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UNDER BEHRING SEA

RAILROAD PROJECT TO
CONNECT TWO CONTINENTS.

French and Russian Company Seeks
Right of Way Across Alaska—Most
Gigantic Engineering Feat in History.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 5.—There is now pending before the secretary of the interior a petition of the Trans-Alaska-Siberian Railway Company for a right of way across Alaska. This company purposes, after crossing Alaska, to its westernmost extremity to tunnel under Behring Sea and connect with the Trans-Siberian railroad on the other side.

James Hamilton Lewis, former congressman from Washington, is one of the attorneys for this new company and will soon sail for Paris to meet with the stockholders on August 21. The projectors of the new road are said to be mostly French and Russian capitalists, while associated with them are a number of American bankers. John L. Healy of Alaska, the Klondike millionaire, and Count Loicq de Lobel of Paris, head the list of incorporators of the new company, which has taken out its charter under the laws of Maine, with offices to be established in Seattle, Chicago, New York, London, Paris, St. Petersburg and Irkutsk.

To Ask Land Grant.

Following the example of several prospective Alaska railroads that were heard from last winter, the Trans-Alaska-Siberia Company contemplates appealing to congress for a land grant through Alaska along its right of way. The company is anxious to procure a right of way conditioned after the Northern Pacific grant. But in this particular the company is probably doomed to disappointment, for the interior department is decidedly opposed to the granting of public lands to aid in the construction of railroads, and will oppose any such measure that may be introduced at the next session, as it opposed similar measures that were pending at the last session, all of which failed.

There is promise of international complications if this tunnel project is ever pressed to a point where the scheme is regarded as a bona fide enterprise, and there are assurances that the stockholders are acting in good faith. It is a fact, however, that there has been talk of this scheme for several years, and the only material development since the proposition was first discussed is the recent petition for a right of way through Alaska. In Washington the scheme is still regarded in much the light of the Jules Verne enterprises, and there is very serious doubt whether any company really intends to undertake the construction of a tunnel beneath Behring Sea. This doubt must be swept away before any special interest is taken in the project by the government.

DEAF MUTES.

Annual Convention of the "Silent Folk" in Pennsylvania.

Johnstown, Pa., Aug. 5.—The ninth annual convention of the Pennsylvania Association for the Advancement of Deaf Mutes began here today and will continue until Saturday. Under the auspices of the local association of deaf mutes elaborate arrangements have been made to give the visitors an enjoyable time.

One of the interesting features of the gathering will be a religious service tonight in St. Mark's church. The pastor, the Rev. R. Bakewell Green, will officiate, with the Rev. Austin W. Mann, of Cleveland, O., as interpreter for the "silent folk." Addresses will be delivered, both oral and manual, which will give information of special interest regarding the intellectual and religious advancement of deaf mutes in the United States and Europe.

COTTON BOLL WEEVIL.

Texas Has Appropriated \$50,000 to Fight It.

Austin, Texas, Aug. 5.—If any genius or scientist believes he has hit upon a way to exterminate the pestiferous cotton boll weevil now is the time for him to come forward. Fifty thousand dollars will be paid out of the state treasury of Texas to the person who presents a successful remedy. The award will be made by a committee of five members appointed by Governor Lanham, and who met here today for preliminary organization. Several claimants for the big reward have already sprung up and the committee may have its hands full for some time to come examining the merits of their respective remedies.

GEORGIA AGRICULTURISTS.

Farming and Related Industries Under Discussion.

Athens, Ga., Aug. 5.—The annual meeting of the Georgia State Agricultural Society, which began here today, is well attended. Features of today's program were the annual address of the president, Dudley M. Hughes, and the reading and discussion of papers as follows: "Agricultural Education of Farmers," Hon. Hame Jordan Jasper; "Sugar Cane



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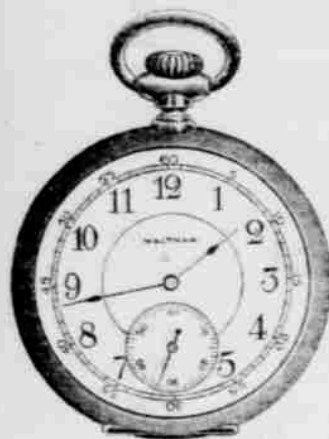
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SINGULAR SURMISE

STORY REVAMPED THAT LEO
XIII DIED EIGHT YEARS AGO.

Incredible Intriguing and Impersonation Accredited to the Late Pontiff's Brother—Will Parallel in the History "The Man in the Iron Mask" and Other Famous Questions of Identity.

Rome, Aug. 5.—It will hardly be credited, but it is nevertheless true, that a number of influential people in Rome and amongst Roman Catholics throughout Italy, continue to believe that it was not the real Pope Leo XIII who has just passed away, but his brother Cardinal Pecci, who, as the story goes, had impersonated the pope for a number of years. The pope and his brother, were as alike as two peas, and it is noteworthy that from his youth Gioacchino, who became pope, was extremely delicate. His pronouncements on labor, and his recognition of the French republic were severe shocks to the policy of certain religious orders, notably the Jesuits, who have also aimed at controlling the policy at the Vatican.

When Cardinal Pecci died about eight years ago, and his body was laid in state, many of those who saw it declared that it was the pope, not the cardinal, who was dead, and that the cardinal, who was supposed to be a tool in the hands of the Jesuits, had been hurried to the Vatican and made to impersonate the pope, as the times were not favorable to a papal election, the Jesuits not feeling secure of their influence being strong enough to secure the selection of their nominee. The cause of this singular rumor was doubtless due to death accentuating the extraordinary resemblance the two brothers bore to each other and the general distrust of the religious orders, notably the Jesuits, that exists even among many Roman Catholic ecclesiastics.

Mamie Large, of Albany, stood off a burglar Monday morning with a loaded shotgun.

Married Women

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