

KITCHENER WARMS ON THE HELPLESS.

LONDON HORRIFIED.

Women and Children of the Boers Being Starved to Death—Orders Issued to Take No Prisoners.

Telegrams from London say: There is a strong expression of discontent with Lord Kitchener's course at the Cape. The disastrous turn which the war has taken since Lord Roberts withdrew from the field is attributed in a large degree to Boer resentment aroused by the cruel and oppressive methods which Kitchener has adopted for the suppression of the conflict.

If the reports in regard to Kitchener are true, Weyer, the Spanish tyrant, who drove the Cubans to revolt, was humane in comparison with the English general.

The Boer women and children are being concentrated in camps, and then deliberately starved to death. Their farms are burned and their crops destroyed, and then they are herded within certain lines which they are forbidden to leave under pain of being shot down.

The women and children are said to be perishing by scores and hundreds, and when it is remembered that the Boers are a free people and not rebels against the power which is seeking to crush them, the Kitchener policy seems all the more infamous.

It is in effect a policy of extermination and it is the knowledge of this fact and the feeling that their own extinction will follow the crushing out of the Transvaal Dutch that is making nearly every British subject of Dutch descent in Cape Colony and Natal a friend of the Boer invaders, and a secret or open foe of the English.

Hundreds of Dutch colonists have enlisted in the Boer ranks and the latter are at least twice as strong as they were when they crossed the Orange river.

A dispatch from Cape Town says that the English residents are in a panic and in the sections of Cape Colony occupied or threatened by the Boers, the English are appealing to their Dutch neighbors for protection.

The feeling against Lord Kitchener and his barbarous system of warfare has been much intensified by a report to the effect that he had ordered the troops operating against DeWet to take no prisoners.

NO TIMBER FAMINE.

Annual Cut On'y Amounts to Two Per Cent of Forest Land.

The total exports of timber, lumber and manufactured wood for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1903, amounted to \$50,298,416. Imports of corresponding products amounted to \$20,501,008, showing a balance of almost exactly \$30,000,000 of exports of this class over imports. About half of these imports come from Canada, consisting mainly of planks, boards, logs and shingles. Another principal feature in our timber imports is the tropical timber, including Cuban mahogany and cedar, and mahogany from Central and South America and Africa.

The wooded area of the United States is 1,094,490 square miles, or 17 per cent of the land area. From this standing supply of timber it is estimated that from 1,830,000,000 feet to 2,300,000,000 feet of board measure feet of lumber are available. The annual lumber cut has been estimated for the year 1890 at 40,000,000,000 feet; that is, we cut approximately 2 per cent of our National timber resources annually. Of this cut 13,000,000,000 are credited to the lake region, 10,000,000,000 to the Southern States, 6,000,000,000 to the Northwest and North Atlantic States, 5,000,000,000 to the Central States, 4,000,000,000 to the Pacific States and 2,000,000,000 to the mountain States, indicate that our timber supply is not disappearing at an alarming rate, provided the destructive waste of forest fires can be prevented.

California Town Snowed In.

Wolverville, county seat of Trinity county, in the northern part of California, has been snowbound since the latter part of December. Two men have come out on horseback, enduring many hardships. They report provisions extremely scarce. One man was frozen to death. Efforts will be made to take in mail and supplies by pack trains.

NO REWARD FOR MOB.

Gov. Stanley, of Kansas, Says It Would Be Useless to Offer It.

Gov. Stanley, of Kansas, says he will not offer a reward for the arrest of anyone concerned in the burning of Frederick Alexander, the negro, at the stake in Leavenworth. "It would be absolutely no use to issue the offer," said the governor. "If the guilty persons were arrested they would necessarily have to undergo the first trial in Leavenworth county, and on account of the present condition of public sentiment there it would be useless to attempt to prosecute anybody there for the crime."

A joint resolution has been passed by the Legislature condemning the Leavenworth lynching. It favors rigid investigation and demands that the perpetrators be punished.

Went Over Niagara Falls.

