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VALENTINE. - - NEBRASKA.

# 1,000,000 SUFFERING

ADDITIONAL DETAILS OF WHAT CHINA'S GREAT FAMINE MEANS.

#### PATHETIC SCENES OBSERVED

Rev. Thomas Carter, a Missionary in Anwhei Province, Draws a Pitiful Picture of Sufferings Encountered in Stricken Districts.

New York.-Pathetic details of the suffering from famine in Anwhei and other provinces of China reach the mission boards here in every mail. A leter came recently to the board of foreign missions of the Presbyterian church from Rev. Thomas Carter, a missionary stationed at Hwai Yung, in Anwhei province.

"I never really knew what the Lord's prayer meant until today," he writes. "We came to a village where some Christians gathered for worship. To | Frost. hear those men say 'Give us this day our daily bread' had a strange sound when we knew that not one of them had so much as seen bread for many a day, unless you call pressed sweet potato vines bread. Somehow that prayer must be answered. We cannot let these people starve."

A million persons in the region north of his station, Mr. Carter says, are to die of starvation before summer unless belp comes from outside. He writes of the scene as it impressed him in the following terms:

' It would be hard to draw a picture of the famine district that would not be altogether misleading. The country looks much the same as any stretch of country looks in China. Long stretches of good, rich fields just beginning to be green with winter wheat.

AN INNING OR VANDALISM.

Northern Mexico Overrun With Lawless Bands.

El Paso, Tex .- According to reports received from what are considered unquestionable sources, vandalism, the commandering of food supplies by lawless persons and interference with the free activity of business people are growing in northern Mexico to such an extent that thousands of noncombatants, including many Americans, are leaving the country.

Americans are allowed to leave freely but not without being detained by bands of armed men, in some instances being deprived of their valuables. Cattle and hogs are taken without regard to ownership and many stores have been raided and left empty. It is given out that depredations are not countenanced by the insurrecto army, but are performed by a lawless element not acting in accordance with the revolutionary movement.

To Study "Sleeping Sickness." Boston.-Dr. Simon B. Wolbach, assistant professor of bacteriology at the Harvard medical school, and Dr. J. L. Todd, of the medical department of McGill university, Montreal, have departed for West Africa to study the so called "sleeping sickness" and its allied diseases among the natives.

Hurt in a Runaway.

Valentine, Neb .- Dr. Noyes, United States veteran, who was hurt in a runaway about sixty miles northeast of here was found to be very badly injured. He was thrown into a wire fence and in trying to hold on to the team was dragged quite a ways, the barb wire cutting clear to the bone in the calf of one of his legs.

Electric Power From Sioux.

Sioux Falls, S. D.-A hydroelectric plant is to be constructed on the Sioux River at Fairview, twenty-five miles south of this city, to supply currents for that town and a number of surrounding villages. The investment will be about \$30,000.

Charles Mitchell Dead.

New Britian.-Charles Elliott Mitchell, who was United States commissioner of patents under President Harrison, died of apoplexy Friday. He was 73 years old.

Jeanette Bests Barry

New Yory .- Joe Jeanette, the negro heavyweight, had all the better of a ten-round bout with Jim Barry. There vere no knockdowns.

Sloux City Live Stock Market. Sicux City, Io .- Saturday's quotations on the local live stock market follow: Top beeves, \$6.25. Top hogs,

Drive Mile in 28:40.

Jacksonville, Fla.—Bob Burman Sunday afternoon drove the first mile at more than two miles a minute on the Atlantic-Pabol beach, when he piloted his 250-horsepower Mercedes over the beach a mile in 28:40 seconds.

Grain Company Assigns. Kansas City, Mo.-Assignment for the protection of creditors was made by the Percy C. Smith Grain company of this city to A. S. Jobes and H. T. Fowler. The amount of its liabilities has not been announced.

# VALENTINE DEMOCRAT INDICTED FOR FRAUD

NINE MEN ARE CHARGED WITH CONSPIRACY BY FEDERAL GRAND JURY.

ONE TRUE BILL A SURPRISE

Witness Called to Aid Prosecution In Alleged \$10,000,000 Alaskan Land Grab Shares Fate of Others at End of Inquiry.

Chicago.-The federal grand jury Thursday returned true bills against nine men charging them with having defrauded the government out of 10,-000 acres of Alaskan coal land.

