

## CONSPIRATORS FOUND GUILTY.

Machen, Lorenz, and the Groffs  
Convicted of Attempt to Swindle  
the Government.

## JURY WAS OUT NINE HOURS.

Five Ballots Taken—Defendants Will  
All Receive Their Sentences  
Today.

Washington, Feb. 26.—"Guilty as indicted" was the verdict announced by the jury in the postoffice conspiracy trial shortly after 8 o'clock tonight, stating at the same time that this was the verdict as to all four defendants, Aug. W. Machen, late general superintendent of the rural free delivery division; George E. Lorenz of Toledo, Samuel A. Groff and Diller B. Groff of Washington. The jury had been out nine hours.

In the dimly-lighted room sat the four defendants, who after the case was given to the jury had been placed in the custody of a United States marshal and confined to the limits of the city hall. Each wore an anxious look, and a deathlike silence fell on the small crowd which had been permitted to enter the room as the clerk inquired of the foreman if a verdict had been reached.

The jury as to a man rose, and as the words "guilty as indicted" fell from the foreman's lips, the defendants and their counsel seemed appalled.

During the time the jury was out the four defendants had paced up and down the hallway outside of judgment room and had given expressions to the belief that each hour the jury spent in discussing the case brought them nearer to an acquittal.

There was general astonishment that the jury had included in the conviction Samuel A. Groff, a Washington policeman and inventor of the Groff fastener, as to whom Holmes Conrad, special counsel for the government yesterday informed the jury that he did not expect a conviction and that he personally did not believe in his guilt.

Five ballots in all were taken. On the first ballot the vote stood 7 to 5 for conviction; on the second 8 to 4; on the third 9 to 3; on the fourth 10 to 2, and on the fifth the vote was unanimous.

Immediately after the verdict was rendered, Charles Douglas, in behalf of all four defendants, filed motions for a new trial, for an arrest of judgment and for an appeal, for the purpose of having the defendants admitted to bail.

Bail was then fixed at \$20,000 each, the bond of Lorenz and the two Groffs being increased from \$10,000. When Mr. Machen, on behalf of the Groffs, inquired as to the amount of bail to be required of them, Justice Pitchard said:

"I know no difference between these defendants. The jury has said they are guilty and I cannot discriminate, but will treat all alike."

Next to Samuel A. Groff, the most surprised man was Machen, who said he was thunderstruck at the verdict.

The four defendants will appear before Justice Pitchard tomorrow morning to receive sentence.

## JAPS DID NOT LAND.

The Reported One at Possiet Bay  
Not Confirmed.

London, Feb. 27.—The reported landing of Japanese at Possiet bay, near Vladivostok has not yet been confirmed.

The Shanghai correspondent of the Daily Telegraph has sent in news of Japanese military operations. He asserts that the Russians are evacuating Dainy. The Russians boast that they have mined the breakwater, wharves and railroad sidings at Dainy in order to prevent the Japanese from making use of these facilities. This correspon-

dent repeats that the Russians have supplies for only five months at Port Arthur, and say a large number of Japanese transports have returned to Nagasaki, where they are busily engaged in embarking more troops to be taken to the neighborhood of Dainy.

More than 400 transports have left Nagasaki since February 10, and a still larger embarkation has been proceeding from Ujima, near Hiroshima, on the inland sea.

Ujima, and not Kyoto, the correspondent concludes, will be the army and navy headquarters during the war. This correspondent has recently been in Nagasaki, and is probably well informed. In any event, it is taken for granted in London that Admiral Togo's recent operations are to facilitate the Japanese debarkation on the Liao-tung gulf or elsewhere.

## Russians Confess Their Sins.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 26.—Like millions of their subjects, the czar and zarina today made confessions of their sins. It was a day of praise as well as of prayer, however, and the solemn rites attending the ceremony of confession alternated with thanksgiving for the news from the east.

Their majesties confessed in the church of the Winter palace to Count Chaplain Yanisheff and afterward walked in the palace garden. The visit of the czar and the zarina to the imperial tombs in the cathedral of St. Peter and St. Paul and the fortress of St. Peter and St. Paul occurred this evening. They prayed for a long time beside the tomb of the czar's father and brother, and a cheering multitude greeted them as they drove to the Chapel of the Savior in Peter the Great's house, which is a short distance from the fortress. There they attended a special service of prayer.

