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MEXICAN REBEL GANG HOLDS UP BIG ORE TRAIN

MILLION PESOS WORTH OF GOLD
BULLION STOLEN BY REBEL-
THIEVES.

AMERICAN MEN LOSERS

Messenger Killed and Six Others Meet
Same Fate During Fight That Fol-
lowed Holdup of Train by Several
Hundred Constitutionalists — De-
lores Mining Company Is Sole Loser
by the Robbery.

Chihuahua, April 11.—Dispatches
received today tell how General Pan-
cho Villa head of 700 Constitutional-
ists, held up a Mexican Northwestern
train at San Andreas, 20 miles west
of here, and took 122 bars of bullion,
valued at a million pesos. The bul-
lion was the property of the Dolores
Mining company, an American corpora-
tion.

The express messenger and six other
men were killed in a fight follow-
ing the attack.

Fighting at Naco Intermittent.
Naco, Ariz., April 11.—After a day
of inaction Constitutionalists under
General Obregon drew closer to
Naco, Sonora, today and General
Ojeda, commanding the garrison, is
prepared to give battle. Obregon's
command consists of 800 men. The
remainder of the rebel forces having
withdrawn from the vicinity of Naco.
Brisk firing between the outposts of
the contending forces continued
throughout the night. The casualties,
if any, are unknown.

Metal Tariff Studied.

Washington, April 11.—The Demo-
cratic house caucus today discussed
the metal schedule which calls for
many sweeping reductions of the tar-
iff on metal wares. The caucus will
probably continue to next week.

Pueblo Block Burns.

Pueblo, Colo., April 11.—The Swift
block, one of the largest buildings
in Pueblo, burned today. Five were
injured and many others had narrow
escapes. The loss is estimated at
\$300,000.

CALIFORNIA WOMAN JUDGE

APPOINTED TO FILL HUSBAND'S
TERM.

Colusa Woman Said to Be First Wo-
man to Receive Such Honors.

Colusa, Calif., April 11.—Declared
to be the first woman to receive ap-
pointment to a judgeship in the state.
Mrs. H. S. Keeran was named by the
county board of supervisors to fill
out the unexpired term of her hus-
band, a prominent jurist, who died
recently.

"WONDER WHAT SORT O' MAN, THEES WILSON?"



—Minor in St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

WAGE PROBERS RESUME TRIALS

GIRL OF 17 RECITES A PITIFUL
STORY.

Big Interests Strive Hard to Prevent
Hearing—Practices Told.

Chicago, April 11.—With "big busi-
ness" striving desperately to shut
off the low wage phase on the ground
that it's hurting Chicago's commer-
cial interests, the state senate "star-
vation wage" investigation committee
resumed its probe today.

The first witness was a pretty 17-
year-old girl whose name is withheld.
Her parents separated when she was
15 and she came to Chicago to make
her own way.

"When I first came to Chicago,"
the witness said, "I met a girl named
Anna Mack. She was well dressed
and seemed to have lots of money.
Anna introduced me to a man named
Wallace and he took me to a cafe.
I drank two glasses of beer and be-
came unconscious. I awoke in a
strange hotel.

"Shortly after recovery of con-
sciousness Wallace entered the room.
He told me I had been ill and that he
brought me to the hotel. I knew then
that I was no longer a good girl."

Later the witness testified she met
an artist who paid her \$25 to pose,
nude. After the second posing the
artist, she said took her to a hotel
for the night.

"Later," continued the girl, "I ac-
companied other men to hotels. I
have visited dance halls for two
years. Men and girls meet there.

"Nearby hotels furnish rooms
without asking questions. A man en-
ters the front door, the girls by the
rear or side entrance, and then they
meet upstairs."

Mrs. Gertrude Howe Britton, a
Hull House settlement worker, furn-
ished the probers with a list of 200
dance halls where girls under 16 are
sold liquor, and she said the men
visitors were supplied with girls."

AMERICAN SAILORS KILLED

Fight in Mexican Town Results in
Death of California Sailors.

Guaymas, Mex., April 11.—John

SUFFRAGETTE ARSON SPREADS

CRICKET FIELD PAVILION BURN-
ED TODAY.

Mrs. Pankhurst Still in Prison, Her
Health Undermined.

