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SCRANTON, PA., MONDAY MORNING, APRIL 8, 1901.

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MR. JONES' STATEMENT

The Accused Murderer of Millionaire William M. Rice States That Jones Has Sworn Falsely.

OBJECT OF THE WITNESS

Lawyer Patrick Claims That the Object of the Jones Testimony is to Keep Patrick in Prison, Pending the Rice Will Litigation—Desperate Chances Are Taken by the Witness—Jones' Tour of the Tenderloin.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. New York, April 7.—Lawyer Albert T. Patrick, who is charged with the murder of Millionaire William Marsh Rice, made a statement tonight concerning the case.

ROCKHILL INTERVIEWS LI HUNG CHANG

Is Satisfied That There is Not Likely to Be Another Hitch in Negotiations with Powers.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Pekin, April 7.—Mr. Rockhill, United States special commissioner in Pekin, had a long interview yesterday with Li Hung Chang, who satisfied him that there is not likely to be any further hitch in the negotiations for a settlement between China and the powers.

Li Hung Chang says the court is extremely anxious to return to Pekin as soon as the foreign troops evacuate the capital.

Some of the ministers of the powers begin to think that so large a force as 2,000 troops acting as legation guards in the city proper would be a great mistake.

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CAR THROUGH A BRIDGE

Forty Persons Injured in a Trolley Accident at Syracuse—Sixty Passengers in the Canal.

THE BRIDGE GIVES WAY

Several Persons Who Were Crossing the Bridge at the Time Also Dropped with the Car—The Injured Carried Up Ladders from the Canal Bed. Had the Canal Been Filled with Water the Disaster Would Have Been Serious.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Syracuse, N. Y., April 7.—While a car on the old East Side Suburban line of the Syracuse Rapid Transit company was crossing the James street bridge over the Oswego canal, in the heart of the city, about 5:50 o'clock yesterday afternoon, the bridge suddenly gave way, dropping the car and its sixty passengers to the canal bed, thirty feet below. Several persons who were crossing the bridge at the time went down with the car, and a loaded lumber wagon was piled on top of the heap. About thirty passengers were injured. It is not believed that any deaths will occur, although there are reports of several of the worst injured being dangerously hurt.

MILITARY PLAN FOR CHINA

The Allied Generals Decide Where Troops Shall Remain Permanent—Gen. Chaffee Dissents.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Pekin, April 6.—The meeting of the generals of the allied troops and Count von Waldersee this morning was of great interest and importance. Though it was known before that the meeting practically had decided upon, still the attitudes of the different powers, the only dissenters from the plan adopted were General Chaffee, the American commander, and General Wogack, commander of the Russian forces, who both thought that the number of points to be occupied was excessive and also that the number of troops was too great.

The other generals were unanimous in the opinion that the points on the railway should be occupied between Pekin and Shan-Hai-Kwan, with 6,000 men, exclusive of the 2,000 men who are to be left at the various points.

The railway between Pao-Ting-Fu and Pekin will not be guarded, it not being a line of communication with the sea.

General Chaffee suggested that it was only necessary to occupy two points between Yang-Tsun and Tien-Tsin and three between Tien-Tsin and Shan-Hai-Kwan, with a total of 2,000 men, exclusive of those at Pekin. It was not necessary, he said, to have soldiers at Tong-Fu, as naval vessels were always there, and also because the relief troops always be passing backward and forward.

General Wogack thought 1,000 men would be sufficient for occupying Tien-Tsin and Shan-Hai-Kwan. The views of the majority will be presented to the ministers for immediate action, as the generals feel that the acceptance by the Chinese of these terms, including the total destruction of the forts at Tong-Hai-Kwan, Peli-Tang, Taku, Shang-Ku, Peli-Tsan and Yang-Tsun, will mean complete submission, when arrangements ought to be made for the withdrawal of a majority of the forces from China.

JAPAN'S ATTITUDE

Every Preparation for War with Russia is Being Made.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. London, April 8.—The Yokohama correspondent of the Daily Mail, writing yesterday and dealing with the attitude of Japan toward Russia's Chinese policy, says:

"Shipping companies have been ordered to hold their vessels in readiness for transport service. Cruisers on the reserve list have been commissioned for active service. All leaves have been recalled, and officers of the first reserve have been warned for service. There is much popular excitement."

