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EPITOME OF THE NEWS.

Washington Gossip.

Washington Special: An Apache chief startled some treasury beauties recently. A delegation of braves was visiting the department. They were surrounded by lady clerks. One bright-eyed brunette approached one of the chiefs and commenced to examine his wardrobe. The chief said, "Ugh." The young lady smiled. Suddenly the chief placed his ponderous hand on the lady's shoulders, turned to Mr. New and said: "Me give you twenty-five ponies for this young squaw." There was a united shriek resembling female war whoope, and the ladies disappeared. They held an indignation meeting, but let the matter drop, inasmuch as the chief paid a compliment by offering so many ponies.

Congressman Finerty of Chicago, who has had experience in Indian campaigns—from 1870 to 1881—has introduced a bill to "provide for the promotion of officers of the United States army, particularly distinguished for heroic action in Indian warfare." The bill provides that officers engaged in Indian warfare who have gained distinction, as certified by their commanders, shall be entitled to brevet promotion under section 1,209 Revised Statutes, and that non-commissioned officers and privates who may distinguish themselves by bravery in Indian battles shall, on recommendation of their commanding officer, be entitled to the maximum of pay allowed for length of service in their respective grades."

The Republican congressional campaign committee met a the Arlington hotel on the 21st and selected an executive committee as follows: Frank Hiscock, chairman; Senator Allison, Congressman Washburn of Minnesota, Peelle of Indiana, McKinley of Ohio, Campbell of Pennsylvania, Pettibone of Tennessee, Goff of West Virginia, Davis of Illinois, Senator Miller of California, Gen. Hawley. Mr. Hiscock declined positively to serve as chairman, and the committee elected Gen. Hawley to the place.

It is learned that the commerce committee of the senate and shipping committee of the house, before whom the hearings on the shipping bill have been held, are both against free ships. This precludes any legislation during this congress looking toward concessions to the free ship party, which is an evident disappointment to many who had counted at least upon something in this line from the house of representatives.

¶ In the United States supreme court an argument was made for writs of habeas corpus in the case of the Georgia kuklux undergoing imprisonment at the Albany penitentiary. The argument used was that the matter was properly one for the courts and the exercisee of jurisdiction by United States courts was illegal; therefore the prisoners should be discharged.

At a meeting of the senate military committee, the bill for the relief of Gen. Fitz John Porter was ordered to be reported favorably. It is the same bill that was reported to the senate of the last congress. There is a minority report, to be signed by Senators Logan, Harrison and Hawley.

Among the bills introduced by Delegate Raymond was one for relief of homestead settlers, allowing them to be absent from their claims during a part of the winter months. This proposition is also embraced in the bills introduced by Maj. Strait, already mentioned in these dispatches.

R. C. Mitchell will not be confirmed as receiver of the Duluth land office. The public lands committee will report adversely on the nomination, and the senate would probably defeat it even if the committee made a favorable report.

The president has nominated A. S. Worthington as United States attorney for the District of Columbia.

Secretary Teller approves of the Nelson Red Lake reservation bill, with amendments.

Railroad News.

James J. Hill, president of the Manitoba, was in Chicago recently. He said that his road is in excellent financial condition, and earns enough money to continue payment of 8 per cent. dividends. His company has a floating debt, and is now earning more money than it did last year. The present panic in stocks caused him no uneasiness. He holds one-fourth of the stock of the company, and does not propose to dispose of any of it, feeling confident that his money could not be better invested.

The Manitoba railway company has begun suit at Munlock against Robert Davie, to recover a large amount claimed on a charge that defendant underbilled cars when shipping grain, and that he concealed hardware in cars of lumber. The company has attacked $6,000 worth of his property. Davie made an assignment some weeks since.

The gross earnings of the St. Paul & Duluth for the third week of January were $16,823.94, against $15,880.20 for the same week of 1883, an increase of $943.74.

Crimes and Criminals.

At Milwaukee, the daughter of a house—a prominent young society lady was awakened by finding a burglar in her room. She shrieked for assistance, when the fellow rushed to the bed and attempted to choke her into quietude. Her screams had been heard by the father, who rushed into the room and felled the invader to the floor with a heavy cane. Lights were then turned up, when it was found that the midnight prowler was none other than a son and brother not yet out of his teens. The imagination can picture the scene that ensued. Efforts were made to keep the matter secret while arrangements were made to ship the young man off. The matter leaked out, however, and with it the causes which led to what might easily have been a tragedy. The boy recently graduated from college but had imbibed the spirit of gaming.

