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## DEPOSITORS GIVEN BACK THEIR COIN

Depositors in Stockyards Institution Are Alarmed by Rumors and Make a Run That Lasts All Day.

Bank Officials Meet Emergency by Employing Help and Paying All Their Money.

## STOCKMEN VISIT WINDY CITY

Montana Delegation Arrives to Investigate Cause of Strike, and May Make Offers for Peace.

Chicago, Aug. 5.—The strike in the packing houses had a counter attraction today in the excitement attending the run on the Drovers' Trust & Savings bank, which is in the stockyards. The rush of depositors to the bank started early today because of an unfounded rumor that one of the packers' representatives had withdrawn his money from the institution and reports that the bank was used by the packing companies as an adjunct in paying employees who have taken the places of the strikers.

All day long hundreds of depositors stood in line and withdrew their small deposits. When closing time came this afternoon thousands of persons were waiting. The bank determined to meet the emergency, called in extra tellers and the place was kept open until every depositor who presented himself had been satisfied.

Rumors of another peace conference between the packers and the strikers were occasioned by the presence at the livestock exchange of John M. Boardman and M. E. Milner, president and secretary of the Montana Round-up Association, an organization of drovers, which sends nearly 250,000 head of cattle to the yards each year. The Montana men represent several million of dollars and announced that they were in Chicago to investigate the causes and conditions surrounding the strike.

### Government May Intervene.

That the federal government is preparing to take an active part in the stockyards strike was indicated today when International Secretary Call, of the Butcher Workmen, divulged the fact that he has been in conference with an emissary of the United States bureau of commerce and labor. Who this agent is, or what his immediate plans are, Mr. Call refuses to say, but the strike leader made this significant remark:

"In everything the packing trust is doing they are violating the law. Their very business combination is in restraint of trade and there is none of them that is not amenable to the federal laws. A sample of their operations came to my knowledge after stories had been printed in the newspapers telling of the importation of emigrants from foreign lands to take the place of American working men who are on strike. One of our pickets found in the street an emigrant receipt showing that the emigrant had been paid \$58.70 for passage to Chicago. At the bottom of the printed slip was the sentence: 'We hereby agree to rebate \$58.70 on presentation of this receipt at our Chicago office.' I showed this document to an official of the United States bureau of commerce and labor and inadvertently allowed him to keep it."

Recording Secretary Shanahan, of the Packing House Teamsters' Union, announced today that orders would be issued immediately to stop the removal of meats from the several cold storage warehouses in the city. The Allied Trades executive committee, he said, would act upon the teamsters' position, and a report favoring sympathetic action by teamsters who have been distributing meat from warehouses would mean the immediate issuance of a strike order to those drivers.

President Donnelly, the strike leader, who has been on a trip to Kansas City

and other packing centers, arrived today.

## FOREST FIRE RAGES.

Mashel Mountain in Flames, Burning for Two Days.

Tacoma, Aug. 4.—A big forest fire is raging on the southern side of the Mashel mountain, in the southeastern part of Pierce county. The fire is along the line of the Tacoma Eastern railroad, which skirts the foot of the mountain. It broke out two days ago, but it was not until noon yesterday that it gained sufficient foothold to threaten any great extent of territory. The railroad started a force of men at work fighting the fire, and many settlers volunteered. George B. Long, manager of the Weyerhaeuser timber syndicate, who returned from the end of the Tacoma Eastern line last evening, said the men were making little progress, as the fire had caught in the tops of the fire and cedar trees and was catching from one tree to another in its path across the slopes of the mountain. Mr. Long believes that in case of a high wind, the fire would wipe out considerable forest.

Mashel mountain is a high hill about ten miles in length, lying between the Big Mashel river and the Nisqually river. It is heavily timbered with fir, cedar and hemlock. Many settlers live in the south slope.

The still condition of the atmosphere today favored the fighters, the fire making but little headway. One great disadvantage the men are combating is the fact that the fire is in the tops of the trees and drying up the foliage of adjoining trees before it, easily runs from one tree to another with a noise like an approaching hurricane.

Manager Long received word yesterday that a forest fire was burning around Issaquah, in King county. This morning his rangers reported that the fire was doing no great amount of damage, but that another fire had broken out in the forest adjacent to North Bend. This fire was also reported to be doing no important damage.

These are the only fires of consequence at present in any section of the state in which the syndicate has holdings.

