

THE ISLAND OF CUBA

A Scheme Being Hatched to Purchase it.

THE NEW YORK HERALD ROBBED

A Trusted Messenger Takes \$10,000—All Efforts to Locate Him Fail—Other News.

CHICAGO, July 19.—A dispatch from Washington says: A syndicate of wealthy New Yorkers, it is learned from state department sources, has been formed and is awaiting the proper crisis in Cuban affairs to again advance the proposition for the practical purchase of Cuba. The plan will be modified, however, to agree with the scheme once considered by Secretary of State Hamilton Fish, during President Grant's administration. It looks to the amicable settlement of the Cuban question by purchasing the independence of the island for \$100,000,000. It is said the impression prevails in the state department that the Rothschilds are back of the scheme.

New York Herald Robbed.

NEW YORK, July 19.—The following story is published this morning: A trusted messenger neatly robbed the New York Herald of \$10,000 on Wednesday. He was sent late in the forenoon to the Chemical National bank with a check for an even \$10,000, signed by G. G. Howland, business manager. It was for the weekly payroll. The man had often taken this little trip to the bank, satchel in hand, and had always heretofore brought back the money safely and delivered it to the cashier. He placed the roll in a little satchel very carefully and departed. This was the last seen of him.

Late in the afternoon, when the Herald cashier had become weary of waiting, the bank was asked about the delay by telephone. The reply came that the money had been properly paid to the Herald's accredited representative. An investigation was begun, but nothing was revealed except the fact that the messenger was gone with \$10,000.

Word was sent to police headquarters to keep a sharp lookout for the man and to maintain the strictest secrecy. It is thought that after obtaining the money the messenger boarded some out-bound vessel. There is at present little hope of tracing him.

Heavy Gold Shipment.

NEW YORK, July 19.—W. H. Crossman & Bro., coffee importers, have ordered \$1,000,000 in gold from United States sub-treasury for shipment to Europe on the Etruria tomorrow. Nesselge, Colgate & Co. will ship \$500,000 additional by the Etruria tomorrow, making in all for this firm \$1,500,000. An easier tone prevailed in the sterling exchange market today, and the usual business rates have been reduced 1/4 per cent on both long and short bills. The lowering of rates by the London syndicate house is undoubtedly due to the announced intention to ship \$1,000,000 tomorrow. As all this gold has been ordered at the sub-treasury, it is possible it may not be sent owing to the lowering of exchange rates.

The Building Collapsed.

DALLAS, Tex., July 19.—The Thompson building, on Elm street, which a number of men were engaged in repairing, collapsed this morning. A number of work-men were buried beneath the debris. L. Phuir, the contractor, Alexander Lorleton, George Brown and G. Sherman were badly injured. Others were slightly injured.

After a Fattie Attempt to Escape a Murderer Commits Suicide.

SPOKANE, July 19.—H. D. Smith, a condemned murderer, after breaking out of jail yesterday made for the river. Jumping in he sought to cross, but the current carried him back to the shore. He was seized by one of his pursuers, when he drew a razor and almost severed his own head from his body, dying instantly. Smith's crime was the brutal murder three years ago of John Wyant, an old rancher.

Fireman Hurt.

PHILADELPHIA, July 19.—While going to a fire today the hose cart overturned. C. Rider's skull was fractured, and he died in a few minutes. Peter Collins, W. McMahon, William Murphy and Patrick O'Connell received serious injuries.

Heavy Haul by Burglars.

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