IS TORPEDOED TEN TIMES

Battleship Sevastopol Is Reported Evidently Completely Disabled.

Japanese Succeed in Destroying Last of Port Arthur Fleet.

By Publishers Press. Special Cable, via Leased Wire.

TOKYO, Sunday, Dec. 18, 11 a. m.—The battleship Sevastopol has been successfully torpedoed ten times.

Advices from Port Arthur say that the battleship is aground and evidently completely disabled.

PORT ARTHUR IS A WHITE CITY OF DEAD.

CHEFOO, Saturday, Dec. 17.—Midnight.—Port Arthur is like a white city of the dead, declares the refugees who arrived here in an open sailboat from the beleaguered fortress.

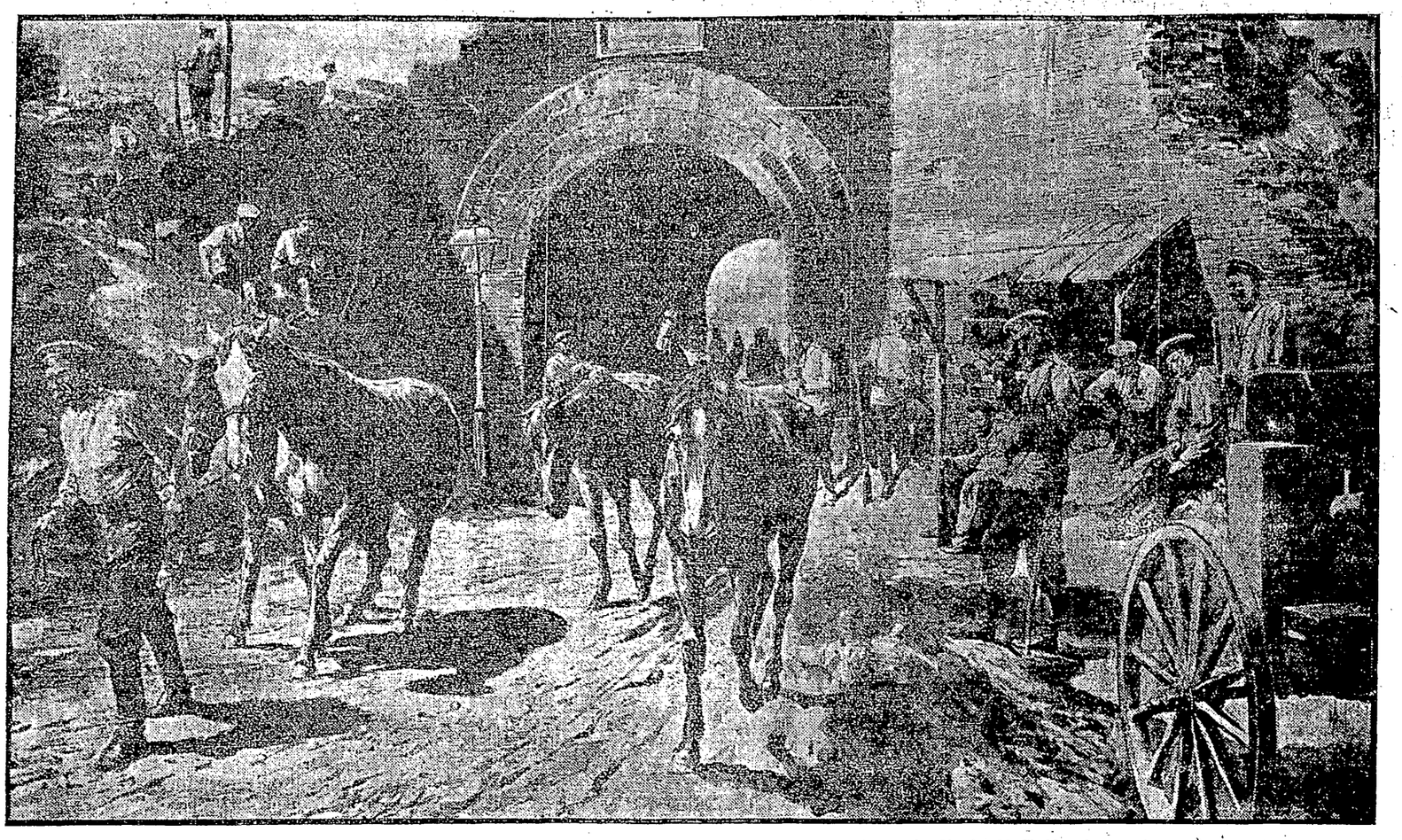
Bringing dispatches from Gen. Stoessel to the Czar, Commander Mizzeno , the leader of the party, was executive officer of the battleship Poltava until that warship was abandoned as a wreck in the harbor.

