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A STUDY IN SCARLET.

BY A. CONAN DOYLE.

CHAPTER I.—Continued. Sherlock Holmes seemed delighted at the idea of sharing rooms with me. "I have my eye on a suite in Baker street," he said, "which would suit you down to the ground. You don't mind the smell of strong tobacco, I hope?"

him manipulating his fragile philosophical instruments. The reader may set me down as a hopeless busybody, when I confess how much this man stimulated my curiosity, and how often I endeavored to break through the reticence which he showed in all that concerned himself.

I see that I have alluded above to his powers upon the violin. These were very remarkable, but as eccentric as all his other accomplishments. That he could play pieces, and difficult pieces, I knew well, because at my request he had played me some of Mendelssohn's "Lieder," and other favorites.

EVENTS OF THE DAY

FROM THE FOUR QUARTERS OF THE WORLD.

A Comprehensive Review of the Important Happenings of the Past Week, Presented in a Condensed Form, Which is Most Likely to Prove of Interest to Our Many Readers.

Demonstrations continue in France against the closing of Catholic schools. Automobile devotees in England find themselves badly handicapped by stringent speed laws. Preparations for the coronation are in full swing, but there is a noticeable lack of enthusiasm.

RELIEF FOR STRIKERS.

Extensive Plans Under Consideration by Mine-workers Officers.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., July 29.—President Mitchell was kept busy receiving committees at strike headquarters today. A committee from the stationary firemen spent some time with him. It is understood that the Indianapolis convention made no provision for the firemen, but it is understood they will receive the same provisions as the miners.

RAIN STORMS IN TEXAS.

Deluge in Central Part of State Continues—Immense Property Losses.

Dallas, Tex., July 29.—The deluge of rain which has been pouring over Central Texas for several days has not abated. In addition to three lives lost at Stevensonville, there has been much property damaged. Within four hours at Cameron yesterday 15 inches of rain fell. A thousand feet of the Santa Fe tracks was carried away and a portion of the Arkansas Pass road destroyed.

LAND SALE ABANDONED.

Congress Fixed Too High a Price on Tracts Near Pocatello, Idaho.

Washington, July 29.—Assistant Land Commissioner Richards has notified the interior department that the auctioning of lands within the five-mile limit of Pocatello, on the Fort Hall reservation, Idaho, has been abandoned. During the seven days that sales were conducted, only 69 tracts were disposed of, from which the government realized \$42,437.

DASH FOR LIBERTY.

A Large Body of Strikers Under Arrest, but Many Made Their Escape.

Tamaqua, Pa., July 29.—This evening about 50 strikers captured William Eagan, a Lehigh Coal & Navigation Company brakeman, and made an attempt to march him out of the region. When they reached a point near Mauch Chunk they were met by about 20 deputies armed with Winchester rifles. At the point of their guns the officers marched the men to a train which was in waiting, and took them to Lanford. When they arrived there a large crowd of strikers gathered about the train and made a demonstration.

Wreck Near Omaha.

Omaha, July 28.—Passenger train No. 5, west bound on the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific, was wrecked three miles west of South Omaha at 2 o'clock this afternoon, the fireman being killed, the engineer perhaps fatally hurt, and two express messengers badly bruised.

NEWS OF THE STATE

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS OF OREGON.

Commercial and Financial Happenings of Importance—A Brief Review of the Growth and Improvements of the Many Industries Throughout Our Thriving Commonwealth—Latest Market Report.

A project is on foot to put in a first class waterworks at Dallas. Marion and Umatilla counties report a decrease in the school population. J. A. Beattie, president of the state normal school at Weston, has resigned to accept a position in the East. Benton county farmers are now cutting their fall sown grain. Both the fall and spring sown wheat will yield well.

DISORDERS AT PARIS.

More Rioting Follows Attempt to Close the Church Schools—Many Arrests.

Paris, July 26.—Disturbances continue as a sequel to yesterday's clerical outbreaks as protests against the government's enforcement of the law against unauthorized congregations. It now appears that 300 arrests were made and numerous prosecutions are pending, although the majority of the prisoners were released. Fresh meetings to protest in favor of the religious orders are expected to be held, while the Radical and Socialist papers are urging the Republicans to meet at the Pantheon as a counter demonstration.

The agitation recalls to some extent the scenes enacted when M. Ferri, then premier, expelled the Jesuits, in 1880. Demonstrations in favor of the nuns and of the teaching friars are taking place in Paris and many places in the provinces where the prefects presented themselves at the schools and ordered that the institutions be closed. Up to the present, however, no serious incident has been recorded.

The Nationalists have joined the Clericals in engineering the agitation, and their leaders are in the forefront of the effort. Much sympathy has been worked up on behalf of the nuns, and their schools have been made particular objects of demonstrations. The Clericals called upon their sympathizers to meet outside of the school conducted by the Sisters of St. Vincent de Paul, in the northeast quarter of Paris, which was closed, and a great crowd gathered there, compelling a large body of mounted municipal guards and police to form a cordon in the streets leading to the school.

A salt war is on at Portland. Wholesale men, in order to fight the trust, now have four vessels on route loaded with salt, and one is discharging her cargo in that port. The effect is already noticeable, \$14 per ton having been allowed off the price within 30 days.

The Pacific Coast Lumber Company, of Albany, has been incorporated with \$40,000 capital stock. During this warm weather about 600 patients of the state insane asylum enjoy a picnic twice a week. Several attempts have been made the past week to burn Fort Stevens, but in each instance the flames were discovered in time to prevent serious destruction.

Placer mining on the Snake river is proving very profitable in some places this season. The clean-up from one bar for the season is estimated at \$10,000. A representative from a Nebraska firm has purchased 1,000 head of extra fine horses in Crook county and will ship them East during August and September.

MEXICAN TRAIN HELD UP.

Arming American Robbers Make a Big haul—Escaped in the Darkness.

El Paso, Tex., July 26.—A daring holdup took place on the Mexican Central about 12:30 o'clock yesterday morning, just after the train left Bernijillo. At Bernijillo three Americans boarded the blind baggage and the other entering the third class coach. As soon as the train pulled out the two riding on the blind baggage entered the express car, and, covering the messenger with their guns, ordered him to throw up his hands. The express messenger offered no resistance. The robbers then went leisurely through the safe, securing \$50,000 in currency, consigned to the Banco Minero, at Chihuahua. They also took what other money packages were in the safe, and stood quietly by until the train stopped, making a hasty exit, and dropping off the train as it was slowing down. After alighting they disappeared in the darkness.

About the time the robbers entered the express car the conductor of the train became engaged in an altercation with a passenger who refused to pay his fare. Finally the conductor had the train stopped and the passenger ejected. The robbers alighted at the same time. It is now believed the troublesome passenger was a partner of the robbers, and his action a ruse to secure the stopping of the train.

Union Pacific Nachinists' Strike.

Omaha, July 26.—The Union Pacific Rail road today brought in 38 new men to take place in Omaha shops out the strike leaders say 21 of them deserted without going to work. The railroad officials say this was not unexpected, and that the greater part of those who did not go to work were men who were found incompetent and released. Mr. McKee, superintendent of motive power, said today that piecework would soon be introduced into other parts of the shops of the system, and that it will soon be used exclusively.

Proposed Reduction in Pay.

Elwood, Ind., July 26.—Renewed efforts were made here today to have the Amalgamated Association of Iron and Steel workers accept the 25 per cent reduction in wages in order that the American Tinplate company may secure an order of 1,500,000 boxes of tin from the Standard Oil company. The meeting lasted for four hours, and despite the fact that President Shaffer advised the men to accept the reduction, they refused to do so.