John Wiser and John Marsh, of Niagara Falls, attempted to cross Niagara river above the falls. They lost control of their boat and were carried into the rapids. Wiser, who was unable to swim, was swept over the falls and drowned. Marsh, after a desperate struggle in the icy water, was rescued by persons along the shore.

Oklahoma Mission Destroyed.

The Catholic Mission of the Sacred Heart was burned in Potawamoc county, Oklahoma, rendering homeless four hundred persons. No lives were lost. The building was entirely destroyed, entailing a heavy loss. The Sacred Heart Mission was established in 1876 by the Jesuit fathers, for the Indians. The church was the finest in the West, containing a library of 20,000 volumes, including many ancient books from Italy, France and Spain.

LATEST NEWS NOTES.

A mob of 200 masked men burned the pesthouse at South Omaha, Neb.

The business portion of Roanoke, Ind., was wiped out by fire. Loss, \$75,000.

It is reported that Andrew Carnegie will give Conneaut, O., a free library.

At Lebanon, Tenn., fire destroyed five business houses. Loss, \$75,000, partly insured.

As a result of a riot at Corbin, Ky., three persons are dead and three or four others wounded.

Wholesale dealers in tea are complaining that their business is suffering from the war tax.

The Italian steamer *Leono* has been lost. Many bodies from the wreck have been washed ashore.

Gov. Allen signed the first bill passed by the Puerto Rican Legislature, providing for jury trials.

The U. S. S. *Scorpion* has been dispatched to Guianoco, Venezuela, to protect American interests.

Four firemen were injured and \$15,000 worth of property was destroyed in a Chicago fire Saturday night.

A death in New York revealed that the deceased, who always passed as a man, was really an old woman.

DeWet is said to have crossed the Vaal river and to be concentrating his commandoes for a united attack.

It is expected that the public sessions of the Cuban constitutional convention will begin next Monday.

Five Chinese girls were sold at auction in San Francisco, Cal., Saturday, bringing from \$1,750 to \$2,500 each.

The naval appropriation bill carries \$77,016,635, and provides for two new battleships and two armored cruisers.

Four children of Benjamin Miller, of Elkhart, Ind., were burned to death by a lamp exploding while Miller was absent.

An Ashtabula (O.) colored youth, who tried to extort \$500 from a banker by a threatening letter, was trapped and captured.

Uncle Sam will hold the present government of Venezuela responsible for any damage done to American asphalt interests.

Lord Rosebery says immense fortunes and business sagacity of Americans threaten England's commercial prosperity.

The lynchers of a Florida trans wrecker cut off his fingers as mementos. One of them fainted at the negro's efforts to save himself.

Congressional committees investigating the Booz cases at West Point characterize hazing as villainous and contemptible.

Frank Crowell, superintendent of Swift & Co.'s glue factory, was killed by smoke at a fire in a Chicago apartment house.

The National Rolled Steel Car Company is preparing to build a \$1,500,000 plant near Pittsburg, Pa., to build cars of rolled steel.

Ex-Gov. James A. Mount, of Indiana, expired suddenly at his hotel at Indianapolis Wednesday. Heart trouble was the cause.

A valet, an ex-United States soldier, looted the jewel box of Mrs. Joseph Garside, in a London hotel, securing \$75,000 in valuables.

W. H. Haskins has been re-elected president of the Ohio Mine Workers. D. H. Sullivan, of Coshocton, was elected vice president.

Physicians announce that Queen Victoria's death is fast approaching. Members of the royal family are at the bedside, awaiting the end.

At New Baltimore, Mich., William F. Sandell & Co.'s bank was broken into by cracksmen, who forced open the safe and secured about \$3,500.

In a battle with horse thieves Cashier Volt, of a Lafayette, Ind., bank, was shot and one of the thieves was seriously wounded before capture.

An anonymous gift of \$400,000 has been made to Syracuse (N. Y.) university, conditioned upon a similar sum being raised by the institution.

Attorney David C. Fitzgerald, of Buffalo, has been indicted in eight cases by the grand jury, charging subordination of perjury in divorce trials.