"Port Arthur never looked more sepulchral than on the night of December 9," he said, "when the Japanese shells repeatedly hit a hospital, killing seven of the patients. Other patients who were not helpless, fleeing for their lives ran into the snow covered streets. Clothed in white garments maimed, crippled and pallid, they made a ghostly show and it was some time before the provost guard forced them to return to the hospital. A number died from exposure.

"The hospital contains 8,000 patients. Every building in the whole town is more or less injured.

"Gen. Stoessel has put the entire population on rations sufficient to last three months. The ammunition is to last much longer.

"I believe the Japanese will never take the fortress under present conditions."



Drawn by Charles M. Sheldon from a sketch by a Russian Officer.

Inside Port Arthur: Troops taking horses to be slaughtered for food for the besieged garrison.

NEW REMEDY FOR DEAFNESS

Wm. Gomez Gets a Wallop on the Jaw and Hears Once More.

NEW YORK, Saturday, Dec. 17.—Where numerous physicians and surgeons had failed, a fist fight was instrumental in restoring the hearing of William Gomez, 32 years old, of 23 River Road, Shady Side, New Jersey.

Gomez recently arrived from Trinidad at Shady Side. He was as deaf as a post and started a barber shop in Shady Side, where he prospered. His deafness prevented Gomez from hearing any of the remarks made about his appearance.

Today one of his customers, John Dyanan, wrote these words on a slip of paper:

"You are a Spaniard and the Americans licked your country."

"I am no Spaniard, but I can lick the man who wrote the words," answered the barber.

The men decided to fight. With a few friends they went to a barge on the Hudson River and stripped. In the first round Dyanan hit Gomez a stinging blow on the jaw. Instead of the latter punching back, he cut loose a cry of joy and clasped the hand of his opponent.

"My friend," he shouted, "you have done for me what skilled surgeons for twelve years have been unable to accomplish, although I paid them more than $1,000. I have regained my hearing. When you struck me I felt something snap in my head and I could hear every word that was spoken. The fight is off and instead of being my enemy, you shall be my friend for life."

HOLD MINERS AS SLAVES.

Fugitive Tells of Life in Diggins in West Virginia.

CINCINNATI, O., Saturday, Dec. 17.—Describing his thrilling escape over the mountains from a coal mine in West Virginia, Charles Honich of New York, who arrived here yesterday, is about to demand an investigation by the federal authorities of the hardships that he was forced to undergo. Honich declares that guards armed with shot guns watch over half starved men, who are fired upon if they make a break for liberty.

"I was sent to Cardis, W. Va., by an employment agency in New York," said he. "The next morning at 5 o'clock I was awakened by four burly fellows with shot guns and marched from the company's shack to the mine. After breakfast of a tin cup of coffee and stale meat I was made to wash the dishes I had eaten from, and told that I must work twelve hours a day in the mine. I was given a box containing a small piece of cheese and one slice of bread for my dinner. At six o'clock in the evening I was marched back to a room with six beds in it and two and three men to a bed. When I asked for soap and a towel I was told that I would be allowed to wash once each Sunday."

OFFICIAL HEEDS REQUEST.

Boxes for Cards at President of France's Palace to Be Replaced.

PARIS, Saturday, Dec. 17.—At the Elysees Palace, the official residence of President Loubet, before the end of the year will be replaced the boxes in which the president's callers deposit their visiting cards.

This will be done as a consequence of the protest of the printers and lithographers of Paris, who sent M. Muzet, president of the syndicate to commerce and industry, to see the president and to call his attention to the damage caused to the trade by the removal of the boxes last year.

It has been the habit of all patriotic citizens to call at the Elysees on the first of the year and deposit their visiting cards in one of the boxes.

Babies Like Siamese Twins.

PARIS, Saturday, Dec. 17.—Two children like the Siamese twins have been born at Maintenon, near Chartres.

One of the infants has since died and the local doctor has brought both the twins to Paris in order to see if a surgical operation can be performed so as to save the life of the living child.

