

DARING ATTEMPT TO ROB S. P. SAFE IS FRUSTRATED

Nervey Clerk Defies Robbers Who Proceed to Lock Him in a Box Car and Make Escape.

Portland, Ore., Feb. 25.—A daring and desperate attempt was made tonight to rob the Southern Pacific safe at the east side depot. Three masked highwaymen entered and robbed Night Clerk Butler and ordered him to open

the safe or have his brains scattered. He refused and the robbers relented, took Butler up the track and locked him in a box car. He was discovered an hour later. No clue. The men secured booty valued at \$10.

STEEL BUSINESS PICKS UP.

Little Prospect of Agreement Between Sellers and Producers.

Cleveland, Feb. 25.—In its review of the iron market this week the Iron Trade Review says:

The large steel companies have made some good additions to their books in the past week and in some cases new business has exceeded mill shipments. Railroad buying undoubtedly is better. The purchases of rails announced two weeks ago were followed by contracts for track material and there has been a fair run of orders for new cars. This week there are inquiries from two lines for 125,000 tons of rails and contracts are expected to be made at an early day. Definite developments in structural lines are still lacking, though Chicago reports projects practically assured that it will require 20,000 tons of shapes and at New York the initial steps have been taken in construction that will call for a similar amount. One railroad inquiry for bridge work the past week represents 6,000 tons.

The bar trade has been one of the most satisfactory features of the situation. For the most part, bar iron is sold at \$1 to \$2 below the price of steel. The steel sheet trade has been marked by irregularity and \$2.20 Pittsburg for No. 2 is not maintained. The record of the pig iron market is still one of low prices and limited tonnage. The bessemer pig iron association held a meeting in Cleveland in the past week and canvassed the situation which has little of immediate promise. Central Western furnaces have made sales ranging from \$12 to \$12.25 at furnaces, for No. 2 and \$12 has been shaded in the sharp scramble for the more desirable business. The Lake Superior ore situation presents no new developments. Another meeting of producers and selling firms will be held in Cleveland on February 29 but there is only remote possibility of an agreement for 1904.

The Post Check Plan.

Postmaster General Payne in his last annual report took strong ground in favor of the passage of a measure which would afford a safe and cheap method of transmitting money through the mails. The necessity for a measure of that character is all the greater because of the rapid extension of the rural free delivery system, and it was on that ground mainly that Postmaster General Payne based his recommendation.

The bill providing for the issue of post check currency would obviate all the annoyance and the difficulties attendant on the present system of transmitting money through the mails. The dwellers in the rural district, equally with the dwellers in the city, would have a cheap and convenient means of sending money through the mails absolutely safe and avoiding all question of torn or mutilated bills or stamps stuck to the letter in which they were placed for transmission as the equivalent of money.

The post check would possess all the circulating and value qualities of the present system on bank notes, and by its retirement on presentation at any postoffice for payment and the issue of another in its stead would maintain a constant supply of clean money, and would make every man his own money order office, with no outlay of time required on his part. The bill is one of the greatest possible merit.—Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

Many False Reports.

New York, Feb. 25.—Many false reports are being circulated here, says a Herald dispatch from St. Petersburg, one being to the effect that Rear-Admiral Evans U. S. N., has 2000 marines ready to dispatch at a moment's notice. This only again stimulates anti-American feeling among certain classes. One newspaper publishes a report that 50,000 Chinese soldiers have gone over to the Japanese army. As a consequence of such rumors the belief seems to grow that the outlook is tending in the far east towards international complications.

Transports Reported Sunk.

New York, Feb. 25.—During the engagement of Tuesday night at Port

Arthur, says a Herald dispatch from Chefoo, the Japanese attempted to land at Society bay, but were repulsed. Four transports were sunk by the forts while trying to enter the channel. The engagement lasted nearly an hour after which the Japanese retired, their losses being four ships sunk. A Chinese steamer, the first merchantman, cleared from here for Dalny was forced to return, having been unable to obtain permission to enter the port of Dalny. The steamer signalled for five hours and finally received a reply to depart immediately. Her captain reports that he sighted part of the Japanese fleet 28 miles off Dalny.

FARM FOR LEASE.

120 acres of good farm land on Tucker creek, about 8 miles from Astoria. Has house, barn and out buildings; 3 cattle, 2 horses, chickens, etc. Terms reasonable. Would like to lease for a term of years to responsible party. For particulars apply to Alex. Pale, 241 Taylor avenue, Astoria, Ore.

HOWARD GOULD SUED.

Plaintiff Alleges That Defendant's Horse Was Fractious.

Howard
New York, Feb. 24.—An application was made before Justice Marean in the special term of the supreme court to have a commission appointed at Palm Beach, Fla., to take testimony of Howard and his wife, Katherine Gould, in a suit brought by Albert E. Strickland, to recover \$5000 damages for personal injuries. Plaintiff alleges that she was severely injured about the head and body on May 15, 1901, in a runaway accident at Port Washington, L. I. She avers that she was on her way to the Goulds summer home, Castle Gould, at Sands Point, in a carriage belonging to the defendants, and that the horse ran away. The carriage was overturned and she was badly injured.

The motion was opposed, and particularly any delay of the trial of the case. Justice Marean refused to delay the trial, but allowed the taking of the testimony.

NOTICE.

From and after this date I will not be responsible for any debts contracted by Bertha B. Reid. JOHN REID.