Martin Wright, late Socialist candidate for governor of Utah, was instantly killed by the discharge of a revolver, which accidentally fell from his pocket.

Venezuela is defying the United States in the dispute over the asphalt lake claimed by the Bermudez Asphalt Company, and bloodshed is feared.

The four classes at West Point held meetings and decided to abolish all forms of hazing, and the congressional investigating committee was so notified.

Both branches of the Colorado Legislature have adopted resolutions providing for a joint committee to investigate the grievances of the striking coal miners.

At Berlin, Ontario, a 5-year-old child of Mrs. Katherine Ebel was abducted by a man who secured the child under the excuse that he wanted its photo taken.

It is practically assured that neither West Virginia nor Iowa will be admitted to the competitive coal field at the coming convention of miners at Indianapolis.

Two persons were seriously injured, and 35 others slightly hurt in a fire which destroyed the Stewart hotel, St. Louis, Mo. Forty guests lost their clothing.

It is reported that a lot of Creek Indians, known as the Snake Band, are up in arms near Eufaula, I. T., and that a peaceable Creek, resisting arrest, has been shot.

The plant of the Pennsylvania Chair Company, at Towanda, was destroyed by fire Friday, causing a loss of \$30,000 on the building and machinery and \$65,000 on the stock.

The India government has accepted the Indian currency committee's proposal of 1898, providing that the profit on the coinage of rupees be kept in gold as a special reserve.

The coroner's verdict in the Fredonia (N. Y.) normal school fire finds that 20 officers of the school were criminally liable for the deaths of the six students and the janitor.

The Pacific Charter Company which has been organized in San Francisco, proposes to bring 1,000,000 Chinese to Mexico and establish fisheries, canneries and warehouses along the coast.

WANTS PROTECTION.

A Greek Tells New York Judge of a Band Formed to Kill Americans—Several Conspirators Arrested.

Elias Masuras, a Greek, the complainant in an assault case which came before City Judge Kellogg, of Yonkers, N. Y., Sunday, told a startling tale of a plot of Greek anarchists to kill prominent Americans, and would have told more had the court not stopped him and turned him over to the police that they might quietly investigate the case.

Several arrests have already been made and a number more are planned.

On the stand Masuras said that in Greece he had been a member of an anarchist society. Some time ago it fell to his lot to kill a public man in the United States and he was ordered to come to this country and place himself under the orders of the American branch of the society.

After reaching America he affiliated himself with a branch of the anarchist organization at Yonkers, but finally became frightened, withdrew and refused to carry out the mission entrusted to him, whereupon an attempt was made to kill him which led to the exposure.

The police assert that they believe the story told by Masuras, and they say that the affair has led to the discovery of an anarchist band of a dangerous character.

TROUBLE WITH VENEZUELA.

President Castro is Provoking a Quarrel With the United States.

The navy department has sent its instructions to Commander Sargent, of the gunboat *Scorpion*, to sail from Laguna, Venezuela, for Guianoco to protect American interests at the latter place.

While our efforts to straighten out the complications with Venezuela are much embarrassed by the growth of the revolutionary movements, for there are two, the issue is made directly with the Venezuelan government, as represented by the de facto president, Castro.

It is his agents who are threatening to seize the arms of the New York and Bermudez Company's employes, which movement the *Scorpion* is to prevent if she can reach the point of trouble in time.

State department officials regret that the Castro element is not meeting the advances of the United States in a conciliatory spirit, but is showing a disposition to resent the department's request that no arbitrary action be taken respecting the asphalt concessions until the incumbents have had an opportunity to assert their legal rights.

The aspect is regarded as unpromising for a speedy settlement, and the case will require to be handled with great delicacy to avoid an open rupture.

DIED TO ESCAPE LYNCHING.

Defaulting Bank Cashier Suicides Rather Than Risk Mob Violence.

The town of Wathena, Kan., is in a panic over the wrecking of the State bank, whose cashier, Frank Harpster, blew out his brains and thus escaped lynching at the hands of the townspeople.

