

ROBBER CHIEF'S SKULL CRACKED

Bearmouth Hold-Ups Run When Their Leader Is Knocked Out.

DOGS LOSE TRAIL IN HILLS

Northern Pacific Officials Wire \$1000 Checks to Engineer and Messenger for Their Bold and Successful Resistance.

MISSOULA, Mont., May 28.—The man behind the gun at the Bear Mouth hold-up of the east-bound Northern Pacific passenger train, No. 2, last night, is at the point of death from a blow delivered by Express Messenger Laub, when the robber stooped to pick up a sack of coin from the shattered safe. The highwayman's partner or partners took to the hills, and after being traced by bloodhounds from the penitentiary for several miles crossed a creek, and the dogs and posse were baffled.

No money was secured, and the Northern Pacific officials feel so grateful that today word was wired that checks for \$1000 each had been sent to Engineer Wilson and Express Messenger Laub for their bravery in defending the company's property.

After the one man had ordered the engineer and fireman to accompany him to the express car, several shots were fired to keep the rest of the train inside the car. The man behind the gun informed the engineer and fireman that his partners were doing the shooting and they had nothing to fear so long as they obeyed orders.

Bullet Makes Conductor Duck.

Conductor Sayer attempted to ascertain the cause for delay, and as he leaned out of the vestibule of one of the forward coaches a shot rang out and a bullet zipped into the woodwork under his arm. The conductor lost no time in pulling himself back into the car, realizing that the delay was a hold-up for sure. He quickly made the end of the coaches, dropped off, proceeded back to Bearmouth station and sent the alarm to Missoula.

In the meantime the man behind the gun, through Engineer Wilson, ordered the express messenger to leave the car, as he intended to blow it up. Knowing that resistance was useless, the messenger complied. Using one hand to place four sticks of giant powder inside the car and the other to cover his prisoners, the man behind the gun set the first charge off, while his partners kept firing along the cut-off coaches to prevent interference.

Four sticks of giant powder failed to do the work the highwayman desired, and six more were set off under the same conditions. They also failed, and 16 sticks were thrown in the car and its contents were wrecked.

Chief Robber's Head Cracked.

Under the cover of his gun, the robber forced Engineer Wilson and Express Messenger Laub into the wrecked car and supplied Wilson with matches to light their way. In going into the car Laub's hand came in contact with a piece of loose iron from the wreckage, and when Wilson struck one of the matches and the robber stooped to pull a sack of coin from the shattered safe, Laub brought the iron down on the highwayman's head and felled him. Before the fellow could move a second crack of the iron put him out of business and the express company's money was saved.

The partner or partners of the man behind the gun evidently took to their heels, as there was no further effort made to get the money.

While the semi-tragedy was taking place officers were on their way from Missoula, Drummond, and bloodhounds from the penitentiary at Deer Lodge. When the posse reached the scene the train had proceeded slowly to Drummond, where the injured man was placed in charge of physicians and guards.

Dogs Lose the Scent.

As soon as the dogs from the penitentiary arrived they picked up a scent and started over the hills to the southwest, following it almost five miles. There the trail was lost and the posse called back.

No one has been able to identify the captured highwayman, who appears to be a workman, about 25 years of age. He has not spoken since being struck. Detectives of the company are working on the case and expect to have the man identified by tomorrow.

Engineer Blew Out Match.

ST. PAUL, May 28.—General Manager H. G. Horn, of the Northern Pacific, has received the following details concerning the hold-up of the North Coast Limited at Bearmouth, Montana:—

"Northern Pacific North Coast Limited, train No. 2, was held up about 11 P. M. May 27, two miles east of Bearmouth, Mont., at mile post No. 81, by one man. After ordering the messenger out, the robber, who had 25 pounds of dynamite, blew the safe open in the express, shattering the side of the car and blowing the door off the safe. After the discharge of the third explosion, the robber forced Engineer Wilson to crawl in the car ahead of him and the messenger to follow.

As soon as they were in the car the hand forced Engineer Wilson to strike a match, and as he did this Engineer Wilson saw Express Messenger Laub ready to hit the robber with a piece of the broken car. Wilson immediately blew the match out and the express messenger struck the robber and knocked him out. The robber was not killed, but was bound and taken to Drummond, where he was turned over to the county authorities. The express car was not badly damaged, and went through on the run. No valuables were taken, and passengers were not disturbed. At 1 o'clock Sunday the robber was still unconscious.

Chance for Political Intrigue.

PARIS, May 28.—The Chamber of Deputies, after three days of heated discussion, adopted article 4 of the church and state separation bill. The article is considered objectionable by

the opposition, as it leaves the decision of disputes regarding the handing over of churches to departmental authority instead of the civil courts, as the clause originally provided, which it is alleged will lead to political intrigues.

