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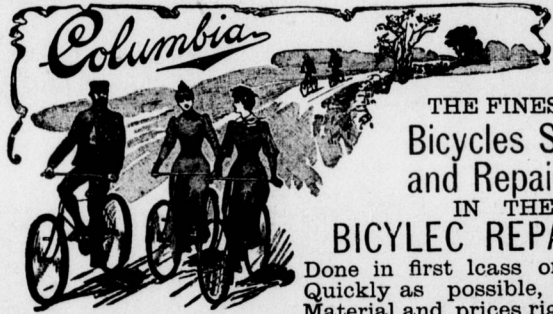
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## A DEADLY BLIZZARD

Snow Bound Passengers Perish in Russia.

## A TERRIBLE TALE OF SUFFERING.

Storm Raged One Hundred Hours No Mails Reached Odessa For Six Days—Heroic Efforts to Relieve Stalled Trains.

LONDON, Jan. 14.—The Odessa correspondent of The Daily Mail sends a heartrending story of the sufferings of railway passengers snow bound while on the way to Odessa. The blizzard, he says, raged continuously for more than 100 hours over the whole of southern Russia. He describes the gradual arrival of trains at Razdyelnaia with hundreds of passengers from the north who had entrained six days before.

"They had been snowed in for five days," he continues, "and fighting among themselves for the scanty food supplies provided at the railway buffets. Women and children were weeping with hunger, while gangs of men battled with snowdrifts which were 35 feet deep in some places, and that, too, without snowplows, although these would have been useless even if they could have been found.

"Finally some 5,000 passengers had assembled at Razdyelnaia. A regiment was sent from Kiev southward, and 3,000 troops went northward from Odessa with shovels. On the third day the relieving parties succeeded in cutting a passage for a couple of trains, which started with 2,000 persons after a mad rush, the weakest going to the west.

"The trains proceeded for 18 hours and were then stuck again in the snow, unable to go forward or backward. The blizzard continued, demoniacal fury and pandemonium prevailed, the passengers cursing the railway management, fainting and weeping. The trains were buried, and all passed a horrible night. When morning came, a peasant volunteered to walk six miles to the nearest station with telegrams beseeching assistance, supplies, firewood and water having been exhausted.

"Finally, driven to desperation, 60 passengers, with Count Kappist, determined to walk to Odessa. Count Kappist, with 40, reached a point where he was able to secure sledges, and all arrived at Odessa though uncertain as to the fate of those they had left behind.

"Meanwhile Governor Schuvaloff had organized train sledges, with supplies which after heroic efforts relieved the trains. It was found that many of the passengers had their arms or legs frozen.

"Eighteen thousand troops are now engaged in the work of clearing the line. The storm has abated, and it is announced that the besieged train will get through to Odessa this evening. No mails have been received here for six days. Corpses have been kept unburied for eight days, as it has been impossible to inter them. The conduct of the railway authorities is loudly condemned.

"The Odessa correspondent of The Daily News wires that 120 people were frozen to death in the blizzard. The Bucharest correspondent of The Daily Express says that five Roumanian soldiers while going home were attacked and eaten by wolves after a desperate struggle.

## NEWS FROM TUTUILA.

### Business Affairs Are Booming Under American Rule.

NEW YORK, Jan. 14.—Latest advices from Tutuila, Samoa, state that the money, amounting to over \$41,000, which the government of Great Britain, Germany and the United States promised to pay the Samoans for the surrender of their arms after the last war is now being distributed. There is yet a large number of guns held by the Samoans of German Samoa, and General Solf has issued orders requesting the delivery of all guns held by natives to the government before the end of the month.

In Tutuila under United States rule business affairs are booming. The traders are doing more than double their previous business, and the natives are contented and happy. They are the envy of their cousins in the neighboring islands.

"The natives of Faatoga town, adjoining the government property, have agreed to give up the whole of the beach front and stretching several chains inland to the government for government buildings and a reservation. With the money they hope to get from the government from the concession they are going to build a handsome church inland. They will also ship their houses to the ground.

The proposed road around Pago Pago harbor has been commenced, but the treasury will not permit of full completion at the present time. The new light at Breaker point has been fixed.

### Morgan Still Buying.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 11.—J. Pierpont Morgan has secured a large block of the International Navigation company's stock, and it is said that he is planning to secure control of the company. While the amount of stock secured by him is not known, it is understood to be several million dollars. The control of the International line is in connection with the recent gigantic railroad deal with J. J. Hill and John D. Rockefeller. This will give the syndicate a line from England to China and enable them to cut freight rates.

