

## KUROPATKIN FORCES FIGHT

The General Engagement South of Mukden is Raging.

### RUSSIANS TAKE POSITIONS.

Kuropatkin's Right and Center Pushing Southward—Flanking Movement by Japs.

Dispatches received from General Saikharoff, chief of staff for General Kuropatkin indicate that the entire Russian right and center are still engaged in the present movement in force toward the south and southwest. One dispatch states that three villages south of Sandepas, which were garrisoned by Japanese detachments, have been occupied by the Russians and the Japanese routed. The Japanese, the dispatches further state, have made an unsuccessful effort to gain foothold in Chakaitai, but were driven back with considerable loss. Altogether 150 prisoners were taken. The Russian losses during the fighting of January 26 were some 50 officers and 1,000 men killed or wounded. This included all of the casualties sustained by the Russian right up to the capture of Sandepas. The Japanese losses are declared to be much greater, although, if the officials here have any figures, they decline to make them public.

The news of the resumption of fighting in Manchuria has caused little surprise. It has been expected that Oyamada would take advantage of the international troubles in Russia, and the fact that he has been reinforced by 60,000 to 75,000 of Nogai's hard fighting veterans, to attack Kuropatkin and by administering another defeat to the Russian army in the field increase the difficulties of the St. Petersburg government, and convince the advisers of the czar that the time has come to make peace.

The result of the fighting, which is believed here to be the preliminary to a general engagement, is not indicated by the dispatches so far received. Both sides claim to have gained the advantage, but there is no doubt here, that Oyamada will prove too strong for Kuropatkin and will inflict a heavy defeat on him should the fighting continue.

Under the circumstances army experts expect Japan to act with added energy and to throw her entire strength against the Russian Manchurian army, with the idea of annihilating it, or at least of driving it entirely out of Manchurian territory. That they will be able to do the one or the other is fully believed here.

That Russia has violated her agreement to confine hostilities to the east of that river no longer admits of doubt. This, of course, absolves Japan, and there is good reason to believe that a Japanese force already is proceeding toward Simonsung for the purpose of flanking Kuropatkin's right. It is understood that Admiral Yamimura, who is to command the Japanese sea forces during the temporary retreatment from active duty of Admiral Togo has started south from Sasebo with a strong squadron of battleships and armored cruisers. It is generally believed here that he has gone in search of Russian Admiral Rojestvensky.

### PREVENTS PRISONERS ESCAPE.

Ohio Sheriff's Daughter Pursues Him and Secures His Capture by Officers.

The quick wit and agility of Jeanette Gehbart, the 16-year-old daughter of Sheriff John Gehbart of Bucyrus, O., frustrated an attempt of C. W. Potts, an alleged diamond thief, to break jail. The girl had been left to look after the jail in the absence of her father. While making a tour of inspection through the corridor she discovered Potts in the act of opening his cell door and rushing for the outer entrance. In moment Potts had gained the street. The girl quickly closed the outside door and gave chase. Potts dodged into side streets but the fleet-footed pursuer kept him in sight and shouted for help as she ran. Overtaking officers the girl then where to look for the fugitive, who was captured and brought back to jail.

Ports several days ago shattered a window of a jewelry store in daylight and snatched diamonds from the window display. He and an accomplice were captured and are awaiting a hearing. A Springfield (O.) jeweler, whose place was robbed, identified the two men and recovered a portion of goods stolen.

### Want Iroquois Site Condemned.

At a meeting of the Iroquois Memorial association of Chicago, which is composed of people who lost relatives and friends in the Iroquois theatre fire, it was decided to ask of the State Legislature the passage of an act which will permit the condemnation of the theatre site. If this is procured a memorial hall, with an emergency hospital annex, will be erected.

### Shot by His Own Men.

Mrs. O'Neil, widow of Dr. J. O'Neil, the contract surgeon killed in the attack by ladrones in the town of San Francisco de Malaboa on the night of January 24, and who was endeavoring to escape with her husband, confirms a report to the effect that when the surgeon was shot he exclaimed: "I have been shot by our own men."

### Gas Explosion at Grafton Hospital.

A gas explosion at the City hospital at Grafton, W. Va., tore a side out of the chimney, overturned stoves and blew a fine ring across the operating room, breaking a costly electric chandelier. The explosion was caused by Edward Williams, the colored porter, relighting the pilot light in a water heater before the gas that had escaped had time to pass out of the chimney. Fortunately, no one was injured.

