

TOKIO'S BRISTLES UP

OPENLY PREPARING FOR POSSIBLE WAR WITH CHINA.

Peking Government Charges that Insurgents in the Interior Are Being Furnished Arms Through Japanese Sources, and Defends S. S. S. S.

At Tokio there were no developments throughout Sunday or Monday in connection with the Tatsu affair. In the meanwhile Japan is undoubtedly preparing for eventualities. The entire decision in the matter rests with Premier Saionji and Foreign Minister Hayashi. There has been no indication of the period of time that Japan would await China's reply. The Associated Press is informed that the Japanese foreign office that it is presumed that the Chinese foreign board will require three or perhaps four days consultation with the viceroy of Canton in the consideration of the entire matter, consequently no decision may be reached before March 10 or 11.

What action Japan will take in the event she decides immediately to take "independent action" is a matter of speculation in diplomatic circles in Tokio. It is believed that it is entirely improbable that Japan will make any effort to retake the Tatsu or send warships to Canton waters. While war is considered most improbable, the naval base at Sasebo is extremely active. It is announced that a part of the first squadron will leave port March 14. The armored cruiser Chicavoda suddenly left port Sunday night.

Coaling is proceeding rapidly, a number of torpedo boat destroyers having already been coaled. Enormous supplies in storage at Sasebo are being hurried aboard the vessels.

At the office of the admiralty it is pointed out that the first squadron expected to start on training maneuvers this week, a fact announced two months ago, therefore the activity at Sasebo should not necessarily be considered in connection with the Tatsu incident.

FIERCE BATTLE IN PRISON.

Deputy Warden in Montana Killed by Convicts.

Warden Frank Conley, of the Montana state penitentiary at Deer Lodge, Mont., was dangerously wounded Sunday morning, and his first assistant warden, John Robinson, was killed, when three life convicts, George Rock, W. H. Hayes and another, whose name is not given, made a dash for liberty. Robinson's throat was cut from ear to ear and the jugular vein was severed. Conley's throat was gashed, and he was stabbed several times in the shoulder and groin before he was able to draw his revolver and shoot two of the assailants down. Convicts Hayes and Rock were both shot down by Conley after the latter had been wounded. It is believed that the warden will recover.

The attack on the prison authorities and the attempted escape, according to the prison authorities, had been long planned by Rock and Hayes, who were cellmates. Both were armed with penknives, the blades of which were sharpened like razors.

MONEY ORDER FRAUD.

Stolen Blanks Filled Out and Passed on Indiana Merchants.

One thousand blank money orders stolen from station No. 129, Chicago, and filled in in amounts varying from \$25 to \$50, are being passed on merchants in various towns in northern Indiana, southern Michigan and eastern Illinois. The persons who are said to be operating the swindle are a man and a woman, who make small purchases at jewelry, grocery, clothing and furniture stores, for which the money orders are paid. In all cases the amount of the purchases are much smaller than the amounts called for by the orders.

Three Young Women Drown. While boating on the Appalache mill pond near Greers, S. C., Sunday, a skiff carrying ten persons capsized and three young women were drowned. There were but two men in the party and it was only through their efforts that the other five women were rescued.

Sioux City Live Stock Market. Saturday's quotations on the Sioux City live stock market follow: Top beefs, \$5.25. Top hogs, \$4.50.

Artist F. W. Freer Dead. Frederick Warren Freer, a painter of international reputation, died at his home at Chicago Saturday night of heart disease. He was 59 years old and a native of Chicago.

Jockey Vanduzen Dead. Charles Jackson Vanduzen, the once famous jockey, died at Dallas, Tex., Monday afternoon. For many years he had been a jockey and in his time had ridden many famous mounts.

HIGHER PAY IN ARMY.

Senate Provides 40 Per Cent Raise for Enlisted Men.

The army pay bill was passed by the United States senate Friday. The bill provides for army officers a graded increase of pay ranging from 5 per cent for lieutenant general to 25 per cent for junior officers.

It also provides that the "average pay of enlisted men of the army as now established be increased 40 per cent."

This amendment, suggested by Senator Culberson, of Texas, takes away the discretion of the president in fixing the pay of soldiers.