Proceedings for divorce have been commenced in Chicago by Mary Bursaw on the ground of cruelty. At Blue Earth City, Minn., they were married June 28, 1874, and lived together until Oct. 23, 1883. On one occasion he attempted to shoot her with a revolver. Besides being cruel he has been an habitual drunkard. She also charges that he has committed adultery with women of easy virtue, whose names are unknown to her with the exception of one, whose name she hesitates to publicly announce, knowing that the peace and happiness of others would be effected thereby.

Abbe T. J. Hilliard, a Catholic missionary from the diocese of Marquette, was found in an alley late on the night of the 20th inst., in one of the darkest districts of the South division of the city of Chicago, in the grasp of a robber. He had a large sum of money on his person. The abbe was placed in a cell for safe keeping, the police stating that he was heavily under the influence of liquor. The abbe was arrested under similar circumstances a month ago.

Two murders, the outcome of old quarrels, were committed in Lancaster county, N. C. Armstrong, of the Funder bank, was shot and killed at Tradesville by a man named Gregory, and Billy Copeland was shot and killed at Taxahaw by the three Gregory brothers.

A wild man, who has been carrying off sheep and pigs and committing petty thefts fo several weeks, was confined in jail at Stubenville, O. He is the most brutal specimen of the animal creation seemingly human ever seen.

John Morse, who recently jumped from a Pennsylvania railroad train at Newark, N. J., is dead. His body will be shipped to Weeping Water, Neb., for burial.

The Chicago council has authorized a reward of $1,000 for the arrest of the murderer of Amelia Olson, the young seamstress, whose mysterious death was reported Jan. 16.

William McHugh of Cincinnati, thrice convicted of the murder of his wife, has been sentenced to be hanged May 23.

Miss Hewitt of Philadelphia suicided at Keokuk because "her life had been a failure."

Near Appleton, Wis., John Bender shot his mother's paramour.

Personal Gossip.

¶ President Arthur was entertained on the 23d in grand style by the Union League Club of New York. Among the guests of the club were Secretary Folger, Secretary Teller, Marshal McMichael of Washington, F. J. Phillips, the president's secretary; Lionel Sackville West, British minister; Mr. and Mrs. David M. Stone, James M. Brown, president of the chamber of commerce; Rev. and Mrs. Robert Collyer, and other members of the best society of New York.

John J. Engeman, a carpenter of Winona in moderate circumstances, has fallen heir to a fortune by the death of his brother, William A. Engemen, proprietor of Brighton Beach track and of the Ocean house at Coney island. He started in life as a newsboy, and left a fortune estimated at over $1,000,000.

Theodore Van Alin, of Syracuse, N. Y., celebrated his 104th birthday anniversary on Saturday the 12th. Mr. Van Alin's father was accidentally killed at 105 years of age; his grand father lived to be 112, and a brother of the latter was 115 years old when he died.

¶ Bishop John Ireland is credited by the Milwaukee papers with having accomplished a vast amount of good by his recent lectures in that city in favor of total abstinence. Societies for the furtherance of temperance have sprung up in all quarters of the city.

Another Delmonico is dead. Mrs. Charles Canavello, daughter of Peter Delmonico, one of the original founders of the famous restaurant, died on the 21st at her residence in Brooklyn of pneumonia.

E. G. Skidmore of Newberg, N. Y., and a large land owner in Dakota, and wife are at St. Paul for a month. Mr. Skidmore owns a cottage at Lake Minnetonka.

Mrs. Langtry has put $30,000 in the bank from this seasons' earnings, and expects to increase it to $65,000 before she is done.

Leading Georgians say Gen. Longstreet's removal from the United States marshalship has been decided on.

Miss Ayer, the rich daughter of the pill man, is soon to marry Commander Frederick Pearson, U. S. N.

Mr. Pulsifer, of the Boston Herald, is planting an orange grove at Lake Osceola, Fla.

Casualty Record.

