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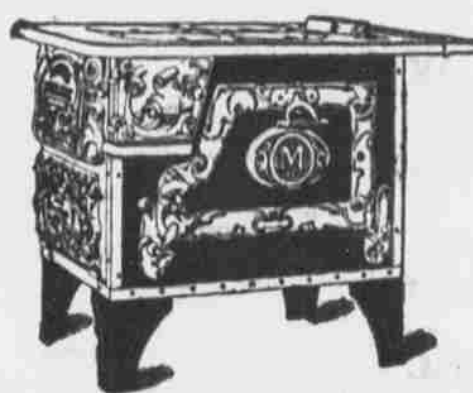
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THEY WRECKED THE WRONG CAR

Robbers Foiled in Hold-Up on
Baltimore and Ohio.

EXPRESS CAR OVERLOOKED

Was in an Unusual Place and Contained
Fifty Thousand Dollars—Disputed
Robbers Leave After Securing
Engineer's Valet.

CHICAGO, July 31.—The Baltimore & Ohio passenger train from the east was held up by five masked men at 8 o'clock tonight, thirty-one miles out from Chicago. One mail car, which contained no money, was dynamited and wrecked. The attempt at robbery was made after the two mail cars had been detached from the train and run a quarter of a mile ahead. The failure of the robbers to make a rich haul was due to the fact that the express car, which contained the train's treasure, was in an unusual place. It was the third car in the train. The only loot they secured was the gold watch of the engineer.

The train was running at a high rate of speed when Engineer Collins saw directly in front a large fire. He slowed down and as he did so three men, wearing masks, jumped into the cab and covered Collins and his fireman with revolvers. Just before climbing into the cab the men commenced to fire with their revolvers to frighten away all passengers. The robbers made the engineer uncouple the first two cars and pull them some distance from the rest of the train.

Hurling dynamite at the car which they judged to be the express car they burst open the door. They were astonished to find that they had broken into the mail car. They threatened the engineer with death for not telling them that the cars which he had uncoupled were not the express cars and ordered him to return at once and uncouple the next car behind the baggage cars. Engineer Collins backed his engine down, coupled on to the third car and still with the muzzle of a revolver at his head drew away from the remainder of the train. The robbers attacked the other car but found to their great wrath that they had opened another mail car and that it contained no money. The robbers gave up their attempt to rob the train and disappeared. It is estimated that \$50,000 was stored in the express car.

KILLED HIS COMPANION
WITH A SLEDGEHAMMER
Result of a Row Between Two Men
Near New Westminster—Mur-
derer Escapes.

SEATTLE, July 31.—A special to the Times from New Westminster says:
Two young men, William Springer and Edward Thompson, living in a small shack on a ranch near here after several days' drinking got into a row last night. Springer seized a sledgehammer and went after his companion. A small boy passing heard cries and ran to the house in time to see Springer strike several blows with his weapon. The boy summoned help. When men arrived in sight the house was on fire. Springer told the men he had killed Thompson. Thompson's body was found hidden in a clump of bushes near by in a horribly mangled condition. Springer escaped while the fire was being extinguished.

BRITISH BATTLESHIP ASHORE.

Three British Warships Leave the Port
of Hong Kong Suddenly.

HONG KONG, July 31.—It is reported that the new British battleship Glory, the flagship of the British China squadron, is ashore somewhere between here and Shanghai.

The warships Eclipse, Daphne and Himgy have left this port suddenly. No explanation is given for their departure.

PROPOSED COTTON COMBINE.

Fifty Million Dollar Trust About to
Be Formed.

BOSTON, July 31.—George F. Washburn, of this city, president of the Commonwealth Club, of Massachusetts, has sailed for Europe on a mission to inquire into the co-operative methods of various bodies in England, Belgium and Switzerland, with a view to the formation of a fifty-million dollar cotton combination in this country.

According to an interview Mr. Washburn has worked out a plan to unite the cotton producers of the South into one great co-operative trust; with headquarters at St. Louis, and central warehouses in Memphis. He said he had been selected for this mission because of the special study he had made of co-operation from a business man's standpoint and that in his judgment the only way to meet the capitalistic cotton and

THEIR PROGRESS KNOWN TO NONE

Executive Board Still Considering
Steel Strike Proposals.

MEMBERS MAY BE DIVIDED

Belief That All Is Not Harmony Owing to
Absence of Three Principal Mem-
bers of Board—Much Specu-
lation.

PITTSBURGH, July 31.—"Hope deferred maketh the heart sick." This is expressive of the feelings of a majority of Pittsburghers tonight outside of the inner circles of the Amalgamated Association executive board who have been considering the proposals for a settlement of the strike for two days without an agreement. How the members of the board feel is known to no man on the outside.

