

STEVENS IS SHOT

Advicer of Japs in Hermit Kingdom Attacked by Koreans.

ASSAULT IN SAN FRANCISCO

Three Shots Fired at Dip. Two of Which Take Effect.

INTERVIEW THE CAUSE OF

Mr. Stevens Accused of Misreprising Conditions in Corea.

STATEMENT OF THE ASSAILANT

Charges That Mr. Stevens is in Pay of Corea and That He is Serving Japan—Wounds Are Probably Fatal.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 23.—Following an attack by four Koreans at the Fairmont hotel last night, D. W. Stevens, a member of the Japanese council at Seoul, was shot and perhaps fatally wounded this morning at the ferry boat as he was about to leave for Washington.

The shooting was done by N. W. Chiverton, a Korean who was shot twice, one bullet penetrating his right lung and the second the groin. A third bullet struck a companion of the shooter, who ran from the scene, and he was captured by H. Sexton, a deputy in the assessor's office.

Mr. Stevens and the wounded Korean were taken to the Central Emergency hospital. Mr. Stevens, accompanied by the Japanese consul, had just stepped out of the hotel omnibus when several Koreans approached them. One of them said a few words to Stevens and then struck him in the face with a revolver.

He then drew a revolver, covering it with a handkerchief, and began shooting at Stevens. At the hospital Dr. Hill extracted a bullet from the wounded Korean, who had been shot through the lungs. Stevens is a man of strong physique. He is in splendid health and may recover.

First Attack Smackey Night. The attack on Mr. Stevens at the Fairmont hotel last night was the result of a mass meeting of Korean societies of San Francisco, which appointed four permanent members—Eal Lee, C. K. Chung, Y. M. Moon and U. E. Chey, all young men—a committee to interview Stevens.

Stevens, who was in the press after his arrival. The opinions expressed by him were decidedly favorable to the Japanese in Corea. The four Koreans called on Mr. Stevens shortly after 9 o'clock last night. Lee, who speaks English fluently, asked Stevens if he had made the statement attributed to him in the press and the latter replied in the affirmative. The young man wanted to know if the Japanese were not killing off the Koreans, Stevens said no. The spokesman then wanted to know if the Korean government had not any complaints against Stevens.

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Then the attack began. Stevens was knocked down by the Korean officials but he did not know what the Korean people do not want him to do.

That is," said Lee, "he is talking falsely about us and the Japanese. In reality he is in the service of Japan. Since the Japanese began to 'protect' Corea thousands of my countrymen have been killed. The Japanese soldiers hold up peasants for their property, and they are killed if refused. About 1,500 villages in my country have been destroyed by the Japanese troops in a little more than a year since the trouble began."

Mr. Stevens' Statement. As soon as he was removed from the operating table Mr. Stevens called for an Associated Press reporter to whom he gave the following version of the shooting:

As I got out of the Fairmont hotel omnibus several Koreans approached me. One of them struck me in the face, lacerating my cheek. As I started to pursue him he first shot me in the chest and then struck the Korean I was pursuing. The next two shots took effect in my back.

This evidently is the work of a small band of student agitators in and about San Francisco, who resent the fact that the Japanese have a protectorate over Corea and believe that I am to some extent responsible for this condition of affairs in their country.

BROWARD TO NAME SENATOR

Florida Governor May Not Pick Any Candidate to Succeed to His Seat.

PENACOLA, Fla., March 23.—Speculation is rife here as to whom Governor Broward will name as the successor to United States Senator William J. Bryan, who died in Washington yesterday. The Florida campaign is now in full blast, with three candidates for United States senator—Congressman William B. Lamar of Monticello, John E. Beard of Pensacola and Albert G. Johnson of Jacksonville. It is not believed the governor will name any of these parties, and the selection may be State Senator Thomas West of Santa Rosa. Ex-Senator Samuel Pasco of Monticello was an applicant for the position when Mr. Bryan was named, and it is probable that he will again apply.

INDIANS LEAVE FOR CAPITAL

Delegation of Redmen Depart for Washington to Confer Over Reservation Opening.

WAKARUSA, S. D., March 23.—Indian Agent Holden, accompanied by Robert High Eagle, Joseph Claymore, Thomas Frost and Antoine De Rock Braine, Indians, left here today for Washington to appear before the committee that has charge of the bills for opening the Standing Rock Indian reservation. They will explain the Indians' wishes regarding the terms of sale and disposition of the money.

SUMMARY OF THE BEE

Tuesday, March 24, 1908.

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FORECAST FOR NEBRASKA—Generally fair Tuesday, warmer in west portion. FORECAST FOR IOWA—Generally fair Tuesday, continued mild temperature. Temperature at Omaha, yesterday.