ITALIAN SQUADRON SAILS

Bears Autograph Letter from Victor Emanuel to Loubet.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. La Spezia, April 7.—The Italian squadron sailed for Toulon today in two divisions, the first commanded by the Duke of Genoa, consisting of six ironclads and two torpedo boats, and the second under Rear Admiral Colletti, consisting of seven ironclads and one torpedo boat.

McFarland Leaves Philadelphia

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Philadelphia, April 7.—Catcher McFarland, of the Philadelphia National league club, who came here from his home in Cleveland a few days ago, was supposed to enter into practice with his team, but to the surprise of the management, he left to his home. Manager Sheline said tonight that McFarland had signed a contract with the club, and that he knew no reason for the catcher's sudden departure.

Ten Cases of Plague

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Cape Town, April 7.—During the last forty-eight hours ten fresh cases of the bubonic plague have been officially reported. Of these four are Europeans and the others colored persons. The name of a colored person who had died of the disease was found today.

MORTALITY AT RIO JANEIRO

A Wide Discrepancy Between Population Figures Given by Statistical and Sanitary Authorities.

Kaiser Fears A REVOLUTION

Emperor William Deeply Afflicted by the Attempts Made to Take His Life.

HIS SPEECH TO THE ARMY

Germany's Ruler Anticipates Serious Complications in the Near Future and Relies Upon the Army to Be True to Its Traditions and Solemn Oath—The Authority of the Crown to Be Maintained—Soldiers Warned Against Listening to the Tempter.

PAPER AT HAVANA IS SUPPRESSED

President McKinley, General Wood and Senator Platt Caricatured by "La Discusion."

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Havana, April 7.—"La Discusion" has been suppressed by order of Governor General Wood, and its offices have been closed and sealed. This action was due to the publication yesterday of an illustration having the title of "The Cuban Cavalry," representing the Cuban public in the form of a Cuban soldier being crucified between two thieves, General Wood being represented as one thief and President McKinley as the other. Both were labeled with their names. Senator O. H. Platt was represented as a Roman soldier giving vinegar and gall in the form of the Platt amendment, while (public opinion, as Mary Magdalen, was weeping at the foot of the cross. Below was the following inscription: "Destiny will not reserve for us a glorious resurrection."

The picture caused much unfavorable comment yesterday, from the point of view of decency. The editor of the paper, Senor Corrado, was arrested, but was released on bail.

Senor Capote, president of the Cuban constitutional convention, visited General Wood and President McKinley at the foot of the cross. He regretted the publication of the caricature. Senor Capote said the picture misrepresented the public feelings of the Cubans, who held General Wood and President McKinley in the greatest respect, and were deeply grateful to them. On his solicitation General Wood allowed "La Discusion" to continue publication, but the judge of the correctional court will prefer charges, the nature of which will be determined later, against Senor Corrado.

Senor Corrado and Castellanos, the cartoonist, will be tried on a charge of criminal libel. The former is held under \$1,000 bail, and the latter in the sum of \$500.

WENDELL BURPEE ASHORE

Two-Masted Schooner Wrecked Off Cape Elizabeth.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Portland, Maine, April 7.—The two-masted schooner Wendell Burpee, of St. John, N. B., went ashore off Cape Elizabeth shortly before 12 o'clock this morning, and within an hour the vessel was wrecked, with the mate only saved.

The lost were Captain Louis Merzburger, George Foster, the cook, both of St. John, and a sailor known as "English Charlie." This mate, John Stevenson, of St. John, managed to reach the shore more dead than alive. The schooner will undoubtedly be a total loss.

Waldeck-Rousseau's Condition

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Paris, April 7.—There was no important change today in the condition of M. Waldeck-Rousseau, and President Loubet, whose movements have been materially affected recently by the illness of the premier, started for Nice on his way to Toulon to greet the visiting Italian squadron under the Duke of Genoa. M. Loubet was accompanied by M. Delcasse, minister of foreign affairs, and General Andre, minister of war.

Will Entertain the President

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Denver, Colo., April 7.—A non-partisan committee of citizens, including United States Senators Teller and Patterson, Senator Volcott and Congressman Bell and Shafter, has been selected to receive and entertain President McKinley upon his visit to Denver. The president is expected to spend three days in Colorado, one at Denver, one at Colorado Springs, and one at Pike's Peak.

Sparks from Switch Engine

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. St. Louis, April 7.—Sparks from a switch engine today set fire to the big elevator owned by the St. Louis Elevator and Storage company and within less than two hours the building was reduced to ashes, entailing a loss of \$20,000. The building and contents were valued at about \$25,000. The cause of the fire is not known.