### Large Shipments of Coal.

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 14.—Fully 6,000,000 bushels of coal are on the way south, and before the present rise in the Ohio is checked 24,000,000 more will probably be shipped. The fleet now on the way is made up of 137 boats and 84 barges.

## A SIXTY MINUTE JURY

Rapid Work at the Bosschietter Trial.

## MOTION TO QUASH IS DENIED.

Three of the Men Accused of Killing Mill Girl in Paterson, N. J. Placed on Trial—Examination of Witnesses Begun.

PATERSON, N. J., Jan. 15.—The trial of Walter L. McAlister, Andrew Campbell and William A. Death, three of the four men accused of the murder of Jennie Bosschietter, a mill girl of this city, under circumstances revolting in their utter lack of humane considerations, commenced yesterday before Judge Dixon in the Passaic county court of oyer and terminer. George J. Kerr, the fourth man under indictment, was not in court, as he has been granted a separate trial on the ground that he was not present when the fatal dose was administered to the girl.

Before the trial was begun it was expected that at least two days would be necessary to complete the jury, but Judge Dixon carried the proceedings on with such vigor that within one hour after the court was called to order he had empaneled his 12 jurors and heard the opening lines of the address of the prosecuting attorney. The remainder of the day saw four of the principal witnesses in the case on the stand. Mrs. Nina Bosschietter, the mother of the unfortunate girl, was one; her daughter Susie another; Christopher Santl, the proprietor of the saloon where it is alleged the girl was administered the drug, was the third, and Gus Scouthorpe, the hack driver of the horrible midnight ride, was the last. Mother and daughter told of Jennie's life at home and at the mill, telling fully of the incidents just previous to the girl's disappearance.

Of the four witnesses the testimony of Scouthorpe was the most important as well as the most startling. In his crude, unvarnished way he told to the minutest detail the story of the crime. He graphically described the taking of the almost unconscious girl from the saloon to the Victoria and of the ride out of the city and the unspeakable crimes committed on the dead or almost dead girl.

Apparently little beside the murder case was on the minds of the Paterson people yesterday, and an hour before the time set for the beginning of the trial the little courthouse was surrounded by a great crowd of peering, gossiping men and girls. It was a ragged and idle throng for the most part that watched every door and window of the low building.

It was but a few minutes after 10 o'clock when Judge Dixon ascended the bench. The three accused men then entered the courtroom. First came Death, then Campbell and McAlister, preceded by the sheriff and escorted by constables. The prisoners had to walk the entire length of the courtroom, and their attitudes were characteristically different. Death seemed the most oppressed, and his jaw was set firmly, and he stepped quickly, as though he were anxious to reach his seat instantly. Campbell smiled and carried himself buoyantly. McAlister, who looked his nickname in the term of "sport," went up the aisle with a swagger.

As soon as the preliminaries had been disposed of the counsel for the defense made a formal motion to withdraw the pleas and quash the indictment on the ground that they were defective. The motion was denied, and immediately the court began to examine the talesmen.

## LAST YEAR'S COINAGE.

### Government Mints Did a Record Breaking Business.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—Mr. George E. Roberts, the director of the mint, in his annual report shows that the coinage of the past year was in excess of that executed in any previous year in the history of the service, aggregating \$141,351,990 as compared with \$136,855,676 in the last fiscal year. The value of the gold coinage was slightly below that of the previous year, being \$107,357,110 as compared with \$108,177,180. The coinage of silver dollars was \$31,244,984 as compared with \$18,254,709 in the previous year.

The seigniorage on the coinage of silver dollars, subsidiary and minor coins during the year amounted to \$10,286,302. At the highest market price for silver during the year the commercial ratio of silver to gold was as 1 to 35.01, at the lowest price 1 to 35.41, at the average price 1 to 34.44.

## The Grip Everywhere.

CHICAGO, Jan. 14.—Special reports show that more than 500,000 persons in the grip belt, which extends across the United States from New York to the Rocky mountains, are suffering with the disease. The epidemic is greatest in the east, with a wide extension in Pennsylvania. Illinois is also extensively afflicted. In proportion to their size, Pittsburgh, Reading and Allegheny City, in Pennsylvania, are the most seriously visited. The reports show that in the big cities of New York and Chicago the grip has spread at an alarming rate, and, although few cases are reported as fatal, the number is enormous.

## Site For Philippine Naval Station.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—Secretary Long has received a cable dispatch from Admiral Remy announcing that the board of officers convened to select the most suitable site in the Philippines for a permanent naval station has fixed upon Olongapo, on Subig bay. As a result of this recommendation Mr. Long has sent to congress a recommendation that \$1,000,000 be appropriated for beginning the work on the proposed new naval station.