London, April 11.—Leaving a large
photograph of Mrs. Pankhurst in the
ruins, suffragettes today burned the
pavilion of the Turnbridge-Wells
cricket field. The damage was ex-
tensive.

Hunger Strike Continues

The hunger strike at Holloway
prison where Mrs. Pankhurst is in-
carcerated, is directly responsible for
the act, it is said, because of tenacity
of the officials in not letting Mrs.
Pankhurst out. The officials at the
prison say the strike is rapidly un-
dermining her health.

Home Secretary McKenna has ad-
mitted she is greatly weakened but
denied that her condition was criti-
cal.

Zellie Emerson, the American suf-
ragette who is confined in a private
hospital, following a jail sentence for
militant activities, has developed ap-
pendicitis, according to Dr. Moulin,
who thinks an immediate operation
is necessary.

Kestow of San Francisco, Wm. Cory,
of Los Angeles, two sailors of the
cruiser California, are dead, three
shipmates are seriously wounded fol-
lowing a street fight in Mazatlan
Wednesday night. Several Mexican
policemen were wounded in trying to
arrest the sailors. The affair is be-
ing investigated by Admiral Cowles,
commander of the Pacific fleet, who is
here with the flag ship California. He
has sent a full account of the matter
to the navy department at Washing-
ton.

Washington, April 11.—A full re-
port of the slaying of Kestow and
Cory was received by the navy de-
partment today from Admiral Cowles.
The dispatches sent by wireless via
San Diego and according to Admiral
Cowles, the men were probably set
upon by Mexicans, and killed in try-
ing to protect themselves.

LA FOLLETTE WARNS WILSON OF INTERESTS

APPOINTMENT OF TREASURY
LIEUTENANT HELD AS A
BAD MOVE.

IS AN INTEREST AGENT

Wooley Would Have Been Desirable
Man and Was Talked of For the
Place, Points Out Wisconsin's Sena-
tor, but Appointment of Williams
at the Last Moment Shows Poor
Tastes.

Madison, Wis., April 11.—Exception
to the president's appointment of
John Skelton Williams of Virginia,
as assistant secretary of the treas-
ury is taken by Senator La Follette
today in a signed editorial in the
current issue of La Follette's Week-
ly. This is the first criticism La Fol-
lette has made of any Democratic
appointments.

The editorial says: "Now, more
than a month after March 4th, men
are asking if representatives of in-
terlocking directorates are to secure
a strangle hold on all trade during
the Wilson administration."

"Until a few days ago it was offi-
cially announced that Robert Wooley
of Virginia would be named as as-
sistant secretary. Wooley is an able
and scholarly gentleman, a student
of finance and a publicist who has
supported the Progressive measures.
In one of his magazine articles Mr.
Wooley reviewed the operations of
the real estate ring at Washington

HAWAII WANTS INDEPENDENCE GIVEN TO HER

FREE SUGAR WOULD RUIN IS-
LAND COMMERCIALLY IS
THEIR PLEA.

PETITION BEING FRAMED

Business Interests in Honolulu Pro-
test Sharply Against Proposed Tar-
iff Changes—Petition to Go to
Washington Asking for Freedom
and Independence Post Haste and
Well Signed.

Honolulu, April 11.—Because, she
contends, she will be unable to exist
commercially under free sugar, Hawaii
desires to withdraw from the union
of the United States and become in-
dependent according to a petition to
Washington being drawn up today.
An attorney has been employed by
business interests to draft the peti-
tion and it is expected the document
will be generally signed.

and the connection of C. C. Glover
with these operations. Glover is
president of the Riggs national bank,
which is a "system" bank. Either
Glover or someone with similar in-
terests, persuaded Wilson to ap-
point Williams. Williams has qual-
ifications which would be recognized
anywhere on Wall street as admir-
ably fitting him for the position. It
is believed the president has been im-
posed on. Let him beware of such
influences. Special interests never
sleep."

