

# CONVICTS MANHOOD BORE THE TEST

## Fought Fire And Saved Women From the Flames.

### IN BLACKWELL'S ISLAND PRISON

#### Women's Work House at the Prison Totally Destroyed—Much Other Property Damaged—Prisoners Promised To Be Own Jailers.

New York, Dec. 21.—Forgot that they were convicts and remembered that they were men on Blackwell's island, early this morning when the male prisoners marshaled by their keepers in a fire-fighting and life-saving corps, bore from the flaming floors of the women's ward 540 frantic women and from the hospital beds 50 more.

Starting from the sewing room of the work house and from a cause which has not yet been definitely decided, the fire had reached a fierce blaze at 2 o'clock when it was discovered.

The fire engine on the island proved inadequate and a call for help was sent to the city department. Seven engines went over, but were not sufficient to save the women's work house from destruction. On the top floor of this building were cells for the women who became frantic with fright and were soon choking with the dense smoke that filled their cells.

That most of them did not perish is due to the recent installation of a system by which in emergencies every cell in the tier can be opened simultaneously with all the others. When the extent and danger of the blaze became apparent, the warden marshaled his regular fire-fighting force of employes and soon were at work.

The flames spread so fast, however, that this force proved hopelessly inadequate. Then it was decided to touch the male prisoners' sense of manhood, and they bore the test well. Freed from their cells and marshaled into small bodies they entered the building and went at the work of fire fighting, and rescue, with the most utter disregard of danger to themselves.

The flames were crackling all about them and they plunged through the densest smoke when they brought out in their arms the last of the women prisoners.

The fire bells and the shouts of the men at work could be heard all over the island and in the hospitals and building of the other institutions there was a panic which was quieted with difficulty by the nurses physicians and keepers.

Although only part of the convicts were used in rescuing the women, those who remained locked in their cells made frantic appeals to be allowed to help. As the screams of the women penetrated to their cells some of the convicts fell on their knees, beating the bars with their fists and imploring the guards to let them out to fight the fire. When this was refused they begged that at least the guards go to the rescue, promising that they would be their own jailers.

The fire lasted over two hours, consuming all of the women's prison, the hospital and half of the work house right up to the shores of Long Island and to the shipping in East river and gilded the tall buildings on the New side of the river.

#### Woman Given Pardon.

Atlanta, Dec. 21.—Sentoria Yarbrough, of Dawson, Terrell county, who unintentionally rid herself of a drunken husband by hitting him over the head with a stick of wood, and was sentenced to serve one year in the pen for involuntary manslaughter, was granted a full pardon by Governor Terrell on recommendation of the prison commission.

#### Big Loss by Fire.

Pittsburg, Dec. 21.—A fire early today almost totally destroyed the Standard block, Grant avenue, Duquesne, Pa., causing a loss of \$50,000. Mrs. Sadie Bedell, a telephone operator, was partially suffocated by the smoke and was carried from the burning building unconscious. The fire is supposed to have been of incendiary origin.

#### Washington Is Visited by Fire.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Washington early this morning was visited by two fires, entailing an approximate loss of \$100,000. At one of them four women were rescued, being carried down ladders by Lieutenant Sullivan of a truck company, and Policeman Samson. When found, the women were partially overcome by the smoke.

#### Killed by Burglars.

Beaver Falls, Pa., Dec. 21.—Hugh McCoy, a cripple, aged 45 years, was shot and instantly killed last night by two thieves while he was sitting at the kitchen window of his home on a farm 2 miles from Darlington, near here. Two shots were fired through the window, the gun being held to close as to powder-burn him.

#### Former Commander of Army Dead.

Paris, Dec. 21.—General Felix Gustave Sausser, former commander-in-chief of the French army, died today

### SHOOTS WIFE AND LOVER.

#### O'Shields Claims that Victims Were in Compromising Position.

Gainesville, Ga., Dec. 21.—Henry O'Shields, a young white man, who has been conducting a business on what is called Factory Hill, on the outskirts of the city, shot and fatally wounded his wife and Milt Emmett.

