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**SENATOR CLARK WANTS IT**  
Anxious to Become the Owner of Bitter Root Stock Farm.  
BUTTE, Mont., Sept. 4.—The announcement is made that Senator William A. Clark is about to become the owner of the noted Bitter Root stock ranch, founded and brought to perfection by the late Marcus Daly, who was Mr. Clark's bitterest business and political enemy. It is stated that Mrs. Daly is anxious to sell the property and Senator Clark has sent an agent to examine it and make a report to him as to its value. The ranch has been famous the world over as the former home of such noted horses as Tammany, Hamburg, Montana, Ogden, Luz, Casta, Ponce de Leon and many others. The ranch consists of 125,000 acres of the best land in Montana, of which about 25,000 are under cultivation, and upon which Mr. Daly spent millions of dollars in improvements. It is said that Senator Clark's intention is to cultivate sugar beets on the ranch.

**Rocky Mountain Medical Association**  
DENVER, Sept. 4.—The Rocky Mountain Interstate Medical Association today finished its work and adjourned after selecting Cheyenne, Wyo., as its next meeting place and electing a full set of officers. R. Harvey Reed, of Wyoming, was elected president; John D. Campbell, of Montana, vice-president; and E. S. Wright, of Utah, treasurer. T. J. McKeen, of Montana, was chosen a member of the board of trustees, and J. C. Mellman, also of Montana, was placed on the committee on admission.

## UP TO THE STRIKERS

### Steel Trust Officials Restate Their Position.

#### MEN MUST DECIDE WHAT TO DO

First Conference Held at the Corporation's Office in New York Was Without Result—Amalgamated Men Lose Heart.

NEW YORK, Sept. 4.—Terms of peace in the steel strike were discussed today at a secret conference at which steel officials of the United States Steel Corporation, leaders of union labor and representatives of the civic organizations which have intervened. Unusual safeguards of secrecy were resorted to in order to preserve the privacy of the proceedings, but it was evident that no conclusion was reached and that the decision either to arbitrate or continue the strike must be made by the strikers. The nature of the agency of the Amalgamated association by the labor leaders who participated in the discussion is not known, but it is believed they possess an outline of terms from President Shaffer and they will present them to his associates in the Amalgamated Association. It was also apparent at the conclusion of the discussion that the conference is to be resumed or any further action toward peace taken, the strikers must take the initiative. The labor leaders were in attendance at the Pittsburgh during the day and it was indicated that they would further discuss the subject with the Amalgamated men before they proceed any further with the peace plan.

The participants in the conference today were President Schwab, of the Steel Corporation; President Veryl Preston, of the Steel Corporation; President Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor; President Mitchell, of the United Mine Workers; Secretary White, of the Garment Workers' Union; President Jenks, of the Industrial Commission; and Ralph M. East, secretary of the National Civic Federation. Several officials of the companies controlled by the Steel Corporation were called to the conference during the day.

The conference was asked for in behalf of President Gompers and President Mitchell and the request reached President Schwab early today. He made a favorable reply, and at 10 o'clock the two labor leaders, accompanied by the other intermediaries who had participated in the Pittsburgh meetings of last week, reached the office of the Steel Corporation. The session lasted continuously for more than six hours. No statement as to the proceedings was made by any of the participants. President Gompers said later that he would be in New York tomorrow and this statement was taken as an indication that he had not given up his effort to effect a settlement.

One of the steel officials made this brief statement: "Nothing was accomplished by the conference. It was in just the same position as it was before the conference was held. Future action is for the strikers. I do not know of anything which is being done by the steel corporation has restated its position and the men themselves must elect what they will do."

The latest edition of the Evening Telegram says:

"Charles M. Schwab's proposal to the strikers was that the company shall remain an 'open' mill, that is, it shall be successful in starting and operating since the strike was started. All mills which the strikers have kept closed, Mr. Schwab agreed shall remain union mills. These terms will be submitted to President Shaffer and the executive board of the Amalgamated Association."

#### STRIKERS ARE UNEASY

#### Discouraged by the Unfavorable Developments of the Day.

PITTSBURGH, Sept. 4.—Agitation and uneasiness prevail in the ranks of the strikers tonight, caused by the apparently unfavorable developments of the day. The leaders, however, profess to be satisfied with present conditions, and declare that the ultimate victory will be theirs. Much was hoped for from the peace conference in New York, but the announcement of the failure to reach a decision put a damper on these hopes. President Shaffer's only remark when shown the announcement of the adjournment without decision was: "I have no comment to make."

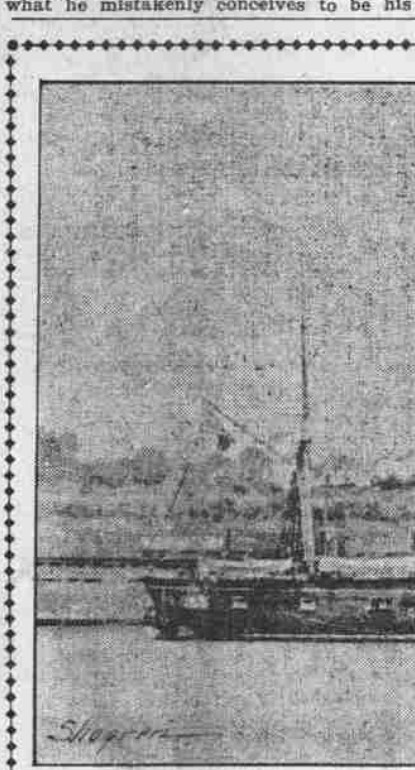
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The Mohican, being a training ship, has on its rolls a large number of enlisted boys, while only 50 or 60 of the crew are seasoned men-of-war. These men teach the youngsters all the tricks of the trade, and the officers give the lad instruction in seamanship and navigation. Desertions are numerous on board the ship, as many of the boys soon tire of the life on the bounding billows. Since the Mohican left Maunaloa there have been at least 100 desertions. At Honolulu, Port Townsend, Bremerton, Tacoma, and all the points visited, a number of boys have taken French leave. Many of them are sons of intelligent parents, who send them on board, hoping that the life and the stern discipline will reform them. They are well treated, the discipline is strict, and any boy who is ambitious can make rapid progress in learning to be an able-bodied and efficient seaman. The story is told of one lad, the son of a St. Louis judge, who enlisted on the Mohican. The first night he came on board he asked, "Where's the bathroom on this ship?" The seamen pointed over the side of the ship. The next morning the boy had disappeared.