EXCUSE FOR SINKING BOAT

Russian Admiral Afraid His Plans Would Be Shown.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 28.—(11:30 P. M.)—Nothing is known at the Admiralty of the reported sinking of an unknown American steamer off Formosa by Vice-Admiral Rojestvensky. It is recognized at the Admiralty as quite possible that Rojestvensky may have been compelled by military necessity to destroy a neutral. If he feared that to allow it to proceed and report the whereabouts and direction of the Russian fleet would endanger his strategic plan he had no other alternative except to take off the crew and sink the ship.

Such an incident is unfortunate, but every naval officer must admit that the risk in such a crisis is too great to take any chances. If this ship was unjustifiably sunk from the standpoint of international law, Russia, of course, will have to foot the bill; but any cost is cheap if it furthered Rojestvensky's mission.

May Be Lawful Prize.

WASHINGTON, May 28.—In the absence of any information whatever regarding the reported sinking of an American steamer by Vice-Admiral Rojestvensky, officials in Washington profess a disinclination to discuss publicly any international aspects of the case may have. Much depends on the action of the vessel when she was halted whether the cargo she carried was contraband, and on other matters. If the vessel refused to stop when the Russians ordered it to, the latter, according to the view here, in the exercise of their rights under the existing war conditions, had a right to sink her on the spot.

Most American as well as vessels of other nationalities, are asserted to be carrying contraband of war in the Far East, and if the vessel sunk was doing this she was liable to seizure under the law as to prizes and to be disposed of according to the rules of war.

Opinion on Calchas Case.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 28.—(11:30 P. M.)—The written opinion of the Superior Admiralty court in the case of the cotton steamer on the British steamer Calchas, captured by the Vladivostok squadron, is expected to be handed down some time this week. There appears to be a division of opinion in the court. M. Demaree, in behalf of the Foreign Office, while agreeing that the cotton on board the Calchas was of a contraband nature, holding to the view that the principle of the conditional contraband for cotton should be enunciated, while the representatives of the Admiralty contend that this principle is absolute.

Name of Vessel Not Known.

TOKYO, May 28.—The name and destination of the American steamer which Vice-Admiral Rojestvensky is reported to have sunk off Formosa about May 21 is unknown here. Details concerning the sinking of the vessel are expected to be made known when the crew of the steamer reaches Japan.

Although nothing is known here about the case, it is expected in official circles that Vice-Admiral Rojestvensky will allege the vessel was cruising.

Sinking Confirmed at Washington.

WASHINGTON, May 28.—Confirmation has been received here from Shanghai of the press report that the Russian warship sank an unknown American merchant ship off the Chinese coast. Heavy gun fire is plainly heard to the northward.

KILL ALL IN OPPOSITION

Doctrine Advocated by the Polish Socialist Party.

WARSAW, May 28.—The Polish Socialist party has issued a manifesto urging the people to attack and destroy everything and everybody not belonging to the Socialists and those refusing to join the movement.

The Social Democrats, angered at the action of the archbishop who recently ordered that sermons be preached against socialism and Social Democrats, have protested against pulpits being used for this purpose and threatened to cause disturbances in the churches should priests attack Socialists.

Coronation Jay Passed off Quietly.

Troops were joyous in all parts of the city and prevented further destruction of disorderly houses in the suburbs. Workmen who assembled in a forest in the outskirts of Siedlce were surrounded by troops and, on refusing to disperse, the soldiers fired on them wounding 10 persons. The workmen, who numbered several hundred, were Jews. All of them were arrested.

SLAUGHTER OF ARMENIANS

Fatal Clash With Moslems in District of Erivan.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 28.—Twenty-two Armenians and two Mussulmans were killed on Thursday at Nakhichevan, in the District of Erivan, as a result of the renewal of hostilities between Armenians and Moslems. The number of injured has not been ascertained. Four bodies were found incinerated. All the Armenian shops were pillaged.

The village of Paskend and its vicinity were completely destroyed. The inhabitants fled. Many Armenians were killed at Jibri. Cattle robberies have occurred everywhere in the district and the great distress of the Armenians is increased by a plague of locusts.

At Sokolniki, which is close to Moscow, the troops joining the Marshanek regiments attacked civilians and sacked some tea shops.

Troops to Be Taught Japanese.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 28.—The Minister of War has issued an order relating to the frequency of disorders among troops going to the Far East. He attributes these disorders to lack of discipline and inadequate preparations for the long journey, and says it should be impressed upon soldiers that, so far as military regulations are concerned, the trains are to be regarded as barracks. Occupation, the Minister says, should be found for the soldiers, such as learning to read and write and they should also be taught Japanese and Chinese words and to study maps.

