

FRIGHTFUL LOSS OF HUMAN LIVES AND MONEY DURING DISTURBANCES AT BAKU



SCENE IN BAKU, THE CENTER OF THE REBELLION.

The special correspondent of the Chicago Tribune at Baku, Russia, sends the following account of the recent disturbance at that place:

The worst of the storm of massacre, pillage and incendiarism which has swept over Baku and its environs is over, but the picture is one of deep gloom.

It is difficult to describe the horrors of the last six days. Massacre has followed massacre. A pall of smoke from burning oil wells, tanks and refineries has hung over the city day and night.

The butchery began with the slaughter of 1,500 Armenians while the police looked on as if it were a theatrical display. Children were dashed to pieces before their mothers' eyes. Men either were cut to pieces instantly or mutilated in an indescribable fashion before they were put to death.

An Armenian visitor, who barricaded himself in his house, was tortured to death with his wife and children.

The Armenians who took refuge in another house were holding out against the Tartar soldiers when a magistrate demanded admission. The latter persuaded them to come out, assuring them of his protection. He then ordered the soldiers to fall on them, and all were barbarously murdered.

Then the troops took up the task of suppressing the orgy of bloodshed, and in the six days of fighting more than a thousand persons have been killed. Several thousands were wounded, almost exclusively Tartars, Partisans and Armenians.

Nearly 100,000 fugitives are without work, almost the whole oil industry being ruined, involving serious consequences to the trade and commerce of the whole country. The financial loss cannot be computed, but there will be a loss of about \$10,000,000 annually to state revenue from the excise.

Boats running on the Volga will doubtless have to use naphtha instead of oil. The quantity of naphtha on hand will be sufficient for the river boats for at least five months. It will take nearly a year to repair the damage here.

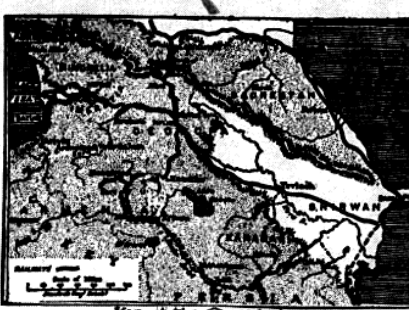
But for the activity of the soldiers the bloodshed might have been greater. As it is a great many have been killed.

There is little left unburned above the ground in the outlying oil fields of Balakan, Rouman, Sabanto, and Bilibekt, from which the crude oil supply for the Baku oil industry is drawn. All the extracting plants, including derricks, pumping establishments, and the oil reservoirs in which the crude oil is stored, have been destroyed. The breaking of the reservoirs unleashed a flood of burning oil which it was impossible to extinguish. A large portion of the "black town" quarter, in which most of the refineries were located, was also burned.

The financial loss has not yet been established, but it will run into the millions. It is estimated that the crude oil which will run waste until the reservoirs can be rebuilt, and the refineries again started, will amount to \$200,000 daily.

Costly Dreams of Empire.
The dream of empire is doubtless a pleasant diversion from the stern realities of the ordinary ruler's life, but when it becomes a reality it becomes a dream that is usually a costly experiment. The czar has found it so in the far east and Germany is beginning to realize that the latter's vision is at least as much as it can bear. Millions of Russian rubles have been spent in a vain attempt to make Siberia and the Pacific coast a productive part of the Russian empire, while the Kaiser has spent 50,000,000 on his African wars, with no prospect of return from those colonies for half a century. The public debt of Germany has increased to \$300,000,000 in ten years, and there is no prospect that it will be decreased in the immediate future.—Pittsburgh Dispatch.

Arguments of Lawyers.
Ellis Root contends that it is folly to urge a lawyer to be brief in his argument. "As a matter of fact," he says, "the argument's length generally is its sole reason for existing. By the time it is concluded the jury is likely to have forgotten the evidence." Mr. Root tells of a lawyer who had been advised to be brief. Counsel replied: "How would it be if I confined my argument to these words: 'Your honor, my opponent is wrong. I am right. You are an excellent judge.'"



Map of the Caucasus

BENEFIT OF ELECTRIC TRAVEL

Quick Transit Relieves Congestion of the World's Great Cities.