Result of Mrs. Nation's Crusade

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Salina, April 7.—The trial of the "highly objectionable" bill, passed by the legislature, which makes it a misdemeanor to be found in possession of spirituous liquors, resulted in no verdict here late last night and the jury was discharged. The cause of the trial was the result of the temperance crusade started by Mrs. Nation.

Steamship Arrivals

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. New York, April 7.—Arrived: La Champagne, Liverpool; Liverpool, Queenstown; Arrived: Etruria, New York for Liverpool; Southampton—Arrived: Acoungin, New York for Bremen; Valerian, New York for Havre; Arrived: La Gasogne, New York for Havre; Arrived: Neostid, New York for Antwerp.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING

Weather Indications Today: PARTLY CLOUDY.

1 General-Forty Persons Injured in a Trolley Accident. Statement by Lawyer Patrick, Military Program for China, Germany's Ruler Fears a Revolution. 2 General-Caribbean Department. 3 Local-Easter Services in the Churches, Work Done by Rev. W. H. Williams. 4 Editorial, Note and Comment. 5 Local-Director Hitchcock Will Look Into Police Affairs. No Ordinance Necessary for the Health Department. 6 Local-West Scranton and Sulzbach. 7 General-Northeastern Pennsylvania, Financial and Commercial. 8 Local-Live News of the Industrial World, Mention of Some Men of the Hour.

RUSSIA WILLING TO MAKE CONCESSIONS

Will Give Japan a Free Hand in Korea to Prevent Her Assuming a Hostile Attitude.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. London, April 8.—The Pekin correspondent of the Morning Post, writing Saturday, says:

"The French are still opposed by the Chinese near Hai-Tai, but are careful to avoid a conflict, because any advance would be anticipated by the Germans, whose patrols are thirty miles within the province of Shan-Si, and can reach Tai-Yuen-Fu at any moment."

At Chung-Ting-Fu the French intercepted a letter from Li Hung Chang to the governor of Shan-Si, complaining that the Manchurian convention must be signed, because the European powers are willing to sit down as usual to watch Russia devour China.

"It is asserted on good authority that Russia is willing to give Japan a free hand in Korea with a view to preventing her assuming a hostile attitude."

ADMINISTRATION IS PERPLEXED

Unable to Understand a Dispatch Received from Mr. Squires, of the American Legation.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Washington, April 7.—The administration is perplexed over a cable dispatch received yesterday from Mr. Squires, now in charge of the American legation in Pekin. This dispatch, according to a publication today, said that the "Russian minister refuses to receive official communications from the Chinese commissioners," which carried the inference that diplomatic relations between the two countries interested would be broken off. The officials are very reticent about the matter and decline to affirm or deny whether it is correctly stated. They will go only so far as to admit the receipt of a dispatch whose purport was not clearly understood, for which reason it was not given to the press for publication.

Another cablegram which reached here today from Mr. Rockhill, the special commissioner of the United States engaged in conducting the peace negotiations, made no reference to the alleged refusal of the Russians to receive official communications from the Chinese commissioners. As Mr. Rockhill is in a position to know promptly what develops between the ministers and the peace commissioners, it is believed he would be prompt to report a step of such importance. The dispatch published yesterday from Mr. Squires would indicate.

At the Russian embassy no information on the subject was obtainable tonight. The impression of the officials is that the Russian minister has not significance attached to the Squires' dispatch. According to them it simply meant that the Russians had discontinued further negotiations at this time on the Manchurian question alone, which for the time is held in abeyance.

ON THE LOOKOUT FOR TUBERCULOSIS

Agreement Made Between Secretary of Agriculture Wilson and the Canadian Minister.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Washington, April 7.—As a result of negotiations between Secretary of Agriculture Wilson and the Canadian minister of agriculture, an agreement has been reached between the two administrations by which Canada is to have a first-class veterinarian stationed in England to test for tuberculosis in British cattle shipped to this country via Canada. The Canadian administration wanted cattle to be admitted from Canada without tests at the border by American experts. The department at Washington would not agree to this.

Secretary Wilson said, however, that if Canada would send to England an agent who should have sufficient expert knowledge of the subject, the United States would admit upon his certificate that the cattle had been tested and found free of tuberculosis. This was agreed to by the Canadian minister. It is officially explained that about 10 per cent of the stock in the United States and about forty per cent in Great Britain have tuberculosis. The cattle on the continent of Europe are so diseased that this government will not permit the admission of any animals from there.

