

REPORTED SUNK BY JAPANESE WARSHIP

Two Russian Cruisers Off The Seal Islands.

CAPTURE OF JAPANESE SEALERS.

The Trouble Over Japanese Seal Poachers Likely to Become Critical at Any Time—Crew of Japanese Sealing Vessels Attacks the Russian Shore Patrol at a Blockhouse.

Victoria, B. C., (By Cable).—According to advices by the Empress of China, which arrived Tuesday, a telegram to Japanese newspapers from Vladivostok reports great excitement occasioned there by the report that the converted Russian cruisers Sitka and Kellma, which have been doing patrol duty at the seal rookeries of Copper Island, were sunk by a Japanese destroyer in the neighborhood of the seal islands.

Washington.—No confirmation of the Victoria report that two Russian converted cruisers had been sunk by a Japanese destroyer in the neighborhood of the seal islands can be had at the State Department or The Russian and Japanese Embassies here. Unofficial reports are to the effect that there has been friction between the Russian guards patrolling the seal rookeries in the neighborhood of Copper Island and Japanese seal poachers similar to the friction which has arisen in the case of our own seal islands, and the officials would not be surprised if bloodshed resulted off Copper Island as in the case of the Pribilof Islands.

One report was that the crew of a Japanese sealing vessel had attached the Russian shore patrol, firing repeatedly at the blockhouse in which the latter sought refuge. In return the Russian cruisers have captured several Japanese sealing vessels and had feeling has resulted, because the Japanese claim that they were unlawfully seized outside of the three-mile limit, and the fishermen have called upon their own government for protection.

So the situation is regarded here as one that might readily become critical in case a Japanese warship should fall in with a Russian cruiser carrying off a prize of this kind.

TO KILL KING OF ITALY.

Two Suspected Italians From Trenton, N. J.

Naples (By Cable).—What the police say was a most skillfully planned plot to assassinate King Victor Emmanuel of Italy and the Duke and Duchess of Aosta was nipped in the bud here by the arrest of two Italians, recent arrivals from Paterson, N. J.

The arrest was made by Italian police upon cabled information from New York detectives engaged on the case for several weeks. One of the men was to have slain the King and the other man was commissioned to kill the Duke and Duchess.

It is declared that the details of the assassination were all worked out at a recent meeting of the "reds" in Paterson. The New York police were tipped off, but their "quarry" had flown. The result was that the Italian police took up the case, but did not locate the men until Tuesday. Neither of the prisoners will talk, their lodging, at which they expect to find evidence which may lead to additional arrests in America.

Cuts His Wife's Throat.

Richmond, Va. (Special).—Mrs. Jas. Wilcher, 16 years of age, who had been married two years, had her throat cut from ear to ear by her husband, whom she had left because of his cruel treatment of her and who committed the deed after futile effort at reconciliation. The woman was discovered at the home of her husband by her mother, Mrs. S. J. Woody, with whom she had been living since abandoning her husband's home.

Ten Millions Involved.

Washington (Special).—The government filed a brief in the Supreme Court asking for the dismissal of the gigantic suit brought against the United States by the State of Kansas to gain possession of the odd-numbered sections of land adjoining the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railroad line, in Indian Territory, aggregating in value \$10,000,000.

One of Twins Dies at 91.

Amsterdam, N. Y. (Special).—Jacob Steen died at the home of his granddaughter here in his ninety-first year. He and his brother Walter, of Syracuse, who was at his bedside when he passed away, were the oldest twins in the United States. The Steens were born May 19, 1816, in the town of Florida, a few miles from here.

Building Trades' Strike.

Mobile, Ala. (Special).—All the building contractors of Mobile Monday declared for the open-shop basis. As a result 1,500 men in the building trades' refused to work. Only one firm acceded to the demand for a closed shop.

New Hotel Collapses.

Long Beach, Cal., (Special).—The new Bixby being erected on the beach here caved in supposedly from weak construction, and possibly a score of men are buried in the ruins. The building is of reinforced concrete. The whole structure caved in without warning from the basement to the fourth floor, leaving but one wing standing. Estimates of the number of dead range from 10 to 25.