## RESISTANCE WANING

Numerous Surrenders and Captures of Filipinos.

## CHIEF DELGADO OF ILOILO YIELDS

Opposition to American Rule In Now Chiefly in Southern Luzon, Cebu, Northern Mindanao and Bohol.

MANILA, Jan. 15.—Optimism is taking the place of conservatism among the military men here, the cause being the numerous surrenders, captures and destruction of insurgents' camps, coupled with the increasing understanding of the Americans' intentions among the natives. The propagation of the principles of the Federal party and the knowledge that they are approved by the United States Philippine commission and the military authorities and that the carrying out of the terms of General MacArthur's proclamation, classing all who do things inimical to the interests of the army as rebels and traitors, are having pointed effect with the offering of local autonomy and protection and showing the certainty of the punishment of those who remain rebellious.

The cutting of communications and supplies has destroyed the remnants of the insurgents' organization. The inhabitants of the towns are disinclined to any longer contribute secretly to a hopeless cause and it is generally believed that the pacification of a sufficient number of provinces to inaugurate a general scheme of provincial government will be accomplished before many more weeks have elapsed. The most pronounced resistance at present is in remote southern Luzon, northern Mindanao, Cebu and Bohol.

The first batch of 30 leading insurgents who have been ordered to be deported to the island of Guam sailed on the transport Rosecrans today.

General Wheaton reports that 53 armed bolomen have surrendered at Bengnet. Sixteen of Geronimo's band were captured Sunday night and brought to Montalban.

## Iloilo Chief Surrenders.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—General MacArthur reports the surrender of Delgado, commander in chief of Iloilo province, Panay. He also reports that other important surrenders are expected during the next few days. General MacArthur's cablegram to the war department is as follows: "Delgado, commander in chief of Iloilo province, Panay, surrendered Jan. 11 to Robert P. Hughes, brigadier general volunteer, with 4 officers, 21 men, 14 rifles. His command much scattered. Other surrenders expected during the next few days important; signified and organized armed resistance Iloilo province, Panay."

## The Massachusetts Senatorship.

BOSTON, Jan. 15.—The members of both parties in both branches of the legislature, contrary to the usual custom held separate caucuses yesterday afternoon to nominate a United States senator to succeed Hon. George Frisbie Hoar. The Republicans of both house and senate were unanimous in their choice of the venerable Massachusetts senator to succeed himself notwithstanding his antagonistic attitude on some party measures. But the house Democrats, although considerably in the minority, engaged in a spirited half hour's debate over the question of a candidate and finally agreed on former Secretary of State Richard Olney. Four Democratic senators and four members of the house voted in their respective caucuses for Senator Hoar.

## Final Vote For President.

ALBANY, Jan. 14.—The Republican electors of New York state met in this city today and voted for president and vice president of the United States. They met in the senate chamber and were called to order by Secretary of State J. T. McDonough. They cast their ballots for the presidential candidates and appointed a committee to take a certificate setting forth the result of the proceedings to Washington for delivery to the president of the United States senate.

## Ocean Telephony Now.

NEW YORK, Jan. 14.—The American Telephone and Telegraph company has just purchased the patents of Dr. M. L. Pupin of Columbia college, which cover the art of ocean telephony and which enable telephone messages to be sent over any length of land or marine lines. It further states that the sum of \$200,000 has been paid to Dr. Pupin for this invention, with an annual salary to him during the life of the patents of \$7,500.

## Governor Odell's Team Ran Away.

ALBANY, Jan. 14.—Governor Odell's team of bay horses ran away from the State street entrance side of the capitol, and the result was that the governor's fine new sleigh was wrecked. The horses, however, were not hurt. They wound up their wild gallop by running under the sheds of a hotel about six miles west of the tollgate.

## Miss Smith's Diary of Peking Siege.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—Miss Mary Condit Smith, a heroine of the siege of Peking, who is to be married on Feb. 12 to Lieutenant Richard Hooker of the marine corps, has sold the diary she kept during the Peking siege to a firm of New York publishers for \$10,000. It will be published in book form.

LONDON, Jan. 14.—Samuel Lewis, "the notorious money lender and usurer, who has been called the 'greatest and meanest of modern Shylocks,'" is dead.

## Roosevelt Shot a Lion.

Meeker, Colo., Jan. 14.—Colonel Roosevelt's first day in the Rockies netted him a handsome lion, together with an exciting adventure.