Supposed Case of Shicide

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Philadelphia, April 7.—Howard Hunsicker, aged 25 years, of Allentown, Pa., was found dead in a hotel here today. The room was filled with gas and it is supposed the young man committed suicide. Hunsicker left no clue by which a reason could be assigned for his self-destruction.

Duties Raised on American Steel

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. London, April 7.—According to the St. Petersburg correspondent of the Daily Mail import duties for Manchoukoo have been raised on all American steel and machinery.

STRIKE MAY BE DECLARED ON CENTRAL

The Various Brotherhood Chiefs Unable to Obtain an Interview with President Warren.

WILL BE LEFT TO MEN

After Fruitless Efforts to Gain an Audience with the Vice-President of the New Jersey Central Railroad, Chief Arthur and Chief Sargent Depart for Their Homes—The Railroad Men Will Be Allowed to Strike if They See Fit.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. New York, April 7.—In the opinion of a good many people, a strike is imminent on the Central Railroad of New Jersey system. This opinion is based on the fact that Chief P. M. Arthur, of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, and Chief Frank P. Sargent, of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen, was preparing tonight to leave the city alone. Added to this was a statement made by E. E. Clark, chief of the Brotherhood of Conductors, who said that he certainly would sanction any action his men, meaning the conductors of the road, might see fit to take.

He added that he knew of only one time in the history of railroad strikes where the sanction of the executive chiefs had been withheld.

"The chiefs of the brotherhoods professed to feel angry at their failure to bring about negotiations with Vice-President Warren, but they were concerned concerning the points of difference between the company and its employees. It is said that the letter which Vice-President Warren sent to the chiefs on Saturday was not at all satisfactory, and that Messrs. Arthur, Sargent and Clark on Saturday night told the representatives of the employees that they had done all they could, and then sent them back to their various organizations, as a consequence meetings were held today by the local organizations at all important points along the Jersey Central line. It is believed that a vote as to the advisability of a strike was taken at today's meetings of the employees."

Chief Sargent, of the firemen, when asked before his departure how long it would take to get a strike under way, said: "We generally do these things quickly."

Chief Arthur hurriedly left his hotel tonight and went to the Grand Central depot to take a train for home. Here he was surrounded by reporters, to whom he gave the information that he was going to Cleveland.

"Is there to be another meeting of the 'big five'?"

"Not that I know of."

"Do you expect to meet the other chiefs again tomorrow anywhere out of town?"

"All do not."

"What does the departure of yourself and the other chiefs at this stage of the negotiations mean?"

"No Audience with Warren."

"We came here by request of the executive chiefs of the several organizations and at the request of the men themselves for a conference with their railroad officials. We have made three requests for a conference and we have been unable to secure one. We do not suppose that you and I know any more with our hands in our pockets waiting for the pleasure of Mr. Warren."

"We have performed the duty for which we came, and we have failed to obtain an audience with Mr. Warren. It is not possible for us to break into the office of Mr. Warren. Having done all in our power and having failed, we have decided to return to our respective homes. We will report the conditions which confront us to our respective organizations and brotherhoods."

In answer to the direct question as to whether or not there would be a strike, Chief Arthur answered: "Time will tell," and added that the public could not naturally be let into all the business connected with the conference, there was no desire on his part to create the impression that the railroad men were taking any more of the public's time, as far as the interests of the public were concerned.

E. E. Clark, chief of the Conductors, will leave the city tomorrow night and go to Cedar Rapids, where he has his headquarters. When seen tonight he said that the chiefs realized there was nothing for them to do but leave the matter in the hands of the men themselves.

"Our organizations are not run by the executive chiefs, but by a majority of the members. We were called in by the men. We have done all in our power to obtain an audience in behalf of our organizations, but have failed. To get an audience, we went as far as decency and manliness would permit. Now we are going home. As I said before, the power rests with the men. The chiefs have only the veto power."

Mr. Clark, in response to a question, said that as far as he was concerned, the veto power would not be exercised should the men choose to call a strike. He said there was little likelihood of any of the other chiefs exercising theirs.

WEATHER FORECAST

Washington, April 7.—Forecast for eastern Pennsylvania: Partly cloudy Monday and Tuesday, possibly rain by Thursday night; frost markedly wind.

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