## Ships Were Infernal Machines.

Port Arthur, Feb. 26.—An inspection of the Japanese ships sent into this harbor on Feb. 24 shows they were loaded with coal and kerosene, and that electrical infernal machines had been placed in the midst of the cargo.

## A BAD LEEVEE BREAK.

A Disastrous One Occurs in Sacramento Valley.

Sacramento, Cal., Feb. 26.—The most disastrous levee break that has been known for several years in this part of the Sacramento valley occurred today at a point three miles from the city.

The break was caused by the seepage of water through a sopher hole, the water soon getting beyond control. The column of water is 30 feet high, pouring through the break like a Niagara. The roar of the water can be heard for nearly a mile as it rushes through the break. It is estimated that at least 10,000 acres of valuable land will be submerged.

The loss will reach thousands of dollars, but by energetic efforts in closing the break it is expected to minimize the damage.

Boats have been kept busy all afternoon taking people from the lower levee, but so far as can be ascertained all were safely rescued.

All down the valley people were warned by telephone and only about 100 near the break were caught in the overflow and back-water. About 100 head of cattle were drowned.

The break caused no trouble or apprehension in the city of Sacramento, as the break is below the city limits. The levees about this city are impregnable and guard the city on all sides.

## SCAFFOLD COLLAPSED.

One Man Killed and Several Severely Injured.

Chicago, Feb. 26.—One man was killed, another probably fatally injured and a score of other workmen were barely saved from being crushed beneath a large scaffold which collapsed this afternoon in the center of the new post-office building. The scaffold was built from the main floor of the building directly beneath its dome to the tenth floor, a distance of 144 feet. The workmen were working about the dome at the time of the accident, and for a time it was thought half this number had been killed by the falling timber, but all escaped, with the exception of two plasterers, James Byron and Barney McBride, who were working on the scaffold when it gave way. They fell to the main floor of the building, and Byron was instantly killed. Barney McBride, who was working with Byron, also fell with the scaffolding, but he caught one of the floors as he fell, and thus saved his life, although he was severely injured.

## RUSSIANS ARE VERY JUBILANT.

Japanese Attack Upon Port Arthur  
and Its Repulse Regarded  
As a Victory.

## WORK OF SHORE BATTERIES.

Firing Was Accurate and Indicted  
Much Loss on the Enemy's  
Ships.

London, Feb. 26.—Just what happened during the engagements between the Russian and Japanese forces at Port Arthur Thursday and Friday is difficult to determine. No two of the cable accounts agree, as will be seen by the following excerpts from cablegrams received in Russia under today's date:

"A squadron of the enemy's vessels, numbering 16, approached the fortress at about 11 o'clock this morning and opened a bombardment on the cruisers Askold, Baya and Novika, which were in the outer harbor, and also on the fortress. The firing continued for half an hour.

"Then our cruisers went into the harbor. The enemy fired for several minutes on one of our batteries, and they began to leave. They stopped within sight of the fort, but out of range of fire.

"At this time four of the enemy's cruisers detached themselves from the squadron and proceeded to Pigeon bay, where they quickly opened fire on our torpedo boats that were cruising there. They directed also a strong cannonade against the shore. The commandant consequently sent troops to Pigeon bay.

The firing lasted for 30 minutes, but no landing was made. The Japanese cruisers then departed. Suitable measures have been taken to oppose a possible move on the part of the enemy to creep up by sea.

"Our losses this day were one man wounded at the battery.

"I respectfully report the above to our imperial majesty, ALEXIEFF."

The Japanese torpedo boat attack of Feb. 25 resulted in a Russian success. The accurate shooting of the batteries inflicted losses on the enemy and caused the boiler on one of the Japanese torpedo boats to explode.

Early in the morning a Japanese fleet, consisting of six battleships and four cruisers, appeared on the horizon. The Russian cruisers Askold, Baya and Novik were then in the harbor and the Japanese torpedo boats advanced to within 20 or 25 cable lengths to attack them. The Japanese battleships and cruisers separated and then advancing again on two Russian torpedo boats cruising in Pigeon bay. One of the latter broke through the enemy's lines under a hot fire and reached harbor. At 10:45 o'clock a fierce engagement took place between a Japanese battleship and the Russian cruisers, supported by the shore batteries.

In view of the superiority of the enemy's six battleships over the three Russian cruisers the latter were withdrawn. The enemy ceased fire at 11:25 o'clock and at 12 o'clock the Japanese cruisers which were chasing the Russian torpedo boats began to fire on the forts, but the firing did not last long.