They were Albert C. Frost, former president of the Chicago & Milwaukee Electric company and promoter of other enterprises, who is now in Europe; Pierre G. Beach, former secretary of the Alaska Central railroad and at present secretary and treasurer of the A. C. Frost company; George M. Seward, receiver for the A. C. Frost company; Frank Watson of Spokane, Wash.; George A. Ball of Muncie, Ind.; Duncan M. Stewart, Seward, Alaska, formerly manager of the Southern bank of Toronto, Canada; Henry C. Osborne, Gwyn L. Francis and Francis H. Stewart of Toronto, bankers and brokers, who aided

There are now about twenty indictments pending in different parts of the country growing out of the Alaskan frauds, and more are promised as soon as these cases are out of the way. An early trial will be demanded.

The alleged conspiracy began at Chicago on April 1, 1908, it is charged, to defraud the government of large tracts of coal lands within the Cook inlet precinct and recording district in Alaska and in the district of lands attached to the land office of the United States situated at Juneau.

"The said coal lands aggregated approximately 10,000 acres, are of the value of \$10,000,000," the indictment reads.

"It was a part of said unlawful conspiracy that by cunning persuasion and promises of pecuniary reward and by other corrupt means, persons severally qualified by law to make location upon and entry and purchase of said coal lands should be induced to make fraudulent locations of coal lands, ostensibly for the exclusive use and benefit of said coal land claimants, respectively, but in truth and in fact for the use and benefit of said conspirators or some of them."

It is charged that by this means the conspirators, or some of them, hoped to receive and enjoy the benefits of a greater number of locations and entries of coal lands, and of a greater quantity of coal lands, than allowed

The indictment of Receiver Seward is a surprise, as he had been summoned as one of the witnesses to testify before the grand jury.

#### INCOME TAX LAW IS UPHELD

Law Provides That Al Ilncorporated Bodies Shall Pay Tax on Net Income Above \$5,000.

Washington.-Without a dissenting opinion the Supreme court of the United States Monday handed down its decision holding the corporation tax law constitutional. Thus ended a controversy waged almost continuously since President Taft suggested its enactment to congresss.

Justice Day read the decision in the corporation tax case suits testing the law having been brought from every section of the country. By its affirmation the revenues of the national treasury are increased annually more than \$25,000,000 from the tax on the net incomes of corporations doing business for profit, in addition to which the principle of the right to levy such a tax is vindicated and, the most of all, that for which the government has been striving, access to the books of the big corporations and full publicity with regard to their affairs is absolutely assured.

The main points of the opinion, as read by Justice Day, are:

It was within the power of the senate to insert the corporation provisions in a tariff law which originated in the house.

The tax is an "excise tax on the doing of business," which is exactly the and negotiations, the precise nature basis on which the government de- of which has not hitherto been clear,

the arbitrary exercise of a power. This was urged in argument as one reason why the law should be held unconstitutional.

income rather than being a tax on in- in restoring peace.

Of all the objections to the tax raised by suits in all parts of the country none of them was found sufficient to nullify the law.

The tax is one per cent, of the entire net income over and above \$5,000 received from all sources.

Charles H. Remington Is Dead.

Watertown, N. Y .- Charles H. Remington, treasurer of the Remington-Martin Paper company, died Wednesday as the result of blood poisoning caused by a slight cut on his hand inflicted about a week ago.

Carnegie to Lose \$800,000. New York.—At the Carnegie Trust company inquiry before the grand jury in New York city Wednesday it was stated that Andrew Carnegie would lose \$800,000 by the forgery of an official in the wrecked bank

### WELL-TIME FOR A NAP, ANYHOW



REBELS EXPLODE NITRO-GLYCER-IN UNDER BUILDINGS OCCU-PIED BY DIAZ TROOPS.

MEXICO TO SHOW NO MERCY

Leniency for Insurrectos Is at an End-Citizens of United States, Held in Jails, Are Assured Civil Trials for Sedition.

El Paso, Tex .- Two heavy charges of nitro-glycerin were exploded under the barracks occupied by Mexican troops Wednesday night at Juarez, Mexico, and the buildings occupied by the soldiers were badly damaged. The attempt to blow up the barracks is attributed to revolutionists.

Two of a small band of insurrectos who secretly had entered the town were wounded and captured.

Assurance of the safety of all Americans now confined in Mexican prisons is given in an official statement issued at Juarez.

Americans now prisoners will be given trials in the civil courts on charges of sedition against the Mexican government, but hereafter all insurrectos, whether citizens of the United States or not, may be subject to the death penalty under summary military procedure.