Senator Scott read a letter from a banker who stated army officers pay 3 per cent interest per month to have their salaries discounted because their incomes are so small.

An amendment was offered by Senator Bacon and adopted giving six months' pay to families of officers and enlisted men upon their death.

The navy pay bill equalizing the pay of officers of the navy and marine corps with the pay of officers of the army was ordered reported favorably to the house by the committee on naval affairs. That committee also agreed to report favorably the bill extending to rear admirals who were retired by the passage of the navy personal act in 1899 the benefits of that act, whereby the benefit of their retired pay would be increased.

Agreement will be reached by the committee to report favorably the naval bill introduced by Chairman Foss, which gives the navy department control over the naval militia.

STEAMER WRECKS BRIDGE.

Boat Breaks from Moorings and Crashes Into Toledo Structure.

Friday afternoon the big steamer Yuma was torn from her moorings by the rush of ice and water in the Maumee river and crashed into the bridge connecting the two sections of Toledo, O., tearing out a span and carrying it into the river. The harbor master, Page, was on the span and was thrown into the river. He was finally rescued.

The Yuma was a freighter and is laden with 15,000 bushels of flax. She was held by nineteen hawsers and her cable chain, but the movement of the ice snapped them like pipestems.

The bridge was the main artery connecting the east and west sides of the city and was used by street cars as well as vehicles and foot passengers. The river is now falling in front of the city, but the streets along the docks are flooded.

A DETROIT TRAGEDY.

Ellwood T. Hance, Former Postmaster, Shoots Himself.

Ellwood T. Hance, aged 56, first vice president of the Union Trust company and former postmaster of Detroit, Mich., shot and killed himself early Friday. Friends say worry over financial affairs and ill health caused the deed.

Officials of the Union Trust company deny emphatically that the affairs of the Union Trust company are in any way involved by any of Hance's financial difficulties. They also deny the affairs of the failed City Savings bank, for which the Union Trust company is receiver, are entangled because of Hance's management.

FIRE DRILL WORKS WELL.

1,200 Children March Out of New York School During Fire.

A special call was sent in to fire headquarters from a five-story public school on One Hundred and Ninth street, between Amsterdam avenue and Broadway, New York, Friday morning. All the children marched from the school without panic or disorder. They assembled in the yard and were sent home.

Parents who rushed to the building were prevented by the police from clogging the exits and sent away.

ACCUSED OF BIG JEWEL THEFT.

New York Society Woman is Arrested by Police.

Charged with a theft of jewels valued at \$20,000 from one of her wealthy friends, Mrs. Jeanette Newman, who lives at the Stratford house, New York, was locked up at police headquarters Friday.

The police say Mrs. Newman has made a full confession and told them she was actuated by her desire to keep her young son in a private school and to maintain her own social position.

The jewels were owned by Mrs. Evelyn Bell, who lives in Central park west.

Tooth Pulled: Death Followed.

Dr. J. L. Whinery, a prominent dentist of Marshalltown, Ia., who developed severe cerebral trouble immediately following a clinic at Minneapolis, Minn., last summer, as the result of the extraction of a molar, died Friday morning.

Great Fire in Japan.

A serious fire took place Friday morning at Noda Soy, a growing town near Tokio, Japan. Four hundred out of 1,000 houses in the town were destroyed. The damage is estimated at \$2,500,000.

Wabash Out of Banks.

Nearly 1,000 men have been rendered idle at Penn, Ind., and 75 homes damaged by high waters in the Wabash river, which is out of its banks.

FIRE INQUIRY BEGUN.

Witnesses Insist Collinwood School Door Was Locked.

Twenty-four hours after the disaster that swept into eternity approximately one-third of the school children of North Collinwood, O., the death roll numbered 164. Of these 137 had been identified at the Lake View morgue, while 27 bodies remain there in a condition of mutilation probably forever beyond the chances of being recognized.

In an effort to fix the cause and responsibility for the holocaust various investigations were set under way. Coroner Burke issued subpoenas for the seven surviving teachers of the Lake View school. The inquest was begun Thursday morning, when a number of witnesses were examined, without, however, developing any testimony that was beyond mere opinion.