More than 250 of whom are rendered penniless by the wildest speculations of the cashier with the bank's funds. It is definitely known that Harpster squandered \$30,000 of the people's money and how much more it is impossible to tell at present.

The feeling against the board of directors of the bank is bitter, and it only requires a leader to attempt to inflict capital punishment upon those who are morally guilty of some of the acts of the cashier, because they paid no attention to the affairs of the institutions, but permitted Harpster to loot it at his will.

The losses from the failure of the bank have wide ramifications. All classes are affected. It will fall most heavily upon the poorer tradesmen, workmen and farmers.

Pension Claims Lost.

More than 80,000 pension claims in the office of Milo B. Stevens & Co., at Washington, D. C., were destroyed in the fire Saturday night. Many of the papers were to be used as evidence in attempting to secure favorable action by the Pension Office on claims, and cannot be replaced.

In addition to the pension claims, there were destroyed thousands of claims pending before the Treasury Department and Patent Office. In these the loss will fall upon the claimants.

HAZING CONDEMNED.

Senator Allen Makes Pointed Remarks on West Point Practices.

In discussing the army bill Senator Allen, Populist, Nebraska, made a violent attack upon hazing at the West Point military academy and declared that the prize fighter is a gentleman compared with some of those young ruffians at West Point.

"Place one," he said, "of the old volunteer officers at the head of that place, and in six weeks he will stop hazing or there will be some dead cadets."

He has information which leads me to believe that hazing at West Point is resorted to for the purpose of forcing out of the institution cadets appointed from civil life, in order to make room for the sons of army officers.

And if they cannot force out the cadet by humiliation and intimidation, they prescribe a course of examination which they could not pass themselves, and thus force the proscribed cadet from the school.

Gen. A. J. MacKay Dead.

Gen. Andrew Jackson Mackay died after a few days' illness in New York, Friday. He was quartermaster general on the staff of Gen. George H. Thomas, who commanded the army of the Cumberland. He was born at Caledonia, N. Y., and possessed a ranch in Texas until the war began.

He enlisted in Washington when the first call for volunteers came and rose to the rank of general after serving throughout the five years of strife.

KANSAS LYNCHERS.

Supposed Murderer of Pearl Forbes Dragged From Jail and Cremated—Dead Girl's Father Applied the Match.

Fred Alexander, the negro who on Saturday evening attempted to assault Miss Eva Roth and who was supposed to have assaulted and killed Pearl Forbes, in Leavenworth, Kan., in November last, was taken from the sheriff's guard by a mob Tuesday and burned at the stake at the scene of his crimes, half a dozen blocks from the center of the city. Probably 8,000 people witnessed the lynching.

The negro was taken from his cell in the State penitentiary Tuesday afternoon and taken to the Leavenworth jail, where he was locked in a cell. Hardly had the task been completed when the mob reached the jail and demanded the prisoner.

The crowd first attempted to gain admission to the jail by peaceful means, but Sheriff Everhardly refused to grant their demands.

In a trice heavy sledge hammers and cold chisels were brought into action and after a few minutes work the doors were forced open, and with an exultant cry the infuriated mob espied the negro cowering in his cell.

In a short time the doomed man was in the jail yard, surrounded by an immense throng, which clamored for revenge. Still protesting his innocence, Alexander was taken to the scene of the murder of Pearl Forbes.

The first thing done was to plant a railroad iron upright in the mud. This was made fast to cross irons firmly bound to the upright iron with wire.

Around the improvised stake wood and boards were piled. To this the man was dragged and chained in a standing position to the upright railroad iron.

Chains and irons were wrapped about him, and, with his hands still shackled, he was made fast to the post. Coal oil was then poured over him.

Coal oil was then applied for the second time, and while it was being done Alexander called to acquaintances in the crowd, and said goodbye to them.

John Forbes, the father of the murdered girl, lighted the match. Again Alexander was asked to make a confession, but he replied that he had nothing to say.

In five minutes the negro was hanging limp and lifeless by the chains that bound him. As soon as the crowd saw that life was extinct, it began to slowly disperse.

