

LEADS THREE RAIDS

Mrs. Nation Resumes Hostilities in Topeka and Continues Them All Day.

BEGINS BY SMASHING ANOTHER JOINT

Makes Mr. Murphy's Boose Emporium Look Like a Joint.

COLD STORAGE PLANT NEXT ENTERED

Reduces to Kindling Livery Barn Stored There and in a Livery Barn.

HAS 500 WARRIORS IN HER ARMY

Ministers, Women and College Boys Organize Secretly Under Her Leadership to "Smash" Police Arrest Her Four Times.

TOPEKA, Kan., Feb. 17.—Mrs. Carrie Nation put in a busy Sunday in Topeka today and as a result the capital city has experienced more genuine excitement than can be remembered by the oldest inhabitant. Mrs. Nation really cranked the day full of exciting episodes. She succeeded in having the contents of a notorious joint smashed, broke into a cold storage plant where a number of fine bars had been stored away for future use, demolished, then, addressed a large mass meeting of men and women, and was arrested four times. The last time that she laid her hands upon her was when Mrs. Nation emerged from the church where the mass meeting had been held.

Smash Without Formality.

The company marched silently out of the state house grounds, down Kansas avenue to the place on East Seventh kept by Ed Murphy. When the joint was reached the work of demolition was commenced without preliminary. Mrs. Nation, brandishing a new hatchet, had started the onslaught, uttering words of deprecation against the joint keepers as she deftly sent her weapon through the first plate-glass window at the corner where she had her headquarters. Amid the shouts of the crusaders and the dictatorial commands of the policemen present, trying to protect the property, glass was soon crashing to the ground. Next the door was smashed in with an ax, the interior entered, and bar, kegs, bottles, mirrors and everything smashable was attacked. Hardly five minutes after Mrs. Nation had begun the smashing what was left of the joint was in complete ruins.

Her work over, Mrs. Nation proudly emerged from the place only to be arrested.

She entered a livery stable in which some bars had been stored and smashed them. Then at the head of twenty-five of her stoutest-hearted followers she went to the Moser cold storage plant and entered in the search of some liquor she thought had been stored there. This time Mrs. Nation was arrested with the usual whoop and taken to jail in a patrol wagon. It was afternoon before she was released from jail on bond, and after taking dinner with Sheriff Cook she went to the First Christian church, where she was escorted by an officer with a warrant and taken to the county jail again. She stayed this time for two hours and finally her bond was signed by one of the jointists of the city, a prominent negro politician.

Campaign Arranged in Secret.

The gathering of the clans at the state house grounds was conducted with the utmost secrecy. Very few knew about the intended raid except those going to take part in it. At 4:30 o'clock dark, silent forms might be seen hurrying across the diagonal walks and the lawns of the state house square toward the higher suburbs, the building in which the business of the state is transacted.

At every point of vantage in the grounds sentinels of the "army" were posted. These sentinels were dressed in military style and obliged him to give an account of himself. If he wore a white handkerchief around his neck it was all right and he was allowed to proceed, as the white handkerchief was the emblem worn by the crusaders.

"What is your company?" one would ask of the other.

"Company C. We meet over on the south steps of the state house. And so the question went on finally the army was massed in the dark, dismal corridor under the east steps of the capitol building and calmly awaited the coming of their leader. As they waited their number was augmented by many more men, who entered the state house grounds with a determined grim look on their faces and with axes slung over their shoulders. Two men came in with great mining picks, and others had sledgeshammers. These weapons were too large for the women, who composed one fifth of the party, and they carried bright new hatchets.

Tranquilly Overleeps.

Mrs. Nation overleaps herself by one hour. Joint smashing, she explained, had gotten to be such an ordinary affair with her that she never had occasion to lose any sleep on account of the excitement it caused.

"But get in line there, men and women," she commanded, "we must be about the Lord's work now. Get your hatchets ready and follow me." And they did.