The military regulations should require religious, prayers and corporal inspections. No soldiers, henceforth, should be allowed to leave his company during the stoppage of trains in order to visit his family if his home is in the vicinity. If the disorders continue, the Minister of War says, officers and noncommissioned officers will be held responsible and will even be tried by court-martial.

Soldiers Fire on Crowds.

LODZ, May 28.—During disturbances in the neighborhood of a synagogue soldiers fired on the crowd, killing two Jews. Saturday night a workman, who was mistaken for a police spy, was stabbed to death.

The workmen are in an ugly mood. Many troops have arrived here.

TISERAS TO GO

Premiership Will Fall on General Baron Fejervary.

ALL HUNGARY IS ROUSED

Radical Action by the Crown Is Said to Threaten Rights Guaranteed to the People Under the Constitution.

VIENNA, May 28.—The political situation in Hungary has passed within the past few days from the passive stage of recent months into a comparatively acute stage that is threatening really serious consequences. Count Tisza, it is said, will be removed from the Premiership next week and in his stead will be appointed if he can form a Cabinet, General Baron Fejervary, formerly Hungarian Minister of National Defense, which office he had to resign because of great unpopularity arising from his extreme partisanship to the crown in matters within his jurisdiction.

The rights guaranteed Hungarians under their constitution, leading men of the country say, are upon the eve of being threatened by the crown's action and the Hungarians are preparing to contest these infringements in a manner which holds the possibility of bringing serious results to the mutual life of the dual monarchy.

The possibilities with which the political situation is pregnant may lead to a state of affairs meaning practically revolution, especially as Baron Fejervary is thought to be a man who will carry out the crown's wishes irrespective of Hungarian national demands. The situation has not been so threatening as it is today since peace was established between Austria and Hungary in 1867.

CONFERENCE ON AGRICULTURE

International Delegates Convoiced by King of Italy.

ROME, May 28.—In the historic hall of the Capitol today King Victor Emmanuel and Queen Helena, surrounded by members of the Cabinet and other high state dignitaries, inaugurated the international conference on agriculture in the presence of the diplomatic corps and 170 delegates.

David Lubin, of California, who originated the idea, would have preferred not to assist at today's gathering, saying that all the honor should go to the King of Italy, who took up the idea, but as the committee urged that he should be present, he yielded and became an object of great curiosity notwithstanding his modesty.

Minister of Agriculture Rava delivered the address of greeting to the illustrious representatives of the civilized nations, convened in a parliament of knowledge, justice and economic concord in favor of the first and greatest of human endeavors, agriculture.

The invitation of the young head of the Italian people, the Minister said, to this conference had been received as a pledge of faith by the nations because they found that his ideal comprised the thoughts and desires of this modern age. The meeting, he pointed out, could not have been better chosen, as after the vindications of her rights, Italy stood forth in Rome as the herald of the new era.

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A duplicate of the Pianola piano made specially for Mr. Marshall's yacht, the Atlantic, now being used by the British crown is among those shown here, style B, price \$500, and numerous plain-cased mahogany, oak and mottled walnut Metropolitan Pianola pianos at \$200, \$250 and \$300.

The largest assortment of the very latest of Metropolitan Pianos are also now on display, prices \$250 and \$300 for the fancy cases. Aerolite, the popular piano-players' price, \$35 and \$45, are also present in abundance.

Do not fail to inspect this beautiful collection, but the assortment is unbroken. Bileria Piano House, 331 Washington street, corner of Eighth.

sent their resignations, King Oscar read his reply declaring that he would not accept them, as it was clear that no other Cabinet could be formed at the present time. The Ministers, however, declined to withdraw their resignations.

ON TRIAL FOR HIGH TREASON

Austro-Italians Charged With Part in Alleged Plot.

VIENNA, May 28.—The trial is proceeding here of several Austro-Italians from Trieste, who are charged with high treason, their complicity therein arising from an alleged plot to start a revolution in the Italian provinces of Austria during the eruption last Summer of the irritable mountain. The trial has been followed with the keenest interest, and considerable excitement developed, owing to the receipt by the jurors of a letter from Trieste threatening the juror with death if any of the men on trial was convicted. A letter was signed by the iridescent committee.

When the letter was published, the Judge cleared the court and decided to conduct the trial behind closed doors in the future.

SECRETARY HAY IS IN PARIS

Social and Officials' Invitations Refused Under Doctor's Orders.

PARIS, May 28.—Secretary Hay arrived here this morning for a three days' stay. His trip here is by the officials of the American Embassy, and later will be called upon by Ambassador McCormick, ex-Ambassador Porter, and a number of old friends, including Henry Brooks Adams, who lunches with the Secretary and then took him for an automobile ride in the Bois de Boulogne.