### DIVINE HEALER CAN'T HEAL.

Sickness Continues to Play Havoc With Dowie and Flock—Overseer's Wife Dead.

Mrs. J. G. Speicher, wife of Acting Overseer Speicher of Zion City, is dead as the result of consumption. Here is the second death which has followed a recent inroad of sickness among John Alexander Dowie's followers, and against which the prayers of the "First Apostle" have seemingly been of no avail.

The body of Deacon Carl F. Stern for many years Dowie's Chief of Police, is expected to arrive in Zion City tonight. Preparations have been made for an imposing double funeral tomorrow. Stern died while en route to the Bahama Islands, where Dowie is suffering from chronic stomach trouble and his wife is desperately ill.

It is said an investigation of the death of Mrs. Speicher will be made by the State Board of Health and the coroner.

### FIGHT DUEL WITH IRON RODS.

Two Men Frightfully Wound Each Other at New Castle—Both Arrested.

John Plicking and William Davis fought a duel in a vacant blacksmith shop, using iron rods. A spectator was so sickened by the brutal way in which they had wounded each other that he notified the police. When the officers arrived both men were streaming with blood from frightful wounds. Plicking fainted after he had been taken to the police station. Both were so seriously injured that they required the attention of a physician. They will receive hearings tomorrow.

### HITCH IN STRIKE SETTLEMENT.

German Mine Owners Now Refuse to Accept Judgment of Government as Agreed Upon.

The coal mine owners object to their resolution, wherein they agreed to accept the judgment of the government commission on the workmen's complaints being interpreted as a change from their previous attitude or as any acknowledgement that the workmen are in the right.

### SMALLPOX ON FERRYBOAT.

Passengers and Crew Are Quarantined for Several Hours.

Thirty-three passengers and the crew of a Philadelphia and Reading ferryboat were quarantined for several hours as a result of a colored woman dying from smallpox while the boat was making a trip across the Delaware river from Camden to this city. The passengers were sprinkled with a disinfectant and were released after being held on the boat about 3 hours. The ferry house was roped off and the boat sent to Camden for fumigation.

### Are Shielding Hoch.

The police are working on the theory that Johaan Hoch, the supposed bluebeard, is being kept in hiding by some one of the women with whom he has been associated. John McKinley, formerly a policeman whose post of duty included Holmes Castle and Sixty-third street and Stewart avenue, when Holmes was conducting his murderous operations there, identified a photograph of Hoch as a likeness of the janitor of Holmes' establishment.

### Creditors Ask for More Time.

When the Chadwick bankruptcy case came up before Referee Remington it was stated that the creditors desired further time. Thereupon the hearing was postponed until February 1. Attorney Kerrish, who represented Mrs. Cessie L. Chadwick, stated that his client was willing to file a statement of her assets and liabilities in accordance with the instructions of the court. This will be done within 10 days.

### Wants Panhandle Explored.

Dr. I. C. White, of Morgantown, State geologist, will recommend to the Legislature that the next work undertaken by the geological survey be in the Eastern Panhandle section of West Virginia where a thorough exploration and survey will be made of the valuable limestone deposit of that section.

### Carnegie's Offer to Oberlin.

President King, of Oberlin college, announced that he had received a letter from Andrew Carnegie offering to give to Oberlin college \$125,000 for a library, conditional upon the raising by the institution of \$100,000 to maintain the same. The college officials will endeavor to secure the required fund.

### Proceedings Against B. & O.

The Conneville Gas and Coal Company began ejectment proceedings against the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company to secure possession of 10 acres of land in Dunbar township. The plaintiffs claim the railroad company entered the property without their knowledge and that they have been damaged to the extent of \$50,000.

### Russia Seeks Armistice.

A special from St. Petersburg says, General Kuropatkin opened negotiations with Field Marshal Oyama for an armistice. The censorship has allowed the newspapers to print a brief Paris dispatch to this effect, reporting that General Kuropatkin has opened negotiations with the Japanese.

### Inspector Fleming Discharged.

John W. Fleming, the former assistant United States inspector of steam boilers at New York, who has been on trial in the United States district court before Judge Thomas on a charge of neglect of duty in connection with the burning of the excursion steamer General Slocum last June, was discharged to-day on the ground it had not been shown he failed to perform his full duty.

