## DOOMED.

By WILLARD MacKENZIE

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CHAPTER XXI.—(Continued.) "In making my claim for this properidentity-would you have any objection to state all you know?"

"I'd much rather not have anything to do with it," he answered, bluntly. "But however, if it's necessary, I won't stand in your way; you sha'n't say I show you any malice. But what I know would be nothing in a lawyer's eyes. I find you, a child, lying, apparently dead, upon the seashore; but fancying I can see some symptoms of life, I carry you home. As was a Coastguardsman at When you come round, you me that your name is Eleonore Sois-I find 'Eleonore S.' marked on your oat. You tell me you bave friends berticoat. For the me your firm Britanny. Eleonore is too Frenchified name for my mouth, and I call you Ellen, and Soissons becomes Lawson; but after a time you are called by my name, and pass as Ellen Jenkins. That is all

And that would be most important nce," she answered, quickly. you that petticoat by you still?"
'es," he answered, hesitatingly, as igh ashamed to confess it.

One more question, and I have done. A strange story has recently been told by one who had no conception that I an actor in it. Before you found I had been saved from the shipwreck a gentleman-I and my mother. We were taken to a fisherman's hut, laid out dead, and the gentleman was afterwards told that we were buried next morning. How came I, then, down by the sea again, where you found me?"

I have lately heard the story myself." "The gentleman who saved was Sir Launce Penrhyddyn. But as on as he was gone, the fishermen carried the bodies back to the coast and put 'em where the tide would wash 'em back into They've a superstition the sea again. about drowned people, and don't like 'em In their houses.

"How horrible!" she exclaimed, shuddering, "But what had become of my mother's body? Did you not see that?"

"Just as I came up I saw what might have been a body washed away by a wave. Whatever it was, it sank directly. There was not light enough for me to very distinctly. I was only just in me to save you." 'Would to heaven that you had been

too late!" she exclaimed bitterly.

"And now have you anything more to say to me?" he asked, resuming his cold stern manner; "because my time is valuable, and is not my own to waste.

"Nothing more," she answered, sadly.

### CHAPTER XXII.

On the second morning after Mrs. Cas-tleton's interview with Jenkins, Mr. Wy-He was somewhat surprised to hear Mr. Fig announce that that lady was in the

"I have not come to draw any more money, or to ask you to lend me any," she said, pushing aside the clerk, and entering the room before Mr. Wylie had time to speak.

She threw herself into a chair, with her usual air of bantering insolence. Mr. of turning pale, and bit his nails. He, both hated and feared his visitor, and with every succeeding interview these feelings increased. Her scornful, lefiant bearing stung him to madness.

"If that is all you have come to tell me, the sooner our interview is en led the better," he answered.

Have you the vanity to suppose that I have come here for the purpose of contemplating and criticising your ugly features? Oh, dear, no; I would not be so rude as to so annoy my dear relation! How surprised you look! I repeat, my dear relation! It is a melancholy fact, I have discovered that you are my dear relation!"

"What do you mean?" he snarled sav-"Are you going to vamp up some lying story to extort money from me?" "I try to extort money from you?" she cried, fiercely; "not if I were starving, although you have robbed me of many hundreds. Yes, strange as it may sound, I am your relation-a distant one, I am thankful to say. With all your cunning, James Wylie, and all your prying. you never found out one secret of my life-my real name is Eleonore Soissons."

"Solssons?" he echoed, looking aghast. "Yes; of the Breton branch of the fam-My father was Adolphe de Sois-

"Adolphe de Soissons had but one child -a girl-and she and her mother went down in the Genevieve off the coast of Cornwall. Every soul perished. I know the family history too well to be deceived by such a shallow, flimsy lie! I knew Adolphe well, and his widow, too! She came begging to me more than once while ehe was in London. What put this trum-pery story into your head?"