## TOGO'S FAILURE.

Tokio, Feb. 26.—Vice-Admiral Togo's attempt to bottle up the Russian fleet at Port Arthur by sinking a fleet of six old torpedo boats has failed. The mouth of the harbor evidently failed, though the venture caused no loss of life and the vessels lost were not of great value.

Five ships were prepared by Vice-Admiral Togo for the attempted blockade. Four are reported to have been sunk, but the fate of the fifth is unknown here. It is presumed that it withdrew with the other Japanese vessels.

The five vessels were fitted with stones so as to make the obstruction permanent, and were manned by volunteer merchant crews. It was impossible to select naval officers and sailors.

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## "BIT" Ellison Dead.

New York, Feb. 27.—Frank Ellison, known as "Bit," a familiar character in this city, is dead from pneumonia. He is said to have been the youngest officer in the Union army, having been taken from his home in Philadelphia and received a lieutenant's commission at the age of 15.

Ellison was once a member of the stock exchange and belonged to the leading clubs. In 1893 he assaulted another broker and was sentenced to five years in the penitentiary. The five years were made by influential friends to procure his pardon but it was granted only a few months before the expiration of the sentence.

## Priest Detained on Ellis Island.

New York, Feb. 27.—Father Noel Demarest, a French priest, has been detained at Ellis island and his exclusion is likely in spite of the fact that for nine years he labored as a missionary among the Indians of New Mexico.

The priest came to America in 1892, but two years ago returned again to France. When La Touraine he was taken to Ellis island suffering from tuberculosis. The law does not permit the landing of an alien thus afflicted, and Father Demarest has only his first citizenship papers.

In explanation of his neglect to procure his second papers he says he took up his abode in New Mexico under the homestead act and that he thought this equivalent to becoming a citizen.

## SICKENED OF HER LORD.

Countess Penolosa, a St. Louis  
Heiress, Secures a Divorce.

St. Louis, Feb. 26.—Countess Marie de Penolosa was granted a divorce here today in circuit court from Count Henri de Penolosa.

In her petition the countess, who is a St. Louis heiress, charged that the count had spent her fortune and had paid attention to other women. One witness, Miss Christine Mena, testified that while he was still married to his present wife the count has proposed marriage to her.

The witness testified that the count, when charged with being married, admitted as much, but said he expected to secure a divorce shortly.

## TREASURE OF THE INCAS.

Said to Have Been Discovered at  
Challacatta, Peru.

New York, Feb. 27.—Adelphi from La Paz, Bolivia, announce that the traditional treasure of the Incas has been discovered at Challacatta, cables the Herald's Lima Peru, correspondent. It amounts to \$1,000,000.

The discoverers are of various nationalities and are now quarreling over the treasure, although a legal contract exists between them as to the division. The authorities have interfered in the matter.

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on account of their great rivalry to participate in the daring venture.

Accompanied by four battleships, nine cruisers and numerous vessels of the torpedo flotilla, the stone-laden steamers reached Port Arthur on Wednesday. While the fleet engaged the shore batteries the steamers made a dash for the mouth of the harbor, directly under the Russian guns.

Details of the attack have not been received here, but it is evident that the Russian fire sank the steamers before they reached the points planned for their foundering by the Japanese.

It is said that all of the crews of the four vessels escaped in boats and were picked up by Japanese torpedo-boat destroyers. The report that two of the torpedo-boat destroyers were sunk by the Russians is denied.

The naval department has received a brief dispatch from the commander of one of the torpedo-boat destroyers, saying that no lives and no warships were lost, and that no damage was inflicted by the Russians.

The five merchant vessels which were prepared for sinking were the Japanese Maru of 1,331 tons, the Tien Tsin Maru of 2,943 tons, the Hokoku Maru of 2,776 tons, the Bujo Maru of 1,169 tons, and the Bushu Maru of 1,349 tons. Each carried five men, two steering and three firing and running the engines.

## KALMUCKS TO THE FRONT.

Prince Alexander Suggests That a  
Regiment of Them be Raised.

New York, Feb. 27.—Prince Alexander of Oldenburg has caused a patriotic sensation, cables the St. Petersburg correspondent of the Herald. He not only has a military and political education, but has proposed that the emperor raise a troop of irregular cavalry of the dreaded tribes of Burjats and Kalmucks of the Steppes, the condition being that they be under military rule in the far east, but allowed to do all they like in the rest of the world.

Prince Alexander offers to equip and pay for the support of 1,500 throughout the war.