The statement from the Mexican officials was issued relative to the seventeen foreigners now imprisoned in the federal jail at Casas Grandes. Fifteen of them are Americans. Pending their trials they will be given the consideration due to prisoners of war. Colonel Cuellar, in command at Casas Grandes, is suffering from wounds, and as soon as he is able to move, the prisoners will be marched 170 miles to Chihuahua to face the civil

The two other foreigners are European "soldiers of fortune" who have fought in Central American revolu-

Colonel Manuel Tamborel, military commander at Juarez, said:

"The Americans have not been shot and will not be. Colonel Cuellar has so reported to us here and to Mexico City. It is the intention to give the men a fair trial. This does not mean. however, the same consideration will be given to foreigners hereafter cap-

Colonel Tamborel at first said he had been advised that forty foreigners had been captured, but later said the report was incorrect. He said he had not received the names of the Americans.

It is said the citizens of the United States now fighting in the insurrecto ranks number 600. The largest force is with Capt. Oscar G. Creighton, who has been active in blowing up railroad bridges. Government officials received orders to put a stop to the crossing of Americans from El Paso into the insurgent territory.

New York.—The sudden departure from New York Thursday of Senor Limantour, the Mexican minister of finance, after a week of conferences was Friday explained by the under-The provisions of the law are not standing that he has succeeded in effecting a tentative plan by which substantial reforms are expected to be put in force immediately by the Mexican government, and the leading in- Wednesday, renewing friendships with The tax is regarded as measured by surrectos, being satisfied, are to aid old comrades in arms of the Spanish-

American side of the international opened its annual reunion here, and line, Mexican customs officials at the colonel was the principal speaker Ilgodones Wednesday sent a volley at the opening exercises. The reunion into the insurrectos, the latter reply will come to a close tomorrow. Mrs. ing by firing across the line into the and Miss Roosevelt joined the colo-American town of Andrade. No one nel's party here and will stay with was wounded so fas as is known.

Frank Work Dies of Pneumonia. New York.-Frank Work, the multimillionaire railroad man and father of \$20,000,000.

Hurled, Unhurt, by Train. Utica, N. Y.-Matthew Bowers was struck by the Twentieth Century Limited here Thursday and escaped with- and western Pennsylvana was sent out a scratch. The wagon in which he out from the headquarters of the Uniwas riding was demolished.

# ZELAYA SCENTS PLOT

DECLARES U. S. STIRS UP CEN-TRAL AMERICAN DISCORD.

Late Nicaragua President Explains to Europe That This Nation Will Dominate Western Hemisphere.

Paris. - Jose Santos Zelaya, former president of the republic of Nicaragua, attacks the attitude of the United States toward Mexican affair most violently in an interview here. It will be remembered that Mr. Zelaya was forced to relinquish his office at the time of the recent rebellion in the Central American republic.

Zelaya charges that the United States government, inspired by the prospect of commercial and financial gain, is waging a merciless war not phere.

He asserts, too, that the United States is deliberately inciting revolutions in Latin-America that they may pictures President Diaz of Mexico. "my friend and a grand, courageous old man, who despite his eighty years plunges daily in a cold bath and rides his horse like a gentleman," as "patriotically and bravely but vainly resisting American encroachments."

#### SEVEN DIE IN FIERCE GALE

Tug Silver Spray Wrecked in Cleveland Harbor and Her Crew is Drowned.

Cleveland, O.—Seven lives were lost and a fishing tug is at the bottom of Lake Erie as a result of the gale which swept the lakes.

The tug Silver Spray of Erie, operated by the Booth Fisheries comdrowned.

of the Silver Spray's crew,

## FREED OF BRIBERY CHARGE

Illinois Legislators Declared "Not Guilty" of Conspiracy in Connection With Furniture Contracts.

Springfield, Ill., March 13.-After three and one-half hours' deliberation. during which time about twenty-one ballots were taken, the jury in the trial of State Senator Stanton C. Pemberton of Oakland and of former Representative Joseph S. Clark of Vandalia, who are charged with entering into a conspiracy to secure money corruptly for their votes in awarding the contract for the furnishing of the senate and house chambers of the statehouse, returned a verdict of "not guilty."

#### ROUGH RIDERS HOLD REUNION

Colonel Roosevelt Has Happy Time With Old Friends of the Saddle.