A rather striking phrase was used by Prof. E. A. Ross, a visiting lecturer at the University of Chicago, in the course of a recent address. "Steam massed people," he said, "but electricity is dispersing them." And, not quite so happily, continuing, "When the mechanic comes to think nothing of living ten miles from his work the steam will vanish and the city will diffuse itself into the country." The objection to this is that, in American cities, the slums are not made up of mechanics. Nevertheless, the tendency of the electric railway to extend the distance between the shop and the home is undoubtedly the greatest benefit to American workmen. As a simple problem in arithmetic a twelve-mile ride for 5 cents is cheaper than a mile-and-a-half ride for 2 cents. But the difference in standard of living made possible by the longer haul and uniform fares of the American street railways, as compared with the shorter distances and graded fares in Great Britain, is even greater than the proportionately cheaper transportation.—Chicago Western Electrician.

AMERICAN VOTERS IN CANADA.

Possible Annexation of Western Part to the United States.

Now the American immigration question in Canada has reached a climax. It takes only three years for an immigrant to earn a vote in Canada, and 75,000 former American voters will come into their Canadian citizenship. There are in round numbers 150,000 males more than 18 years of age in western Canada who formerly lived in the United States, 150,000 of whom are old enough to vote. There are now between 750,000 and 800,000 settlers, with a possible voting population of 240,000, a high percentage because many cattlemen without families are entering to vote. This is a coming. By the end of 1905 the American vote in the Canadian west will be overwhelming. In eastern Canada thousands of people believe that this invasion means the ultimate annexation of western Canada by the United States. It is called "the coming nation."—World's Work.

Senator Platt's Responsibility.

Before Senator Platt of New York had been selected practically a great many persons appointed to him for help of one kind or another. On one occasion a young army officer had been denied promotion because of some defect in his eyesight. His mother wrote to Platt in his own name: "I have noticed that when a matter is left to me and the Lord I am held responsible in case of failure; therefore I beg that you will assist me."

Indiana's Veteran Physician.
Dr. W. H. Wisbard of Indianapolis is probably the oldest practicing physician in Indiana. He was born Jan. 17, 1816, and is therefore nearly 90 years old. Although he is not exerting himself to build up a practice, he still answers calls and puts in his spare time over his old accounts and making out unpaid bills. He is one of two surviving charter members of the Indiana State Medical society, the other one being Dr. P. H. Jameson of Indianapolis, who is about eight years younger than Dr. Wisbard.

Illinois News

Chicago News from over the state, specially selected for our readers

SUIT TO TEST DIVORCE LAWS

Period of Insanity Between Alleged Cruelty and Wife's Pleat.

A peculiar suit for divorce has been filed in Whiteside county, involving the question of insanity. The plaintiff prohibits the granting of a legal separation because of insanity. So far as is known no similar proceedings have ever been filed in Illinois. Mrs. Geneva Kitzmiller, wife of former Representative James V. Kitzmiller, is the complainant. Cruelty is the charge and the acts complained of date back thirteen and fourteen years. They consist for the most part of threats. In 1903 Kitzmiller was adjudged insane and was sent to the hospital at Jacksonville. He has spent much time there and it is understood that he has quite recovered his reason. Recently he returned to the home of his father in Girard, where he is now residing. Kitzmiller is the important question to be decided. Kitzmiller at one time was prominent in central Illinois politics. He was a man of more than ordinary energy and ability.

EMPLOYE ASSAULTS A PRIEST

Father Foley of Dixon Sues Electric Light and Power Co.

Rev. Father Michael Foley of St. Patrick's church of Dixon while in Sterling was forcibly ejected from the front vestibule of an interurban street car by a crowd of Fourth street and Third street, and through his attorney, John E. Irwin, he filed suit in the Lee county circuit court against the Electric Light and Power Co. for \$5,000, placing the grounds of the complaint on assault. It is a violation of the rules of the company to have passengers to ride on the front vestibule and when Father Foley boarded an interurban car in Sterling and after riding on the front vestibule for four blocks, Motorman Vincent getting a hold around his body, shoved him into the car and in so doing peeled the flesh from the top of his right hand. The priest, who is gray-haired and venerable, claims that he was ejected from the car by the company and demands a settlement in the Lee county court.

Long Search for Slayer.

Following clues for \$5,000 miles following clues for Albert Glasford, who murdered his wife in Peoria in April, 1904. Detective Jack Kirwan recently was employed to find the man who was a prisoner in Baker City, Ore., led the officer into that state, just after a trip through the oil region. The man, who is twenty men have been arrested for Glasford all over the United States in the past year and the police now admit that they have no clue.

Unions Oppose Convict Wage.