The second day of the executive board's deliberation was notable for many rumors in circulation and for a conspicuous dearth of results. The absence of three of the principal members of the board from the sessions today gave rise to the story that the members were divided in their ideas of the peace proposals and that, in order to satisfy all, Secretary Williams had been sent to New York to seek modifications at the hands of Messrs. Morgan and Schwab while Assistant Secretary Tighe and a trustee of Morgan had received a commission to visit Senator Hanna to secure his aid in bringing about an amicable arrangement. Nothing tangible could be learned concerning these supposed trips, however, and all talk in relation to them must remain merely conjecture until the return of these members and their lips are unsealed.

SOUTH AFRICAN MAGNATES.
Rhodes Occupied With Business and
Battie Abbey Report Doubtful.

NEW YORK, July 31.—According to the Tribune's London correspondent there is no truth in the story that Cecil Rhodes is negotiating for the purchase of Birtle Abbey in order to present it to the nation.

If this property be diverted from the chances of the auction room and converted into an Anglo-Saxon Memorial, Lord Rosebery is more likely than Mr. Rhodes to control the transaction. Mr. Rhodes spends the greater part of his time in London with Alfred Gell and has promised to accompany Dr. Jameson to Scotland.

He has a larger interest in the resumption of mining operations at Johannesburg and Kimberley than in the preservation of historic monuments in southern England.

MINING OPERATIONS RESUMED.

Rand Mining Company Prepared for
Return of Laborers.

NEW YORK, July 31.—Like the news with respect to the conduct of military operations in South Africa, intelligence of the doings of the Rand Mining Companies comes to hand in dribs and drabs, says the Tribune's London representative. It is evident, however, that daily progress is being made with the parliamentary details essential to the actual resumption of crushing.

According to the latest announcement developments are proceeding at the Princess mine. The main shaft at the Rooderspoort Central Deep is being actively continued and pumping is going on at Goldenhuyse, Lancaster and Lancaster West mines. Measures are meanwhile being taken by the administration at Pretoria to ameliorate the lot of the native laborers.

CUBAN SUGAR CROP.

Will Be Unusually Large but Planters
Want the Tariff Reduced.

NEW YORK, July 31.—General Chas. Garcia, eldest son of the late General Calixto Garcia and inspector general of Cuban penal institutions, who arrived upon the steamer Moro Castle, interviewed upon the Cuban situation said:

"It is necessary that Cuba have a reduction in tariff on sugar and tobacco. Between \$60,000 and \$60,000 tons of sugar were raised this year and the next crop will be larger than any Cuba has ever gathered. We cannot do business, however, without a reduction on sugar."

ROBBERY AT ISLAND CITY.

Store, Saloon and Blacksmith Shop En-
tered but Little Booty Secured.

ISLAND CITY, Ore., July 31.—Thieves last night broke into three places of business in Island City—Steve Rhinehart's store, O. Kirkpatrick's saloon and a blacksmith shop. Nothing was taken from the blacksmith shop but shop tools, with which to operate on the safe in

WARSHIP MAY BE COMMISSIONED

Probability One Will Be Sent to
Venezuelan Waters.

HER LIFE IN DANGER.

Attempt to Assassinate Queen Dowager
of Portugal.

NEW YORK, July 31.—A special dispatch to the Herald from Aix-les-Bains says:

Maria Pia, queen dowager of Portugal and mother of the present King Charles, has had a narrow escape from assassination. Her majesty was taking a course of the baths here but was so perturbed by the attack upon her that she left Aix hastily for Rome.

Details of the attempted assassination are not obtainable at present. The police are said to have a clew. News of the affair is only beginning to spread among the visitors. It is causing a deep sensation for the queen dowager was known personally to a considerable number of people. She was very demure in her demeanor, chatting freely with her fellow bathers.

CHALLENGER STRIKES ROCK.

Hull Dented but the Yacht Is Not Se-
riously Damaged.

NEW YORK, July 31.—That Shamrock II during her races on the Clyde with Shamrock I met with an accident similar to that which befell the Constitution when she struck a rock is admitted by an officer on board the former, in an interview with the London representative of the Journal and Advertiser.

It seems that when the challenger was off Point Argyle she struck the rock heavily, turned for deep water, but before she reached it again struck but again managed to scrape off. The keel was severely damaged and dented but it is now said to be as sound as ever.

PROBABLE WHEAT SUPPLY.

American and Canadian Crop Will Re-
gulate Prices in Europe.

LONDON, July 31.—There is great diversity of opinion among produce dealers here respecting the probable supplies of wheat from Europe and America. The German crop is known to be unusually small and consequently the proposed increase of duties upon imported grain will bear heavily against the industrial class.