Albuquerque, N. M.-Former President Roosevelt was in his glory last American war. The Rough Rider regi- held in London. Calexico, Cal.-Firing from the ment, of which Roosevelt was colonel, him during the remainder of his trip.

Prison for "Get-Rich-Quick" Man. New York.—George H. Munroe, said by government officials to have ob-Mrs. Burke-Roche, died at his home tained \$500,000 from investors in "get here Thursday of pneumonia. He was rich quick" propositions, was convictninety-two years old and it is under- ed Thursday of using the mails to destood leaves an estate amounting to fraud, and sentenced to three agriculture. years.

10,000 Miners on Strike.

Indianapolis., Ind.—The formal call for a strike of 10,000 miners in Ohio ted Mine Workers Thursday.

## SEE BIG PEACE PACT ALL OVER NEBRASKA

ARBITRATION TREATY BETWEEN U. S. AND ENGLAND POSSIBLE.

Draft of Convention May Be Ready for Submission to Extra Session of Congress.

Washington.- is believed here that it is possible that when congress assembles in extra session President Taft may be able to carry out his promise to submit a treaty with Great Britain providing for general and unlimited arbitration of all questions arising between that country and the United States.

It is known that Secretary of State Knox and the British ambassador, James Bryce, have discussed such a pact to the extent of exchanging opinions, but the provisions of such a treaty have not yet been committed to paper.

Now that England so far as her press is concerned has taken the attitude of commendation of Sir Edward Grey's offer in the house of commons to conclude such an agreement with the United States, the actual consideration of a tep of this nature appears to be materially closer. The fact that negotiations have proceeded so far that a treaty can be drafted and put in shape to be presented to congress shortly after the opening, raises the question to a position of unusual, almost imminent, importance.

themselves of this opportunity to each and two sets of good Concord urge action as the accomplishment of harness were stolen from the barn such a treaty has been characterized of Percy Jones, who lives about five as "The greatest step that can be and a half miles northeast of Neilgh. taken towards the ultimate eradica- The thief set fire to the barn, totaltion of war."

and the pending arrangement already other tracks and lost. takes to itself the honor of being the most comprehensive movement towards a guarantee of peace between the two countries that has ever been initiated.

only with Mexico, but against the that presents itself to an agreement of sity men under the direction of the whole of Central America, which it this kind so far as the United States state conservation congress. Dr. Conseeks to absorb so as to become abso- senate is concerned is the insistence dra believes that gas of commercial lute master of the western hemis- of that chamber on its constitutional value has been found in a shale involves the national honor. The ac- believed that the shale will yield tion of the senate on a treaty which about 5,000 feet of gas to the ton does away with this privilege cannot, and that the solid matter may be serve as excuses for intervention. He of course; be forecasted. The attitude used in making Portland cement. of the senate on this question will not be settled until it declares itself either for or against the ratification of the treaty when submitted.

#### STANDARD ASKS RETRACTON

John D. Archbold Telegraphs Elgin Pastor Who Asails the Company.

New York .- The Standard Oil company denies that it subscribed to a corruption fund alleged to have been used to secure to William Lorimer his seat in the senate. The following telegram was sent last Thursday to the Rev. Milton B. Williams, pastor of the First Methodist church, Elgin, Ill.:

"Dear Sir: In the morning papers pany, went down off this harbor of this date it is reported that at a Thursday. The crew, consisting of mass meeting held in Elgin to desix men and a boy, took to the tug's | nounce Senator William Lorimer, you | company from the Rev. F. W. Bible lifeboat and rowed for the shore, but said that \$625,000 had been spent in of the college. The books will be were dashed on the breakwater and the recent session of congress to ob- mailed to parties interested in the tain the acquittal of Senator Lorimer | work of the college, also a shipment The tugs Castanet and Lorain and that this money had been put up will be made to China. picked up the bodies of five members by the Standard Oil company and other big financial interests.

"As the statement is foully and wholly false so far as it concerns the Standard Oil company, I call on you for an immediate public and complete retraction and an apology for libel and slander. The heat of public discussion does not protect the plain citizen, much less a minister of the gospel, in such unmeasured denunciations, from the rigors of the law.

"JOHN D. ARCHBOLD, Vice-President Standard Oil Company, 26 Broadway, New York."

### ANARCHIST ECHO IN MURDER

Stinie Morrison, Convicted in London, Is Believed Connected With Houndsditch Gang.

London.-Stinie Morrison was found guilty of the murder of Joseph Beron and sentenced to death. Morrison denied he killed Beron.