She turned very pale at his last words, and bit her lips until the blood came, and there was a baleful light in her eyes as she spoke. "Take care what you say about my mother-she was a fond, dotting mother to me! When the occasion requires, I can produce ample proof of my identity. The only one I condescend to give you is this"-throwing a paper upon the table-'my marriage certificate, upon which you see inscribed the name of Eleonore de Solssons. The Genevieve did go down off the Cornish coast, and every soul perished except one. The man who saved me still lives, and is ready to appear and give evidence. The clothes I wore, with my name marked on them, are also pre-

Wylie eagerly examined the document cast at him. After a minute's silent reflection, his face slowly cleared. "I have no interest in denying your claim," he said, in his usual soft, hypocritical tone. "It will not take away one farthing from me. The claim of the Breton De Soissons is quite distinct from mine. But you must confess that your intelligence was somewhat startling. If I have said anything to annoy you, I apologize.

tiently. "Whenever you put on that tone I fancy you mean mischief." 'What is it you want of me?" he ask-

"You have a paper which will secure Sir Launce Penrhyddyn the mortgage money when it falls due. I want that

Mr. Wylie laughed, and slowly rubbed his hands together as though enjoying a "A modest request, certainly," "In the first place, how do you know that the letter is genuine?"

"That I have ascertained for myself. I called upon Messrs. Groom and Fry to ask whether they were instructed to pay over to Sir Launce a certain sum of money upon a certain date. Of course, as expected, they declined to furnish me with positive information; but their manner convinced me that some such communication had passed. Hand me over that paper, and I will sign a bond making over to you one-half the sum that I may inherit under Mrs. Grierson's will.'

"A sum that it is more than probable you may never touch," he sneered.

"A sum which it is more than proba ble I shall touch before the bells ring this year out. Oh, I know everything; I know that Constance Grierson wants not a month to her twentieth birthday, and that there is not the slightest chance of her fulfilling the condition under which she is to inherit the property."

Mr. Wylie looked amazed; then bent his brows and gnawed his nails again. During the last few minutes he had been revolving in his mind a desperate plan, but as yet it was only half formed.

"If what you say be true," he said, slowly, "we are both equally interested in the girl's forfeiture of her fortune. Have you any love for Constance Grier-

"I hate her!" she cried, vehemently: 'and more than ever since I heard Arthur praise her beauty, and say that he could have loved her had it not been

"I suppose that it is quite a settled thing that you are to be the future Lady Penrhyddyn?" he said, observing her sud-den break. "Help me, then, in a plan which, if successful, will be equally to your advantage as to mine; and that paper shall be yours within sufficient time to save Penrhyddyn."

"What is the plan?" she asked, looking steadily into his face.

"It has come to my knowledge that Constance, alarmed, doubtless, at the near approach of the fatal day, is about to draw a large sum of money-many thousands of pounds."

"But can she do so?" inquired Mrs. Castleton.

"Yes, with the concurrence of guardian, who is so violently opposed to the will by which she is hampered that he would do anything to nullify its provisions. I find that there is no provision n the will against such a contingency. Unless I could prove that the principal of the fortune was being reduced, I am powerless to check such expenditure without the coalition of my fellow trustee. There are many people for the fortune to be divided among, and its diminution by some twenty or thirty thousand pounds will materially diminish you share and mine."

"And how do you propose to prevent this?"

"It can easily be done by our united efforts. And, remember, the price of your assistance is the salvation of the Penrhyddyn estates. Refuse, and they are lost, and you will never be Lady Penrhyddyn. Which is it to be? Draw close, and

She drew close to him, and he, bending forward, began to speak in a low, earnest whisper, to which she listened with nale anxious attention.

A quarter of an hour afterwards, Mrs. Castleton passed through the outer offices with a grave and preoccupied expression upon her face.

Could she, at that moment, have trans ported berself into the little closet in the private office and have watched the expression of Wylie's countenance, she might have considered twice before she committed herself to his proposals. He was leaning back in his chair, convulsed with inward laughter. "She herself will prevent Constance from saving Penrhyd-The twenty or thirty thousand that we have plotted against her having is the very sum she intends devoting to that pur-This is delicious

Such were the thoughts then passing

through his brain. The die was cast, and Mrs. Castleton

was Mrs. Arthur Penrhyddyn, By advice of Sir Launce, whose health was greatly improving, Arthur had returned to London a few days after that lady. His course lay clearly before him. and he pursued it without hesitation or

one thought of retreat. One dark, foggy November morning they were married by license, with only Mrs. Freeman for a witness. cold, cheerless wedding, and the clergy man shivered in the raw atmosphere as he offered the usual good wishes,

As they came out, a funeral was slowly

passing down the road. "The poor young lady was married in this church only a month ago," said the sexton, with that love of garnishing happy events by opposite and doleful anec-

dotes which characterizes the vulgar. Eleonore shuddered, as she could feel her husband press her arm more closely to his side as he hurried her into the brougham. Pasing his arm round her waist, and drawing her towards him, he said: "We must think no more of omennow, darling; let us leave all such dark shadows behind us at the altar. We are defying augury-let us now think only

Never had her spirit been so softened. But the next moment came the blighting memory of how cruelly he was decrived in her; by what lies, and trickery, and deceit she had gained his love. She had not even confessed to him that she had "Stop whining," she answered, impa- once borne the fatal name of De Soissons.