THE NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Domestic.

Harry K. Thaw has engaged Delphin M. Delmas, a famous California criminal lawyer, to defend him at a fee, it is said, of \$100,000. The unwritten law will be the defense.

Josiah Dale, a farmer, was murdered in his buggy near Bellefonte, Pa. His horse brought the vehicle to the barn with his body hanging from it.

J. R. Zimmerman pleaded guilty to conspiracy to wreck a national bank in Ohio and was sentenced to the penitentiary for two years.

Alexander R. Chisolm, paying teller of the First National Bank of Birmingham, Ala., who defaulted for \$100,000, was placed on trial.

Secretary Metcalf has finished an investigation of the Japanese question in San Francisco and will soon report to the President.

The National Congress on Uniform Divorce Laws has drafted a measure to be submitted to the legislature of all the States.

A freight broker, a railroad freight agent and a grain dealer were arrested in Kansas City and charged with rebating.

President Tuttle, of the Boston and Maine Railroad, declares railroad rate legislation is a step toward socialism.

Eucio Pavone shot and killed Nunziato Legato in crowded Mott Street, New York.

The president of the New York Mutual Life Insurance Company secured an injunction from the court at Frankfort, Ky., restraining the State Commissioner from revoking the company's license to do business in the Kentucky field.

Frederick Schaffhauser, a civil engineer, was shot and fatally wounded in the City Hall of Philadelphia by Frederick Homberger, a pumping station employe, who accused the engineer of wrecking his home.

Miss Nellie O'Reilly, an opera singer, was awarded \$15,000 damages in a breach of promise suit against Dennis Sweeney, a wealthy resident of Long Island.

An inspection of work on the Panama Canal by the combined mercantile organizations of the United States is proposed.

Five incendiary night fires in the heart of New York caused a panic among thousands and death of a woman from shock.

John Price Wetherill, of Philadelphia, who amassed a fortune in zinc, died in Philadelphia.

New York detectives found a child who had been chained to a corner for a year and a half.

The Standard Oil Company has raised the pay of all employes from 5 to 10 per cent.

The special federal grand jury convened in Minneapolis, Minn., to examine into the alleged rebating system in use by railroads, and returned 147 indictments. The minimum penalty in each case is \$1,000 and the maximum \$2,000.

In a shooting affair at Money, Miss. L. J. Henderson, a prominent merchant and planter, was instantly killed by A. J. Money, a brother of United States Senator Money. Money was also shot, but is not seriously wounded.

A powder magazine owned by the E. I. Du Pont Company and situated at Tinley Park, near Chicago, exploded with such force that window panes were broken in the home of the Midlothian Club, three miles distant.

A receiver was appointed in Albany for the North German-Fire Insurance Company of New York, which was crippled by the San Francisco fire.

Proceedings were instituted in Scranton, Pa., against three railroad companies for failing to have the required safety appliances on trains.

Tulio Larrinaga, Unionist candidate for commissioner, of Porto Rico to the United States Congress, was elected by a majority of 42,000.

Foreign.

Resolutions will shortly be introduced in the Reichstag calling for a tariff with the United States upon the expiration of the present agreement, June 30, next.

Nansen, the Norwegian explorer, praises Explorer Peary for his latest achievement and expresses the belief that the Intrepid American will yet reach the Pole.

Prince Albert of Flanders, heir-apparent to the Belgian throne and nephew of King Leopold, was sworn in as a member of the Belgian Senate with imposing ceremony.

Mile. Benevsky, daughter of a Russian ex-governor general, has been sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment for participation in a plot to kill General Dubassoff.

Gerard A. Lowther, the British minister at Tangier, is mentioned as the possible successor of Sir Mortimer Durand as ambassador of Great Britain at Washington.

The socialists in the French parliament having been assured that the government will firmly enforce the separation law, have decided to support the ministry.

The police of Naples arrested two Italians just arrived from Paterson, N. J., and claim to have thus upset a conspiracy to assassinate the King.

President Castro of Venezuela is demoted and reported to be gradually sinking.

M. Briand, French minister of public worship, announced in the Chamber of Deputies that the government would give the clericals another year for reflection, and that the churches would not be closed next month.