Sandbagged and Robbed.

TACOMA, Saturday, Dec. 17.—Frank Griffin, an old resident of Tacoma, was sandbagged and robbed by a thug last evening while going home. The robber rifled his pockets of a purse containing only a few dollars. The city is overrun with sneak thieves. Several houses are entered every night.

Ends in a Wedding.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, Dec. 17.—A romance which had its beginning in St. Luke's Hospital last summer will be ended when Miss Emma Parker arrives in San Francisco to be married to Claude M. Weaver, whom she nursed during an attack of typhoid fever.

Miss Parker started yesterday on her journey.

The author of the famous children's hymn, "I Think When I Read That Sweet Story of Old," Mrs. Jemima Luke, is living in England, more than 90 years old. She is championing the cause of the "Passive Resisters."

Die when I may, I want it said of me by those who knew me best that I always plucked a thistle and planted a flower when I thought a flower would grow.—Lincoln

READY FOR BALTIC SQUADRON

Troubles of Rojestvensky Will Begin as Soon as He Is in Chinese Waters.

Admiral Togo Getting Ships in Shape for a Big Fight.

The Hearst News Service, Special Cable, via Leased Wire.

TOKYO, Saturday, Dec. 17.—Preparations for the reception of the Russian Baltic squadron are complete and the troubles of Rojestvensky will begin in earnest as soon as he appears in Chinese waters.

The destruction of the Russian ships in Port Arthur has given Togo the opportunity he needed to get his ships in proper trim for the next great duty that will devolve upon him and he is losing no time in doing it.

Every government shipyard in Japan is busy now in preparation for this work and it will proceed day and night until the Japanese navy is in as high a state of effectiveness as it was at the time the first attack was made on Port Arthur.

Gen. Nogi ordered a heavy bombardment of Port Arthur yesterday. The howitzer and naval gun fire was directed chiefly against the new town, which was badly damaged.

ROJESTVENSKY EXPECTS TO LOSE HIS FLEET.

WASHINGTON, Saturday Dec. 17.—Admiral Rojestvensky expects to meet the fate of Admiral Cervera. He believes the Japanese will smash him all to pieces the first chance they get at him as Sampson's fleet smashed Cervera at Santiago. "We are going to a shambles" are the words which Admiral Rojestvensky recently used in description of his mission to the Far East. His views have been brought to Washington by a member of the diplomatic corps who recently returned from Russia and are now the subject of much gossip in diplomatic and naval circles here.

According to this report which comes through trustworthy channels the admiral is highly indignant because the Russian fleet at Port Arthur did not make a sortie and cripple some of the Japanese ships. "All I ask of the Port Arthur fleet" the admiral said to his friend, "is that it shall make an effort to escape and in doing so destroy or cripple some of the Japanese battleships. If they do that the balance of power will be so changed that upon my arrival in the China Sea I can take care of the remainder of the enemy's fleet."

"And if the Russian naval commander at Port Arthur fails to put two Japanese battleships out of commission?" the admiral was asked.

"Then we shall go to the Far East only to perish," was the bitter reply. "The Japanese outclass us in high power guns, and will smash us to pieces."

Inasmuch as the Port Arthur fleet has been destroyed and is no longer able to to anything toward clearing the way for Rojestvensky, the bitterness of that officer's feelings may be easily imagined. The man who brings the foregoing information to Washington adds that Admiral Rojestvensky believes that he and his men are to be offered as a sacrifice upon the altar of Russian naval pride.

Ghost Is Too Nimble.

DOVER, Saturday, Dec. 17.—St. Margaret's Bay, a few miles from here, is blessed with a most remarkable ghost, if the stories told by the residents of that place are to be believed. A number of people in the village claim to have seen the spector and describe it as tall and thin and clad in white.

His ghostship is said to be very nimble, to fly along the roads as though shod in the famous seven league boots, and to vault over six foot hedges with the greatest ease. So far the specter has confined himself to frightening women and children, and nothing more serious can be charged to his account.

All sorts of tales are to be heard to account for the presence of the ghost, but the most common is that he is the spirit of a young bridegroom whose body was found, mysteriously murdered, in a brook near the village. All the residents do not take this view of the matter, and are lying in wait for the specter with large clubs.

Postal Robber Found Guilty.