An investigation conducted by the Collinwood school board, which lasted far into the night, at which a number of survivors of the horror told their stories, brought forth these facts:

That one of the inner doors at the west entrance of the school was closed and fastened while children were piling up against it in the passage, and that wing partitions in the vestibule, narrowed the exit by at least three feet. The flames came first from a closet below the stairway at the east entrance; the closet contained lime and sawdust. There was but one fire escape, and that its use was never taught as a part of the fire drill.

Survivors among the teachers estimate that only two or three minutes passed between the time of the alarm until all escape was cut off. The building was a fair sample of the kind of school construction in use in small towns. The halls and stairways were inclosed between interior brick walls forming a huge tube through which the flames shot up with great rapidity.

On the question, much discussed, whether the doors, opened inward or outward, Fire Marshals Brockett and Feigenbaum examined the doorways and stated that they were convinced that they opened outward. Whether they were locked they have not been able to determine. They have testimony on both sides. Janitor Herter still insists that the doors were open.

FATALLY SHOT.

Mystery in Case of Society Man of Dillon, Mont.

A sensation was caused at Dillon, Mont., Thursday when it was disclosed that Emery Pulver, a well known society man of that city, had been shot and fatally wounded early that morning. Dr. Bond was awakened and found Pulver prostrate at his door, where he had been carried by friends. The police are investigating what connection, of any, Pulver's condition has with the holdup of Henry Cahill, a saloon man, early Thursday. Cahill was going home when he was accosted by two men and dragged into an alley. Cahill shot one of the men through the stomach. The other robber felled Cahill and robbed him after beating him into insensibility.

PANIC IS AVERTED.

Fire Drill Proves Effective When an Alarm is Sounded.

Thursday fire broke out in the laboratory of the Central high school at Grand Rapids, Mich., while 1,200 pupils were in the midst of their morning work. The signal for the fire drill was given, and the children marched out in perfect order, the building being emptied in two and a half minutes. The school is over-crowded, stairways are inadequate and fears of a possible panic long had been felt, but the fire drill proved effective. The fire did comparatively little damage.

FRAUD IN FAILED BANK.

Very Sensational Charges Are Made in Examiners' Report.

Misconduct in the affairs of the Oriental bank, of New York, which is in the hands of receivers, is charged in a report written by the examiners employed by the receivers and made public Thursday. The report says: "The bank has been conducted in a most slipshod, loose and unbusinesslike manner and has been permeated with irregularities, frauds and crime."

Killed by Robbers.

Dell Ellis, night watchman at Brighton, eighteen miles north of Denver, on the Union Pacific railroad, was shot and killed early Friday by three robbers whom he surprised while attempting to enter the Farmers' State bank and postoffice. The robbers escaped on a freight train.

Big Loan is Extended.

It was announced at New York Friday that the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railway company has arranged with Speyer & Co. for an extension for one year of the \$5,000,000 secured in gold notes maturing April 1 next, at 6 per cent per annum.

Many Bodies Unclaimed.

Firemen and voluntary assistants are still probing among the smoldering ruins of the Collinwood school at Cleveland, O. Arrangements for a great public funeral are being perfected. Many bodies are still unidentified.

King Edward Takes Holiday.

A London special says: King Edward left London Thursday for Barzard for a month's holiday.

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NOT GRAVE OF LOST GIRL.

Latest Theory in Rosalie Mystery Soon Exploded.

Having successfully passed through a second "sweating" process in regard to the disappearance of his 4-year-old daughter, Olaf Olson, who for twenty-four hours had been "in custody" of Sheriff Dorsey, was released late Thursday afternoon and returned to his home near Bloomfield, whither he recently moved from the farm in the vicinity of Rosalie.

Accompanied by Sheriff Dorsey and Miss Anna Miller, of Sioux City, Olson Thursday morning went to the Rosalie field. The woman, who had declared she could locate the body of the missing child, led the two men to a spot about two rods from the house, and there beneath a small tree pointed to what appeared to be a grave, announcing at the same time that the body would be found within.

Olson readily admitted that it was in fact a grave, but said it contained the body of a child that had been born dead last summer.