Prince Albert, of Flanders, nephew of King Leopold, has been declared successor of the King as sovereign of the Congo Independent State.

Karl Hau, of Washington, D. C., is still held in London on charge of murdering his wife's mother, Frau Molitor, at Baden-Baden.

Count Castellane's creditors are trying their utmost to prevent the granting of a divorce until their case is settled.

James M. James, of New York, who is studying trades unionism in Russia, was arrested in St. Petersburg.

FIFTY PEOPLE KILLED IN RAILROAD COLLISION

The Immigrants Had Embarked at Baltimore, Md.

CREMATED IN THE BURNING CARS.

Somebody's Blunder Caused a Disastrous Wreck on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Near Woodville, Ind.—A Freight Crashes Into the Immigrant Train.

Chicago, (Special).—Fifty persons are known to have been trapped and burned to death and 80 others seriously injured in a head-on collision early Monday near Woodville, Ind., 48 miles from Chicago, in which a Baltimore and Ohio immigrant train was smashed by a fast freight train.

The wreck resulted from the lack of proper signals on the first section of the immigrant train, the Baltimore and Ohio officials say.

All but one of the six cars on the passenger train were burned, and all but six of the bodies were incinerated.

Besides the immigrants, the casualties included Frank Rennerman, passenger engineer, and Albert Cullers, passenger fireman, killed and Sam Mose, passenger conductor; William Snyder, baggage man, and Anthony Burke, freight engineer, injured.

Burned Beyond Recognition.

One hundred and sixty-five passengers were on the train. Of these 50 were either killed outright or were burned to death in a fire that broke out in the wreckage immediately after the collision. The names of all the dead will probably never be known, as 45 of the bodies were consumed in flames or were so badly burned that identification will be out of the question.

Thirty-eight people were injured, and several of these will die. Eighty others escaped unhurt, but lost nearly all their baggage and clothing. The disaster was caused by a blunder of some employe of the railroad company, but just where the blame lies has not as yet been determined.

The passenger train, which was loaded with Russians, Servians and Poles, all of them recent arrivals and bound for Chicago or places in the Northwest, was the second section of a through train from Baltimore.

Somebody Blundered.

The engineer of the freight, train No. 96, on instructions received at McCook, Ind., waited at a siding at Babcock, Ind., to allow the immigrant train to pass. One report is that the engineer of the freight train had not been informed that the passenger train was running in two sections; the other is that the first section of the passenger train carried no lights or signals of any kind indicating that a second section was close behind.

As soon as the first section of the immigrant train had passed the switch at Babcock, the freight, in charge of Engineer Burke and Conductor Meiste, started eastward. A light snow was falling, which increased the darkness of the early morning, and as the freight was rounding a sharp curve just west of Woodville the second section of the immigration train came in sight a short distance away, tearing toward Chicago at the rate of forty miles an hour. The two trains came together with unslackened speed, and in the crash six passenger coaches and several freight cars were knocked into kindling wood, and, together with the locomotives, went rolling down the 10-foot embankment.

Impriisoned And Cremated.

Fire broke out almost immediately in the wreckage, and although a number of injured were saved by desperate efforts of the crew and survivors, the greater part of those who were pinned down in the debris were burned to death.

MURDERED AND HOME ROBBED.

Woman Found With Her Throat Cut And Head Battered.

Stafford Springs, Ct., (Special).—Mrs. Henry Williams, about 50 years old, was found murdered in her home, near here. Robbery, apparently, was the motive, and the murderer is believed to be a tramp. The body of Mrs. Williams was found lying near a stove on the floor of the kitchen of her house, with the throat cut, head battered and a towel twisted around the neck. Near the body lay a knife and a club.

The woman died after a hard struggle with her assailant, who, it is thought, struck her down with a club and then cut her throat, after which the towel was wound about her neck.

Following the murder the man made a systematic search for money, for the house was thoroughly ransacked and a trunk in an upstairs room was broken open and about \$100 in money taken from it. Part of the money, later, was found on the lawn in front of the house.

The husband of the murdered woman, who had been away from home, discovered the body.