The plan of Rev. George B. Wright, New Jersey commissioner of charities, who has convicted in penitentiaries earn wages for the support of their families, will be opposed by labor leaders when the Illinois Federation of Labor holds its annual convention in Danville. The unionists contend that it is not contemplated that the state shall barter with convicts on a financial basis, the real object being to reduce their physical and moral condition.

Old Settlers Celebrate.

Two thousand people gathered at Edinburg to celebrate the centennial of the settlement of the state. Mayor Lewis H. Bissell delivered the address of the welcome and the response was given by Rev. W. S. Messard. The orator of the day was Dr. Owen Wright, of Mason, spoke on the history of Mason township and Anton F. Johnson gave the early history of Green creek.

No Gambling at State Fair.

Springfield will probably have a state fair week this year without public objection. It is so without the president. State's Attorney Hatch has opened war on the resorts in the city, and irrespective of any arrangements the city officials have made, is raising the gambling houses and making numerous arrests.

Minister Weds Missionary.

Rev. William W. Mason, of Peoria, was married at O'Fallon to Miss Georgia Hill of that city. The groom is pastor of the First Baptist church at Williamport. The bride is a missionary and only recently returned from Cuba.

Girl Wearies of Life.

In an attempt to commit suicide, Miss Helen Morrison, filled her eyes with cayenne pepper and turned on the gas in her bedroom. When rescued the pepper had blinded her for life and she was declared insane.

Perry County Jailer.

Sheriff Henry J. Camp, of Perry county, has appointed Capt. J. K. Camp of Painesville, as deputy sheriff and jailer to succeed Ezra Woods, who died recently at Tamora.

RICH SON MUST ASSIST FATHER

Court Orders Ironmaster to Contribute to Support of Aged Parent.

Frank Henssbohe, wealthy South Chicago ironmaster, who refused to give his aged father, Casper Henssbohe, spending money, because, as he said, he used it to buy lottery tickets and visit fortune tellers, was ordered to contribute \$3 a week to his support by Judge Wheatley in the county court at Chicago. The elder Henssbohe, who is 77 years old, told the court that he did not want to live with his son, who has one of the finest residences in South Chicago. "I am ready to take him under my roof whenever he wants to come," the son told Judge Wheatley. "I will not give him money because he uses it to visit fortune tellers and to buy lottery tickets." Judge Wheatley ordered the son to pay \$3 a week.

AIDS ATTORNEY GENERAL.

Edgar Eldredge, the newly appointed assistant attorney general of Illinois, has practiced law for fifteen years, and was assistant state's attorney of La Salle county from 1896 to 1900. He was born at Peru in 1867, was educated at Brown university, and



after attending the Harvard law school was admitted to the bar in 1890. Mr. Eldredge is at present a member of the law firm of Fullerton & Eldredge of Ottawa. He is the second assistant to Attorney General Stead, the first assistant being former Judge George B. Gillespie.

Damage Suits.

James Holland, an engineer in the Illinois Central railroad yards at Centralia, has brought suit for \$20,000 damages against the railroad company for injuries received while in its employ. Edward Chas. Alcomotive ferman, is suing the Chicago and Eastern Illinois railroad company for \$30,000 damages for personal injuries. Peter Shanell, a farmer, filed suit against the Illinois Southern railroad company for \$10,000 damages. He alleges that while driving across the company's track he was struck by a train and suffered the loss of one of his legs.

Riot Acts as Detective.

Allie Taylor of Springfield, daughter of Robert L. Taylor, a detective, recognized Thomas Marshall, colored, who is wanted at Springfield on a charge of robbery, while at a South Side amusement park at Chicago, and after following the man for ten minutes she caused his arrest. Miss Taylor recognized the man from a photograph as a fugitive wanted for robbery at Springfield.

Opposes Traction Line.

Injunction proceedings have been begun by the village of Ridgeley, a north suburb of Springfield, to restrain the McKinley syndicate from building an interurban railway line through the village. This may cause an indefinite delay in the construction of the road from Bloomington and Lincoln to Springfield.

Fights City Ownership.

The corporation controlling the street car system and other utilities is to continue its fight against the transfer of the plant of the Springfield electric light, heat and power company to the city. It is said the injunction case pending in the circuit court will not be abandoned.

Army and Navy Reunion.

The "Warrior" company of soldiers' and sailors' association and the 1024 Illinois regiment held their annual reunion at Alexis. T. G. Bowen, of Alexis, was elected president and E. L. Emmerich of New Windsor, secretary and treasurer of the 1024.