Cornelius Van Shaack, an attorney of Chicago, who has been violently insane and confined some months in the Riverside asylum at Painesville, Ohio, forced the lock of his room the night of the 22d and escaped. Wednesday morning his corpse was found under the Nickel Plate bridge at Willowby. A leg and both arms were broken It is unknown whether he was struck by a train or fell through the trestle.

The Methodist church and Caledonia National bank at Danville Green, Vt., were burned.

J. P. Flynn was killed while switching cars in Minneapolis.

Foreign Items of News.

An immense concourse of peasantry assembled Tuesday, the 22d, at Derryberg, County Donegal, the birthplace of Patrick O'Donnell, the slayer of Carey, and assisted in the celebration of a mass for the repose of the soul of O'Donnell. After the mass a mock funeral was held, and the coffin placed in the O'Donnell burying plat. People knelt in prayer around the grave. Wreaths of immortelles were placed upon the coffin, which bore the inscription: "Sacred to the memory of Patrick O'Donnell, executed in London on the 17th of December, 1888." Twenty-five pounds were subscribed for a fund to erect a monument to O'Donnell. A resolution was passed thanking Americans for assistance, and Victor Hugo for advocacy of the cause of Ireland.

Smalley's London Cable: The resolution in the house of representatives calling for Minister West's dispatch is regarded here as an absurdity. Diplomatists say that it was Mr. West's duty to report what Mr. Hewitt said, and that a minister who failed to report such matters would deserve a recall. The assertion that the British government informed Minister Lowell of the contents of Mr. West's dispatch is totally baseless.

There is to be a great Burns celebration in London on the 25th inst., with concerts at the St. James hall and at the Albert hall. Nearly all the great singers are advertised—Sims Reeves, Edward Lloyd, Santley, Sterling, Mr. Maas and Signor Foli.

London streets are becoming very unsafe at night. So many outrages have occurred lately, chiefly in suburban districts that the proposal to arm all policeman with revolvers will be considered by the cabinet council this week.

The "explosives" in the tunnel near Euston station, designed, it was alleged, to destroy the prince of Wales, proved to be a harmless compound, probably dropped from the train before the prince passed.

The Erskine Presbyterian church at Toronto burned on the 20th. The Sabbath school was in session at the time. All persons escaped. Loss $40,000; insurance $20,000.

Edward J. Benningham, New York, doing business under the name of Benningham & Co., publishers, has assigned preferences amounting to $16,822.

Senator Baarnevot was stricken down with paralysis the other day in the Dominion senate, and is not expected to recover.

The receipts of the Ottawa government for the last fiscal year were $56,411,571; expenditures $68,040,463.

Chicago's east-bound shipments last week were 96,892 tons, an increase of 24,766.

James Mason, dry goods, St. John, N. B. has assigned; liabilities, $80,000.

Miscellaneous News Items.

A special says the Coeur d'Alene excitement is high. Miners daily bring glowing reports. Recently citizens of Spokane formed a stage line, and will send three coaches daily. The place is full of men going to the mines. The miners of Utah are excited over places in the northwest. The biggest stampede ever known on the Pacific coast is expected in the spring.

H. G. Razall & Co., of Milwaukee made an assignment on the 23d inst. The assets and liabilities are unknown, but the latter are probably $15,000. Their paper box factory was burned recently, and the underwriters adjusted for about $4,000 and the firm demanding $12,000 to $20,000. The unsatisfactory settlement is alleged as the cause of the failure.

New York Special:—The business community down town, especially in shipping and financial circles, was treated to a double surprise to-day in the news that the firm of William & Guyon had dissolved partnership by the retirement of William H. Guyon and the announcement that Mr. Guyon had made an assignment with liabilities amounting to $5,000,000 and assets equivalent to nil.

Fort Green church, Brooklyn, is in war Mr. Chamberlin, a leading member, put his arm around the waist of the organist's wife, had his face slapped, and the organist resigned, making the church pay his full year's salary.

The large orchard in Arkansas is that of W. A. Bonham of Judsonia, and consists of 300 acres. Similar large fruit farms are rapidly increasing in the state.

Insolvent schedules of Wade & Cumming, clothiers, New York, state liabilities at $37,038; nominal assets, $58,005; actual, $34,452.

Milwaukee's city tax for 1884 is $1,205,04.

Portland, Oreg., claims 25,336 population.

The New Railroad President.