The French crop is reported to be less than last year's. Russian statistics are not trustworthy. American and Canadian crops will determine the course of prices throughout Europe as soon as satisfactory estimates are received.

WARSHIPS KNOCKED OUT.

Sham Battles of England's Navy Put
Cruisers in Temporary Retirement.

NEW YORK, July 31.—Referring to the sham naval war now being conducted off the coasts of Great Britain, the London correspondent of the Tribune says:

The decisions of the umpires with regard to the sham naval action off the Scilly Isles indicates that the encounter used up cruisers at such a rate that it was feared the maneuvers might come to an untimely end for want of ships. Of the eighteen cruisers knocked out, nine have been released to continue the proceedings.

SOCIETY WOMAN SUICIDES.

Mrs. R. B. Price Leaps From Proctor-
Street Bridge in Tacoma.

TACOMA, July 31.—Mrs. R. B. Price, aged 38, leaped from the Proctor-street bridge this afternoon and was dashed to death against the rocks in a gulch ninety-five feet below.

She was well known in society and had been ill for several months. It is believed despondency, resulting from the condition of her health, was responsible for the act.

KRUGER WILL COME.

LONDON, July 31.—"I am informed on good authority," says the Brussels correspondent of the Daily Mail, "that Mr. Kruger's visit to the United States has been absolutely decided upon for September."

WHEAT MARKET.

PORTLAND, July 31.—Wheat, Walla
Walla, 55¢@56¢.

CHICAGO, July 31.—Wheat, Septem-
ber, opening, 65¢@66¢; closing, 65¢.

WARSHIP MAY BE COMMISSIONED

Probability One Will Be Sent to
Venezuelan Waters.

AFAIRS THERE DEMAND IT

Not an American Warship in Southern Waters
and Gunboat Machias the Only One
Available—Revolutionists At-
tack Towns.

WASHINGTON, July 31.—Up to the hour when the departments closed today, the state department had not voted on the navy department for a ship to go into Venezuelan waters. In view of the serious condition of affairs there and the unsettled condition in the neighboring republic of Colombia it is not improbable that an American warship will be sent to the scene of trouble for the protection of American interests.

About the only ship available at this time is the gunboat Machias, fitting out at the Boston navy-yard. That vessel, however, would not be ready to sail for about two weeks. There is not a single American warship in southern waters. In case of extreme urgency one of the battleships now in commission could be sent.

REVOLUTIONISTS ATTACK TOWNS.

NEW YORK, July 31.—A dispatch from Colon, Colombia, says that on Friday night the revolutionists attacked the towns of Bohioatun and Paraiso, and took the town officials prisoners and seized the public funds.

IRISH MEMBERS TROUBLESOME.

English Politicians Annoyed at Them
for Bringing Up Questions of
Privilege.

NEW YORK, July 31.—The action of the Irish members in bringing forward the question of privilege which is occupying the attention of parliament has caused annoyance to most English people, as the Nationalists never conceal their contempt for the honor of the British house of commons, says the London correspondent of the Tribune.

The three Irish members of parliament who have been suspended this week, have undergone the penalty for the first time this season. They were not among the number who were suspended at the sitting when the police were called in some time ago.

BOTH SIDES STAND FIRM.

But Few Changes in the San Francisco
Labor Situation.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 31.—There were but few changes in the local labor situation today. Both employers and strikers are standing firm and each side claims confidence in winning out without drawing on their reserves.

WILL NOT DEPORT INDIANS.

HELENA, Mont., July 31.—Governor Toole today received formal notice from the secretary of the interior that the government would not deport the Cree Indians, wards of the British government, who are now wandering about the state.

LIST OF PRIZE WINNERS.

EL RENO, O. T., July 31.—Two thousand, one hundred names were drawn from each wheel in the great United States land lottery today, making a grand total of \$700. Tomorrow the list of prize winners will be completed.

CRISPI GROWING WEAKER.

NAPLES, July 31.—A bulletin issued tonight regarding Senator Crispi announces that he has suffered relapse and is weaker.

WILL PROMOTE SOLDIERS.

BERLIN, July 31.—Emperor William has ordered that all German soldiers who were in Pekin during the siege are to be promoted to the rank of non-commissioned officers.

GRANT TO LORD ROBERTS.

LONDON, July 31.—The house of commons today adopted a resolution granting Field Marshal Roberts £100,000 for his services in South Africa.

BASEBALL SCORES.

SPOKANE, July 31.—Portland, 11;
Spokane, 0.

SEATTLE, July 31.—Tacoma, 5; Se-
attle, 2.

EARTHQUAKES IN ITALY.

ROME, July 31.—Earthquakes were general today throughout the southern part of Italy.