Scholarships for Two.

Frances F. Leigh and Miss Ethel Swaine, both of the high school graduating class of 1905, have been awarded scholarships in the University of Chicago and University of Illinois, respectively.

Infant Wounds Little Sister.

Pauline Emmett, aged 8, of Beloit, may lose one eye as the result of a quarrel with her four-year-old brother, Ernest, who struck her with a carving knife, cutting a gash in the eyeball.

ROBBERS TORTURE BROTHERS

Apply Fire to Feet of Aged Men in Effort to Get Wealth.

Bound, gagged and tortured by five or three bandits who sought to make them reveal the hiding place of treasure, they thought concealed in the house, Andrew and John Fohren, old and wealthy farmers living near Spring Lake, twelve miles north of Elgin, are in a serious condition and it is feared that the shock and injuries may prove fatal to Andrew, the elder of the two brothers.

Andrew, after the robbers had searched the house and taken \$300, managed to free himself from the things which bound him, and started across the fields to secure help. The soles of his feet were blistered, however, and he had to go far before he fainted and fell in a ditch, where he lay until after daylight. Finally he revived and made his way to a cheese factory, where he gave the alarm, but the bandits had fled. A start of several hours and could not be found.

The bandits appeared at 11 o'clock Saturday night, and when refused admittance battered down the door and overpowered the old men after a brief struggle. They then searched the house and finding only \$300 concluded to take a larger sum was concealed somewhere. They then choked their victims and finally applied lighted papers to the soles of their feet to make them tell where the supposed treasure was hidden.

After half an hour of excruciating torture John Fohren fainted from pain, and the robbers left. John was still unconscious when assistance arrived Sunday morning, but revived and is in a less serious condition than his elder brother.

Respect Mine Dispute.

A committee appointed at a mass meeting of machine miners of coal in the Chicago and Alton subdistricts to protest against the action of the state executive board of United Mine Workers of America in signing an agreement with operators that no shot firers be employed in machine mines, sent a telegram to National President John Mitchell at Indianapolis, appealing from the decision of the state executive board. The telegram asks that Mitchell read a decision in the matter.

Suspect Maniac of Murder.

The strange death, in pasture only a few feet from the residence of two Jackson county boys within a week, from wounds resembling that of a knife thrust, has given the authorities a deep mind reading. The boys were Heber, 8 years old, and the second, Willis, the 9-year-old son of William Chitts. It is believed that the boys were killed by a maniac, but the country and town are terrorized, and mothers keep children at home.

Record Year for Churches.

The most important business before the Illinois state convention was the report of Field Secretary Jones, showing record-breaking year. There were 2,808 conversions, and 2,858 received into memberships otherwise. The dismissals, deaths and losses otherwise amounted to 2,552, leaving a net gain of 4,603.

Livery Man Cuts Farmer.

Hade Forman, a farmer of Bible Grove township, was severely cut across the right cheek Friday by Mart Snyder, a liveryman of Newton. The trouble occurred on the public road north of Xenia. Snyder was arrested and placed under bond of \$1,000 to appear at the September term of court.

In Jail For Protecting Wife.

James Allen, a saloonkeeper, is dead at Bath as the result of knife wounds received from John Camp, Sept. 3. Camp is in the Mason county jail charged with murder. Allen attempted to assault Camp's wife because she was a witness against Allen in a criminal case.

Negro Killed by Train.

A negro was killed at Cerro Gordo by a train. Among his effects were a lady's opencase gold watch, with "L. E." engraved on the back, a receipt given to W. M. Thomas for a telephone bill for the partition of Chicago September 5 and \$7.

Swedish Pastors' Officers.

The state conference of Swedish mission churches ministers of Illinois at Galesburg elected these officers: President, C. N. Nyren, Chicago; vice president, H. Soderholm, Chicago; secretary, J. Soderstrom, Galesburg; treasurer, P. A. Hultgren, Kewanee.

Asks Partition of Estate.

Eleanor H. Nicholls has started suit against Albert J. Nicholls and others L. E. Decatur for the partition of the estate of the late William L. Nicholls.

Number Rural Mail Boxes.

Postmaster J. W. Becker of Jerseyville has received instructions from the postoffice department to have all the rural mail boxes on the several routes numbered. The boxes will be numbered according to the route, beginning with the first box on the route.

Insurance Tax Ruling.

The Adams Express Co. word of review has made a ruling that the gross receipts of insurance companies, less commission, are amendable to taxation.