Table with columns for time and temperature: Hour, Deg. 8 a. m., 9 a. m., 10 a. m., 11 a. m., 12 m., 1 p. m., 2 p. m., 3 p. m., 4 p. m., 5 p. m., 6 p. m., 7 p. m., 8 p. m., 9 p. m., 10 p. m., 11 p. m., 12 m.

DOMESTIC

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FOUR SUICIDES AT SHERIDAN

Unusual Number of People Take Their Own Lives in Wyoming Towns.

SHERIDAN, Wyo., March 23.—(Special.)—Sheridan is experiencing an epidemic of suicide, four persons having taken their own lives here within six days. The first was William Duncker and Herman Hanes, young men who had shipped here from Iowa to work in a tie camp. Both committed suicide in the room, apparently without cause, as each had money, good health and were in the best of health. The third was William Evans, who had also come west to work at the McShane tie camp. Evans, without any apparent reason, deliberately shot himself through the head.

The fourth and last thus far in the gruesome list was Gus Sanford, owner of a hotel and saloon at Clearmont, a small town east of this city. Sanford's body was found in the outskirts of Sheridan, the arteries of the left arm completely severed. He had deliberately slashed his wrist with his pocket knife and calmly laid on a pile of straw until he bled to death. Sanford's affairs were found to be in good shape and there seems to be no reason for his act.

Water Bonds for Sheridan. SHERIDAN, Wyo., March 23.—(Special.)—The city clerk has been instructed to advertise for the sale of \$500,000 water bonds for the extension of the present system, and also for the sale of \$4,000 sewer improvement bonds. It is expected to commence active work on both these public improvements within two months, as several offers for the bonds have already been made.

REVENUE OF THE RAILROADS

Panic Did Not Have Disastrous Effect So Generally Believed.

OFFICIAL FIGURES ARE GIVEN OUT

Interstate Commerce Commissioner Lane Makes Statement Concerning Earnings of Lines for Last Three Months of 1907.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 23.—Every indication points to an improvement generally in the railroad and industrial condition of the country, according to reports made by the great railway systems of America to the Interstate Commerce commission. These reports are to the effect that, while the railroads suffered to some extent by what has come to be referred to as the "October panic," the loss was by no means so serious as generally has been supposed.

It appeared from the reports that the effect was felt particularly by the eastern lines and by the lines in the southeastern part of the country, a few of which have made a careful analysis of their revenues, but by the inability to carry on revenue cash with which to carry on improvements which they had begun, while the western lines and the transcontinental roads have not suffered materially from the financial depression. The figures available to the Interstate Commerce commission indicate also that the general condition in the country is improving materially, with a prospect that it soon will be normal or better.

Franklin K. Lane, Pacific Coast member of the Interstate Commerce commission, has made a careful analysis of the figures preceding under the constitution. Page 1

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BANQUET TO MR. TAFT

The public is cordially invited to attend the sixth annual dinner of the McKinley club of Omaha, at which the principal guest will be the Hon. William H. Taft of Ohio, at the Auditorium Monday evening, April 6, 1908.

No personal invitation is necessary. Note.—The price fixed for the dinner is \$2 per plate. On receipt of application, with remittance, addressed to H. B. Zimman, chairman of invitation committee, Brandeis building, Omaha, a numbered ticket will be sent, entitling the holder to a plate correspondingly numbered.

Political clubs and groups of persons will be accommodated with adjoining seats. Owing to limited capacity, application for tickets should be made at once.

SCANDAL IN SPANISH COURT

Letters of King Alfonso XII Thought to Have Been Burned Still Exist.

MADRID, March 23.—The judges in the Elena Sanz affair held at the palace yesterday to take the evidence of the queen mother. Elena Sanz was a Spanish actress by whom King Alfonso XII had two natural sons. These children are now suing the heirs of Alfonso XII for an annuity which the king and which was to revert, after her death, to them.

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JAPS PLAN BIG RECEPTION

Visit of American Fleet to Be Gaily Event—Proof of Friendly Relations.

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Dispatches received today indicate that the fleet will arrive in November. The newspapers are urging the government not to limit the expense of the reception.

PEKING, March 23.—What is considered an invitation from the Chinese government for the Atlantic battleship fleet to visit Chinese ports was received at the Chinese legation today and promptly forwarded to the State department. A cablegram to the Chinese minister shows that the navy is planning to send a fleet to visit Chinese ports.

BOYCOTT MAY MAKE TROUBLE

Japan Asks China to Prevent it at Outset—Many Large Meetings Held.

PEKING, March 23.—Japan has asked China to take such steps as may be necessary to prevent a boycott on Japanese goods in China and to put an end to the anti-Japanese movement growing out of the Tatsu Maru incident. The Japanese government is asking China to prevent a boycott on Japanese goods in China and to put an end to the anti-Japanese movement growing out of the Tatsu Maru incident.