Two by two, with no excitement, weapons in hand, they moved out on their mission of destruction. In the front proudly marched Mrs. Nation, with her hatchet raised proudly. Behind her were Mrs. Rose Christ and Miss Madeline Southard, who accompanied her on her trip to Chicago, and Dr. Eva Harding. Next came six Washburn college boys bearing an immense battering ram.

The crowd turned the corner at Sixth street and soon reached the front door of Murphy's fashionable joint. Four policemen stood at the door to guard the entrance.

DEWITTE HAS OTHER OBJECT

Discriminating Duty on American Imports Intended to Impress Germany.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 17.—

Shrewd observers in St. Petersburg believe that the Russian minister of finance, M. de Witte, is imposing a discriminating duty on American manufactures of steel was not only animated by a desire to protect the Russian sugar industry, but was eager to seize an opportunity to mobilize Russia's industrial army with a view to proving its ability to stand the test of a tariff war. It is believed, moreover, that he desires to impress Germany even more than the United States.

"The Russian press does not give any particular approval to the experiment. The Bourse Gazette, usually influenced by the minister of finance, warns both sides against implicit faith in the Bismarckian theory that tariff wars do not disturb good political relations, pointing out that experience has shown the opposite to be the case as a rule.

TEMPERANCE QUESTION INVOLVED.

The result of the export policy, the New York contented, is animated principally by domestic high prices. It is well known that one of the chief obstacles to temperance work in Russia is the price of sugar, which checks the consumption of tea.

Developments at Washington.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—Count Liechtenberg, the minister to the United States from Belgium, says his government has not taken any steps looking to retaliation against the United States because of the continued imposition of a countervailing duty on Belgium sugar imported into the United States.

IMPLEMENT MEN ARE STIRRED

Illinois Manufacturers Will Call Meeting Recently as has been the custom annually, it has been restated or readjusted and this has given rise to the impression that the step was taken recently by this government. The readjusted duty makes little if any difference in the existing rates.

COLD DAYS FOR SPANIARDS

Thermometer Registers Eight Degrees Below Zero and Snow Falls in Several Places.

MADRID, Feb. 17.—Throughout Spain the weather is intensely cold, the thermometer registering eight below zero. Snow has fallen in Palma, where snow storms have been practically unknown. A heavy fog is sweeping the southern coast and eight small wrecks are reported from Cadiz.

DEATH BREAKS UP THE CRUISE

Lady DeGrey Feels that a Court Appointment Under Edward is Imminent.

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THIEVES GET LEYDS' PAPERS

Transvaal Diplomatic Agent Loses State Documents in Antwerp Way at Brussels.

DEATH FOR WILLIAM RHEA

Jury in Zahn Murder Case Finds Verdict in the First Degree.

TWENTY-TWO HOURS CONSIDERING CASE

Each Juror is Polled and Declares the Result to Be His Individual Choice—Prisoner's Father Much Affected.

FREMONT, Neb., Feb. 17.—(Special Telegram.)—The jury in the Herman Zahn murder case, after being out twenty-two hours, brought in a verdict of murder in the first degree and fixed the penalty at death. A few minutes before 3 o'clock the jurymen informed the bailiff that they had agreed. Judge Grimston, the attorney and clerk were sent for and the prisoner brought over to the court room. He looked pale, his mouth and his eyes were slightly inflamed and swollen. As the jury filed past him to their seats in the box he eagerly scanned their faces. Their countenances were pale and haggard and they looked tired and weary after their night's work.

"Gentlemen of the jury, who is your foreman?" asked the judge.

"Fred Howe," was the answer.

"Mr. Howe, have you agreed upon your verdict?"

"We have," replied Mr. Howe.

"You will deliver your verdict to the bailiff. Bailiff, you will deliver the verdict to the clerk. The clerk will read the verdict."

The clerk unfolded the paper and slowly read:

"We, the jury, duly empaneled and sworn in the above entitled case, do find and say that the defendant, William Rhea, is guilty of murder in the first degree in manner and form as charged in the information. And we further do find, say and determine that the defendant, William Rhea, should suffer death."

"FRED A. HOWE, Foreman."

OXLEY JURY SAYS GUILTY

Murder in Second Degree is Verdict at Broken Bow, After Nine Hours Deliberation.