Mr. Villard's successor as president of the Northern Pacific has at last been appointed. The directors of the company met on the 17th at the office in the Mills building, New York. J. Pierrepont Morgan, Frederick Billings, B. P. Cheney, August Belmont and John C. Bullitt, the committee, stated that, after giving the matter the most careful consideration, the committee had unanimously decided to nominate Robert Harris, at present vice president of the New York, Lake Erie & Western railroad.

The report was accepted and Harris unanimously elected. Harris thanked the directors for the honor and assumed the duties immediately. It was decided that Vice President Thomas F. Oakes, who had been acting general manager since the resignation of Herman Haupt, should continue in that office. He will leave for St. Paul and take up his residence at that point.

Although for the past six years the general executive officer of the Erie railway, Mr. Harris is really a Western man, and first achieved prominence in the great West. His first important trust was that of superintendent of what is now the Western Union railway of Wisconsin. Later he became superintendent of what was then the Galveston, Houston & Henderson railroad of Texas.

Becoming a resident of Massachusetts at the outbreak of the rebellion, he enlisted in a Massachusetts regiment and served with distinction as a regimental staff officer until the close of the war, when he was called to the assistant superintendency of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad, of which company he became superintendent and afterward president.

Grand Army of the Republic.

The annual meeting of the state department encampment G. A. R., held at Stillwater was largely attended, The following officers were elected:

Department commander, E. C. Babb, of Geo. N. Morgan post, No. 4, Minneapolis; senior vice department commander, R. A. Becker, Garfield post, No. 8, St. Paul; junior vice department, commander, R. R. Miller, Stoddart post, No. 34, Worthington; medical director, Dr. J. C. Rhodes, Muller post, No. 1, Stillwater; chaplain, R. N. Adams, Fergus Falls; council of adminstration, Thomas Montgomery, Charles Nichols, R. C. Livingstone, E. M. Pope and J. A. Reed.

The following persons were appointed delegates and alternates to the national encampment:

Edwards, of Burdick post; No. 3, Spring Valley; W. H. Houlton, Rogers post, No. 11, alternate. W. H. H. Taylor, Muller post, No. 1, Stillwater; J. L. Brigham, Garfield post, No. 8, St. Paul, alternate. James Compton, Stanton post, No. 33, Taylor's Falls; R. H. Rose, Wilkin post, No. 19, Mankato, alternate.

It was voted that the next annual meeting of the encampment will be held at Mankato.

Coal Mine Explosion.

An explosion occurred in the Crested Butte coal mine, Colorado, on the 24th of January, said to have been caused by fire damp. It is supposed that at least fifty-seven men lost their lives by the disaster.

DOINGS IN WASHINGTON.

Friday, January 18.

SENATE.—A bill prohibiting the importation of opium from China was reported favorably. A message from the president urged immediate action for the relief of the Greely party.

The senate in executive session rejected the Mexican treaty. A motion was made to reconsider the vote, pending which the senate adjourned until Monday.

It is understood that thirty-nine senators voted for the ratification and twenty against, the affirmative vote being one less than the two-thirds necessary to ratification. Before the result was announced, Senator Morgan, who voted for ratification, changed his vote, in order to enter a motion to reconsider, leaving the vote 38 to 21.

The opinion prevails, however, that the action is final.

The senate confirmed the following nominations: Elias Skinner, postmaster, Munson, Iowa; Richard Lambert, California, consul at San Blas; Reuben A Allen, Ohio, Indian agent, Blackfeet agency, Mont.; Commodore Robert W. Shufeldt, Alexander C. Rhind and Thomas Pattison, rear admirals; Chief Engineer Charles H. Loring, chief of the bureau of steam engineering, department.

HOUSE.—A resolution was introduced whose object it was to get at the facts in the Hewitt West affair. The morning hour was, by a vote of 157 to 78, dispensed with, the house went into committee of the whole on the private calendar, and the bill for the relief of Gen. Fitz John Porter was considered. Messrs. Slocum of New York and Lyman of Massachusetts spoke in favor of and Mr. Steele of Indiana against the bill.

Saturday, January 19.

SENATE.—Not in session.