CHICAGO, Saturday, Dec. 17.—After a fight for freedom lasting four days, before United States District Judge Humphrey, Erwin H. Fuller was today found guilty of complicity in a post-office robbery in Oklahoma. Fuller was arrested some time ago while attempting to sell about $1,600 worth of stamps. His brother, Edward Fuller, was arrested on a charge of having robbed a post-office in Ponca, Oklahoma, and both men were placed on trial. During the trial Edward Fuller stepped from the court room and was never found afterward.

Madame Mussot Sentenced.

MARSEILLES, Saturday, Dec. 17.—Madame Mussot, who poisoned her husband in the spring of last year, has been sentenced to penal servitude for life and her lover, Hubac, for whose sake she committed the crime and who was accused of complicity in it, to penal servitude and ten years' exile. Many compare the case to Mrs. Maybrick, with the difference that Madame Mussot is undoubtedly guilty.

PIUS FAILS TO WIN WOMAN

Pope Asks Marquise des Montstiers to Reconsider Renunciation of Faith.

Holy Father Pleads in Vain With the Recent Convert to Protestantism.

The Hearst News Service, Special Cable, via Leased Wire.

ROME, Saturday, Dec. 17.—The Pope has been making unusual efforts to persuade the Marquise des Montstiers-Merinvile, who was Miss Mary Caldwell, to reconsider her decision to renounce the Catholic faith. Pius X. perhaps for the first time in history, waived all the strict ceremonial attending audiences and personally invited the Marquise des Montstiers to a private conversation in his apartments.

The audience took place in the first week of this month. By special privilege, usually enjoyed by cardinals alone, the marquise and her aunt, Mrs. Donnelly, were requested to enter the papal elevator leading to the Pope's apartments.

Interveiw Was Futile.

It would be no doubt most interesting to know what arguments Pius X made use of in order to reconvert the marquise, but he was not successful. At the end of the audience, which lasted nearly half an hour, both ladies were in tears and the Pope himself, who accompanied them to the threshold of his study, was deeply moved. As a parting gift he presented to the marquise a precious rosary and, blessing it before giving it into her hands, said he would remember her daily in his prayers and that he had full confidence that God would listen to his entreaties for her physical and spiritual welfare.

The holy father takes the greatest interest in her case and is anxious to effect a reconciliation between her and her husband.

Another Private Audience.

It is said that the marquise will again be received in private audience by the holy father.

The marquise is staying at the Hotel Suisse, in the Via Veneto. Her medical attendant, Dr. Sandison Brock, considers the marquise's condition very serious as she is half paralyzed, hardly able to stand without assistance and affected with a progressive deafness which has now become almost total.

Mrs. Donnelly made the following statement:

"The Marquise des Montstiers wishes to say it is quite true that she has abandoned Catholicism for the Protestant faith, but she does not wish to discuss the matter or to give any reason for the step she has taken."

PROBLEM PUZZLES FRENCH.

Ranavolo of Madagascar, State Prisoner, Will Become Plain Citizen?

ALGIERS, Saturday, Dec. 17.—Ex-Queen Ranavolo of Madagascar is about to marry M. Garnier, a French barrister who practices at the Algerian courts, and the French colonial office is faced with the problem as to what will be the ex-queen's legal position after she is married.

She is a state prisoner of France, and is compelled to reside at Algiers, where she receives an allowance of £1,200 a year from the French colonial office at intervals of three or four years she is allowed to come to Paris to buy new dresses and replenish her wardrobe generally.

About three months ago the ex-queen had occasion to consult M. Garnier about a private matter, and the barrister was so gallant and affable to her dethroned majesty as to make a distinct impression on her.

The result was a warm friendship between the two, and ultimately the barrister, who is younger by several years than his future bride, offered his hand.

Queen Ranavolo will thus become a French citizen and plain Mme. Garnier, and the question is, Will she still be considered a prisoner of state and continue to draw her pension?

TO REFORM HOUSEWIVES.

Organized Movement Begin in London to Uullft Cooking.

LONDON, Saturday, Dec. 17.—An organized campaign is about to be entered upon with the object of reforming the British housewife, especially as regards her ability—or the want of it—as a cook.

