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PRISONERS ARE SENT TO CALDWELL

(Scripps News Association)
Boise, Feb. 24.—Harry Orchard, the Staunburg murder suspect, who has been sick at the penitentiary, is much improved at noon today. All signs of pneumonia have disappeared, and Prison Physician Collier says he will be able to appear before the grand jury Monday if improvement continues.
Moyer, Haywood, Pettibone and St. John were taken to Caldwell from the penitentiary here today, where a grand jury has been empanelled to investigate the charges of murder against them. The prisoners were handcuffed and were in the charge of Deputy Warden Mills, Sheriff Nichols and two guards.
Attorneys Richardson, Miller and Nugent, who were employed by the Western Federation, accompanied them. Only a few spectators were present when the roll of jurors was called, and sworn. Attorney Richardson began a legal battle by entering a formal challenge to the manner of drawing the grand jury. The challenge was overruled by the court, and the work of securing a jury proceeded.

MOONSHINERS FIGHT

(Scripps News Association)
Henderson, Ky., Feb. 24.—Revenue officers commanded by Marshal Blaire and Deputy Collector Holliday tried to arrest Fairs Sloane, Perry Sloane and Henry Short. Both of the Sloanes were killed and Holliday is badly wounded.

RUSSIAN ASSASSINATION

(Scripps News Association)
Warsaw, Feb. 24.—Privy Councillor Ivanoff, director of the Vistula railway, was shot and killed this morning. The assassin escaped.

INCORPORATE FAR FROM HOME

(Scripps News Association)
Trenton, Feb. 24.—The Butte Coal & Iron Mines Company was incorporated here today with an authorized stock of \$18,000,000.

DISCUSS LEGISLATION

(Scripps News Association)
Ashland, Ore., Feb. 24.—Nearly 800 members of the Pacific Coast Association of Traffic Agents met here today in annual conference for the purpose of considering and discussing railroad rates and various matters with Interstate Commerce. The association has grown considerably during the last few years and now includes nearly all the important and influential railroad men of the West. Its president is Mr. Sam Booth, of the Union Pacific Railroad. Unusually large business is expected this year and there are a great many matters which have to be arranged and adjusted by the conference.

MILITARY ACADEMY BURNS

(Scripps News Association)
Gambier, Ohio, Feb. 24.—The Kenyon Military Academy was burned this morning. Four buildings were destroyed. Three students were injured and seventy-five escaped.

SHORT ON INFORMATION

(Scripps News Association)
Seattle, Feb. 24.—During the investigation of Valencia disaster, captain of the tug Sear admitted that he did not know much about the coast and was afraid to venture to close to the Valencia.

ANOTHER RESIGNATION

(Scripps News Association)
Philadelphia, Feb. 24.—E. B. Morris today resigned his trusteeship in the Mutual.

RAN OVER CHILD

(Scripps News Association)
Florence, Italy, Feb. 24.—It now appears that Vanderbilt and his wife were detained at Pendetra for striking a child with their automobile yesterday. They were attacked after the incident by the peasants. Vanderbilt drew a revolver. Both master and driver were arrested and taken to the station. Mrs. Vanderbilt was taken to the best hotel in town. The arrival of gendarmes probably saved the lives of the party. Vanderbilt and his chauffeur engaged in a hand-to-hand fight with the mob. His wife fled to a store which the mob attacked as soon as Vanderbilt and chauffeur fled. The mob was about to batter down the door when gendarmes arrested the party. Later reports state that Mrs. Vanderbilt swooned after her husband fought his way from the mob. Vanderbilt and his chauffeur are now being held as prisoners at the barracks.

PASSENGERS EXPERIENCE HARDSHIP

(Scripps News Association)
Seattle, Feb. 24.—The steamer Dora arrived here this morning in a very dilapidated condition. Her boiler had been carried away and her coal had all been consumed. The crew was in a starved and exhausted condition. The Dora encountered a most terrific storm while at sea, during which her boilers broke loose rendering her machinery useless. The passengers report having experienced many hardships. The vessel was out eighty eight days, fifty three days before she sighted land. The passengers used lamps and oil cans for light and heat. The cargo was used for food and even then the passengers as well as the crew were only allowed quarter rations. The fresh water supply gave out and for many days the only water fit for drinking was the rain water which could be caught on the decks. The Dora, when she arrived in Seattle, was a mass of ice and had the every appearance of a gigantic iceberg. No loss of life was reported, though several of the passengers are dangerously ill.

HENDERSON CANNOT LIVE

(Scripps News Association)
Dubuque Iowa, Feb. 24.—The attending physicians say that David B. Henderson of this city and former speaker of the house of representatives, cannot live more than 24 hours.

SIXTEEN PASSENGERS KILLED

(Scripps News Association)
Milwaukee, Feb. 24.—The St. Paul passenger train struck an interurban car at Bayview this morning, injuring 16 and fatally crushing three beyond recognition.

GRAIN MARKETS

(Scripps News Association)
Chicago, Feb. 24.—Wheat opened at 82½; closed 82½; corn opened at 43½; closed 43½; oats opened 30½; closed 30½.