Curzon Rumor Unfounded.

London (By Cable).—In connection with the rumors from America that Lord Curzon, the ex-Viceroy of India, is to succeed Sir Mortimer Durand as Ambassador of Great Britain at Washington, the Foreign Office here says there is absolutely no foundation for the reports.

The Currency Problem.

Washington (Special).—The currency committee of the American Bankers' Association, appointed in pursuance to a resolution adopted at the St. Louis meeting, will assemble here this week to discuss a plan for a more elastic banking currency. The committee will consider various propositions. It is expected that Secretary Shaw and Comptroller of the Currency Ridgely will address the meeting before the final adjournment.

THE SAGE MILLIONS WILL GO TO THE POOR

Not For The Churches, But Worthy Individuals.

THE WIDOW TO KEEP BUT LITTLE.

Mrs. Russell Sage to Distribute the Eighty Millions Bequeathed Her by Her Husband—Says Endowed Churches Are Indifferent and Negligent—Annoyed By Letters.

New York, (Special).—Mrs. Russell Sage will give away the bulk of the fortune of about \$80,000,000 bequeathed to her by her late husband to individuals whom she considers worthy. It will not be given to endowed churches nor to those who write begging letters.

"I shall keep only sufficient of the fortune left to me by my husband to live quietly and comfortably," Mrs. Sage said Monday.

"The fact that churches are endowed put them beyond the necessity of work, thus making them indifferent and negligent along the lines where Christian institutions should do the most good. I mean to give to those individuals whom I think worthy. When I have left only enough to live comfortably perhaps I may not be annoyed by persons indelicate enough to beg for help, as I am now."

"I wish to help men and women of the higher or lower walks of life who, through no fault of their own, are so unfortunate as to need assistance and too proud to ask. Such persons I deem it a pleasure, a privilege and duty to aid. Persons who were faithful and kind to Mr. Sage will be remembered, as I know he wished me to do so. In all my plans I am carrying out his desires. I am certain."

Mrs. Sage said that she will do all she can, however, for struggling churches and institutions devoted to the care of the needy and sick.

She declared that she intended to buy a home for a clerk in a railroad office who was kind to Mr. Sage. The bodies of her paternal grandparents, now buried on a farm near Troy, will be removed to a cemetery in that city, and the burial-place of her maternal grandparents, in Sag Harbor, L. I., will be cared for.

THE STUDENTS LEAVE

Centenary College Forced To Close Its Doors.

New Orleans, La., (Special).—Centenary College, at Jackson, La., has closed its doors permanently in consequence of the feuds in the faculty, the resignation of its president, who is still lying in a critical condition from wounds inflicted by a professor of physics in a fight, and the withdrawal of all its students.

The college was the oldest in Louisiana, having been founded in 1825 as the Louisiana State College. It failed, and soon afterward passed into the hands of the Methodists, who named it Centenary College, in honor of the centennial of Methodism.

The college was prosperous in its earlier days and among its distinguished graduates were Jefferson Davis, president of the Southern Confederacy; Judah P. Benjamin, secretary of State of the Confederacy, and most of the prominent Methodist clergymen of the Southwest. Bishop Keener was for many years its president.

The building will probably be used as an annex for the overflow of the State insane asylum, which is also situated at Jackson, near the college.

A Sad Double Tragedy.

Hatboro, Pa., (Special).—After stabbing his wife nine times with an awl, leaving her in a dying condition at her home, at Fulmer, a small village near here, Walter Yerkes committed suicide by shooting himself in the head with a .32 calibre revolver. The double tragedy occurred a few moments after the family had left the breakfast table, and was witnessed by several children of the couple. The fact that Walter Yerkes is the son of Squire Joseph B. Yerkes, of this place, was sufficient in order to learn the details of the crime.

Shot His Sweetheart.

Carlisle, Pa. (Special).—Clarence Igenfritz, aged 20 years, shot his sweetheart, Mary Kutz, and then committed suicide. The shooting occurred at Drytown, near here. Igenfritz had been paying attention to the girl for several months, but because they were first cousins, Miss Kutz refused to marry him. Igenfritz lay in wait for the girl and her grandmother as they were returning home from church. As they passed he shot the girl twice, one bullet entering her head back of the ear and another entering her left thigh.