Secretary Hay has profited greatly by the treatment he underwent at Bad Nauheim, but by order of his physician he is observing a very strict regime, which will compel him to refrain from accepting any invitations or the making of social and official engagements. He will observe the same spirit as a health precaution during his brief stay in London preparatory to sailing for the United States.

Norway Must Be Free.

AALBORG, Province of Jutland, Denmark, May 28.—Bjornstjerne Bjornson, the Norwegian poet and dramatist, who is visiting here, today addressed a meeting on the Norwegian crisis. He expressed his desire to see the Norwegian, Swedish and Danish races united. They numbered altogether only 16,000,000 souls, and must hold together.

"Norway," he declared, "must become free as the other northern races are. If she is free and independent it will be impossible to deal with the next great question, how we small states are to arrange our future."

Empress' Head Is Bandaged.

BERLIN, May 28.—The Empress returned to Berlin yesterday after three weeks' absence from the capital. Her Majesty was deeply veiled, so as to conceal the bandages covering the injuries on her forehead sustained by falling downstairs at Wiesbaden, May 21. She was driven to the new palace at Potsdam.

Bid Farewell to Alfonso.

MADRID, May 28.—King Alfonso started on his foreign tour last night. Long before the hour fixed for leaving the palace a great concourse collected in the Plaza del Oriente, opposite the Royal Palace, where there was a mass of carriages of grandees and high personages who had come to bid farewell to Alfonso.

Rioting in Stockholm.

STOCKHOLM, May 28.—There were riots here Saturday night in connection with the scavengers' strike. A mob stoned the police who drew their swords and cleared the streets. Many persons were injured and a number were arrested. Much damage was done to property. The scavenger strike has been brought to a close.

LAUNCH SUNK IN THE BAY

Two of Crew Lost When Steamer Runs It Down.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 28.—The steamer Arctic ran down a small gasoline launch in the bay late this afternoon, and Robert Howell, engineer of the launch, and Alexander Miller were drowned. Three other occupants of the launch were saved by the prompt action of the skipper of the Arctic, which launch suddenly became unmanageable and ran diagonally across the bows. The steamer struck the launch and cut it in two like a knife.

Howell was in the engine-room and went down with the boat. His body has not been recovered. Miller was dragged out of the water unconscious and died on the way to the hospital. The other three occupants of the launch suffered no serious injury.

Roebbling Boy Is Found.

ASHEVILLE, N. C., May 28.—John A. Roebbling, father of Siegfried Roebbling, who disappeared from his home a week ago, has received a telegram dated Knoxville, Tenn., stating that the boy had been found there and would be in Asheville Sunday. The boy was reported as being well.

GOODS BOUGHT TODAY CHARGED ON JUNE ACCOUNT

Lipman, Wolfe & Co.

Today's Bargain Bulletin

Cloak Store Bargains

\$2.00 White Lawn Waists \$1.23

Tan Covert Jackets Special \$10

\$2.25 Black Sateen Petticoats \$1.48

Linen Boxcoat Suits Spec. \$12.50

Silk Shirtwaist Suits Spec. \$12.50

\$3 White Cambric Petticoats \$1.75

\$7 to \$5 Tailored Street Hats \$3.85

Ready-to-Wear Hats Values Up to \$2.50 at 95c

Lewis and Clark Souvenir Spoons Special 50c

All Cotton Bunting and Silk Flags Special Prices

75c Album Decoration Day Music 38c

35c Handkerchiefs 17c 20c Handkerchiefs 12c

35c Neckwear 25c 65c Neckwear 48c

25c Ribbed Vests 18c 35c Ribbed Vests 25c

75c Net Gloves 59c 55c Ribbons 35c

35c Lace Hosiery 19c 25c Child's Hosiery 17c

Tan Hosiery 25c New Neck Bows 18c

50c Men's Ribbed Balbriggan Underwear 39c

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HOUSES ARE WASHED AWAY

RIO GRANDE DOES DAMAGE OF HALF-MILLION IN TEXAS.

Thousands of Acres of Farming Land With Growing Crops Are Flooded.

EL PASO, Texas, May 28.—A half million dollars is a conservative estimate of the damage done by the overflow of the Rio Grande River north of El Paso in the Mesilla Valley. Between 300 and 10,000 acres of farm lands are under water. Crops and farm machinery have been lost and all houses in the path of the waters

washed away. The water in most places is six feet deep. Every adobe house in Anthony, N. M., has been washed away and the people have fled to El Paso. One family at Anthony was caught in the flood and were two days and nights without food or water. They were finally rescued from the roof of a barn.