NEWS FROM NATION'S CAPITOL

(Scripps News Association)
Washington, Feb. 24.—Despite the incongruity presented by Tillman's championing the President's measure, there is no doubt that the fight will be ably conducted. Tillman says that "I do not propose that this thing shall be turned into a circus, with me for a clown. I am in favor of amending the bill in several important features. I shall fight hard for my amendments, as hard as though I had not been made the committee's mouth piece. Suppose nearly every senator would take a whack at the bill, however. I think it will be a good bill when we get through with it."

Washington, D. C. February 24.—A bill will be offered by Representative Hughes of Virginia to compel the railroads to furnish ample accommodation for all freight. This bill is offered in connection with the communication from his constituents charging the Baltimore and Ohio with having formed a combination which has resulted in the restriction of trade and also charging the railroad company with being the owners of the Fairmont Coal company.

SOLDIERS HOME QUESTION

Washington, D. C. Feb. 24.—There has been much discussion lately among some military authorities, notably the inspector general of the army, in favor of having the government support entirely the Soldiers' Homes in the District of Columbia, for the maintenance of which there is now a large sum in the National Treasury as a result of the deduction of twelve and a half cent a month from the pay of all soldiers, active and retired, of the United States Army. It was urged that this deduction be discontinued on the ground that the fund has increased to such an extent that it was bearing interest amounting to more than \$100,000 a year, and that the soldiers might well be spared further compulsory contributions for this purpose. The Board of Commissioners for the Soldier's Home, however, expressed itself opposed to any such change in the law, although it had already recommended that the deduction no longer apply to retired soldiers who under the law are not entitled to the benefits of the home, admission to which is limited to those who have been honorably discharged from the military service, to which class of course, soldiers on the retired list do not belong. The pending army bill carries out this idea of relief for the retired soldiers, as recommended by the Board.

TO PROTECT ARTILLERY OBSERVERS

Washington, D. C., Feb. 24.—The army engineers who have charge of the construction of buildings at the coast forts are engaged in an experiment to find a substitute for the small wooden buildings at each coast fort used in certain "plotting." This work has heretofore been done in the brick observing rooms, which are now found to be too damp to be occupied for that purpose. Wooden buildings are much better, but there is a menace in having such structures in the neighborhood of the guns, or where they are likely to be hit by the shells of the enemy. This is especially so at Fort Wadsworth in New York harbor, where there are some fifteen of these little wooden houses in a row, with spaces of only a few feet between them. A projectile falling in their vicinity would be likely to burn them down, and it is necessary to provide a structure which will be fire-resisting if not actually fireproof, and at the same time capable of standing the tremendous blast and jar of a heavy gun fire. The experts now have three new experimental houses. One of these has thin concrete walls, another is built of corrugated steel, while the third is a wooden structure covered with galvanized flat iron. Metal used in such construction at a coast fort which would naturally be the target of any enemy's guns, will have to be painted to prevent them from reflecting the sunlight.

CLAIMS RELATIONSHIP

(Observer Special)
Geneva, Feb. 24.—A bootmaker named Marshall who declares that the late Marshall Field is his uncle has filed his bill for his share of the estate. The government has referred the claim to the Swiss minister at Washington.

GIRL ASSASSIN

(Scripps News Association)
Odessa, Russia, Feb. 24.—An agitation has begun against the employment of girls as they have assassinated two governors, and a staff officer was shot dead by a sixteen year old girl. She was beautiful and apparently as innocent as a child. She drew a revolver from her muff and fired six shots.

FIGHT ON CARS

(Scripps News Association)
Los Angeles, Feb. 24.—L. B. Scott and Sam Morris, laborers, were badly cut in a battle on a street car this morning by an unknown negro whom they insulted. Morris will die.

REJECTED SUITOR'S CRIME

(Scripps News Association)
Mt. Pleasant Iowa, Feb. 24.—Eldridge Becker who has been rejected twenty times by Miss Florence Allen, aged 19, forced his way into the home of her father, Dr. O. B. Allen, and wounded her mother and then turned the rifle upon himself and died immediately from the effects of the wounds.

FIRE AT BECKWITH

(Scripps News Association)
Reno, Nev., Feb. 4.—Five frame business houses were destroyed by fire at Beckwith, near here, last night. The fire started in a lodging house from a candle. The citizens had great difficulty in saving the town from destruction as there was no fire protection. The loss will reach \$7000.

ACTIVE PREPARATIONS CONTINUE

(Scripps News Association)
Manila, Feb. 24.—Active preparations for an emergency in China have caused the postponement of General Wood's proposed trip to the United States. A list is being circulated among the packers and teamsters of the city requesting the names of all of those who are willing to enlist for service in China.

TWO COMPANIES ARRIVE

(Scripps News Association)
San Francisco, Feb. 24.—Captain Taggart arrived here this morning with two companies of the 8th infantry and will sail on March 16 for the Philippines.

PROSPEROUS GRANDE RONDE

At the sale held yesterday at the farm of E. Damon, everything went a good price and to show how prosperous conditions are in this county at this season of the year when everything is supposed to be dull and there is no money in the country, it was noted that there was not a note given, the purchaser preferring to save the eight per cent interest. It may surprise some to know that six ewes brought \$8.50 per head and five wethers brought \$25 or \$6.25 per head.

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