Hundreds, however, stayed to the last.

ALVORD GETS THIRTEEN YEARS.

New York Bank Teller Who Got Away With \$690,000, Sentenced

Cornelius L. Alvord, Jr., the defaulting note teller of the First National bank of New York, has been sentenced to 13 years' imprisonment. The amount of his defalcation was \$690,000.

Judge Thomas in imposing sentence said that he must take into consideration that the banks were trusted by the public and that the prisoner at the bar had betrayed this trust.

He then sentenced him to eight years in Sing Sing under count 39 of the indictment, which charged him with making false entries in the books of the bank, and five years under count 50, which charged him with falsifying the clearing house sheet.

The five years' sentence is to begin at the expiration of the eight years.

The maximum penalty for the offense to which Alvord had pleaded guilty is 10 years' imprisonment on each count, or 20 years in all.

CABLE FLASHES.

The ship *Noel Tryvan* foundered in the English channel and 11 of her crew were drowned.

Young Baron Rothschild was seriously wounded by Court de Lubersac in a French duel.

Attention is being called in England to the commercial depression in Germany and Russia.

An explosion in the Koenig Ludwig mine at Recklinghausen, Westphalia, Germany, caused 25 deaths.

Verdi, the composer, refused to write a National hymn for Italy, saying it could not be done in time of peace.

The steamer *Kaiserin* was wrecked on the island of Renneon, in the Indian ocean, and 25 persons were drowned.

The Prussian government has contracted for 255 locomotives, 505 passenger cars and 3,960 freight cars, costing 35,715,000 marks.

The city of Amsterdam, Holland, has appropriated \$2,412,000 for an electric power plant, and there is a chance for American bidders.

The Bolivian forces have been defeated by the army of the republic of Acre, South America, and are besieged at Puerto Alonzo.

The Bank of Norway has lowered its rate of discount from 6 1/2 to 6 per cent, indicating that normal business conditions again prevail.

Ten persons were killed and many were injured as the result of an explosion in a hat factory at Denton, near Manchester, England.

The Crown Prince Oscar, of Sweden, for the first time Thursday opened his eyes in his capacity as regent. He made a good impression.

Mr. Johnstone, a collector of customs, fought five lions in Northern Rhodesia, South Africa, killing two, but afterward died of bites he received.

A celebrated oculist, Prof. Herman Pagenstecher, of Wiesbaden, is touring England and the continent attending to the eyes of royalty and nobility.

Vera Gelo, a Russian girl student at the college of France, tried to shoot the aged professor. Another student intercepted the bullet and was badly wounded.

Friday Ambassador White presented the President's congratulations on the occasion of the celebration of the bicentenary of the coronation of the first king of Prussia.

IS CHARGED WITH HIGH TREASON.

ENVOY'S FLIGHT.

Delegate to Fighting Boers Made a Prisoner by Burghers—British 'Stop the War' Committee Attacks Kitchener.

Telegrams from Pretoria say: Boer women, brought in by the military, report that William Steyn, who was appointed a delegate of the Boers to ask the fighting Boers to surrender under Lord Kitchener's proclamation, was made a prisoner and sent to Pietreweil, accused of high treason.

Boer families and their stock are being brought to convenient centers from all over the country. They are kept in camps and fed. Those who surrender voluntarily are supplied with food rations and the women whose husbands are still in the field are provided for on a reduced scale, which is raised when the husbands surrender to a full allowance.

Colville's column, marching from New Denmark to Vlaakte, was attacked by 1,000 Boers, divided into two forces. The cavalry were compelled to retire until protected by four companies of rifles, hidden behind a ridge, who were waiting with bayonets.

The Boers then made a speedy retreat, leaving several dead and wounded from the heavy British fire. Eventually both attacks were repulsed, the Boers losing heavily. The British lost one killed and 15 wounded.

The London "stop the war" committee has issued this declaration: "Orders which a British officer reports he personally received reveal the adoption by Lord Roberts and Lord Kitchener of a policy having for its aim the extermination of a heroic nationality by starving its women and children and the deliberate massacre of unarmed prisoners."