The grave was thereupon opened and examination confirmed Olson's statements. The fact of the burial of the child under the circumstances described by Olson was generally known in the Rosalie neighborhood, the location of the grave also being a matter of common knowledge.

After examination of the grave Sheriff Dorsey and Miss Miller returned to Pender, while Olson went to Bancroft. The sheriff is not hopeful of results upon the present line of investigation, but says he is not yet willing to drop the matter. What further action he contemplates is not known.

INDIAN SCHOOL TO QUIT.

Hereafter Schools for Winnebagoes to Be Just Like White Man's.

In accordance with the policy of the present commissioner of Indian affairs, the Winnebago Indian boarding school will not be continued after July 1. A day school will be established in that portion of the reservation where the Indians have their permanent homes. An endeavor will be made to induce them to send their children daily from their homes rather than have them housed, clothed and fed at the expense of the government.

The Winnebagoes as well as many other tribes, are having more responsibility thrust upon them. The old custom of supplying their every need for transaction of their business is to be replaced by a new system in which every one who is at all competent will have to manage his own affairs and be responsible for consequences. This policy, it is believed, will result in much good to future generations, even though it may prove disastrous to those who are now enjoying the proceeds from their real estate interests.

WANTS TO VOID MARRIAGE.

J. W. Lampman Commences Suit in Behalf of Minor Daughter.

Suit to annul the secret marriage of Mabel W. Lampman and Edward P. Finan, which took place in Council Bluffs Feb. 10, was started in district court in Omaha Thursday afternoon by John W. Lampman, the girl's father. The wedding was the result of a youthful love affair and an elopement. Finan was only 18 years old and Miss Lampman only 17. Mr. Lampman says in the petition he did not give his consent and was opposed to the match, hence he holds the marriage illegal.

Immediately after the marriage, the petition says, the young couple separated and have not lived together since. Finan, owing to the opposition to the match, left the city about a week after the marriage and is now said to be in Chicago.

FIGHT AT RANDOLPH.

Saloon Question is Issue in the Municipal Campaign.

Thursday night marked the opening of the city campaign on the saloon question, the dividing issue in Randolph, when the conservative or "wet" party held its caucus and nominated a full ticket, as follows: O. O. Reed, mayor; L. E. Holtz, councilman First ward; W. A. Hammond, councilman Second ward; J. M. Bowles, police judge; E. G. Maillard, city clerk; Chas. Krause, treasurer. The city campaign gives promise of being "hot." Both sides are confident of success.

Poisoned by Moth Balls.

The 3-year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. William Gray, of Plattsmouth, poisoned herself by eating moth balls, which she found in a drawer. The child was taken to the office of Dr. Livingston and given an emetic, and, although very sick, is considered to be out of danger.

They Get Transportation.

The railway commission Thursday ascertained that twenty-five contracts between the Union Pacific and the editors of southeastern Nebraska were in existence and had never been reported to the state officials. Attorney Aggner claims the contracts were issued on a dollar for dollar basis.

New Trial for Banker Chamberlain.

C. M. Chamberlain, sentenced to serve five years in prison on a charge of embezzling the funds of the Chamberlain Banking company, of Tecumseh, was Thursday granted a new trial by the supreme court.

For County High School.

The citizens and business men of Ainsworth met in the court house to consider ways and means by which a country high school can be erected there. A campaign committee was appointed.

ESCAPING PRISONERS CAUGHT.

Already Serving Time as Result of Previous Attempt.

Charles Ford and John Kuhl, serving ninety days each in the county jail at Beatrice for resisting an officer, escaped Saturday evening from Deputy Sheriff Burke while they were at work in the yard. The officers fired three shots at the fleeing prisoners, but they did not take effect. Kuhl was captured about three blocks from the jail and Ford was rounded up by the officers in Glenover soon after his escape.

Last fall Ford was sentenced by Judge Kelligar to sixty days in jail for assaulting a young man with a revolver, and Kuhl was later sent up for thirty days for assisting in the theft of laprobes and whips from several farmers in Sicily township. Shortly before their terms had expired both men escaped from jail and were captured by Officer Spahan after a brutal fight. They were given ninety days each for resisting an officer and have thirty days yet to serve.