Fire broke out in O'Shields' storehouse, only a short distance from his dwelling, and it was totally destroyed in a short time.

After doing what he could to save his goods from the conflagration, O'Shields alleges that he went to the back part of his house and there found his wife and Emmett in a compromising position. Calling a friend, he pointed to the man and woman.

O'Shields walked then to a neighbor's house and asked to borrow his pistol. One was lent him and O'Shields returned to the house and shot his wife and Emmett down. Both are mortally wounded, and their death is expected at any moment.

O'Shields then sought some friends and immediately went to the Hall county jail, where he surrendered himself. He was locked up. He says he hopes both his wife and Emmett will die, and that he has no regrets for doing the shooting.

### GUILTY VERDICT FOR CRAWFORD

#### Pal of Machen and Lorenzo Is Convicted in Washington.

Washington, Dec. 21.—The jury in the case of William G. Crawford, the former deputy auditor for the post-office department, who was indicted on a charge of conspiracy with August W. Machen and George E. Lorenz to defraud the United States in connection with a contract for supplying the postoffice department with letter carriers' satchels, have returned a verdict of guilty. The jury also found Crawford guilty on an indictment charging him with presenting false vouchers for furnishing shoulder straps for carriers' satchels. Notice was immediately given by defendant's counsel that application would be made for a new trial, pending which Crawford was released on \$10,000 bail.

#### Killed by a Fall.

Atlanta, Dec. 21.—While working on the roof of the old car shed, Frank Johnson, a bridleman, fell a distance of 40 feet and half an hour later died from his injuries at the Grady hospital. Johnson was one of several men who were working on the old depot and he was up in the tower riveting a steel girder. He leaned against a girder which had not been securely fastened and it gave way. This caused him to lose his balance and he fell through a hole in his head. He was conscious for a few minutes after his fall and he begged those near him not to tell his mother that he was hurt.

#### Held for Taking Fees.

Valdosta, Ga., Dec. 21.—John R. Cooper, county surveyor of Charlton county, has been arrested and brought here by a United States deputy marshal, on the charge of receiving and retaining illegal fees in pension cases. He was given a preliminary hearing, and his bond fixed at \$300 by Deputy Clerk Varnadoe. The bond was promptly given by some of the defendant's friends, who came here with him. Mr. Cooper is between 60 and 70 years old, and stands well in his county.

#### Found in Desperate Condition.

Flagstaff, Ariz., Dec. 21.—The searching party which left here yesterday to locate the transcontinental automobilist Perry McGargel, of New York, and David F. Fassett, of Lansing, Mich., found them late last night in a desperate condition, snowed in, without food or gasoline, 13 miles from town, near a Jeep pass in the mountains. In a few hours longer they would have perished from the bitter cold.

#### Attempted Suicide.

Thomasville, Ga., Dec. 21.—Thomas W. Brimberry, postmaster at Camilla, attempted suicide by shooting himself in the head with a pistol and slashing his throat with a knife. He is still alive, but his recovery is said to be impossible. Ill health is supposed to be the cause of the action.

#### Swimmers Rescue Men.

New York, Dec. 21.—Three daring swimmers Tuesday rescued the two Italian laborers who, for more than 40 hours, had been imprisoned in the East river tunnel of the Pennsylvania railroad by a cave-in at the Long Island City end of the under-water bore.

#### Wife of Missionary Dead.

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 21.—Mary Cridge, wife of Bishop Cridge, who was the first English missionary on the Pacific coast, died yesterday. She was 79 years of age.

#### Young Man Surrendered.

Athens, Ga., Dec. 21.—Coke Hunter, the young white man who recently shot and killed J. W. Haynie at Statham, Ga., has surrendered himself to the officers of the law.

#### Will Martin, Negro, Arrested.

Athens, Ga., Dec. 21.—Will Martin, the negro who shot Stump Graham, a negro man, in East Athens a few nights ago, has been arrested.