BROKEN BOW, Neb., Feb. 17.—(Special Telegram.)—The jury at the Fallhart case reached a verdict at 2:30 this morning, finding Oxley guilty of murder in the second degree, after being out nine hours. The ballot stood at first nine for conviction and three for acquittal. The defense will appeal the case in all probability.

SAYS DANISH SALE IS OFF

Copenhagen Correspondent Claims that Steamship Company Prevents Uncle Sam's Island Purchase.

LONDON, Feb. 17.—The Danish government, says the Copenhagen correspondent of the Daily Mail, has suddenly broken off all dealings with the United States regarding the sale of the Danish West Indies. This is due to a satisfactory offer made by the Danish East Asiatic Steamship company to assist in the future administration of the islands. The American government has been notified as to this decision.

OIL WELLS IN THE GULF

Secretary of War Gives Permission for Sinking Them Near Sabine Pass.

AUSTIN, Tex., Feb. 17.—A special from Beaumont, Tex., Colonel W. H. Porter of this city and Judge O. M. Carter of Fort Worth have received permission from the secretary of war to sink oil wells in the Gulf of Mexico in the vicinity of what is known as the "oil pool" near Sabine Pass.

SIBERIA AND PORT ARTHUR

Reported Russo-Chinese Agreement for a Railroad Connecting the Two.

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NATHANIEL SWIFT IS DEAD

Brother and Partner of the Meat Packer Dies with Congested Brain.

CHICAGO, Feb. 17.—Nathaniel Swift, a brother of Gustavus F. Swift, the millionaire packer, died here today after an illness of four days, the immediate cause of his demise being congestion of the brain.

BRUSSELS, Feb. 17.—Dr. Leyds, the Transvaal diplomatic agent, returned here last night from The Hague. His baggage was placed for a moment in the vestibule of his residence and shortly afterwards it was ascertained that thieves had entered the house by false keys and stolen a valise containing diplomatic papers. The police are investigating the matter.

VAN WYCK DISAPPROVES IT

Sends Police Bill Back to Legislature with Objection that it Favors Government.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—It was learned today that Mayor Van Wyck on Saturday evening returned to Albany the police bill with his disapproval attached.

"The memorandum which the mayor sent Albany with his veto contained, in substance, the following: 'The bill is returned to the Senate of the State of New York,' and in part says: 'This bill abolishes the present Board of Police Commissioners in charge of the police department of the city of New York and transfers all their powers to a single commissioner to be named by the mayor, subject at all times to a power of removal vested not only in the mayor, but also in the governor. The power of removal given to the governor is unlimited in any way. It is not a power of removal for cause and it does not require that the commissioner shall have any opportunity of being heard before his removal.'

"It is further provided in the bill that no person the governor removes shall ever subsequently be appointed to the office. The whole purpose and effect of this disqualification and of the arbitrary power of removal vested in the governor is to completely nullify the provisions of appointment nominally given to the mayor. 'This is a violation of the provisions of the constitution, which guarantees to the inhabitants of the counties, cities, towns and villages the right to select their local officers. 'This is all the more dangerous because the attack is made in an underhand and indirect manner. The mayor's message will reach Albany tomorrow morning. It is believed that the bill will be passed over his veto by both houses of the legislature and that the governor will then sign it.

AFTERMATH OF FIGHT CASE

Mayor Fleischmann and W. N. Hobart Resign from Festival Board in Disfavor.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 17.—Mayor Julius Fleischmann and W. N. Hobart have resigned from the Cincinnati May Medical Festival association. The mayor was a liberal patron of the biennial medical events here. Hobart has been a director in this association for a quarter of a century and has been president of the organization. He has been president of it for eighteen years.

These resignations are due to the opposition of the members to the festival directory to the extent that was scheduled for last Friday night. The board, under the leadership of Mayor Fleischmann and W. N. Hobart, who has been noted as a factor in public-spirited enterprises, is one of the members of the Saengerfest board and also a director in the Saengerfest Athletic association. Mayor Fleischmann had given the permit for the contest. While the promoters of the Jeffrey-Ruhlin contest had much abuse heaped on them, especially during the trial for an injunction, they claimed that the same abuse associates in the festival directory were more severe and the retiring members do not care longer to be associated with them.