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The Emperor had evidently arranged the entire ceremony with a view of impressing Prince Chun with the feeling that the ceremony meant expiation for a foul crime, and that only through expiation had Prince Chun acquired the right to be treated with princely honors. Not until after the ceremony did the atmosphere change. Then the troops outside having saluted and the band having played, Hussars escorted Prince Chun back to the Oranery. The imperial envoy seemed deeply impressed with the solemnity of the occasion, and when summoned to the throne room he showed visible embarrassment. He bowed repeatedly while approaching the throne, and his voice was agitated while he was reading the imperial address. The entire manner of Emperor William was calculated to impress Prince Chun with the solemnity of the ceremonial. He spoke emphatically and seriously, emphasizing particularly the word "expiation."

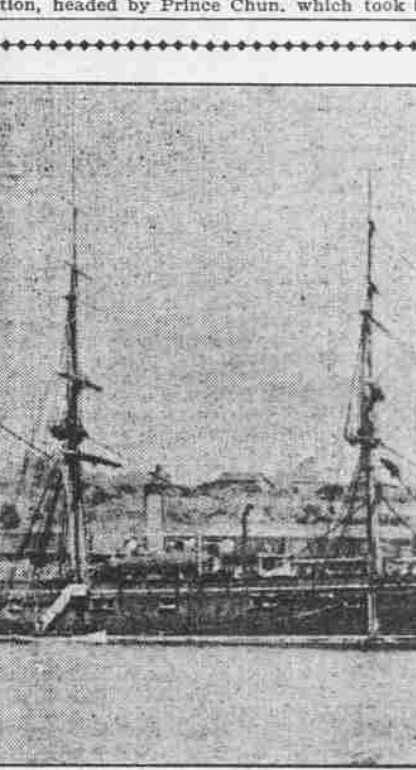
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## BIG DEAL IN TIMBER

### A. B. Hammond Purchases Fifty Thousand Acres.

#### WILL BUILD A MILL IN THIS CITY

#### Tract Secured Contains Over Two Billion Feet of Merchantable Timber—Consideration Nearly \$500,000.

A. B. Hammond, who has invested more money in Oregon than any other man who has come into the state in the past 20 years, yesterday consummated the purchase of the largest unbroken tract of timber in this state. Fifty thousand acres were involved in the deal, and the land is all situated in one body on the Tualatin and Trask Rivers. Associated with Mr. Hammond in the transaction is Charles J. Winton, of Wausau, Wis., a prominent figure in lumbering circles in the Middle Northwest. The land was purchased from the Southern Pacific and while the consideration was withheld, the price is reported to be in the neighborhood of \$500,000. The timber is all admirably big, mostly Douglas fir, and of remarkably fine quality. It is estimated that the tract contains over 2,000,000,000 feet of merchantable timber. Nearly all of this timber will come out by way of Portland, the big demand for "offal" from the mills in the city being sufficient to offset the cheaper cost of manufacturing the lumber in this city.

Regarding particulars of the big plant which will be required to work up this vast tract of timber, Mr. Hammond is reticent, but it is understood that it would be worked up for both the rail trade and the deep sea trade. The extension of the railroad route to interior points in Oregon has been a factor in bringing a large number of Eastern lumbermen here, and while this latest transaction is by far the largest that has been made, a number of others ranging from a few hundred up to several thousand acres have been handled in this vicinity quite recently.

Mr. Hammond and his associates have previously purchased a large amount of timber land in Tillamook and Clatsop Counties, and their redwood holdings in California are immense. In securing the big tract yesterday, Mr. Hammond added enough to his holdings to give him and his associates a greater area of timber land than is held by any other firm on the Pacific Coast. Lumbering and logging from this land will be conducted on a big scale, and there will be no differences to adjust between the sawmill man and the logger, as both the balance of the business will be under one head and ownership. Much as we may regret to see the passing of the great forest which has made the Oregon lumbering industry of a man like Mr. Hammond in the timber means much for this portion of the state. No richer soil is to be found anywhere in the state than that which has produced the big forest along the Tualatin and Trask, and as the timber is removed from these lands they will be used for agricultural purposes.

Posterity may not bless the present generation for turning a forest into a field, but while the change is being made the lumber business, as both bar balance and the amount of money, and the addition of a big plant such as will be needed to work up the big forest just purchased by Mr. Hammond, and Winton will give a lively tone to Portland's water front.

#### Fell Eighty Feet and Lives.

NEW YORK, Sept. 4.—After a fall of 80 feet into the Gorge of Kaaterskill, Caroline Schreder, of Brooklyn, was rescued from a perilous position by a few braves, according to a special to the World. Miss Schreder ventured too near the edge of the gorge, and fell. Three men descended on ropes and found the young woman unconscious. Physicians in attendance, however, said that while she was in danger, she would suffer no serious consequences.

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