### JEWELRY AND MONEY LOST.

#### Many Valuables Were Destroyed in Wreck by Car Taking Fire.

Kansas City, Dec. 21.—The Journal says that besides the loss of life in the Santa Fe train wreck at Lang, Kans., Tuesday, there was about \$5,000 in gold and \$9,000 in currency and many thousands dollars' worth of jewelry destroyed by the express car attached to the train taking fire.

The money was in transit from the National Bank of Commerce in Kansas City to Kansas bankers. One estimate places the value of the precious stones and gold and silver at \$50,000.

Most of the packages contained Christmas presents. There is no doubt but that it will be fully six months before the entire loss of the express company is known.

D. T. Mervine, manager of the Wells-Fargo company, said in the safe was currency and gold and silver, and in whatever space remained was filled with packages of jewelry. It is estimated by the cashier of the company that there was about \$10,000 in money in the safe. The gold will be redeemed at practically its full value, and we are in hopes that the currency will be in a condition to warrant the treasury department in redeeming the greater part of it.

### TRAGEDY AT JONESBORO.

#### Two Men Have Difficulty—One Man Is Killed, Other Wounded.

Jonesboro, Ga., Dec. 21.—In a personal difficulty between Ben Hill Dorsey and L. T. Milner, both prominent farmers of this place, Mr. Dorsey was shot, and died from the effects of the wound at an early hour Tuesday.

The cause of the difficulty is shrouded in mystery, as no one knows of any ill feeling that had existed between the two men. Both are quite prominent men, and Jonesboro has been greatly stirred up over the unfortunate affair.

Immediately after the shooting Mr. Milner surrendered to the sheriff, and is now in the county jail. He claims that the shooting was in self-defense.

#### Quiet Reigns in Shanghai.

Shanghai, Dec. 21.—All is quiet in the town today. Business has been resumed but the volunteers and sailors landed by the warships in port remain on duty as a precaution against a renewal of the rioting. The United States gunboat Villalobos has arrived to reinforce the Baltimore and the British cruiser Andromeda is expected to reinforce the Diadem. The deadlock growing out of the mixed court dispute continues. The taotal adheres to his demand for the dismissal of the British assessor and police inspectors, while the British consul refuses to intercede.

#### Accused of Killing a White Man.

Swainsboro, Ga., Dec. 21.—Herschel Jones and his 12-year-old son, negroes, have waived preliminary hearing and demanded indictment by grand jury for the shooting of Jackson Greene, a prominent young white man of Summertown, this county, who was found dead in his cane patch on Dec. 2. As someone shot Greene, and Jones and his boy were in the neighborhood with a gun at that time, suspicion connected them with the homicide. They were remanded to jail to await the sitting of the grand jury next April.

#### Being Hunted as Deer.

Constantinople, Dec. 21.—The massacre of Mussulmans by Armenians was still in progress at Tiflis, Caucasus, and throughout Caucasus Dec. 18, according to a dispatch from Tiflis under that date. The Mohammedans were being hunted down like deer, no distinction being made between Persians, Tartars or Ottomans. About 2,000 Mussulman families of Tiflis had sought refuge in neighborhood villages. The Cossacks and other troops continued to plunder the houses of Mussulmans at Batoum.

#### Suit Filed for Block.

Rome, Ga., Dec. 21.—A suit has been filed for the recovery of almost an entire block of property in the heart of Rome, on which is located several residences, and among other buildings, Shorter College. The petitioners in the suit claim an undivided interest in this property under the will of their uncle, who lived and died in Charleston, S. C., Mr. Samuel S. Farrar, who would in trust the portion of the above stated property which is now in course of litigation.

#### Yale to Have Museum.

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 21.—Yale is to have a commercial museum. This announcement was made following the arrival of a shipment of valuable plant and textile collections from the department of agriculture. The shipment which filled two cars includes the important exhibits at the Portland exposition besides additional gifts from the agricultural department and the Canadian Pacific.