But that secret he knew inwardly, as clearly as though she had written it

"Shall I tell him now?" she thought. 'No: let no other dark shadow come be

tween us on this day.' The cheerful drawing room, with its blazing fire, and the table laid out daintily for the wedding breakfast, revived their flagging spirits. There was to be no honeymoon excursion; they were to remain at Brompton.

"Ours has, indeed, been a quiet wedding." she said, as they sat by the fire BATTLESHIPS COMING TO PACIFIC

"You know my reasons, dearest; in the present state of my father's health and affairs, I could not break so important Navy Department Officials Still Try to an event to him. But, hereafter, there shall be another wedding-one worthy of you, and of the future mistress of Pen rhyddyn.'

What sweet music those last words sounded in her ears! "And it is I who will save Penrhyddyn," she thought. But even with this feeling of triumph came a "If Wylie should play me

"You shiver-are you cold?" asked Ar-

"Oh, no; but I fancied I saw a hideous face in the fire," she answered. That evening a letter was forwarded to Arthur from his own lodgings. It announced that Sir Launce would be in town on the next day.

CHAPTER XXIII. Not until a fortnight after his visit

to Jerome could Stafford obtain his eagerly desired interview with Constance. He had traveled to Guildford the next orning by the first train, and hung about the neighborhood of Linden Grange in the hope of accidentally meeting her. But the hope was not fulfilled. The next day, dint of indirect inquiries, he learned that she was confined to her room by a severe cold. He contrived to get a letter conveyed to her and to receive a reply, making an appointment.

The day on which they met was Arthe door would remain open and, thur's and Eleonore's wedding day. The though the president is at Oyster Bay place was the same which had witnessed their meeting some ten weeks back. Spite of himself, he could not prevent his first

greeting being cold and restrained. "What has happened, Edward?" she ked, anxiously. "Why have you writasked, anxiously. ten so urgently to me?"

"For your sake more than mine," he answered; "to clear your name from a blighting calumny."

She turned very pale, and asked faintly He observed the look and tone, and it struck a pang of fear to his heart. But it brought him at once the point, and made him speak plainly and concisely. So, without one word of preface or observation, he told the story, every incident of it, from Jerome's first meeting with the so-called Katie Doran on Westminster Bridge, to his, Stafford's, discovery of the picture in the gallery of Penrhyddyn, and the conversation he had eard upon his last visit to Jerome's

studio. Then he waited her reply. During the course of his narrative the pale, pained look upon her face had gradually changed to one of puzzled inquiry. "But I know nothing of all this," she

said, when he had finished. heard of this Jerome or of his painting."
"Thank heaven!" he cried, seizing her hand and pressing it passionately to his

"There is only one circumstance in the whole story that I have any knowledge of. I perfectly remember some men staring rudely at me in Harley street one day as I was stepping into my carriage; and that they afterwards came up to the window, which my uncle drew up in their

ond party.'

"There was, certainly, one person in the was that the mayor is barred. group the sight of whom might have produced such an effect."

"And that was-" "A man whom I once knew under the name of Parsons," she answered, in a low voice, and with downcast eyes; "a man

who once cruelly wronged me." "In what way?" eagerly inquired Staf-

She was silent for a moment, then answered, quietly, "I cannot tell you now."

(To be continued.)

Five Classes of Mules.

Many persons do not know what constitutes the five classes of marketable mules known as cotton mules, lumber mules, rallroad mules, sugar mules and miners. Cotton mules are most numerous. They range from thirteen to sixteen hands high and may be of various builds so long as they are smooth.

They sell at \$75 to \$165 aplece. Lumber mules are large, heavy boned and rugged for use in big lumber camps. Their price ranges up to \$250. The railroad mules are similar, but need not have so much weight. They are \$15 to

Is from \$65 to \$210. from the other classes. Levee mules are is owned by the Union Pacific. heavy work. The miners are the hard- in the West. est class to supply. They must be either a dark bay or black color. White and sorrel mules are never used. Where the mines have long shafts, in the Pennsylvania coal region especially, they say a white mule resembles a ghost and frightens the other mules beyond con-

The government buys all classes of Missouri mules, but never a cheap one, and the examination of mules for the public service is rigid.