The plan of campaign was explained by Miss May Yates at a reception held by the Women's Vegetarian Union at Furnival hall last week. It comprises:

(1) House to house visitation for the purpose of arousing interest in reformed cooking. (2) Education as regards the nature of foods and the elements which are necessary for the proper nourishment of the body. (3) Instruction how to prepare foods in such a way that they may retain their natural nourishing properties. (4) The preparation of dishes which are not only nourishing, but also nice. (5) The encouragement of the supply of good and palatable vegetable foods through the ordinary trade channels.

The canvass will be commenced shortly.

DRAWS CULTURED AUDIENCES

"Everyman" at Christensen's Hall Is an Artistic Success.

Mr. Greet Plans to Give a Special Matinee Tomorrow.

BEN GREET

Appreciative audiences at Christensen's Hall have, during the past two days, witnessed the fine performance of "Everyman," the fifteenth century morality play, by Ben Greet and his London company of players. The play has made a profound impression upon all who have seen it, and has drawn audiences of a general culture that very few theatrical entertainments are able to call forth.

"Everyman," however, is not a theatrical entertainment. It is essentially religious in every fiber, and should appeal most powerfully to all churches and similar societies. Very many of the ministers of the city, in fact, witnessed the afternoon performance yesterday, and will make it an incident in their discourses from the pulpit today.

There remain but two more performances, a matinee at 3 o'clock tomorrow and a performance tomorrow evening at 8:30 o'clock. The hour for the matinee is set late in order to accommodate students and school attaches in general, who cannot leave for the hall at the usual matinee hour. The performance at the hall is even better than at the state university, by reason of the fact that a larger stage gives opportunity for a little fuller stage setting.

"Everyman" after a tremendous success in England was brought to Mendelssohn Hall in New York in the fall of 1902. Even the most optimistic persons familiar with dramatic conditions declared that the venture was doomed to failure, yet in the face of very small houses at the start the managers, Ben Greet and Charles Frohman, persevered. Within a week the audiences had grown to more than the capacity of the hall, and a larger theatre was found necessary. The morality play was given 150 times in New York that season at five different theatres and wherever given in outside cities attracted widespread attention.

"Everyman" is not a monotonous affair for the enjoyment of a few, it is a bit of true drama and its appeal is to all men of all creeds and of all degrees of education.

COLUMBIAN GRADUATES MEET

Puget Sound Alumni Society Holds Annual Banquet and Election of Officers.

The Puget Sound Alumni Society of Columbia University held its annual banquet at the Hotel Butler last evening. About fifty members, including residents from different points on the Sound, were present.

Willis B. Herr, vice-president of the society, in the absence of President Charles F. Mundy, occupied the chair. Appropriate toasts were responded to by Judge John Arthur, Col. H. F. Garretson of Tacoma, Dr. Kenneth Turner, Charles A. Spisk, Phil Tindall, Charles H. Winders, Dr. Arthur Jordan, William E. McClure and others.

Officers were elected for the ensuing year as follows: President, Dr. Kenneth Turner; vice-president, Col. H. F. Garretson; secretary-treasurer, Charles F. Spisk; executive committee, officers ex-officio, Dr. Arthur Jordan and C. H. Winders.

Harrison Will Go to San Diego.

CHICAGO, Saturday, Dec. 17.—On account of the illness of Carter Harrison, Third, Mrs. Harrison and her children will go to San Diego, Cal., next Thursday for the winter. Mayor Harrison will accompany them and will not return to Chicago until February.

MAKE BIG HAUL OF JEWELRY

Burglars Loot an Everett Store While the Proprietor Is at Dinner.

Secure Thirty Watches and Twenty Rings Besides Gold Chains and Nuggets.

The Times Special Service.

EVERETT, Saturday, Dec. 17.—Burglars entered O'Connor's jewelry store on Hewitt Avenue early this evening, and after forcing their way through three doors, looted the place of some of the most valuable articles in stock. The value of the haul has not yet been estimated accurately, but among the missing articles are thirty watches, about twenty rings, six or eight gold chains and a number of gold nuggets.

The work shows the hand of experienced criminals. Entrance was effected through the back door at some time between 6 and 6:30 o'clock, while the proprietor had gone to dinner. After breaking in the outer door, two more doors were successfully passed before admittance to the store was gained.

The door of the safe had been left open. The burglars took the small cash box from the safe and carried it away with them. In this were the chains, one of which was valued at $80.

