilkes.

### TWENTY-EIGHT INDICTED.

### COLORED ATTORNEY ON THE WAR PATH

### PHONE COMMITTEE NOT YET DECIDED

### HAS NOT REACHED ANY DECISION, MAYOR BARNARD SAYS.

### ALDERMEN INFORMALLY DISCUSS SITUATION. One Objection Raised to Company's Proposition.

### REFeree CLOSED RECEIVERS CASE

### Passenger and Freight Trains Collide on the Dallastown Electric Road.

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Now comes the time when the Modern Pied Piper begins to gather in our young ones.