Sometimes Always. Mrs. Newed-My husband and I get along so nicely. We always agree about everything.

Mrs. Oldwed-Is that so? Mrs. Newed-Yes-except, of course, now and then when he gets pigheaded

or something of that sort. There is no thunder or lightning within the Arctic circle.

# OPEN DOOR IN CHINA

## Japan Has Blocked It aud Broke Many Promises.

Minimize the Importance of the Demonstration.

Washington, July 6 .- Interest in world politics and the possibility of conflict with Japan was renewed here ure of the casualties this year is the today when the definite news that a number of deaths from fright. Of the great fleet of United States warships five instant deaths in this city, four would be sent to the Pacific coast be- were from fright. This is a splendid came generally known. Also a new phase was put on the matter when it became known that the move, calculat- them to cause suffering. ed as it is to impress Japan that she is not dealing with a power like Russia, hinges on something deeper than the her citizens have received that San Francisco. The real issue, it is pointed out here, is the open door in the Far East.

Ostensibly it was for the open door that Japan went to war with Russia. But after her victory the door of trade in Manchuria and Corea was pretty well blocked up with obstacles placed by Japan, much to the discomfiture of American and British merchants.

America was given assurances that and other officials of the government are out of the city, it is reported here that the United States intends, if it should become necessary, to be prepared to insist that the Japanese government put no restrictions in the way of trade with the continent of Asia.

While it has been constantly declared by the Navy department that no menace to Japan is intended by the dispatch of the fleet, and Ambassador Aoki, of that country, has asserted that Japan will not construe the presence of the fleet in the Pacific as such, understood here that the arrival of the battleship squadron in the Pacific marks the initial step towards the but includes the damage to both estabmaintenance of a permanent fighting fleet in the Pacific hereafter.

Whether te entire fleet of 18 vessels which is now destined for the Pacific remains there or not, it is asserted on the authority of well informed officials that the American navy in the Pacific will never again be inadequate to cope with any emergency on that side of the continent unless there is a vast change in the aspect of international politics.

## BELIEVE SCHMITZ BARRED.

### Prosecutors Say Name Cannot Legally Go on Ballot.

San Francisco, July 6 .- Announce men! by Eugene E. Schmitz that he would be a candidate for re-election to the mayoralty this fall to a fourth term "But Jerome told me that you turned unless his appeal for a new trial is in One Million Dollars Damage to Farm quite pale at the sight of him, and in this the meantime denied by the Appellate question whether he can legally go "I could not be disturbed at the sight upon the ballot. An examination into of Mr. Jerome, considering that I had the law on this point was made today never before seen nor even heard of the by Assistant District Attorney Robert gentleman," she answered, flushing. Harrison, and the tentative conclusion

> Schmitz maintains that he is not convicted until his conviction by the jury in Judge Dunne's court is finally passed upon and sustained by the Supreme court of the state.

## Finns Arming to Fight Russia.

St. Petersburg, July 6 .- The Novoe an official English source that the recent seizure of arms and ammunition totaled 90,000 rifles and also several million roubles' worth of ammunition. All this war material came from Germany and was reshipped via Newcastle. The size of the shipment, the paper says, is taken to indicate that the purchasers are Finns, as none of the Russian revolutionary bodies is sufficiently wealthy to buy so much arms and ammunition.

## Coal Will Be Scarcer.

Rock Springs, Wyo., July 6.—As a result of the suits filed by the government against the Union Pacific Coal company, fereing that company to \$20 cheaper. They are used in grading abandon coal property alleged to have and hauling. Sugar mules are lighter, been illegally secured from the govern-They must be smooth, with small head ment, three of the big coal mines situand neck and smaller bones. Their price ated on the disputed property have been closed down. Farm mules are the culls rejected to the Superior Coal company, which used near steamboats and docks for the effect will be a further shortage of coal

## Flocking Over Border.

Mexico City, July 6 .- Two hundred and seventy-five Japanese landed at Santa Cruz yesterday. The Japanese are headed for the coal mines in the district of Las Esperanza. Joseph Z. Strand, a Chinese immigration inspecenter the United States.

## No Idea of Boycotting.

London, July 6. - "The leading chambers of commerce assure me, existing trade conditions."