#### Jews Must Be Poles.

Warsaw, Russian Poland, Dec. 21.—The Polish Nationalists have come to the decision that the Jews in Poland must be transformed into Poles and the Nationalists therefore have issued a proclamation calling on all Israelites to discontinue speaking in Yiddish and to learn the Polish language.

# A GENERAL STRIKE IS NOW PROCLAIMED

## Street Railway Service Completely Suspended.

### DECIDE TO CLOSE EVERYTHING

#### Strike Leaders Do Not Hope to Bring Life of Empire to a Standstill by a Single Stroke, but Will Labor for a Gradual Extension.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 20.—1:20 p. m.—The proclamation of a general strike for tomorrow at noon has created the most intense excitement. If it can be successfully inaugurated and maintained the revolutionaries are confident that it will break the government's back. In government circles, however, confidence is expressed that the proletariat organizations can not effect a complete tie-up and that the strike must be of a short duration.

This hope seems based on the theory that the extreme program of the reds has alienated the sympathy of a large proportion of the real workmen and also on what they claim to be absolute knowledge that the organization are without funds. The government's calculations, however, have proved deplorably at variance with the true situation in the past and the strike leaders declare the government is again hopelessly ignorant of the magnitude of the struggle confronting it. Their plans are exceedingly ambitious.

From the nature of the appeals of the leaders to the troops it is evident that they expect to precipitate a crisis in the army.

The central committee of railroad men of Moscow which determined the issue last night by voting in favor of a strike has telegraphed over the railroad lines that the employes of 22 roads are ready to stop all traffic. The decision is to close everything in the empire, railroads, manufacturing, the wholesale and retail stores and all government works, except the water-works. The bakeries in the cities, however, will not be closed so long as they do not raise their prices. If they raise the price of bread, even the bakeries will be closed. It was proposed in Moscow to exempt the electric light plants, but this was defeated.

Although the blow was timed for tomorrow noon on account of the difficulty of communication the strike leaders do not hope to bring the life of the empire to a standstill by a single stroke, but they will labor for a gradual extension of the strike movement. The nature of the manifesto of the workmen's council of Moscow to the army is so inflammatory that even the radical papers are afraid to print it. During the strike it is proposed to stop all papers and to print and distribute only the organ of the workmen's council.

The police are hunting down and arresting strike leaders as rapidly as they can be found in the comparatively few captures have been made as the leaders keep in hiding, avoiding their residences and meeting each time at a different locality.

The helplessness of the government in this crisis is demonstrated by the inability of Interior Minister Durno, who last night let get through instructions to arrest members of the workmen's council of Moscow. He attempted to use the railroad wires, but the operators obeyed the dictum of the council and refused to send the message. The government is even unable to forward instructions to General Linevitch, commander of the Manchurian army. Five operators in succession on the railroad lines declined to send a cipher dispatch signed by the emperor.

On account of some confusion the general strike was proclaimed at Moscow at noon today instead of tomorrow. It was inaugurated there with a complete suspension of the street railroad service.

All the men walked out of the factories and mills, and the trains on the six railroads were left standing in the stations. Shortly afterward an incoming train on the Kursk road was fired into by armed strikers. The engineer and several passengers were wounded.

The strikers generally seem provided with arms. There is great excitement in this city.

#### Shot by Car Thief.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Dec. 21.—A special to the News from Tucker Springs, Tenn., says that E. V. Hundley, a railroad telegraph operator, was shot and badly wounded in a fight with a car thief. He was assisting Conductor Rice, who shot at the thief, a negro, eight times, the thief emptying five chambers of a heavy calibre revolver. Hundley was shot in the kneecap but is not fatally injured.

#### To Prevent Importation of Disease.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 21.—The order in council prohibiting the importation and slaughtering of hogs in bond from the United States will go into effect Jan. 1. The purpose of it is to prevent the importation of disease.