After the verdict was returned, he ex-

claimed: "I am innocent. I do not believe there is a God in Heaven." The police tried to connect the and western Nebraska.

tragedy with the Houndsditch anarchist burglar gang and the trial was one of the most sensational ever

the victim was a member of the Houndsditch crowd, and had been evidence was wholly circumstantial.

Farm Labor High in 1910. Washington.-Higher wages were paid to American farm laborers during 1910 than at any other time in the last 45 years, according to statistics made public Thursday by the department of

Mrs. Carrie Nation Weaker. Leavenworth, Kan.-Mrs. Carrie Nation, the militant Kansas temperance worker, who is at a sanitarium here, is gradually growing weaker. Her condition Thursday was regarded as seri-

Suicide Deliberately Flanned.

Morrill County .- A most remarka-

ble suicide occurred on the north side of the river when George C. Bowman pressed a revolver to the back of his hea and blew his brains out. The deceased, who was about 60 years of age, lived with his family on a homestead about six miles from Bridgeport "He had been suffering from trouble which the doctors told him was incurable. Some days before the suicide he told his wife what he intended to do and how he proposed to do it. On the day mentioned he told his wife to leave the house and informed her that it she did not it would be worse for her. Later he ordered his brother and son out of the room and warned them not to interfere with him. They, supposing he even then had his revolver under the bed clothing, obeyed his commands. After they left the room he shaved and dressed, folded the bed clothes and piled them and the pillows on the floor, and lying across the bed with his head over the side, placed the revolver to the base of his skull and fired. He had said before this he would do this so as not to mar his face. Death resulted instantly.

#### Thief Burned Barn.

Antelope County. - Two brown Advocates of world-peace will avail horses weighing about 1,400 pounds ly destroying it and the contents, in-The noteworthy feature of the treaty | cluding four other horses. The barn as suggested by President Taft is the was worth about \$1,000 and was inproposed agreement to submit all sured in the county mutual for \$500. questions, even those involving nation- The horses were insured in another al honor, to arbitration. Heretofore company for \$400. The horses and such questions have been expressly thief were traced several miles beexcluded from arbitration agreements, fore the traces were mingled with

#### Gas Near Fairbury.

Jefferson County.-As a result of an investigation made by Dr. George The most important single difficulty E. Condra and a number of univerright to pass upon every question that formation south of Fairbury. It is

#### Adams County Reports.

Adams County.-After consultation with automobile drivers and others familiar with the roads in Adams county, Dr. J. V. Beghtol, chairman of the good roads committee of the chamber of commerce, has transmitted a report together with sketches of the road deemed preferable as the Adams county section of the proposed state road between Omaha and Denver, to the Coorado state commission of good roads.

#### Publishes Book for China.

Douglas County.-An Omaha firm has published an elaborate book for the Hangchow Presbyterian college of Hangchow, China. This order came to the Franklin Publishing

Falls From Wagon and is Killed. Clay County.-Dave Loudin, a farmer about 55 years of age, fell from a load of oats and sustained injuries which resulted in his death. He was bringing oats to town, riding on a wagon high box. A dog scared the team and Mr. Loudin fell in front of the wheels, which ran over his

### To Form Poultry Association.

back, breaking it in two places.

Adams County .- As the result of the agitation for the organization of a poultry association, a call has been issued for a meeting of poultry raisers in Hastings to perfect such an organization. Written invitations were sent to all poultry men in that portion of Nebraska who had entries in last year's state poultry show, as well as the poultry exhibit in connection with last fall's festival. It is the intention of the poultry fanciers behind this movement to bring about a large organization to the end that poultry raising can be more largely and profitably conducted in central

Fast Running on the U. P.

Hall County.-The fast running The mutilated body of Beron was time between Grand Island and Cenfound on Clapham common early in tral City on the Union Pacific, which January. The police theory was that for some time has stood at 19 minutes for the 22 miles, was cut down one minute last week by the Denver killed for treachery by his associates. passenger No. 11, which reeled off The trial occupied nine days. The the distance without a skip in 18

Norris Brown at Home.

minutes.

Buffalo County.-Senator Norris Brown is home for a stay of three weeks, after which he will return to his duties at Washington.

Woman Killed in Runaway. Buffalo County.-Miss Ida A. Strasbaugh, 39 years old, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Strasbaugh, well known residents of Kearney, is dead, the result of injuries received in a runaway, when, in leaping from the buggy, she sustained a compound

fracture of the skull.