House.—The day was occupied in an excited discussion on the Fitz John Porter bill The second battle of Bull Run was renewed with increased vigor, and a more vigorous engagement is in prospect. Gen. Slocum angered a great many by saying sarcastically that it was utterly absurd for such questions as were involved in the Fitz John Porter case to be considered in the house, and that the majority of those opposed to Gen. Porter did not know a division from a regiment. Among other things he said Gen. James A. Garfield was responsible for bringing the Fitz John Porter case into congress, and would have favored the pending bill. This attack was warmly returned by the opponents of the bill. The committee rose and the bill will come up again next Friday.

Monday, January 21.

SENATE.—A bill was introduced to amend the act granting aid for railroad and telegraph lines from the Missouri river to the Pacific ocean. The bill permitting army officers to hold office in the territories passed.

Senator Hoar reported favorably from the committee on judiciary his bill to provide for the performance of the duties of the office of president in case of removal by death, resignation, or inability, of both the president and vice presiden.

The senate had a long executive session. The following nominations were sent in: William Christy, Wilson, La., assayer of the mint, New Orleans; Horace Austin, Dakota, register of the land office, Fargo; Isaac A. Taylor, Kansas, agent of Indians, at Sac and Fox agency, Ind. T.

Postmasters—Warham Parks, Oconomowoc, Wis.; Newton R Barber, Corvallis, Or.; Michael A. Flanagan, Fort Benton, Mont.

The senate confirmed:

Receivers of Public Moneys—Michael H. Fitch, Pueblo, Col.; Warren C. Willets, Denver; Paul C. Stetten, Crookston, Minn.

Surveyors General—Norman H. Meldrum, Colorado; Martin Schaudler, Minnesota.

United States Marshals—David B. Russell, Eastern District Kansas; Joseph H. McGee, Western District Missouri.

Register of Land Offices—James H. Chase, Ironton, Mo.; Richard Harvey, Central City, Col.; Adam E. Bloom, Detroit.

John Q. Tuffs, Indian agent, Union agency, Indian Territory.

Charles Lyman, chief examiner civil service committee.

Postmasters—George W. McNulty, Bellevue, Iow; Solomon H. Keller, Medford, Wis.; William P. Forsyth, Jefferson, Wis.

HOUSE.—Bills were introduced authorizing suits against railroad companies for cost of surveys, and authorizing the issue of patents to lands earned by railway companies; for the control of inter-state commerce by a national board; for the adjustment of railway land grants; for a national series of school text books under control of congress. By a vote of 251 to 18, the rules were suspended and resolutions were adopted, declaring that unearned lands granted to railways should be forfeited and restored to the public domain; that the acquisition by one party or corporation of large quantities of public lands should be prohibited, and such lands be disposed of only under the homestead law to actual settlers; and instructing the committee on public lands to report bills carrying these principles into effect, which bills shall, next to the revenue and appropriation bills, take precedence in consideration. Bills passed limiting to $20 the damages to be recovered from an innocent purchaser of a patented article, and repealing the law prescribing the iron-clad oath.

Tuesday, January 22.

SENATE.—Bills were introduced to secure equal rights to the medical profession in the service of the United States, and to prevent the circulation through the mails of lottery advertisements from foreign countries.

The American hog had his day in the senate again this afternoon. The discussion arose upon Mr. Anthony's resolution to empower the president to restrict the import of deleterious articles from foreign countries. Senator Logan again took the ground that the time had come for retaliatory measures. He thought that four years of diplomacy was enough, and now, at the end of so much negotiation, the Germans and French not only prohibit the importation of our hog products which were unhealthy, but those which were healthy also. He was for direct retaliation without more ado. Senator Miller of New York was in favor of more diplomacy. The resolution was finally changed so as to refer the whole subject to the committee on foreign relations, with instructions to report back such legislation as the case might demand. There is every indication that the senate intends to push the matter to an issue.

HOUSE.—An important bill in relation to patents was reported by the committee on patents and passed. It provides that no damages or profits for the use of an article patented can be obtained when the person sued is the mere user for his own benefit, except in cases where he has received notice, and then only a reasonable license fee can be obtained from him where the goods are manufactured outside the United States, or for machinery used for manufacturing purposes.

The public lands committee took advantage of the extra privilege given it by reporting back the bill declaring the Texas land grant forfeited, recommending it passage. The bill went to the house calendar and is the first in order and will be called up as soon as the report of the committee is printed.

Wednesday, January 23.