### RECEIVED NEWS WITH STOICISM

#### Rawlings Men Undemonstrative Over Stay of Execution.

Valdosta, Ga., Dec. 21.—J. G. Rawlings and his sons, Milton and Jesse, received the news of the success of their attorney, John R. Cooper, in carrying their cases to the United States supreme court, in an undemonstrative manner, and had very little to say in regard to the matter.

The elder Rawlings professed several weeks ago to have given up all hope of escaping the gallows, and fully expected to be hanged on Jan. 6.

Attorney Cooper's move in carrying the cases to the federal supreme court will act as a stay of execution for some months, probably, and Leonard Rawlings, who was taken to the state penitentiary a week ago, will be brought back and again confined in the jail here until the court passes on the case.

Alf Moore, the main witness against the Rawlings, who was to have been hanged on Jan. 6, also gets a respite by Mr. Cooper's action.

#### FERRY HOUSE DESTROYED.

#### Shed and Section of Dock Belonging to Erie Partially Burned.

New York, Dec. 21.—A fire started today under the floor of the Lackawanna ferry house, where some painters were at work. It is thought that one of the lamps used by a painter exploded.

The ferry house was immediately filled with smoke and the painters had great difficulty in reaching the floor above.

The ferry house of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western is in ruins, and almost a complete loss, while that of the Jersey Central was very badly damaged. One shed and section of the dock belonging to the Erie road was also partially destroyed.

By noon the fire was brought under control and the ferry houses of the Erie and Pennsylvania railroads were out of danger.

#### Newspaper Correspondent Arrested.

New York, Dec. 21.—A cable dispatch to a morning newspaper from Havana says a judge yesterday issued an order for the arrest of Mr. Biddle, an American correspondent and a man by the name of Varty, formerly an employe of the Havana Telegraph, who are accused of having stolen a wreath which had been placed on the monument at LaPunta to the eight Cuban students who were shot in 1871 for the alleged desecration of the grave of Gonzales Castellanon. The police are looking for Varty.

#### Bride's Gift \$1,000 in Gold.

New York, Dec. 21.—Louisa Margaret Snow, stepdaughter of United States Senator Thomas C. Platt, was married to Francis C. Carmody, of Minneapolis and Washington, D. C., at Grace church in this city yesterday. The bride has been closely identified with this church, and was one of its Sunday-schoolers. Senator Platt's gift to the bride was numerous, among them \$1,000 in gold coin.

#### Dowie Sails for Jamaica.

Boston, Dec. 21.—John Alexander Dowie arrived here in a private car last night. He was accompanied by his son, Gladstone Dowie, a trained nurse and two other attendants. The party today will go on board the steamer Admiral Dewey bound for Jamaica. Later Dowie will take an extended cruise in the Caribbean sea, in the hope of recovering his shattered health.

#### Deadly Work by Highwaymen.

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 21.—Two men, named Sutherland and Murray, both from Philadelphia, have been killed by highwaymen on a ranch at Diaz, a small settlement in Chihuahua, Mex. A man named Finstead, of Los Angeles, and another man known as "Shorty," were wounded. The robbers escaped. No details of the fight have been received.

#### Report Not Confirmed.

New York, Dec. 21.—Private dispatches received in Wall street from St. Paul yesterday say that the negotiation for the purchase by the United States Steel corporation of the ore lands of the Great Northern railroad in Minnesota, had completed. No confirmation of the report could be obtained here.

#### Well Known Actress Dead.

Medford, Mass., Dec. 21.—Miss Halle Moore, formerly well known as a singer and actress, died here yesterday of cancer of the stomach. She was born in Medford about 50 years ago. She followed the theatrical profession for upward of thirty years, and was associated with Edward Harrigan for nearly five years.

#### Man Not Sullivan.

Easton, Ga., Dec. 21.—John McAlister, arrested here Saturday night as "Chick" Sullivan, and wanted in Lynn, Mass., for the murder of John Tucker, has been released on authority of Detective W. H. Proctor, of Boston, who came to identify the prisoner.