The watches were gold filled, but of good workmanship. The rings also were valuable. In fact, it was by the excellent judgment shown by the burglars in making their selection that the police are convinced that the work was done by criminals who were expert in their calling. All of the cheap and imitation jewelry was ignored.

The police have no clue to the men who did the work, but notice of the burglary has been sent to all the cities of the Sound, with a request that a sharp lookout be kept for the missing valuables.

POISONED BY WOOD ALCOHOL.

Premature Christmas Celebration Ends in Six Deaths.

ASHLAND, Ky., Dec. 17.—A telephone message which reached this place this afternoon from Paintsville states that Captain Sprigg, Shades Daniels, Shad Spencer, Curt Adams, Sam Hartman and Wingfield Daniels, the majority of the crew of a push boat which left Preston last evening, lie dead at the mouth of Beaver Creek from the effect of drinking wood alcohol. The boat left Preston with a cargo of general freight for Pieville.

The boat, overtaken by darkness at the mouth of Beaver Creek, put into port for the night. Supper was spread and the tarpaulins were spread and one of the crew produced a can of alcohol. He suggested to his companions that they celebrate their Christmas. The can was opened and drinks prepared. When they came down to supper all became violently sick. No one of the crew being able to go for medical aid, the six men who had partaken of the poison died within a few hours. The remainder of the crew are still in a critical condition.

Glen Island Fire a Mystery.

NEW YORK, Saturday Dec. 17.—Captain McAllister, of the Starin Transportation Company's steamer Glen Island, which was burned in the Sound early today, causing the death of nine persons, in a statement today to the officials of the company throws no light on the cause of the fire. He gives great praise to the officers and crew of the vessel. The charred hulk of the Glen Island is now resting on the bottom at the entrance to the Hempstead Harbor. Only her smokestack is visible. It became known tonight that the unknown woman that was burned on the steamer Glen Island, was Mrs. Rose Silken, aged 37, who resided with her three sons in this city.

More Charges Against Goodnow.

WASHINGTON, Saturday, Dec. 18.—Additional charges have been filed against United States Consul Goodnow at Shanghai, who has been under investigation for some time. Attorney Curtis, who practised law before Consul Goodnow at Shanghai, called on the President today and made charges. The President asked that the statements be reduced to writing and said that the state department would give them attention. About a month or two ago charges were filed against Mr. Goodnow, and it was at that time stated that he would be given leave of absence to come to the United States and make his explanation.

Discovers Double Stars.

BERKELEY, Cal., Dec. 17.—In a bulletin just issued by the University of California Press, Astronomer W. J. Hussey of the Lick Observatory has published observations of 100 new double stars. In seven preceding bulletins Prof. Hussey has given observations of 700 new double stars, making in all 800 pairs discovered by him with the twelve-inch and thirty-six-inch refractors of the Lick Observatory. The most interesting fact regarding those double stars is that in the majority of cases the apparent distance between the two components is very small. This favors the probability of a high percentage of systems in which the two components are rapidly revolving around each other.

LEITER TALKS OF ZEIGLER

English Army Officer Expresses Surprise at Conditions in Mining Camp.

Chicago Capitalist Says He Will Win His Fight at Any Cost.

The Hearst News Service.—Special by Leased Wire.

CHICAGO, Saturday, Dec. 17.—Joseph Leiter returned today from Zeigler, where, with his brother-in-law, Maj. Colin Campbell, he spent a week inspecting his mines and laying plans for conducting a long and vigorous campaign against the strikers.

The experience of a week's stay at Zeigler with Mr. Leiter was a revelation to Maj. Campbell, an officer of the English army, who served with distinction as aide-de-camp on the staff of Lord Curzon in India.

Maj. Campbell said h never saw anything in all his experience to equal it and marvelled that such conditions possibly could exist in the heart of a civilized community within the jurisdiction of the United States.

By JOSEPH LEITER.

It is a great life at Ziegler. I usually get up at 6 o'clock, get a hasty breakfast and then make a round of the mines, tipples and various buildings, as well as the home of the men.

I carry a couple of good, trusty revolvers in my hip pockets, and I may say that I am not at all backward about using them if occasion requires.

The strikers never molest me, for they know I am not afraid of them, and that I would shoot to kill, the moment any of them made a move toward his hip pocket.