## CIVIL WAR SURE TO COME

Says the Leader of the Russian Revolutionary Refugees.

### EDITOR OF FREE RUSSIA.

He Says the Tragedy of Sunday Has Reduced the Programme of the Revolutionaries to the One Word, "Fight."

Dispatches have just been received from St. Petersburg proving beyond doubt that the attack upon peaceful crowds by the armed forces of Czarism was premeditated.

The police carefully refrained from any interference with the strike. Never before had they been known to adopt such an attitude. Vladimir thought that by murdering wholesale he would terrorize the laboring classes into forever abandoning their political aspirations, while Treppoff hoped the infuriated, famished crowds would throw themselves upon the shops and private houses; that then the middle and upper classes would turn to Czarism for protection, and that this lasting disunion of the classes would be produced. It was but an enlargement of the Kishinev policy, and it failed miserably.

The whole programme of the various political parties is now reduced to one word—"fight"—fight with revolvers, with rifles, with hand-grenades, with dynamite. The general strikes will gradually give place to intermittent civil war.

No concessions now will pacify the country. No reconciliation with Czarism is possible. I am convinced that now the working masses will not lay down their arms until the dynasty is deposed and a Russian federal republic, similar to that of the United States, is established. It may take weeks, possibly months, before the final struggle comes, but come it will.

Other surprises are in store. When the news of the massacres reaches the army in Manchuria we shall hear of a stupendous mutiny.

### CHECKS ENEMY.

Attacks on Right of Russian Army Dismal Failure.

The Japanese began moving against the Russian right, attacking viciously Russian positions along the Hun river, where the stream bends southward. Inside the Russian lines the belief existed that General Nogai's army, arrived from Port Arthur, was in reserve, supporting the movement.

The Russians not only beat off the attack after severe fighting, but advanced in the evening to the line of Huzundoi and Homilitzky.

Throughout the night and day the artillery was at work, the cannonading constantly increasing in strength and extending farther along the center, becoming fiercer every minute.

### Shot by Angry Rival.

Albert Hall, colored, aged 24 years, was fatally wounded by Fred Jeffries, at the home of Mrs. Georgiana Pondexter at Conneville, Pa. The two men are rivals. When Hart knocked at the door last night he was met by Mrs. Pondexter, who told him it was too late for him to come in. Hart forced his way in and was met by Jeffries, who began firing at him. He was removed to the Cottage State hospital.

### Peabody Not Going to Withdraw.

Former Governor James H. Peabody of Colorado, denied a report that he intended to withdraw his consent for the Governorship or that he had been approached with any proposition for compromise. "You could not drive me out of this contest with a pack of bloodhounds," said the ex-Governor. "I entered the contest with a determination to probe the frauds to the bottom, and I will be there at the finish. If the Legislature in its next session declares me elected, I shall take my seat. If it declares Mr. Adams elected, I shall gracefully step down."

### THREE SENATORS NAMED.

Kean and Culbertson Returned to Washington and LaFollette Succeeds Quarles.

The two houses of the New Jersey Legislature voted separately for a United States Senator to succeed John Kean, whose term is about to expire.

Both houses of the Wisconsin Legislature at noon Wednesday voted separately for United States Senator, Gov. R. M. LaFollette being named.

The Texas Senate and House of Representatives met separately Wednesday and balloted for United States Senator, Charles A. Culbertson, the present incumbent, was elected without opposition.

### Fifteen Foreigners Injured.

Fifteen foreigners were seriously injured by a dynamite explosion on the line of the new Buffalo and Susquehanna railroad, 20 miles east of Du Bois, Pa. While the men were gathered about a fire, eating their dinner, dynamite caps exploded, and the concussion caused the dynamite to let loose.

### Richard Croker Sails for Son's Funeral.

Richard Croker arrived in London Wednesday from Wantage and will sail for New York on the Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse to be present at the funeral of his son Frank.

### Pomeroy Postmaster Arrested.

Postmaster Samuel F. Smith of Pomeroy, O., was arrested here tonight, charged with being short \$1,000 in his accounts. He was taken to Gallipolis by Postoffice Inspector Oldfield and was released on bond.

### STRIKE SPREADS TO MOSCOW.

Several Factories Closed—Strikers Stopped on Way to St. Petersburg.

At Kolpino, 12 miles up the river from St. Petersburg, a body of workmen who had started for St. Petersburg to join the strikers, were stopped and fired upon by soldiers. Accounts as to the number killed or wounded conflict.