#### Injured by Gas Explosion.

Greensburg, Ind., Dec. 21.—Eight persons were injured by a gas explosion in the dry goods store of P. S. Mear, in this city, today.

# RUSSIA IS LIKENED UNTO A SICK

## Who Emerges From Sick Stronger Than Ever.

### ILLNESS IS IN NO WAY PA

#### Newspaper Correspondent Has Interview with M. Shipoff, Minister of Finance, in Regard to the Extent of Government Suffered by Agitation.

New York, Dec. 21.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Herald has an interview secured last day with M. Shipoff, minister of finance, who was asked as to the extent of the government suffered by the son of political agitation and particularly the recent proletarian manifesto in which the bankruptcy of the government was trumpeted.

"I do not seek to conceal the fact," the minister said, "that the movement has made itself felt among us. Coming on the heels of our recent war could not be otherwise. But do not think for a moment that we experience any alarm or anxiety."

"How often have you seen a young and sturdy organism prostrated by illness which has been insidiously creeping on. Have you not often noted how an ill man, aided by robust constitution, throws off a malady and at convalescence emerges from the room stronger and more capable than ever?"

"That is the position of Russia now. The illness is in no way fatal nor will the convalescence be protracted. I cannot say exactly when the patient will be able to get out of bed, but rest assured, he will not die. The medical attendants are absolutely confident of that. The revolutionary party has been trying to make capital out of the alleged impending bankruptcy of the government, but it is going too far to apply the word bankruptcy to the government of a great country like Russia."

"I authorize you to state positively that the Russian treasury is in no difficulty nor do we foresee any possibility of financial trouble. The revolutionists make a strong point of having touched a weak spot by endeavoring to bring about a general boycott of vodka. That is one of their random statements, show you how unfounded it is, look here." Opening his portfolio the minister pulled out a document showing the result to the treasury of a spirit monopoly for the period from Jan. 1 to Nov. 30, 1905. Actual income from that source exceeded by more than \$5,000,000 the amount estimated in the budget for 1905. "Now, you judge," continued M. Shipoff, "is wild is the assertion of our opponents."

Great uneasiness prevails among commercial circles interested in Russian business," was suggested. "That, unfortunately, is only true," replied the minister, "and doubt it will take time to dispel distrust but you will see that confidence will speedily be restored."

#### Automobilist Is Arrested.

New York, Dec. 21.—An automobile in which Mrs. Mark Hanna, widow of Senator Hanna was riding in company with a young woman, was stopped by bicycle policeman Hickey, after a long chase. Hickey ordered William Hayes, the driver, to go to the police court. When they arrived there the court had adjourned, and sitting magistrate had gone. The policeman Hickey obliged Hayes to take the machine to the station house. There Mrs. Hanna gave \$100 cash for the driver. She complained loudly of the arrest.

#### Is Sentenced to Death.

Constantinople, Dec. 21.—The Russian legation has demanded that the ward Joris be handed over to the Russian consular authorities for trial in accordance with the treaty of 1878. The porte objects to this, and a trial is anticipated. Joris is a Russian subject, who, with three others is charged with participation in the attempt to assassinate the sultan in July, and who were sentenced to death Dec. 18th by a naval court.

#### Railroad Union to Strike.

Alexandrov, Russian Poland, Dec. 21.—A message received here from Warsaw today says the president of the Warsaw railroad union has been arrested, and that the union consequently has decided to order the employes of the Vistula railroads to begin a strike on Friday. Advices from the lostok, Russian Poland, say the recruits there are planning an anti-Jewish break.

#### Killed by Falling Slate.

Knoxville, Tenn., Dec. 21.—A special to the Sentinel from Middleboro, says that James Chadwick, a miner, was killed by falling slate this morning at the Forkey Ridge coal mines, near here. Sam Lamar, a miner who was injured in an explosion at the same mines Friday, died last night.

#### Record Price for Exchange Seen.

New York, Dec. 21.—A seat on the stock exchange was sold today at \$80,000—the highest price on record.