## AT SEA ALL NIGHT.

Girls Have Trying Experience off Massachusetts Coast.

Boston, Aug. 5.—Four society girls of Marblehead have been picked up in their sailing dory off South Breakers, Marblehead coast, after being adrift in the fog for over 12 hours. They had anchored off the breakers in despair, after trying vainly to set a course for home.

All the girls are expert yachtswomen and had entered the boat in the Day class of the Corinthian Yacht Club's mid-summer races. A dense fog set in soon after the races started. At the finish the girls' boat was not to be found.

When the dory did not come by night fall an alarm was given and boats put out in search. At 2 o'clock in the morning one of these boats skirting the south breakers found the girls, who were not at all frightened by their experience.

## PORTLAND CAR HELD UP.

Highwaymen Secure Large Amount From Late Passengers.

Portland, Aug. 5.—One of the Portland Heights cars was held up at the corner of Twentieth and Spring streets tonight about midnight by two masked highwaymen. For resisting one of the men the motorman was fired upon twice, but the shots went wide of the mark. The men then went through the car and robbed the conductor and eight passengers.

This is the third street car holdup within a month. The amount secured is thought to be considerable.

## Damage by Forest Fire.

Olympia, Aug. 5.—A forest fire on Thompson creek, this county, burned over large sections of land, destroying valuable timber, the county wagon bridge and a farm house. The fire is now under control.

## Today's Weather.

Portland, Aug. 5.—Western Oregon and western Washington, Saturday, fair with nearly stationary temperature. Eastern Oregon, eastern Washington and Idaho, fair, cooler Sunday.

## RUSSIA CAREFUL WITH NEUTRAL COMMERCE WHILE THE WAR HOLDS OUT

Declaration Officially Made That There Will Be No Repetition of Knight Commander and Thea Incidents.

Only in Cases of "Dire Necessity" Will Vessels Be Sunk by Russian Warships—Attitude of United States Regarded as Effort to Prevent Any Unnecessary International Complications and Is Gratifying.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 5.—The Associated Press is able to announce that there will be no repetition of the Knight Commander and Thea incidents. Russia has issued instructions to naval commanders not to sink neutral merchantmen with contraband on board in the future, except in cases of dire necessity, but in cases of emergency to haul the prizes into neutral ports. Here "dire necessity" may be regarded as reservation of the right which Russia does not formally relinquish, but which, it is safe to say, will not again be exercised during the present war.

Russia's concessions in this matter may be looked upon as proof of her sincere desire to avoid international complications, or the unnecessary irritation of neutrals.

Much interest is manifested in government and diplomatic circles regarding the dispatches from the United States, which report that the Washington government is sounding the powers as to their position concerning neutral commerce. This action of the United States government is interpreted as an indisposition to act hastily, and as indicating no desire to precipitate an unnecessary issue with Russia. The attitude of the United States government is gratifying to Russian authorities.

## After British Steamer.

London, Aug. 5.—The Illustrated

SEVEN LITTLE GIRLS LOST WHILE BATHING IN RIVER.

Waves From Passing Steamboat Disconcert Them and Only One of the Party Reaches Shore.

Alton, Ill., Aug. 5.—While bathing in the Mississippi river tonight, Michael Riley, his daughter and six of the latter's girl friends were drowned. One child in the party was saved. Riley lived near the river in the southern part of the city and was accustomed to bathe on the beach in front of his home. Tonight Riley took his little daughter and her seven girl friends to bathe with him. When they entered the water, Riley bade the children join hands, and they all waded into the river and walked along a sandbar, when suddenly the whole party disappeared beneath the water, having in the darkness stepped from the sandbar into the deep channel.

Riley, who is said to have been a good swimmer, is thought to have been made helpless by the girls clinging to him and hampering his efforts to save them. One child who was able to regain the sandbar was 8 years old and unable to tell how she saved herself. According to the child's account of the accident, the drowning was caused by the passage of a large river steamer. The wash from the steamer created considerable confusion among the girls and in the darkness they lost their bearings, and before they were aware of their danger two or three of them stepped off the sandbar into the channel, dragging the others with them.

## FUNSTON GOES TO CHICAGO.

Will Relieve Grant of Command of Department of Lakes.

Washington, Aug. 5.—The recent orders assigning General Funston to command of the department of the east were today modified, and he will go to Chicago instead, relieving General Grant of the command of the department of the lakes. Grant will go to the department of the east, with headquarters at Governor's Island. General Williams was assigned to command of the department of the Columbia.