The most startling feature in the situation is the news that several factories in Moscow have closed and that the workmen in the old capital of Russia are repeating the tactics of their fellow workmen of the national capital, marching from shop to shop and from mill to mill, demanding that establishments be shut down.

### CLEARFIELD LAWYER HONORED.

Banquet Is Tendered Ex-Judge McNally on His Eightieth Birthday.

The legal fraternity of Clearfield county, Pa., was well represented at the banquet given in honor of Ex-Judge Joseph Benson McNally, who was 80 years old Wednesday. The committee in charge was composed of Judge Allison O. Smith, W. C. Arnold, of DuBois; A. H. Woodward, Singleton Bell, S. V. Wilson, James P. O'Loughlin, B. F. Chesnut and W. A. Hagerty. Judge Smith was toastmaster and the venerable attorney was the recipient of many hearty congratulations and expressions of esteem from his fellow members of the bar. Judge McNally has been a practitioner in Clearfield county since 1860, and is still an active attorney. Handsome souvenirs containing the ex-judge's return and embellished with appropriate texts were given each guest.

### Twice Attempted Suicide.

Arthur Henry Milligan of Milwaukee, Wis., with whom Florence O. Groves agreed to commit suicide at the Hotel Blatz, and who disappeared after she had fulfilled her agreement was arrested in Racine by Chief of Police Frederick Pfister, of that city, tonight. His capture took place only after he had attempted suicide and had been prevented by Chief Pfister.

### CURRENT NEWS EVENTS.

In a wreck of an Illinois Terminal train near Altoona, Ill., Fremont A. Chaplin was killed and passengers had a narrow escape.

Fred Weinst, aged 17, who had just left business college to work in a coal mine at Charleroi, Pa., was killed by a fall of slate.

King Alfonso, of Spain, upon the occasion of his birthday, granted amnesty to a number of persons, among whom were the deputies recently prosecuted. The King's action recalled the King's action in 1880.

Another big production gas well has been struck by the Fayette County Gas Company in Greene county, Pa., on the S. M. Titus farm in Dunkard township. Its capacity is 4,000,000 feet of gas a day.

Charles B. Witmer of Sunbury, Pa., has been promoted from the position of counsel for the Pure Food Bureau to special counsel for the Auditor General's Department. His place in the Pure Food Bureau will be taken by ex-Judge Cyrus Gordon of Clearfield, Pa.

A fire of mysterious origin destroyed a building on West Chestnut street, Washington, Pa., owned by Mrs. M. E. Mack, entailing a loss of \$5,000. Mrs. John E. Plymire was rescued from a window by firemen, but was seriously burned. The loss is covered by insurance.

The doctors of Butler county held their annual reunion and banquet at Butler, Pa. A theatre party to "The Mummy and the Humming Bird" at the Majestic theatre was followed by the banquet, music and dancing in the Majestic Hall. Dr. Elgie L. Wasson, Dr. J. Clinton Atwell and Dr. R. L. Thompson were the committee on arrangements.

### Glass Works Closed by Strike.

All the departments of the Dugan glass works of Indiana, Pa., were shut down owing to a strike growing out of a difference between Supt. Dugan and the glassworkers' union over union men who were discharged. It is believed a settlement will be reached.

### Judge Kane Kaul Dead.

Associate Judge Kane Kaul of Elk county, Pa., a millionaire and associate of State Senator J. K. P. Hall in the lumber business and the St. Mary's Oil Company, died at Philadelphia, Wednesday, after suffering with Bright's disease and was brought here last November for treatment by specialists. On Sunday night he began to sink and failed to rally. Judge Kaul was 60 years old.

### Boys Ask for Square Deal.

"Ade" Bell, the young son of Judge Martin Bell, of the Blair county courts, in behalf of the boys and girls of Hollidaysburg, Pa., has addressed an open letter to James McGraw, chief of police of Hollidaysburg, complaining because the Pennsylvania Banker James Grommiller, president of council; Attorneys Thomas Baldrige, W. I. Woodcock and Robert Smith, and Capitalist J. King McLanahan to coast down the hills of the town while denying the same rights to the boys and girls. He demands the arrest of all or interference with none, and says if the bourgeois fines the persons named, the boys and girls will quit coasting.