## Club House for Women.

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## A MAN HUNT.

A Man Who Attacked Women  
Finally Captured.

Blanchington, N. Y., Feb. 27.—After one of the most exciting man hunts in the history of this city, lasting for nearly 30 hours, Morris Odell, charged with attacking two women, has been captured.

From a crowd of policemen saved the man from falling into the hands of a crowd of 50 men who were chasing him. Odell is a white man nearly 20 years old, and was captured by Levi Ray, colored.

Foremost in the crowd was Frank Fancher, husband of one of the alleged victims. Fancher was unarmed, but he jumped for Odell, struck him and attempted to bring his neck until pulled away by a policeman.

Odell's wife died recently, and he is

## AN UNPLEASANT EXPERIENCE.

Has it ever been your unhappy lot to be told by your physician that you must go to a hospital and submit to an operation? If so, you remember with what dread and shrinking you awaited the day when you must endure the knife.

The present day surgeon appears to be possessed by a mania for operating, especially in cases of hemorrhoids or piles, and while the greater number of the profession do not recommend this "last resort" unless they honestly believe it necessary, the fact remains that much needless operating is done, and the patient put to much expense and suffering for what?

To obtain a possible temporary relief, these words are used adverbially, because in nine cases out of ten the affliction returns and the patient is just where he started from. Oftentimes he could be cured much more simply and easily by the use of such a remedy as the Pyramid Pile Cure; this has come to be recognized as the best remedy on the market for the painful disease named and the druggists now sell more of it than all other pile remedies combined.

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A suggestion is offered that if the reader is afflicted, or knows anyone who is, the book be sent for, as it will be found invaluable.

## KOREAN TROOPS TO JOIN JAPANESE.

Hermit Kingdom Decides to Cast  
Her Lot With That of Her  
Neighbor.

## WIJU IS OPENED TO TRADE.

Japanese Minister at Seoul Requests  
Korea to Hand French Minister  
His Passports.

Seoul, Feb. 26.—The Korean government has decided to order the Korean troops to join the Japanese in the field.

The port of Wiju was opened to foreign trade last night. The limitations to be placed on trade and other incidental matters will be discussed later. This action necessitates a harbor, so Yongnampho has been decided upon.

London, Feb. 26.—A report which emanates from St. Petersburg says that the Japanese minister at Seoul, Korea, has requested the Korean government to hand the French minister his passports.

## ADJOURNMENT OF CONGRESS.

An Early One Predicted by Vari-  
ous Senators.

Washington, Feb. 24.—An early adjournment of Congress is predicted by all public men who visited the White House. The time is variously fixed at from April 15 to May 1. Senator Lodge said:

"It seems to me there is nothing to be gained by adjourning after April 15. The canal treaty is practically out of the way and the appropriation bills can be handled in sufficient time to get away by the middle of April."

Senator Quarles said: "There is no excuse for staying here after May 1. With the appropriation bills as the main work to be done, there ought to be no reason why we should stay here."

Senator Mitchell said: "I have been in the senate for a good many years, but I have never seen the prospects so good for an early adjournment."

Senator Dryden said: "I really think we could earnestly dispose of the year ahead of us and adjourn April 1."

## Women Save Italian From Mob.

New York, Feb. 27.—Quick action by a crowd of women passengers probably has saved an Italian from death at the hands of a mob in Paterson, N. J. The Italian had slashed an Erie conductor with his razor in a dispute over a pass. He was seized by enraged passengers, thrown upon the rails before an approaching passenger train, where the crowd proposed to hold him. In the darkness it is likely he would have been cut to pieces.

Several women ran up the track and signalled the train to stop. Police arrived at that moment and hustled the Italian to jail.

The conductor's throat was badly torn by the razor and he probably will die.

## The Twelfth in San Francisco.

San Francisco, Feb. 27.—Several divisions of the Twelfth infantry from various army posts in the United States have arrived at the Presidio, where they will remain until the first of March, when they sail for Manila on the transport Buford.

The Twelfth returned from the Philippines last two years ago. It is commanded by Col. John W. Bubb is the commanding officer of the regiment.

## Methodist Missionary Meeting.

Denver, Colo., Feb. 27.—Word has been received here from Clinton B. Fisk, national president of the Woman's Home Missionary society of the Methodist church, that the twenty-fourth annual convention will be held in Denver in September of this year. This society has enrolled more than 100,000 women in the United States beside large branch organizations in the Philippines, Hawaiian Islands and Porto Rico.

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