AT THE NATION'S CAPITAL

Some Interesting Happenings Briefly Told.

The currency committees of the American Bankers' Association and the New York Chamber of Commerce agreed on notes based on a bank's credit for emergency currency.

Secretary Root has accepted an invitation to attend the dedication of a window to the late John Hay in a Philadelphia synagogue.

While visiting at the Navy Department Senator Cullom, of Illinois, was attacked with dizziness and nausea. Rear Admiral Brownson is to succeed Rear Admiral Converse as chief of the Bureau of Navigation.

Attorney General Moody has issued a circular calling for a strict enforcement of the Eight-hour Law.

President Roosevelt will present a gold medal to Major George F. Shields for saving a wounded Filipino from between the firing lines.

Friction between the Russians and Japanese in Manchuria is continuous.

DERAIL MAIL CAR WITH BOMBS

Revolutionists First Kill the Gendarmes and Place Sentinels.

Rognow, Russian Portland, (By Cable).—The Cossacks have thus far been unsuccessful in their pursuit of the revolutionist train robbers numbering a hundred well-armed men, who at 9 o'clock P. M., surrounded this station, threw three bombs at the mail car of a train while engines were being changed, derailed the car, robbed it and fled with a sum of money now said to amount to \$650,000.

Laid Their Plans Well.

The station-master declares the revolutionists hid in the neighboring forests and were excellently disciplined, their commander giving orders through bugle signals. When the robbery was completed the revolutionists transported their booty to two wagons and marched off in military order, singing Socialistic songs.

Eye-witnesses confirm the statement that the revolutionists were hidden in the neighboring woods, and when the train stopped the men, armed with rifles, sprang up on all sides.

Shot The Gendarmes.

Quickly executing the orders conveyed by the bugle, the gendarmes standing in front of the station were shot and killed, and the revolutionists placed sentinels at all the approaches and cut the telegraph wires.

While some of them overpowered the trainmen other attacked the escorts of the mail car.

Of the three bombs thrown, two exploded with terrific force, blowing the cars into matchwood, killing five soldiers and mortally wounding 11 others.

Marching Off In Military Order.

The revolutionists then ransacked the mail car, transferred the bank notes, gold and silver to their own bags, and, unfolding the red flag, formed up in military order, marched out of the station, entered wagons, which were in waiting in the forest, and drove off.

It was not until three hours later that a detachment of Cossacks, hurriedly sent for, appeared on the scene and started in pursuit of the revolutionists.

Tried To Catch A Bomb.

The railroad station was practically destroyed by the revolutionists, who poured in regular volleys, the walls being pitted by hundreds of bullet marks. One of the mail clerks endeavored to catch the first bomb thrown at the car, but it exploded and tore off both his arms.

The authorities officially admit the loss of only \$14,000 in cash besides the unknown contents of the registered letters.

The wounded men have been sent to Warsaw by special train.

DEATHS IN TENEMENT PANIC.

Mother and Four Children Die In The Flames.

New York (Special).—Pinned in by fire, four children and one woman were burned to death in a tenement-house fire on the East Side. When finally the blaze had been extinguished and the firemen could penetrate the building the bodies of the victims, charred beyond possibility of recognition, were found in the ruins.

The fire started on the second floor of the five-story tenement at 366 Madison Street. The building is the oldest type of tenement-house construction, with narrow halls and stairs and lots of seasoned wood work. Beginning in some rubbish near the stairs, the fire spread rapidly through the hall and was soon licking its way through the upper floor.

Most of the 15 families in the building were at supper, and there was the wildest kind of excitement. Policemen were on the scene immediately, and as soon as the firemen arrived helped them in carrying women and children from the upper floors down the fire escapes and ladders.

More than 50 women were taken down the fire escapes by firemen. When the firemen arrived on the scene almost every window of the building was crowded with women and children calling for assistance. The fire in the lower floors had filled the halls and stairways with smoke and cut off the means of escape.

The fire was very hot, and there were many heroic rescues in the few minutes during which the people were being taken from the building.