Mirror says two Russian cruisers have just left the Baltic sea and are chasing a steamer which left England July 30 for Canada, carrying ammunition for Yokohama by way of the Canadian Pacific railway.

## Japs Said to Have Been Beaten.

Mukden, Aug. 5.—It is reported that the Japanese attacked the Russian position at Anshanshan, midway between Haicheng and Liao Yang, August 2, and were repulsed with heavy losses. The Russian casualties are not known.

## LARGE FORCES IN FIELD.

London Expects Soon to Hear of Fall of Port Arthur.

Berlin, Aug. 5.—The National Zeitung prints a telegram from Tokio, dated August 5, in which it is said there are five Japanese divisions before Port Arthur, part of them within three and a half miles of the fortress, and that there are altogether 40 divisions in Manchuria. The telegram says that London is expecting the fall of Port Arthur and the capitulation of Kuropatkin on the same day.

## Keller's Body at Liao Yang.

Liao Yang, Aug. 5.—Lieutenant-General Count Keller's body arrived here August 2, accompanied by his son. Funeral services will be held here and the body will then be sent north by railway.

FLEET WILL BE HELD TO INFLUENCE THE SULTAN.

Turkey's Ruler Has Not Made Satisfactory Reply as to Rights of American Citizens.

Washington, Aug. 5.—Minister Leishmann has notified the state department from Constantinople that he has failed to receive the expected satisfactory reply from the sultan touching the rights of American citizens in Turkey. While the negotiations will continue, it is supposed that the American battleship fleet will be detained at Gibraltar to strengthen the minister's hands in the conduct of these negotiations.

## CONDUCTORS BILK RAILROADS.

Issued Return Coupons to Passengers Which Had Been Used.

Chicago, August 5.—St. Louis lines have just discovered that conductors on various railroads and certain scalpers of Chicago and St. Louis have been engaged in a conspiracy to defraud the railroads through the manipulation of exposition tickets. It is declared that instead of taking up return coupons and turning them in to the company conductors have been selling them to scalpers.

In many instances when tickets to St. Louis and return were presented, conductors are said to have taken up the whole ticket, giving the passenger a return coupon that already had been used.

It is estimated that in this manner Chicago-St. Louis roads have been defrauded out of \$200,000.

## MUCH TIMBER BURNED.

Forest Fires Are Raging in Vicinity of Kalispel.

Butte, Aug. 5.—A Kalispel (Mont.) special to the Miner says: Forest fires are raging in the timber lands in this part of the country, and from reports received the damage will amount to many thousands of dollars. The fires are not only consuming the forests surrounding this city, but also the finest lumber sections in northern Montana, including the thickly wooded sections about Sterling, At-

lanta and Fisher river, Libby and between Troy and Bonner's Ferry, Idaho.

The ranchers in these districts are losing their houses, barns, crops and provisions, and their condition in many instances will be deplorable. The people living in the timbered sections are all out fighting the fire, but are almost powerless to check its advance. From reports thus far received of the burned area, it is estimated that the timber so far consumed amounts to several townships.

## CONSIDERED BY CABINET.

Relations With Turkey Discussed at Washington Meeting.

Washington, Aug. 5.—Secretary Hay's return to the city from his summer home was signalized by consideration at today's cabinet meeting of important matters concerning America's foreign relations. The secretary had not completed his vacation, but returned to Washington at this time on account of the developments in this country's relations with Turkey. The whole question was considered by the president and his cabinet in the light of information received by cable today from Minister Leishmann at Constantinople.

This government has been pressing the porte for an answer to our representations as to the rights of Americans to establish schools and other educational institutions in the Turkish empire and one was promised. Such rights have been accorded other nations, but have been withheld from America. After the meeting Secretary Hay declined to say what, if any, information had been received.

Secretary Morton's replies to similar inquiries indicated the probability of immediate action by his department bearing on the Turkish question. It is said that a proposition to hold the American battleship squadron at Gibraltar, instead of having it return to this country, has been made. The president, Postmaster-General Payne and Mr. Cortelyou had a conference on political matters.

TOWN OF KENDRICK, IDAHO, DEVASTATED BY BIG FIRE.

All of Business Section Laid Waste and Many Residences, Loss Being Estimated at \$200,000.