The latter clause alludes to Gen. Kitchener's alleged secret orders to Gen.

ESCAPED THE GALLOWES.

A Quick Verdict Reached in the Patterson, New Jersey, Tragedy.

"We find them guilty of murder in the second degree." So said Charles Brett, foreman of the Patterson jury, as he stood up with his 11 colleagues, and looked into the straining eyes of Walter McAlister, Andrew Campbell and Walter Deane. It was 8:05, the hour and minute when three months to the day that Jennie Bosschier left her home in Patterson, N. J., and started toward Kent's drug store, there to encounter two of these men, and to be lured to the midnight revel that ended in her death.

The forfeit of life was not demanded. The youngest of the prisoners will be a man of middle age or more when he leaves a felon's cell, for the Jersey law fixes a maximum penalty of 30 years for murder in the second degree, and those best informed say that Judge Dixon will impose nothing less than the maximum, especially as the jury made no discrimination and recommended none of the prisoners to mercy.

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NEW YORK MURDER MYSTERY.

Mangled Body Discovered in a Trunk on the East River Pier.

Within a rusty green trunk, which lay unnoticed on a pile of skids at the entrance to pier 11, East river, New York, was hidden a startling murder mystery, which in many features resembles the Guldensuppe case.

A curious policeman, who opened the trunk, found in it the body of a man whose throat had been cut. Two hours later the murdered man was identified by a woman as Mayer Weissbard, a jewelry peddler, who recently disappeared.

The man had been murdered and robbed and his body stuffed into the cheap little trunk to hide the crime. The trunk had been left at the pier some time early Wednesday morning. The intention of the murderers was evidently to throw the trunk into the East river.

The cut in the man's throat was about six inches long and had been done with unerring aim. The wound was a clean one and had evidently done its work almost instantaneously.

The murdered man is 35 years old and leaves a wife and several children. When he left home he had a stock of jewelry valued at \$200 and some money.

Philippine Legislation.

The Philippine commission has passed acts giving in domestic products, the Jolo archipelago free trade with all Philippine ports and providing for the issuance of licenses to masters and mates of seagoing vessels.

The United States cable ship *Burnside* has finished the work of laying the cable connecting the island of Negros with Northern Mindanao. Zamboanga and Jolo will soon be connected.

Mr. H. Phelps Whitmarsh, recently appointed governor of the province of Benguet, reports that several towns in the province have held elections and organized local governments.

Fourth Robbery of One Bank.

Thieves broke into the bank of John Conway & Co., Rochester, Pa., dynamited the safe and got away with about \$300 in silver and small bills. Since the bank was robbed last October, the bulk of the cash has been placed in the vault of the First National bank for safe keeping over night and this accounts for the small amount secured by the thieves.

There is no clue. This is the fourth time the bank has been robbed.

Tortured With Hot Irons.

Martin Reich, aged 62 years, who lived alone at his home at Shamokin, Pa., was the victim of a brutal assault by masked burglars. The burglars, five in number, overpowered the old man and applied red-hot pokers to his body and feet until he finally told them where his money could be found.

This amounting to \$133.50. After dividing the money among them the burglars pounced upon Reich and kicked him until he was almost dead. They then made their escape.

QUAY RE-ELECTED.

The Pennsylvania Legislature Makes Him United States Senator—Received 130 Votes in House and Senate.

Colonel Matthew Stanley Quay won the battle of his life Tuesday and will again be the senior senator from Pennsylvania. He received the votes of 26 senators and 104 representatives on the first and only ballot, three more than a majority of both bodies.

Of the men who gave him their votes 128 are Republicans, O. R. Washburn is a former Populist and W. J. Garvin of the first Schuylkill district was elected as a Democrat.

The remainder of the votes were cast as follows: Guffey, Senate 12, House 44; Dalzell, Senate 10, House 24; Smith, Senate 1, House 11; Huff, Senate 1, House 6; Stewart, House 3; Olmsted, 1; Tubbs, 1; Swallow, 1.