SENATE.—The bill for the relief of Fitz John Porter was favorably reported. Various resolutions of inquiry were adopted, also one to investigate the alleged political intimidation and murder at Danville, Va., and in Mississippi. A joint resolution authorizing Anson Reynolds of the United States navy to accept a decoration from the emperor of Austria for bravery in saving the lives of the crew of an Austrian bark, was adopted after a long discussion.

The Senate conformed the following nominations: Isaac A. Taylor, Kansas, agent at Sac and Fox Indian agency; Valentine T. McGillicuddy, Dakota, agent at Pine Ridge agency. Augustus S. Worthington, United States district attorney, District of Columbia; Harry R. Gibson, pension agent, Knoxville, Tenn.; Horace Austin, register land office, Fargo, Dak.

Postmasters—Michael A. Flannegan, Fort Benton, Mont; Warham Parks, Oconomowoc, Wis.

HOUSE.—A joint resolution was adopted thanking the officers and crew of the revenue cutter Dexter for their brave conduct in saving people on the wrecked steamer City of Columbus. A joint resolution was adopted appropriating $50,000 for the relief of destitute Indians in Montana. The bill to insure the prompt delivery up to midnight, in cities having the free delivery system, of letters bearing 10-cent stamps in addition to the regular postage, was discussed in committee of the whole.

Mr. Wakefield introduced a joint resolution fixing the head of navigation of the Minnesota river in the State of Minnesota. It fixes the head of navigation at a point on that river where the range line between ranges 33 and 34 west of the fifth principal meridian crosses the river, said range line being the eastern boundary of Redwood county.

History of a Song.

Mr. Bennett, a music-writer, and Mr. Webster were intimate friends. The latter, was subject to melancholy.

He came in to where his friend Webster was at business one day, while in a depression of spirits.

"What is the matter now?" said Bennet, noticing his sad countenance.

"No matter," said Webster; "it will be right by-and-by."

"Yes; that sweet by-and-by," said Bennett. "Would not that sentiment make a good hymn, Webster?"

"Maybe it would," replied, Webster indifferently.

Turning to his desk, Bennett wrote the three verses of the hymn, and handed them to Webster. When he read them, his whole demeanor changed. Stepping to his desk, he began to write the notes.

Having finished them he requested his violin, and played the melody. In a few minutes more he had the four parts of the chorus jotted down. It was not over thirty minutes from the first thought of the hymn before the two friends, and two others who had come in in the meantime, were singing all the parts together.

A bystander, who had been attracted by the music, and had listened in earful silence, remarked, "That hymn is immortal."

It is now sung in every land under the sun.—Exchange.

I Am Sorry.

These words are easily spoken, teach your children to speak them. Teach them to say so whenever they have done wrong, the habit is a good one. Here, for instance, a woman is knocked down in the street by careless driving, and two wheels of a wagon pass over her back. The wagon carries two women and a boy some twelve years old. The woman is not seriously injured, but the nerves and muscles of her back are lame for a while, and then she walks again. But when she becomes an old lady, the weakened body gives out partially, and her physical powers become less. She says it would have been a comfort to her through all these years, if those women had stopped and said "Oh, I'm sorry! What can we do for you now to comfort you?" Instead of that they whipped up the horse, and were soon out of sight. So far as is known these women do not know but the person knocked down and run over was killed. It would seem as if they would have been more comfortable all these years if they had stopped and said, "I'm sorry."

Restoring to the People Their Own.

Washington Special: The adoption by the house, 258 to 18, of Mr. Holman's resolution declaring that all unearned land grants ought to be forfeited, and given the public lands committee the right to report at any time, is the most pointed expression the house has ever given on the subject, and confirms the belief that the land grant roads will meet with no favors at the hands of this congress. This sort of resolution has been passed several times by other congresses, but not by any such overwhelming majority vote, and the public lands committee has never before been given such power. It is expected that bills will be reported from the committee forfeiting about 100,000,000, acres within the next sixty days, and that it will pass the house. How many of them will get through the senate it is difficult to tell.

The Dutch expedition sent from Padang early in December to the west coast of Acheen to rescue the captive crew of twenty-five men, including the American of the lost Nisero, returned without success. The expedition destroyed several villages belonging to the rajah, and the tribe and crew were removed into the interior, and the prospect of their lives being saved is faint.