I am going to run my mines and break up that band of cutthroats outside, if it takes me eighteen months to do it. My plans are laid for a long siege, and at every visit I find something which will enable us to strengthen our position. I have a force of seventy-five militiamen from the National Guard of Illinois, who are at the service of the sheriff, ready at a moment's notice to help in case of an emergency. In addition, I have sixty deputies sworn in as United States marshals, all of them armed to the teeth. Any one of them would shoot at a drop of the hat. The guards and militia are divided into squads or watches, which serve as alternate intervals, thus maintaining a constant guard over the property. I would rather down the strikers than get a present of a million dollars.

MINERS HATE ORIENTALS

Residents of Goldfield Order Chinese and Japanese Workmen to Leave the Camp.

RENO, Nev., Saturday, Dec. 17.—Goldfield residents have given out the edict that the Chinamen and Japanese must go, and the Celestials and subjects of the doughty Mikado have already started to heed the injunction. For several months the aliens have been flocking to the gold camps until finally they became so numerous that the miners and business men of the place thought it best to protect their own interests by ordering them away from the two camps. Thus far the orders have been obeyed and no trouble is anticipated.

The Southern Pacific Company, in its haste to make a standard gauge road of the Carson & Colorado, has employed many Japanese and Chinese. Many of these have or had Goldfield and Tonopah in view, but to prevent them from going to the camps, the exile order has been sent along the line of the road where construction work is in progress.

BARRACKS CONTRACT LET

New Building at Fort Walla Walla to Cost More Than One Hundred Thousand Dollars.

WALLA WALLA, Saturday, Dec. 17.—Secretary of War Taft today ordered Captain Noble H. Creager, construction quartermaster located here, to accept the bid of Goldie Bros. of Portland for the construction of two double brick barracks at Fort Walla Walla to take the place of the old frame buildings, erected nearly fifty years ago. The contract calls for the completion of the work in seven months. The barracks will cost more than $100,000.

Footpad Kills Policeman.

OAKLAND, Saturday, Dec. 17.—Policeman George Brown, was shot and almost instantly killed by a footpad at Twenty-sixth Street and Broadway at 7:20 o'clock this evening. The murderer is still at large.

The shooting occurred at the northwest corner of the street, almost directly opposite the Providence Hospital. Three shots were fired by the thug, one of them entering the right shoulder of the policeman and one taking effect three inches above the left breast. The latter shot is the one which killed Brown.

DRAMA OF CRIME IS ENDED

Conrad Donovan and Charles Wade Hanged for Murder of Woman.

Conviction Due to Strong Network of Circumstantial Evidence.

Special Cable to The Seattle Sunday Times.

LONDON, Saturday, Dec. 17.—Sentence of death upon and later the execution of Conrad Donovan and Charles Wade for the murder of Emily Farmer ended the strange and sordid drama of East End crime which occupied the Old Bailey a week ago.

It was a drama of circumstantial evidence purely, but Justice Grantham, in summing up, took occasion to tell the jury it was a mistaken idea that it was dangerous to convict on circumstantial evidence, for "circumstantial evidence," he said, "is often safer and more potent and reliable than direct evidence."

The story of the prosecution was that a little before 8 o'clock on the morning of October 12 Emily Farmer, a newsdealer aged 63, who was currently reported in the neighborhood of her little shop in Commercial Road to keep a hoard of money in her bedroom, was found murdered. She had been suffocated by means of a gag.

Time Forms Link in Evidence.

On that same morning Charles Wade, whose habit it was to get up at 8 or 9 o'clock or later, was called by his landlord, at his own special overnight request, at twenty minutes past 5 o'clock.

At about 6 o'clock a man named Barnes saw Wade and Donovan near Miss Farmer's shop, and Miss Farmer herself was seen, incompletely dressed, at five minutes before 6, when her papers were delivered to her.

At twnty minuts past 6 a policman who was in the habit of buying a paper there found the shop was shut.

At half-past 6 a boy named Rae saw the prisoners leave the shop.

Such were the facts marshaled for the prosecution by Charles Mathews in a speech of two hours' duration.

It had been contended by the defense that the medical and other evidence varied so much that it was probable that the crime took place after 6:30, in which case the prisoners would have been fairly sure of an acquittal.

Dispute Over Time of Death.

To settle the disputed point the prosecution put Professor Pepper, the home office expert, in the box.

There was a hush in the court as Mr. Pepper stated it was his deliberate opinion that death had taken place before 6:30.