### CARNAGE PALLS FOURTH.

#### Celebration Victims Up To Former Records for Number.

Chicago, July 5 .- The annual slaughter has been done in the name, or rather under the guise, of "patriotism." With 58 known victims, and hundreds of others groaning out their lives in hospitals, it is certain that the list of victims to the "Glorious Fourth" will exceed 158, the total last year. In 1906 with all the precautions that could be taken by authorities, the total injured reached nearly 6,000 and the total this year when all the returns are in, will be quite as large, more likely larger, for the foolkiller has been sadly remiss in his duty. Inventors have brought forth new engines of destruc

The toy pistol and cannon cracker and deadly dyanmite cane have claimed their usual quota. One peculiar feattribute to the manufacturers of explosives and the blithering idiots who use In New York three persons were

killed by explosives, and a girl was trampled to death under the hoofs of a resentment of Japan at the treatment panic stricken horse scared by celebra-Cincinnati, Philadelphia, Milwaukee

> deaths, but hundreds of accidents. The total fire loss attributable to fire works was \$304,000. This was greatly reduced by heavy rains, which were general over the Middle West the night before the Fourth.

#### SUE SAN FRANCISCO.

#### Injured Japanese Claim Damages from Bay City.

San Francisco, July 5 .- Suit against the city and county of San Francisco was filed this afternoon in the Superior court for the recovery of \$2,575 for damages alleged to have been sustained by the proprietors of the Horseshoe restaurant and a Japanese bath house at Eighth and Folsom streets on May 23, when a row, caused by an attack by labor union men on two nonunion men, who were eating in the restaurant, resulted in the fronts of the two places being smashed by stones and clubs.

The suit was brought in the name of J. Timoto, proprietor of the bath house, lishments, the proprietor of the restaurant having assigned his claim to the plaintiff. The papers were filed by Carl E. Lindsay, attorney for Timoto, Associated with him are United States District Attorney Robert Devlin, who appears at the request of United States Attorney General Charles J. Bonaparte, and Earl H. Webb, of counsel for the proscution.

Japanese Acting Counsel Matsubaio is also taking an active interest in the case, which is the first legal action resulting from the declaration of the United States government that, by due legal process, reparation should be made for whatever damage the Japanese may have sustained.

## BIG LEVEE LETS FLOOD GO.

## Lands in California.

30,000 acres of land belonging to Mil- manding the department of Dal ota, ler & Lux and the Tevis Land company, and causing \$1,000,000 damage. The Sunset railway has been put out of commission and the oil fields are cut off

from communication with this city. Buena Vista lake, covering 19 square an interview this evening authorized miles, and protected a body of re- the Associated Press to say that he will claimed land extending for a distance be a candidate for re-election to a fourth of 15 miles, including the old bed of term. He declared that he is confident Kern lake, the property of the Kern of winning at the polls and that noth-County Land company and Miller & ing will prevent him from running ex-Vremya declares it has learned from Lux. This land was covered with crops cept the denial by the Appellate and

> and with alfalfa. Of the flooded land, about 22,000 acres belonging to the Kern County a jury in the Superior court. Land company and 8,000 to Miller & Lux. The territory is divided into four big ranches, and the work of reclamation has been in progress for

nearly 20 years. The levee was built in 1886-7 jointly by the two corporations at a cost of \$250,000.

## Throws Sop to Peasants.

St. Petersburg, July 5 .- The government is showing feverish activity in the striking carmen, and Treasurer pushing the distribution of the 25,000,-000 acres of crown, state and peasant land, which it has decided to distribute in average lots of 25 acres to individual peasant soldiers on easy payment terms, in order to make a showing before the The mines belong convocation of the new parliament. Four of the participants in a pawnshop The robbery here June 12 have been tried by court martial and condemned to be are a thickly populated portion of hanged. Eight bandits at Riga have city and it was only by hard work that been sentenced to death.

## Pouring Into British Columbia.

Victoria, B. C., July 5 .- It is exected over 3,000 Japanese will arrive in British Columbia during this month from Japan and Honolulu, and as many if not more are expected in August. tor stationed at El Paso, who arrived The steamer Kumeric will bring the in this city today, stated that the Jap- first large contingent of 2,000 Japanese anese are flocking to the border in great from Honolulu, to be followed by other numbers and buying tickets from steamers. The numbers brought across made public. M. Bourgeois, French Juarez through to Canada, in order to the Pacific are constantly increasing. Five steamers due during the next two weeks have over 600 on board.