The native guilds and the press are giving prominence to sensational reports of the Canton demonstrations against Japan, indicating a widespread attempt to use the Tatsu Maru incident against the Japanese government, as well as against the Japanese. It is believed that a dozen or more of the men recently taken into custody on the charge of agitating for reform have been executed, the particular allegation against them being that they had trafficked in governmental secrets.

Danah Bank Insolvent.

COPENHAGEN, March 23.—The bank committee which on February 9 took over the affairs of the Danah Bankers' bank came to the conclusion that the institution is insolvent and has decided to liquidate. The capital invested in the bank is regarded as entirely lost. It became known early in February that this bank was in difficulties and there was a run on it February 8.

Japanese Vessel Sinks.

TOKIO, March 23.—The Matsu Maru, a 90-ton coasting steamer belonging to the Yusen Kaisha line, was sunk in a collision with the Hideo Maru, 86 tons, early today, two miles off Todohoko, near Hakodate. The captain of the Matsu Maru, a majority of her 24 passengers and forty-three of the crew perished. The Hideo Maru and another steamer rescued the survivors.

Royal Engagement Announced.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 23.—The wedding of Prince Wilhelm of Sweden to Grand Duchess Marie Pavlovna has been fixed for May 2. Prince Wilhelm is the second son of King Gustave of Sweden. The grand duchess, whom he is to marry, is a daughter of Grand Duke Paul Alexandrovich.

Manasse's Condition Good.

LISEBON, March 23.—The statement published in El Mundo of Madrid that the wound inflicted upon King Manuel of Portugal at the time his father, King Carlos, and the crown prince were assassinated had not healed and that an amputation would be necessary has been officially declared to be untrue.

BERG FOR PUBLIC PRINTER

Nebraska Man Strongly Urged for the Vacant Position.

SOLID DELEGATION BACK OF HIM

Matter Will Be Formally Presented to Mr. Roosevelt This Morning With Much Support From Strong Sources.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, March 23.—(Special Telegram.)—The white dove of peace hovered over the members of the Nebraska delegation today when they met in Judge Norris' room in the house office building, at the request of Senator Burkett, to consider the advisability of endorsing two or three well-known Nebraskans for places in the governmental service. Amnoshens, grower of the right over the interstate revenue collectorship, were seemingly wholly forgotten. Senators Burkett and Brown and Representatives Boyd, Hinshaw, Norris and Kinkaid met at 3 o'clock in the office room of Judge Norris to make delegation endorsement of John R. Berg of Nebraska City, former member of the Congressional Record, for public printer to succeed Charles A. Stillings, resigned, and Edward Royce of Broken Bow, secretary of the State department of banking of Nebraska, as successor to William B. Ridgely, comptroller of the currency. Congressman Poland was absent from the meeting on account of the agricultural appropriation bill, which was expected to be reached this afternoon in the house and on which he desired to present some views relative to the work of the Agricultural department.

The discussion was general and most flattering to Mr. Berg and Mr. Royce, and it was agreed upon that a letter, to be signed by the entire republican delegation from Nebraska, should be presented to the president, endorsing them for the positions referred to. This letter will be presented personally to the president tomorrow by the chairman of the delegation, Judge Norris, and will be emphasized by personal appeals on the part of senators. Senator Burkett having already presented the name of John R. Berg as the most efficient and exceedingly capable printer and in every way equipped to succeed Mr. Stillings as public printer.

Many Boosting for Berg.

In fact, a quiet campaign for Berg has been going on for the last week for this purpose. President Lynch of the International Typographical union was presented to the president last week by Senator Burkett, in conjunction with the president of the local typographical union of this city, and both the international president and the local president of this very great body of printers unreservedly endorsed Mr. Berg for public printer. It is learned of excellent authority that Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, has filed with the president a strong letter, commending Mr. Berg. With the backing of the entire republican delegation from Nebraska, the endorsement of Mr. Berg behind him and outside influence at work, the president may see his way clear to the appointment of the Nebraska man, although it is understood Mr. Roosevelt felt a member of the joint committee on printing on Saturdays that he had about made up his mind not to appoint as public printer anyone connected with the establishment. In the light of Mr. Berg's strong endorsements and his well-known executive ability, it may be that the president will see a new light.

John R. Berg entered the government printing office from Nebraska as compositor in 1883 by appointment of ex-Senator Charles H. Van Wyck. This was long before the days of civil service. Mr. Berg remained in the printing office until the election of Cleveland, when he, like hundreds of others, was "compelled" to walk down the street for Democrats. Mr. Berg returned to Washington when Benjamin Harrison was elected, and again went out from the printing office on Cleveland's second election. With the election of McKinley Mr. Berg again joined the typographical force in the government printing office, rising by easy steps from compositor to proof reader, copy preparer, assistant foreman of the Congressional Record and now foreman of that department, having under him over 300 men. In 1904 he was elected president of Columbia Typographical union of this city and in 1906 he was elected without opposition. In 1906 he was a delegate to the International Typographical convention at Colorado Springs.