MOVE TO MAKE LINCOLN DRY.

License Issue Will Be Submitted to Vote of the People.

The first definite move looking to prohibition in Lincoln was taken Tuesday evening when the United Civic league presented to the excise board a petition bearing 2,000 signatures to amend its rules so that no liquor licenses shall be granted. The petition required but 1,200 signatures to make it effective. The question will be put to a vote, and with it a rule proposed by the excise board, making the limit of saloons twenty-five and permitting them to remain open only between the hours of 7 a. m. and 7 p. m., with the minimum license, \$1,500.

BOCHE IS CONVICTED.

The Jury at Norfolk Finds Him Guilty of Manslaughter.

Herman Boche, accused of the murder of Frank Jarmer, was found guilty of manslaughter at Norfolk Tuesday afternoon. The jury was out sixteen hours. The penalty for the crime is one to ten years in the penitentiary. A motion for a new trial was made. Boche shot and killed Jarmer on the night of May 1, 1907. The killing followed a quarrel after a night spent in drinking in a Norfolk resort. The men had been fast friends and lodge brothers.

Edmiston Will Return.

Attorneys for J. H. Edmiston, who failed to appear in the federal court Omaha to answer to the charge of perjury and complicity in land frauds, declare that their client will return next week. They assert that Edmiston went south on business and is now suffering a severe attack of nervous prostration.

Pass Holders Are Bound Over.

At Columbus Dr. C. D. Evans and Dr. D. T. Martyn are held under bonds for their appearance in district court to answer to the charge of violating the anti-pass law by accepting passes from the Union Pacific. County Attorney Hensley is pushing the cases against the physicians, and the cases will be a test of the anti-pass law.

Anti-Saloon Fight in Hastings.

A campaign to drive saloons from Hastings was started Sunday at a mass meeting under the auspices of the evangelistic union of seven churches. The political parties will be asked to make no nominations for the council next spring so that the saloon question may be settled in a square contest on license and no license tickets.

Find for "Licking" the Mayor.

Bert Leddy, of Elm Creek, against whom a warrant was sworn out several weeks ago for assault on Mayor Gass, of that town, and who left that vicinity for parts unknown, returned to Kearney and gave himself up to Sheriff Sammons, who took him before Judge Hoge, where he was fined \$5 and costs, amounting to \$12.75.

Consolation for Small Boy.

Consolation for the small boy was found in juvenile court at Omaha Monday morning, when it was announced the administration of the truancy law would have to be suspended temporarily because of the order requiring the vaccination of school children. Several cases came up, but as none of the truants had been vaccinated the judge could not order them to go back to school.

Nicholas Scheidegger Dead.

Nicholas Scheidegger, one of the earliest settlers of southeastern Nebraska, died at the family home, several miles southwest of Humboldt, as the result of an attack of paresis, from which he has been suffering for months. Deceased was a native of Switzerland, having been born at Berne, and was in his 79th year. He came to this country in 1854.

Thirty Carloads of Fence Posts.

Richard C. Jordan, superintendent of the United States Indian warehouse at Omaha, placed an order Monday with the Chicago Lumber company for thirty carloads of fence posts to be shipped to the Rosebud Indian agency. These posts, secured by competitive bids, will be used in fencing Indian lands on the reservation.

No Saloon Issue at Kearney.

The city council at Kearney tied on a vote on the petition presented by the Anti-Saloon league for permission to submit the question of license or no license. The mayor cast the deciding vote against the league.

Bancroft Woman Ends Her Life.

Bancroft, C. E. Robinson, an old resident of Bancroft, committed suicide Monday, taking carbolic acid. She had been living with her daughter, Mrs. W. F. Presser, and while the latter was down town shopping she drank the acid. Mrs. Robinson leaves two daughters and one son.

New Telephone Line.

The Burlington has completed a telephone line from Lincoln to Wyoming, for company use. The last connections were made Saturday.