## Straus Probes Immigration.

Montreal, July 5 .- Oscar S. Straus, cabled the Tokio correspondent of the sceretary of commerce and lator, left Daily Telegraph, that they never even here tonight for Honolulu, via Toronto entertained the idea of boycotting and Winnipeg. Mr. Straus is studying shocks were felt today at Tolmeazo, American goods. Such a boycott would conditions at the ports where immigra- Sandaniele and Amaro, great Udeni, be considered suicidal, in view of the tion into the United States is the heav- capital of the province of that name.

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Strengthen Pacific Fleet. Doe

## NO BATTLESHIPS ARE COMILA

Ru nor of Such Movement Came Free Naval Expert-Only Two Ships :-Ordered to Pacific.

Washington, July 4.-The gover nent is not going to throw fuel on ty anti-American flames now burning r Japan by ordering 16 battleships fro the Atlantic to the Pacific, as has been reported in some dispatches. Assis. ant Secretary Newberry of the Navy d partment said today that no large movement of warships from the Atlan ie to the Pacific was contemplated Washington and Tennessee, no in Bordeaux, are under orders to join the Pacific squadron later on, but asid from that no general movement is con templated. His statement is substar tiated by an official announcemer made today at Oyster Bay. and several other large cities report no

It is pointed out in diplomatic circle that the Japanese government does no countenance the anti-American agita tion that is in progress in that country and this government, as such, enter tains the most friendly feeling fo Japan. It therefore being mutually understood that the relations of the two governments are most amicable, there could be no reason for now moving 16

battleships to the Pacific. Some naval experts who can scent war every time they smell firecrackers are responsible for sensational reports that have been in circulation, but these experts are not speaking by authority. There is to be no general change in the stations of our warships. Ultimately the Pacific fleet will be strengthened, as it needs to be, but there is no intention of unnecessarily exposing the Atlantic coast with its many great cities at a time when it is believed there is no danger of war on the Pacific.

### GARFIELD TOURS MONTANA.

### Secretary Speaks on Saving Land for Public Good.

Helena, Mont., July 4 .- Secretary of the Interior Garfield, accompanied by Senators Carter and Dixon, Gifford Pinchot, cheif of the reclamation bureau, and a host of administration officials, arrived yesterday. The visitors completed an inspection of the Huntley and Buford projects, and after delivering a Fourth of July oration at Missoula will visit St. Marys and other Montana projects. Mr. Garfield delivered an address here last night.

Mr. Garfield spoke at the auditorum, urging the people of the state to o-operate with the government in its efforts to save the natural resources of the state for the public and from falling into hands of private interests, which, he said, was done with the resources of the East.

Mr. Garfield and party left this morning for Missoula. A review at Bakersfield, Cal., July 5 .- The Buena Fort Harrison in his honor and in that Vista lake levee has broken, flooding of Brigadier General McCaskey, comwas given.

## Schmitz to Be Candidate.

San Francisco, July 4 .- Mayor Eugene E. Schmitz, who is awaiting sen-The levee held back the waters of tence under conviction of extortion, in of growing grain ready for the harvests | Supreme courts of the appeals he is preparing to take for a new trial of the charge on which he stands convicted by

Cable Line in Operation. San Francisco, July 4.—The California street cable line was put in operation yesterday for the first time since the carmen struck. The cars were manned by nonunion men who were broke in last week. After a quiet week in the strike several cars were stoned last night in various parts of the city \$1,000 strike benefit was distributed to Bowing reported the union's treasury in good condition.

## Big Lumber Yards Burn.

Denver, July 4 .- Fire which was discovered in the Hardwood Lumber compeny's yards in this city at 1:45 this morning did nearly \$50,000 damage hefore brought under control. The ya, is the flames were kept from spreading. As it was, nearly all the windows in the residences for a radius of 100 yards were broken by the extreme heat.

## Offers Drago Doctrine.

The Hague, July 4.-Joseph H. Choate, United States delegate, yesterday presented a definite draft of his proposition regarding the collection of debts, embodying the principles also president of the arbitration committee received Mr. Choate's proposition and ordered it to be printed and distributed to all the delegates before being read

### to the subcommittee on arbitration, Earthquake in the Alps.

Rome, July 4.-Slight enginquake Tolmezzo is in the Alpsy

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