When the firemen had rescued everyone they possibly could they turned a deluge of water into the upper floors, but a half hour made little headway in extinguishing the flames. When finally they had the fire out the search for victims was undertaken.

She Found The Leak.

Buffalo, N. Y. (Special).—Miss Catherine Keener, aged 21 years, was awakened by the odor of gas. She lighted a match to investigate. The explosion which followed blew away one side of the house, and Miss Keener received burns from which she died.

Has Not Resigned.

Washington (Special).—Senator Montagna, the Charge of the Italian Embassy here, while at the State Department Thursday denied the story that Ambassador Mayor Des Planches had resigned, and stated that he expected the Ambassador to return to this country next month and resume his connection with the Embassy.

Stoom Tablet Found.

New York (Special).—The bronze tablet which was stolen from the Stoom memorial monument in the Old Lutheran Cemetery, in Middle Village, has been found. It is lying in a Brooklyn junk shop, smashed to fragments by the thieves, who sold it to the junk dealer for \$14. The tablet was valued at \$450 and purchased by subscription and placed on the monument, which was erected to commemorate the Stoom disaster, which cost nearly a thousand lives.

DUEL TO DEATH WITH A BURGLAR

Wealthy Pittsburger Killed in His Own House.

THE MANY CRIMES ALARM CITY.

Henry Firth Smith Shot to Death by Burglar He Surprised in the Act of Robbing His Father's House—Evidence of a Desperate Battle Before the Burglar Got Away.

Pittsburg, Pa. (Special).—Henry Firth Smith, 25 years old, son of Jos. Smith, a prominent and wealthy business man of this city, was shot twice and almost instantly killed at 4 o'clock Sunday morning by a burglar whom he surprised in the dining-room of his father's residence, in the east end section of the city.

The crime, following a little more than a week after the murder of James A. McMillen, another wealthy business man of this section, has aroused the city, and with a number of holdups by highwaymen during the past fortnight, city officials have been importuned for 150 more policemen to suppress the wave of crime.

That a desperate battle took place between young Smith and the burglar is evident from the disordered condition of the dining-room and kitchen of the Smith home. In addition to the two bullets which were found to have entered Smith's body, five other balls were found lodged in the floors and walls of the two rooms. Three cartridges of Smith's revolver had been discharged.

Neighbors adjacent to the Smith home heard the shots and ran to their windows, but say they saw no one running from the house. Hundreds of dollars' worth of silver plate had been gathered together by the burglar, who apparently had been in the house sometime before being heard by young Smith.

The young man's father and mother were awakened by the sounds of the shots, and rushed down stairs, to find their son on the kitchen floor, with two bullet holes in his body.

The entire police and detective forces are working on the case, but so far no clue has been discovered.

Every policeman in the East End district reported in civilian clothes. Superintendent of Police McQuaide issued an order that any person acting in the least suspicious manner was to be sent to the police station for examination.

Another holdup was reported to the police Sunday. Miss Isabelle Livingston, sister of the chief ordinance officer of this city, was held up by a negro near her home, which is a short distance from the Smith residence. The negro held a revolver at her head until he took her purse and then disappeared.

SUICIDE COSTS THREE LIVES.

A Girl, Disappointed In Love, Turns On Gas.

Chicago, Ill., (Special).—Because she had been disappointed in a love affair, Aloysia Marsi, aged 17, undertook to kill herself by turning on the gas in a room at the German Hospital. In the dormitory with her were three other girls. Two of them are dead and the other dying as a result of inhaling the gas fumes. The girl who desired to die will recover.

At the Larrabee Police Station her lover is held prisoner pending a rigid investigation of the entire affair.

All the girls were employed at the hospital. At night they attended a party and returned late, letting themselves into the dormitory with a night key.

The Marsi girl had met her faithless lover at the party, and it is supposed she was so discouraged after an interview with him that she determined to end her life. She is yet in such condition that she cannot give a connected story of the tragedy. Early in the morning other attendants at the hospital smelled gas and finally broke into the room. Two of the girls were then dead and Miss Lotri was beyond resuscitation. By hard work Miss Mars