FEDERAL RACES IN LA GRANDE SAID TO CONTAIN SURPRISES

Dr. R. L. Lincoln's candidacy for

the postmastership here in opposi-
tion to E. E. Bragg, worked quietly
for months, is said by Lincoln back-
ers to have been a much stronger
campaign than the public generally
credited, and admitting the probabili-
ty that the postmastership is now
cut and dried in the postmaster gen-
eral's desk, and will be made known
tomorrow, they do deny that the race
has been anything like one-sided.
Backed by a literally signed petition
Dr. Lincoln some time ago put his
case to the Oregon senators. Since
then, it is said that strong pressure
has been brought to bear, but if it
has been sufficient remains to be
seen. Confidential advices from Port-
land to local Democrats the past ten
days have been to the effect that Lin-
coln's strength developed rapidly, es-
pecially toward the last, and say that
they are not going to be knocked
galleywest with surprise if the gen-
erally-accepted opinion of Bragg's
certain appointment is upset. A few
who claim inside information are of
the opinion that if Lincoln's strength
has not developed sufficiently to up-
set the Bragg forces it may have
been powerful enough to keep the
appointment in the air for the time
being and therefore not come to a
focus tomorrow along with the other
postmasterships. The generally ac-
cepted version is that the La Grande
postmaster has already agreed upon

—who it will be seen tomorrow.

Dr. Lincoln today refuses to com-
ment on the current report that his
candidacy had assumed dangerous
proportions against the present coun-
ty school superintendent's alignment
of support other than to say he
wouldn't die of heart failure if nom-
inated tomorrow. He, too, thinks
that the decision has been reached
for several days in Washington.

That the receivership of the U. S.
land office here swings between W.
A. Maxwell of Union and Nolan Skiff
of Pine Valley is now deemed a cer-
tainty by close followers of the po-
litical game.

The Washington correspondent of
the Oregonian says of the local land
office in a message dated Wednesday:

The tentative slate of Oregon land
office appointments was today sub-
mitted to those who know the men re-
commended by Chamberlain and Lane
and it was said four out of five of the
elections were correct. Which one
is wrong was not indicated. The slate
is: Receiver at Burns, Sam Mothers-
head; receiver at La Grande, W. A.
Maxwell; register at Lakeview, Jas.
F. Burgess, receiver at The Dalles,
L. A. Booth; register at The Dalles,
H. F. Woodcock.

It is not altogether improbable that
Nolan Skiff is the man who is being
endorsed by the Oregon senators for
receiver of the La Grande land office
instead of W. A. Maxwell, on the
foregoing list.

NO IMMIGRANT GIRLS EXISTED SAY OFFICERS

BALTIMORE & OHIO ROAD HEADS
CALL DISAPPEARANCE STORY
A MYTH.

MEN, NOT WOMEN, ABOARD

Men, 19 in Number, Were Taken Off
Train and Put to Work on Flood
District, Says Official in Flat De-
nial of the Story That 20 Girls
Were Mysteriously Missing From
Train.

Baltimore, April 11.—Unqualified
denial of the published report that
20 immigrant girls were stolen from
a Baltimore train by white slavers,
or at least disappeared completely
from the company's train at New-
castle, Penn. was made in a state-
ment today by an official of the Bal-
timore & Ohio railroad. He declared
there is no foundation to the story,
saying the company handled two
cars of immigrants from New York
to Chicago March 18th, all reaching
their destination.

The statement continued: "The car
containing forty immigrants, but no
women, reached Newcastle Junction
March 6th en route to Chicago but
delayed by the flood conditions. The
men were provided with meals at
the expense of the railroad. While
at the junction, 19 immigrants went
to work with gangs repairing the flood
damage and still are in our employ."
The statement goes on to say that
the company knows nothing about
the girls and never carried any such
number of immigrants.

Inspector on Job.

Pittsburg, April 11.—Immigration
Inspector Sibbey is expected here
this afternoon to investigate the al-
leged disappearance of the girls. No
credence is given the Baltimore state-
ment that there were no girls aboard.
The government has not officially
stated that it will prosecute the case
to learn definitely what became of the
girls, if any there were.

King's Vessel Seized.

Antivari, April 11.—The private
yacht Romma, owned by King Nicho-
las of Montenegro, is the first vessel
gathered in by the blockading fleet
of European powers. She was caught
this morning at the mouth of the
Boyana river.

POPE SITS UP IN BED TODAY

RAPID IMPROVEMENT IN HIS
CONDITION SEEN.

Heart Still Weak, However, Admit
Attending Physicians Today.

Rome, April 11.—Continued im-
provement is noted today in the con-
dition of the pope. Physicians expect
a rapid convalescence. He may sit
up late this afternoon. The temper-
ature and pulse are normal but the
heart action is still weak.

Later in the day the pope sat up in
bed.