### Savings Bank Closed.

As the result of a run by depositors, following the suicide of Cashier Charles H. Houseman, the East End Savings Bank of Columbus was closed by its directors and placed in the hands of a receiver, W. H. English, who gave bond for \$40,000.

The Hepburn bill providing for government regulation of railroad rates, and which has the approval of President Roosevelt was introduced in congress.

## SMOOT KEEPS SECRETS

Refuse to Reveal Endowment House Ceremonies.

### BIG SUMS GIVEN TO THE CHURCH

A Million or More Contributed Each Year, Part for Education and Some Invested.

The cross-examination of Senator Smoot before the Senate Investigating Committee resulted in absolute refusal to testify in regard to the endowment ceremonies. He also asserted that it was not his business to call to account President Smith, of the Mormon church, because Mr. Smith had admitted to the committee that he was living in violation of the laws of the land. Three other witnesses refused to divulge the character of the endowment ceremonies.

"The first presidency is supreme in everything pertaining to the church," said Senator Smoot, in answer to a question by Chairman Burrows. He also said in explanation, "of course, when it comes to a question of revelation that is to be binding upon the people of the church the president himself receives it and it must be accepted by the people."

"Do I understand you to say that the apostles are not prophets?" asked Chairman Burrows.

"I say they are sustained as prophets, but I do not think a man is a prophet at any time unless he speaks by the spirit of prophecy. In other words, I do not believe that a man has always that spirit of prophecy with him."

"Do you think the president of the church communicates directly with God—has direct revelation?"

"If God desires to speak to his people it would be through the president of the church."

Asked why he would not reveal the endowment secret he said:

"For conscientious reasons. I made a vow, not an oath, with my God, not with any man, not with the president of the church or with a living soul, but I did make a vow that I would keep these endowment ceremonies sacred and not reveal them to anybody, and I have kept that all my life and if I went out of the church to-morrow and remained out of the church until I was gray-headed, I would never feel that it was my duty or that I should divulge what little I even remember of them."

The Senator was asked a number of other questions regarding the ceremony, which he preferred not to answer.

"Do you know why the oath of secrecy was imposed?"

"It is purely a religious ordinance—refers absolutely to a man's hereafter, and has nothing whatever to do with anything other than man's relation to his God, and I suppose that it is an ordinance in the church and the rule is that it be not revealed."

"Do you know how much money is paid into the church annually in tithes?" asked Senator Overman.

"I could not say except as guess."

"As much as a million dollars?"

"Some years more and some less, I understand."

"How is this money expended?"

"Well, there is about \$140,000 for educational interests; about \$100,000 for the feeding of the poor, a great deal for the expenses of missionaries."

Pursuing his inquiry Chairman Burrows asked if Senator Smoot taught and preached his faith. He did occasionally.

"Do you teach polygamy?"

"I do not."

"Do you preach against polygamy or unlawful cohabitation?"

"I never have. I do not know why I should. It is not a tenet of the faith. It has been suspended and I think it would not be proper for me to bring it up."

Senator Smoot said he understood that the revelation commanding the promulgation of the manifesto against polygamy was the result of pleadings by President Woodruff for the command of God concerning His wishes on that subject.

### 220,000 MEN ON STRIKE.

German Miners Await Influence of Public Sentiment in Settlement.

The German strikers, who now number nearly 220,000, are simply awaiting the influence of public opinion on the coal mine proprietors and the efforts of the government to assist in the settlement. No disturbances are reported. Detachments of police from other parts of Prussia continue to arrive in the strike district. Considerable quantities of coal from Belgium, France and Great Britain are coming in. Thirteen steamers were chartered at Hamburg Saturday to convey coal from Great Britain and numerous agents of foreign coal firms are arriving here and elsewhere in the district, among them being representatives of some of the American coal houses in London.

### Attacked by Wild Cat.

While in the forest of Goschen township after firewood, his dog being along, Dorsey Wallace was attacked by a large wild cat, which first killed the dog. Armed with a stout club, Mr. Wallace succeeded in killing the animal after a hard fight.

### Jury Convicts Mrs. Wilcox.

Mrs. Arthur Wilcox, prominent in church and society circles of Akron, Ohio, was found guilty by a jury in Probate court of assaulting 10-year-old Alta Sharp, who made her home with the Wilcoxes. According to the little girl's testimony, Mrs. Wilcox had a violent temper, and would make her go down on her knees and swear that she would not reveal what occurred in the Wilcox home.