Spokane, Aug. 5.—A special to the Spokesman-Review from Kendrick, Idaho, says:

Fire which broke out in the old Pacific hotel at 10:30 this morning destroyed the whole business part of the city and many residences. The loss is calculated at \$250,000, with 50 per cent insurance.

The alarm was promptly turned in and the department responded quickly, but the flames were soon beyond control. In five minutes after the fire was discovered it jumped across Main street and ignited the brick buildings there. Several men were overcome by the heat and fainted in the street, but all were carried to places of safety.

About 36 business houses and 20 residences were destroyed. Nearly all the business men have already telegraphed the wholesale houses for new stocks and all are arranging to rebuild.

This is the fourth general fire here in 12 years. The origin of the flames is unknown.

## MURDERED BY HIS VALET.

Prominent Hartford Man Victim of Wrath of Negro Servant.

Hartford, Conn., Aug. 5.—Henry Osborne, former police commissioner and leading business man, was murdered today by his former valet, Joseph Watson. The negro was found tonight hiding under a bed in the basement of the Osborne home. As Watson was escorted down the steps to the patrol wagon the air resounded with cries of "Kill him!" "Lynch him!" from the crowd which had gathered, but no violence was attempted. Watson did not quail when face to face with the shouting crowd.

"I had it in for Osborne, and I killed him," he said. "I am not afraid to die, and I am satisfied now that I have killed him."

He killed Osborne out of revenge for being discharged as valet July 15.

## Delmar Makes New Record.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Aug. 5.—Major Delmar broke the half-mile record at the Hudson river driving park today, going the distance in 59 1/4 seconds.

## CANDIDACY SUPPLANTS JUDGESHIP

Alton B. Parker Tenders His Resignation as Chief Justice of the New York Court of Appeals.

Goes Quietly to Albany and Unexpectedly Steps Down From Office Held So Long.

## REFUSES TO MAKE COMMENT

Attends Session of Court and Upon Adjournment Sends Note to Secretary of State O'Brien.

Albany, Aug. 5.—Alton B. Parker ceased to be chief justice of the court of appeals of New York at 3:20 p. m. today. Without any intimation of his purpose, he came to Albany, took part with five other judges in clearing up all but three cases which had been argued before the court, and when his business as chief judge was completed, he called on the newspaper men and took them through court chambers, private offices and consultation rooms. In his own room, which he had occupied so long, he looked out of the window to the distant hills across the Hudson. His voice trembled perceptibly as he said:

"This room, boys, was mine." Returning to the consultation room, he took a long envelope from his pocket, and, turning to the official court messenger, said: "Will you do a kindness for me? Just take this down stairs and file it with the secretary of state."

The document read: "Hon. John F. O'Brien, Secretary of State.—Sir: I hereby respectfully resign my office as chief judge of the court of appeals of the state of New York, such resignation to take effect immediately.

(Signed) "ALTON B. PARKER." Judge Parker spent the remainder of the afternoon in conversation with his former colleagues in court. He refused to make any statement or comment in connection with his resignation beyond saying:

"It speaks for itself." His fellow judges were not so reticent, and each one had something to say, all testifying the esteem in which they held him as a jurist and a man.

## TWO CAMPS DESTROYED.

Forest Fire in Columbia County Assumes Alarming Proportions.

Rainier, Aug. 5.—The forest fire here has burned over 2000 acres, though little timber has been destroyed as yet. The McKinnon and Stennicks camps are destroyed; loss, \$2000. One hundred men fought the blaze all night to keep it from crossing the county road, whence a north wind would sweep it down the gulch into town. McIntyre's camp was threatened last night, endangering 2000 cords of wood, besides much cut and standing timber. There were several narrow escapes of firefighters and sightseers, who were nearly cut off from escape by smoke and flames.

The fire is of incendiary origin. The total loss to date will reach \$5000, and the danger not yet over. Several families abandoned their homes, saving clothing and small articles of value. The blaze at noon today was a seething furnace, with a light wind blowing toward town.

## LOGGING CAMP BURNED.

Fire Does Much Damage and Probably Loss of Life.

Bellingham, Aug. 5.—Fire which is supposed to have caught from a spark today destroyed the logging camp of McCush Bros, near Maple Falls. Three logging locomotives, seven flat cars and all the camp buildings were burned. A man whose name can not be ascertained is missing and is supposed to have been burned to death.