BODY FOUND IN SNOW.

Indications Are That Housekeeper Was Murdered.

Pittsfield, Mass., Feb. 24.—In a snow bank close to her home, near Washington mountain road, the body of Mrs. Ellen Frumma was found frozen stiff yesterday afternoon. In the house lay the body of Lyman Jordan, shot through the temple. Mrs. Frumma was Jordan's housekeeper.

Tuesday the eight-year-old son of Mrs. Frumma ran to a neighbor's house and reported that Jordan had kicked his mother and threatened to kill her; that she had then left the house, and they had been unable to find her. Yesterday afternoon the boy again went to the neighbor's house and said that he and Jordan had found his mother in the woods in the snow bank dead.

It is generally supposed that Mrs. Frumma perished from exposure after leaving the house, but there are some evidences that the woman was dragged to the spot where her body was found and it is thought she may have been deliberately murdered.

Mrs. Frumma was about 35 years of age. She and her husband, an Albany barber, separated about four years ago.

Nearly Forfeits His Life.

A runaway almost ending fatally started a horrible ulcer on the leg of J. B. Orner, Franklin Grove, Ill. For four years it defied all doctors and all remedies. But Bucklin's Arnica Salve had no trouble to cure him. Equally good for burns, bruises, skin eruptions and piles. 75c at Charles Rogers' drug store.

Will Fight to Win.

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 25.—Baron Suyematsu arrived here today, a passenger of the Iyo Maru, being en route to London for the purpose of enlisting Great Britain's moral support for Japan in the war with Russia. He said:

"It is for us a gigantic struggle and one which we tried to avoid. But Japan will send her last man and will expend her last dollar in order to win."

Mysterious Circumstance.

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Rich Girl Threatened.

New York, Feb. 24.—Miss Etta Miles, of East New York Avenue and Amboy street, is the recipient of anonymous letters from a stranger who has made threats of dire vengeance should she not grant him an interview. So bold has the man become that he has several times called at the house, and made no attempt to conceal his identity, which as yet remains unknown. The matter has been placed in the hands of Captain Gardiner, of the Liberty avenue station, who is a friend of the young woman's father, Henry Miles, one of the wealthiest men in New York.

Better than Gold.

"I was troubled for several years with chronic indigestion and nervous debility," writes F. G. Green, of Lancaster N. H. "No remedy helped me until used Electric Bitters, which did me more good than all the medicine I had ever used. They have also kept my wife in excellent health for years. She says Electric Bitters are just splendid for female troubles; that they are a grand tonic and invigorator for weak run-down women. No other medicine tried. Only 50 cents. Satisfaction guaranteed by Charles Rogers."

Mayor on Witness Stand.

Chicago, Feb. 24.—Mayor Harrison appeared in the court today as a witness against the car barn bandits. The mayor testified against the claim that the confessions of the defendants were secured by intimidation. This is the second time in the history of the city that the mayor has been called as a witness in a murder case. The other time was when Carter Harrison Sr. told the jury trying the anarchists what he saw and heard on Haymarket Square about the throwing of the dynamite bomb.

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ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE OF REAL PROPERTY.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of an order of the county court of the state of Oregon, for the County of Multnomah, duly made and entered of record on the 3th day of February, 1904, in the matter of the estate of Rosa F. Burrell, deceased, authorizing and directing the sale of the real property to said estate belonging in the manner prescribed by law for the sale of real property upon execution, I Gordon Voorhies, administrator with the will annexed of the estate of Rosa F. Burrell, deceased, will offer for sale and will sell at public auction to the highest bidder at the court house door of Clatsop county, in the state of Oregon, on Thursday, the 31st day of March, 1904, at the hour of one o'clock p. m. of said day, all the following described real property situate in Clatsop county, Oregon, to-wit: The east half of lot three (3) in block two (2), Ocean Grove, as laid out by James K. Grimes; and lots one (1) and two (2) in block seven (7) in Grimes' Annex to Ocean Grove, in the county and state aforesaid. Said sale to be for cash, subject to confirmation by the court.

GORDON VOORHIES.

Administrator with the will annexed of the estate of Rosa F. Burrell, deceased. 2-25-3-29.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of an execution issued out of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Clatsop, on the 23rd day of February, A. D. 1904, upon a judgment rendered therein on the 15th day of February, 1904, in favor of Ross, Higgins & Co., (a Corporation) Plaintiff, and against Thomas Brown and Kate Brown, Defendants, for the sum of ninety-eight and 80-100 dollars, (\$98.80), together with interest thereon at the rate of six per cent per annum from the 15th day of February, 1904, and the further sum of \$11.80 costs and disbursements of this suit, and the costs of and upon this writ commanding and requiring me to make sale of the following described real property, to-wit:

The West one-half of lot No. 12, in block No. 115 in that part of the City of Astoria, known and described as Taylor's Astoria, as laid out and recorded by the Peninsular Land & Trust Company, and situate in the County of Clatsop, State of Oregon.

Notice is hereby given that I will on Monday, March 28th, 1904, at the hour

of ten o'clock in the forenoon of said day, in front of and at the Court House door, in the City of Astoria, Clatsop County, Oregon, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, the above described real property to satisfy the said judgment, interest, costs and all accruing costs.

THOS. LINVILLE,
Sheriff, Clatsop County, Oregon.
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