Commandant Hoyt, of the soldiers home at Grand Island, in Lincoln

Monday and called at the state house to see the members of the state board of public lands and buildings. Mr. Hoyt said there would be no deficiency in the maintenance fund of his institution or in other funds except the burial fund. During the last few months there has been a large number of deaths—42 since September, and in many instances the state has had to pay the expenses of the burial. In the matter of the report of the state accountant that unless expenses were cut down the institution would have a deficiency, Mr. Hoyt said his expenses for the next two months would be much lighter than for the winter months and that he had on hand sufficient coal, groceries and clothing to last until the end of the quarter, and therefore the expenses for March would be very light. While the report of the accountant was true, he said, insofar as the figures went, the report did not go far enough and show that the expenses made in January covered supplies for the quarter. The expenses of the six months, he said, could not be taken as a criterion of what the expenses would be in the next six months. In the matter of permits mentioned in the report Mr. Hoyt said his appropriation was such that he had to get permits to buy and frequently the state was saved money.

Superintendent Hay, of the insane hospital at Lincoln, receives \$2,500

annually, his living expenses for himself and family and \$350 for acting as postmaster of the institution, so the report of the state accountant says. This institution has a balance in its maintenance fund of \$65,709.93, and during the last six months its average expenditures have been \$4,929 monthly. At this rate it will run short at the end of the biennial \$3,298, in addition to its unpaid bills. Stewart Gilmore said Monday, however, there would be no shortage and by April 1 the institution would be even in all funds. An average of \$1,000 a month cash receipts will eliminate any deficiency, said the report of the accountant.

Col. John J. Ryder, deputy labor

commissioner, is going to pull up some of the property owners in Lincoln with a short jerk in the next few days because they have not supplied their buildings with fire escapes. In a round of the town he discovered at least twenty-five buildings which, under the law, should have been equipped with fire escapes, but which were not. One proprietor said he had been notified some two or three years ago to erect a fire escape, but had paid no attention to the notice. Mr. Ryder expects to have the courts do his work for him.

The Mason City and Fort Dodge

Railroad company is the first to file a report of taxable property under the terminal tax law, under which railroad property is assessed for city purposes, for the first time in Nebraska this year. This report was filed Friday with Secretary George D. Bennett, of the state board of assessment. The law provides also that a description of railroad property located in cities and villages be filed with the local assessor. The law requires that these reports be filed with the state board of tax between Feb. 1 and March 1. Some of the roads which have a great deal of property in the state assert they cannot get their reports ready by the first of the month.

Brown county is the first county in

the state to notify the state treasurer that it is going to vote on the proposition of erecting a county high school building. The county clerk wrote to Treasurer Brian to see whether the state could buy the bonds, the question being whether the bonds were school bonds or county. Mr. Brian held inasmuch as the bonds will be signed by the county clerk and the chairman of the board of county commissioners, the bonds are certainly an obligation of the county and can be bought by the state. He notified the county clerk to have the bonds pay 5 per cent. The proposition to be voted on is to be an issue of from \$15,000 to \$20,000.

The railway commission has been

asked to see whether the Burlington railroad and the Ensign Transfer company are in a combine to prevent other transfer companies from getting business at the station at Lincoln. A huckman came to the state house Tuesday morning and complained to the commission that the Ensign people were given the best of everything at the depot.

The receipts of the office of the secretary

of state for the month of February were as follows: For filing articles of incorporation, \$2,222.90; notary commissions, \$70; motor vehicles, \$67.10; brands, \$54.50; certificates and transcripts, \$36.50; labels and trade marks, \$4; all other sources, \$21.80; total, \$2,373.80.

The state board of purchase and

supplies met formally Tuesday afternoon and passed upon the estimates for the various state institutions for the next quarter, beginning April 1. The estimates were all tabulated by the state accountant and will be ready the bidders as soon as they can be mailed out.

Among the bills filed by the board

of regents of the University of Nebraska for January with the state auditor was one for \$150.28 for butter fat sold by the Beatrice Creamery company at 31 cents a pound. The butter fat was sold to the dairy department at the state farm. Owing to the large number of students at the farm the dairy herd does not supply sufficient milk for demonstrations, and it is necessary to buy milk. The butter made from the milk is sold and the money goes into the cash fund of the university.