Thomas Loses His Case.

Justice Moody in supreme court today rendered a decision dismissing for want of due diligence the case of Charles Thomas, plaintiff in error, against the state of Iowa. This is probably one of the most sensational cases with which the people of Iowa have been associated. It has pursued its way through every court from the circuit court, wherein Thomas was found guilty of murdering Mabel Scofield, whose body was found in a bayou of Des Moines river just above the dam in the city of Des Moines in October, 1900. She was a dressmaker, having come from the country adjacent to Polk county, a few weeks before to learn that business condition of the crime, when the information was filed before a magistrate charging Charles Thomas with murder. After a full hearing the magistrate held there was not sufficient cause for believing the defendant guilty of the offense and ordered him discharged, whereupon a reward of \$2,000 was offered for the arrest and conviction of the murderer of Mabel Scofield. The matter was brought to the attention of successive grand juries without avail until December 21, 1904, when an indictment was returned into court upon which Thomas was tried and convicted by a verdict of jury, which was rendered on March 4, 1905. The trial court sentenced Thomas to imprisonment at hard labor for life. An appeal therefrom to the supreme court of the state was taken, the same being affirmed, and the writ of error which was dismissed today by the supreme court because of lack of jurisdiction rendered.

Liquor on Indian Reservations.

The supreme court today by its decision in case of Simeon Holloway, plaintiff in error, against United States, defendant, in error, went on record against introduction of liquor on Indian reservations. Simeon Holloway, an Omaha Indian allottee, was indicted for introducing liquor into the Omaha reservation in Thurston county, He

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WASHINGTON TO FAVOR TAFT

Republicans of Western State Are for Secretary by Large Majority.

SEATTLE, Wash., March 23.—(Special.)—An opportunity to submit the question of the choice of the republicans of this state for the presidency was lost when the recent state central committee met and unanimously endorsed William H. Taft. There had been a well-developed plan arranged to leave the matter to the voters and hold a primary. The LaFollette managers were backing the plan and they had the support of the Hughes, Cannon and Fairbanks people. But when the committee met, the LaFollette man who had the resolution in charge forgot all about it until too late. The committee had adjourned and many had left the room when the Wisconsin man's supporters awoke. The failure to bring the matter up is considered the biggest joke in political circles that has occurred in several years.

Many of the supporters of LaFollette, Hughes and other candidates claim that the real wish of the republicans of this state is other than Taft. They claim that the Taft talk is all due to the office holders and some of the most prominent republicans, but that the rank and file of the state are against Taft. In a speech two days after W. H. Fiest, a LaFollette man, stated that the editors of the country newspapers were not Taft men.

Acting upon this statement a private citizen addressed postal cards to the editors of the country newspapers, asking for a first, second and third choice. Just sixty of these postal cards have been returned and the vote is a complete denial of Fiest's statement. Of the sixty editors who sent in replies, fifty-nine were from editors of republican papers. The vote stood as follows: LaFollette, 40; Hughes, 7; LaFollette, 6; Cannon, 1; Shaw, 1. This by the democrat. Of the forty-five who wanted Taft, 7 for LaFollette.

To Washington's ten votes for Taft in the republican convention can be added the Alaska vote. This will make two more. The convention is not to be held for some time, as the last convention was found to be premature. At that time six delegates were elected, but Alaska is really only entitled to two votes. The irregular convention endorsed Taft.

HELIE FOLLOWS MME. GOULD

French Sifter Quick to Seize Advantage—Travels Under Assumed Name.

NEW YORK, March 23.—Prince Helle de Sagan, who is a tutor for the hand of Mme. Anna Gould, is believed to have arrived in New York within a few days with the object of renewing his attentions to the American heiress. The man who is believed to be Prince Helle registered at a New York hotel as "W. H. Thompson" and gave no address. He reached New York two days after Mme. Gould and dined with her last evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tyler Morse.

The visit of the prince here at this time was unexpected, at least by those who know something of the affairs of the prince himself and of Mme. Gould. She left Paris to spend some time in this country, away from the center that had weighed upon her in the French capital.

The man who is believed to be the prince left his hotel today for Washington. QUEBEC, Que., March 23.—Prince De Sagan passed through Levis, opposite this city at noon on Saturday on route to New York. He crossed the Atlantic on the steamer Victorian under the name of Thompson.

MONTREAL, March 23.—Prince Helle de Sagan, who arrived from Europe on the steamer Victorian under the name of Thompson, was obliged to divulge his name to the United States immigration officials before leaving Canada. He produced a passport and a letter of credit bearing his name.

PARIS, March 23.—Efforts made today to locate in Paris Prince Helle de Sagan, who is reported in New York, proved fruitless.

HORNE AND EDITORIAL POLICY