One of the persons who found the body about 8 o'clock, Miss Baker, had said that she felt Miss Farmer's heart beat, and thought she died at that moment. "Miss Baker," said Dr. Pepper, "must have been mistaken." The body might still have been warm at that hour. Bodies retained their warmth much longer in suffocation cases than in others.

He added that he believed Miss Farmer died within ten minutes of being attacked.

When the men in the dock heard this evidence they became very restive, and sent frequent notes to their counsel, Percival Hughes, who, however, contented himself with making notes for his speech for the defense. That speech lasted three hours and was very eloquent, but it did not convince the jury of his clients' innocence.

There was just as much opportunity, he pointed out, for the crime to be committed between 7:20 and 7:45 as between 6 and 6:30. Would the jury take upon themselves the responsibility of returning a verdict of guilty when they thought of the changing and conflicting opinions of the medical men?

Jury Finds Prisoners Guilty.

Justice Grantham pointed out that it was impossible to believe that Wade did not know where he was on the fatal morning—the morning when he had been called at 5 instead of 9 or 10; yet no attempt had been made to prove an alibi.

Ten minutes' deliberation sufficed to convince the jury that Wade and Donovan were guilty.

LONDON CORPORATION RULES.

Marble Shelves, Clean Towels, Sterilized Tools, Insisted On.

LONDON, Saturday, Dec. 17.—The manner of conducting hairdressers' establishments in London will be revolutionized by a series of regulations adopted by the city corporation yesterday.

The new regulations are as follows:

1. All shelves, fittings, and tables on which instruments are placed to be of glass, marble, slate or other similar material.
2. Clean towels, etc., to be used for each customer, and a fresh piece of paper or clean linen to be placed on the back of chair or head rest.
3. No general powder puffs to be used; powder pulverized or cotton wool being substituted. No sponges to be used.
4. All hair clippers, razors, scissors, combs, or other tools to be placed in a disinfecting solution after use.
5. Razors to be wiped on paper.
6. Perfectly clean hair brushes only must be used.
7. Shaving brushes, after use, to be placed in a disinfecting solution.
8. Cut hair falling on the floor to be immediately swept up and removed, and floors to be cleansed daily.
9. No general alum crystals or blocks as a stypticto be used. A liquid powder is to be applied on towel or cotton wool or by spray.
10. The most scrupulous cleanliness to be observed in all that pertains to the business.

These rules were decided upon by the sanitary authorities of the city and the incorporated Guild of Hairdressers, Dr. Collingridge, the medical officer of health, being responsible for the initiative of the movement.

In addition to the regulations, the Hairdressers' guild recommends that each regular customer and subscriber should be strongly advised to provide his own toilet articles, razors, and brushes, which would be exclusively reserved for the owner's use; that all cut hair and paper should be burned, and that no customer who apparently suffers from any skin or hair affection should be attended to save at his own house or offices, or in a private room.

YOUNG FARMER SWINDLED.

Alleged Oracle Makes Man Believe She Can Tell Fortune.

PARIS, Saturday, Dec. 17.—An extraordinary case of credulity on the part of a young farmer, who allowed himself to be swindled out of £800 by a fortune teller, is reported from Clermont-Ferrand.

For some months past Mme. Desiree, the fortune teller, had established herself at Clermont-Ferrand in a well furnished house, and the farmer having heard of her reputation, called to know if she could tell him whether he would win a £20,000 prize in a lottery to be held in December.

He was shown into a drawing room, where he found an officer and a priest engaged in conversation, which was in praise of the fortune teller's accomplishments. In reality they were relatives or employes of the lady, dressed up to play the part of clients.

Mme. Desiree told the young farmer that if he could provide her with £1,200 in gold, to hold for a week, so that she could work the oracle, she could supply him with the winning number.

He had only to wear the number over his heart in an envelope until the day of the drawing and kiss it three times in order to win the prize.

The foolish farmer, in order to raise the necessary sum, sold all his investments, which realized £800. With this sum he returned to the fortune teller, who told him it was not enough.

She added, however: "As I have taken a fancy to you I will advance the remainder on condition that you pay it back when you win the prize, with 5 per cent interest."

On the following day Mme. Desiree disappeared from Clermont-Ferrand with the farmer's £800 and a warrant has been issued for her arrest.

The American Bible League, which aims to offset "Higher Criticism," holds its second convention in Boston, December 6-8.