### DOOM OF AUTOCRACY SOUNDED.

Empire Is Hopelessly Rent and Peace Under Present Conditions Is Impossible.

The Telegraph's St. Petersburg correspondent dispatches as follows:

"Russia is cloven in twain and no human force can weld the parts together. On one side stands the autocrat whose behests are still mechanically fulfilled by his army, which, however, is a section of the people. On the other hand stands the entire nation, united in the determination to deliver itself from a yoke which has now become unbearable. The army is acting in virtue of use and wont, and in time will come over to its own kith and kin."

The correspondent declares that in the whole empire there is but one official so utterly loathed at Treznoff, and that is Gen. Eledichals of Keiff, who may yet be minister of the interior. That, the correspondent says, alone proved that the autocracy has declared war against the Russian nation. He asserts that arrests have been so numerous that the fortresses and prisons are overcrowded.

The Standard's St. Petersburg correspondent gives the report that Count Tolstol has sent \$5,000 to the wounded. A rumor was in circulation in Berlin tonight that Grand Duke Sergius has been assassinated. It probably has no foundation, merely arising from the fact that his whereabouts are unknown.

### GUILT OF TUCKER PROVEN.

Jury Returns a Unanimous Verdict in Trial of Man Charged With Killing Mabel Page.

Guilty of murder in the first degree was the verdict returned against Charles L. Tucker, of Auburndale, Mass., who has been on trial since January 1 for stabbing Miss Mabel Page to death in her father's home at Weston on the 31st of last March. Death in the electric chair in the State prison in Charlestown is the penalty. As the announcement of the finding of the jury was made known Tucker collapsed utterly when the foreman read the verdict. He was led from the courtroom across the street to the jail in an exhausted condition and when once more locked in his cell revived somewhat under stimulant administered by a physician.

Mrs. Albert J. Tucker, the mother of the prisoner, was spared the anguish of listening to her son's fate from the lips of Foreman Knight. At the suggestion of one of the counselors for the defense she left the courtroom before the jury returned for the last time. On learning the news she was overwhelmed.

### LADRONES KILLED IN BATTLE.

Ten of the Outlaws Are Dead and Seven Others Are Taken Prisoners.

In a battle in a river bed near Silang, between a detachment of scouts and constabulary and 100 armed ladrones, who, under the leadership of the outlaw Felizardo, attacked the town of San Francisco de Malabon, in the province of Cavite, Tuesday night, 10 ladrones have been killed and seven taken prisoners. There have been no casualties among the scouts and constabulary. Severe fighting continued.

In their attack on the town the ladrones captured the wife and two children of Gov. Trias. These, together with several native women prisoners, were seen with the ladrones, but an attempt to rescue them was unsuccessful.

In their raid the outlaws looted the municipal treasury of \$2,000 and 25 rifles were also secured. The rebels were dressed in constabulary uniforms and this fact created confusion.

### Gets Ten Years for Theft.

Judge Woods at Bedford, Pa., sentenced Templeton D. Mervine to 10 years' imprisonment in the Western penitentiary. Mervine had pleaded guilty to stealing tobacco, cigars and candy from John O. Smith's grocery and some meat from the Hotel Waverly.

### SET FIRE TO STATION.

Flames Partly Destroy Buffalo, Rochester and Pittsburg Property at Yatesboro—Damage not Heavy.

An attempt was made early yesterday morning to burn the Buffalo, Rochester and Pittsburg railroad station at Yatesboro, Armstrong county, Pa., which is connected with the main line of that road by a branch from Echo. A laundry basket, which had been left on the station platform, was filled with shavings and waste, which were saturated with oil. The basket was then placed at a corner of the building and fired. When discovered the flames were coming out of the roof, but were finally extinguished after \$400 damage had resulted. It is believed that the firebugs, who left no clue, set fire to the station with the hope it would ignite the company's store, located only a short distance away.

William Herriott, aged 15, son of a prominent Chattanooga, Tenn., capitalist, accidentally shot and killed his younger sister with a rifle.

### Edison Undergoes Operation.

Thomas A. Edison, the inventor, was recovering rapidly from a surgical operation performed Tuesday night for a mastoid abscess behind his left ear. Owing to a similar trouble a few years ago the operation was difficult, but the doctors declared it was entirely successful. Mr. Edison recovered quickly and was in good spirits. The doctors say they expect an uninterrupted recovery.