COLONEL COOK IS GUNNING

Denver G. A. R. Man Goes into Chicago to Make Trouble for Cleveland Encampment.

CHICAGO, Feb. 17.—Colonel George W. Cook of Denver, past department commander of the Grand Army of the Republic of Colorado and Wyoming and a member of the national council of the Grand Army of the Republic, arrived here today for the purpose of making trouble among the members of the order against the recent action of the executive committee of the council at a meeting in St. Louis in changing the place of the forthcoming encampment from Denver to Cleveland.

DEWET IN A SORRY PLIGHT

London Telegraph's Correspondent Says Boer Heroes Are Exhausted.

LONDON, Feb. 18.—A dispatch to the Daily Telegraph from De Aar, dated February 17, contains a report of the arrival there of Lord Kitchener and his staff to superintend the chase of General Dewet. The correspondent says: "Dewet's force is now denuded of almost all fighting vehicles and his horses are exhausted."

MCUTCHEON'S PENCIL IDLE

George Ade Takes the Clever Cartoonist South to Recuperate in Health.

CHICAGO, Feb. 17.—John T. McCutcheon, the well-known Chicago artist and newspaper man, who spent two years in the Philippines and who for seven months has been suffering with pneumonia, will be taken to Asheville, N. C., in a short time. Unfortunate symptoms developed during the past week and his friends became alarmed at his condition. As a consequence he has been ordered to leave the city. Mr. McCutcheon, trained nurse will accompany him, as will also George Ade, his close friend and collaborator.

ELUDES FRENCH'S VIGILANCE

Victoria Dispatches Announce that Carolina Commando Breaks Through to the West.

LONDON, Feb. 18.—Dispatches from Pretoria announce that the Carolina commando has broken through General French's cordons westward.

SURPRISE THE INSURGENTS

Fifth Infantry Detachment and Scouts Outwit Villamor and Alejandro, Two Leaders.

MANILA, Feb. 17.—Eighty men of the Fifth United States Infantry and a detachment of scouts surprised the insurgent leaders, Villamor and Alejandro, near Pampanga, Luzon, last night. The insurgents were taken by surprise and fled. There has been further incriminating developments in the charges against Dr. M. M. Carman, the American contractor, who with his partner, Theodor Carranza, a Spanish merchant, was arrested February 15, charged with furnishing supplies to the insurgents. Proof has been secured of his dealings with the rebels, showing that he supplied them with uniforms, provisions, money and some arms. The investigation will be continued.

ARREST WIFE AND DAUGHTER

Officers Accuse Them of Poisoning John Cummins' Coffee and Causing His Death.

TOPEKA, Kan., Feb. 17.—Sheriff Cook today arrested Mrs. Maggie Cummins and her 14-year-old daughter, Edna, on a warrant issued in Jefferson county, charging them with the murder of John Cummins, a quarryman, the divorced husband of Mrs. Cummins. The daughter is charged with putting poison in the coffee drunk by the father, which resulted in his immediate death. Mrs. Cummins is charged with instigating the crime. The body was examined and the stomach removed and subjected to a chemical analysis.

MURDERS HIS STEPDAUGHTER

Hall Frampton Kills Ella Clark in Nebraska City.

BATTERS HER SKULL AFTER SHOOTING

Angry Mob Follows Him to Jail and Lack of Leadership Alone Prevents an Immediate Lynching.

NEBRASKA CITY, Feb. 17.—(Special Telegram.)—One of the most brutal murders in the history of Nebraska City was committed this evening shortly after 5 o'clock, when Hall Frampton, a colored man, shot his stepdaughter, Ella Clark, commonly known as Ella Frampton. The assault took place at their home on North Sixth street, in a part of town mostly inhabited by colored folks. Frampton had been drinking and had some time before the shooting took place had quarreled with his wife, and as a result had packed up his belongings, with the intention of leaving home.

He was caught and held until it was thought the girl was safely beyond his reach, but he ran through the house and managed to overtake her within a few feet of their home, where he fired the remaining barrel at her. The charge entered her head under the right eye and came out through the ear. She fell from the sidewalk down a small embankment. Not satisfied with this, he jumped down after her and kicked her violently several times about the face.

As he turned to leave he noticed a slight movement of her limbs and in order to finish his horrible crime he struck her a tremendous blow on the head with the stock of his gun, fracturing her skull in a frightful manner. He immediately hid his gun in a nearby sewer and was about to flee, when he was seized by some neighbors. One of them, Edna Ingram, started up town with him, but when in the middle of the Sixth street bridge Frampton showed light. In the scuffle that followed Frampton was thrown off the bridge, landing on his shoulders in the soft mud below, unharmed. More neighbors arrived on the scene and he was taken to the county jail, followed by an angry mob, composed mostly of colored people, who seemed bent on administering punishment on the spot. It was only lack of leadership that prevented a lynching.

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KEARSARGE IS NOT INJURED

Explosion of Thirteen-Inch Gun Treated Lightly by Officers of the Ship.

PENSACOLA, Fla., Feb. 17.—The accident to one of the thirteen-inch guns on the battleship Kearsarge while she was cruising recently off Key West in the Gulf of Mexico, as reported last night, said by her officers to be of a trivial nature. No damage was done to the gun, except to the rifling. A premature discharge of one of the shells was the cause.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—A mail report giving an account of the bursting of a shell in the bore of one of the big thirteen-inch guns of the United States warship Kearsarge has been received at the bureau of ordinance of the Navy department. The accident occurred about twenty days ago, while the ship was at target practice off Pensacola. The damage resulting is said to be not serious and consisted mainly in the deforming or "gouging" of the tube. This will not prevent the gun being used again. The naval officials treat the matter lightly and say that such explosions occur occasionally. It is probably the first time, however, that an explosion has occurred in one of the thirteen-inch guns. The pecuniary loss will not be very large.

CONDITION OF THE WEATHER

Forecast for Nebraska—Fair and Colder.

Temperature at Omaha yesterday:

Table with 3 columns: Hour, Deg., and another column. Rows show temperatures for 5 a.m., 8 a.m., 11 a.m., 2 p.m., 5 p.m., 8 p.m., and 11 p.m.

VAN METRE SAYS HE LIED

Admits that If You See It in His Waterloo Tribune It Isn't Likely to Be So.

CHICAGO, Feb. 17.—A dispatch to the Chicago Times-Herald from Waterloo, Ia., says: "Editor I. Van Metre of the Waterloo Tribune, whose purported interview with Pat Crowe and confession from him in regard to the Cuddy kidnaping case has gone broadcast over the country, today declared the whole matter a hoax."

WASHOUT CAUSES BAD WRECK

Fireman and Three Passengers Killed and Others Injured Near Mills City, Nevada.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 17.—The Southern Pacific limited eastbound express, which left here at 10 a. m. yesterday, was wrecked at Mills City, Nev., last night. The fireman and three passengers were killed. The conductor, one brakeman, two postal clerks and one passenger were injured. The dead: ADOLPH BISSINGER and WIFE, San Francisco; CLINTON R. COULTON, San Francisco; D. L. WHITTAKER, Fremont. Injured: Conductor Markle; Engineer George Abbey; Postal Clerk J. C. Schuyler; Postal Clerk J. C. Corin.

Slightly injured: Miss Bissinger, whose parents were among the killed. All the passengers were badly shaken up.

The train ran into a washout, which was caused by a cloudburst. The train east and west were abandoned for forty-eight hours.

Adolph Bissinger was a member of the firm of Bissinger & Co., dealers in wool, leather and hides. Clinton R. Coulton was the superintendent of the Pacific Coast Supply company. Later advice place the time of the wreck at 6 o'clock this morning. The killed were in the composite car, which was telescoped by the washout. About sixty feet of track was washed out by the cloudburst.

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