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ROBBERS STEAL ALASKAN GOLD

BIGGEST PLOT FOR ROBBING MAILS EVER DISCOVERED IN ALASKA.

Sack Containing \$45,000 in Gold Dust Disappears, Being Third Pouch Stolen in Month.

Seattle, Wash., Aug. 23.—What is believed to be the biggest plot for robbing the United States mails ever discovered is now in operation in Alaska. Only yesterday word was received from the coast that the third pouch missing in a month has been reported at Skagway. The sack contained \$45,000 in gold dust, addressed to Seattle banks. Post-office inspectors who are already in the north working on two former robberies have taken up the latest loss. It is almost certain the sacks were stolen in transit on the Yukon river boats between this point and Dawson. Several men are under suspicion, but no arrests have been made.

Ever since the gold dust shippers decided to use the mails for sending out the metal instead of patronizing the express companies because of the increased tariff this trouble has existed. It necessitates the employment of guards by the Government to watch each gold shipment. As they have been practically unguarded up to date the robberies were easy, and it is believed the thefts have resulted from the systematic operations of bandits working with well-laid plans.

Will Experiment in Growing Rice.

Gridley, Cal., Aug. 23.—An experiment in rice growing on a large scale is to be made near Gridley, in Butte county, during the coming season. According to the present plans, 500 acres will be planted on a tract which has been pronounced by experts to be well adapted to the culture of rice. George K. Aoki, a Japanese merchant of San Francisco, who is one of the leaders of the experiment, has made a study of the matter for some years, and he believes that a new and profitable industry can be built up in California. Rice requires a rich soil, from a foot to two feet deep, with a hard

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Oregon Hallstorm Devastates Farms.

Pendleton, Ore., Aug. 26.—The hardest hallstorm that ever occurred in Oregon came yesterday. The cloudburst visited two different sections of Umatilla county almost simultaneously, causing thousands of dollars damage. Hundreds of acres of wheat and alfalfa were ruined. Bridges, farm machinery, outhouses and some livestock suffered. The hallstorm struck the wheat belt about fifteen miles east of Pendleton, swept northward a distance of more than ten miles, covering a section three-quarters of a mile wide.

Hall fell to the depth of from three to four inches. The other cloudburst visited the head of West Birch creek, several miles south of Pilot Rocks and washed away several bridges.

To Save Redwood Grove.

Guerneville, Aug. 26.—Permanent organization of a club for the purpose of saving from the woodsmen's ax the magnificent Armstrong grove of redwoods has been effected at Guerneville. It is likely that the grove will be sold for the purpose of the lumber the trees will furnish, while the people of Guerneville and the entire county and section of the State are desirous of having the trees preserved.

A committee has been named to take the matter in hand. The grove was the property of the late Colonel Armstrong and at one time he was willing to make the trees a gift to the State, but the offer was not accepted.

Miss Vanderbilt Has \$10,000,000.

New York, Aug. 23.—Miss Gladys M. Vanderbilt, daughter of the late Cornelius Vanderbilt, will come into full control of the fortune left in trust for her at the end of the present month, and will then be one of the richest young women in the country. The direct inheritance of \$7,000,000 left her has, by successful manipulation, now grown to over \$8,000,000. In addition Miss Vanderbilt will secure over \$2,000,000 from the estate of her mother. This, at the most conservative estimate, will bring Miss Vanderbilt's total fortune to \$10,000,000.

HIS NECK WAS BROKEN

WHILE EXTRACTING A TOOTH A DENTIST BREAKS MAN'S NECK INSTEAD.

Chicago, Aug. 28.—George Davis, 38 years old, died in the county hospital as a result of a broken neck caused by the extraction of a tooth.

According to Dr. A. B. Eustace, Davis entered the hospital a day or so ago and was supposed to be suffering from paralysis of the right arm. While Dr. Eustace was making an examination Davis complained of severe pains in the neck. Further inspection showed that the man's neck was broken.

"He told me he had visited a dentist about two weeks ago to have a tooth extracted," said Dr. Eustace. "The dentist was forced to jerk at the tooth several times before he succeeded in removing it. At that time Davis said he felt no pain in the neck. Sunday he lost the use of his right arm and felt a slight pain in his spine. I tried to learn the name of the dentist, but he could not remember it."

Coroner's Physician Hunter conducted a post mortem examination and ascribed death to a broken neck. The police are endeavoring to learn the name of the dentist.

GETTING READY FOR THE VOYAGE

DETAILS OF MOVEMENT OF THE BATTLESHIPS ARE NOW NEARLY COMPLETED.

Big Fleet Will Reach the Pacific in 1908, and Will Stop at Magdalena for Target Practice.

Washington, Aug. 28.—Details of the movement of the great battleship fleet around the South American continent are being systematically developed aboard Admiral Evans' flagship Connecticut and at the Navy Department, where, by the President's orders, various bureaus are now authorized to execute plans for the fleet movement. It is settled that the battleships, or at least a number of them, will go to Puget Sound. The number will be determined by the capacity of the Sound to accommodate them. The battleships will carry only 120 fathoms of anchor chain, and most of the water there is more than sixty fathoms deep, so, as safe practice requires chains to be not less than three times the depth of water, only a few vessels can be accommodated near Bremerton at once.

The details of the cruise will be left to Admiral Evans and the details of preparation to bureau chiefs. The precise date of departure is not fixed because no officer is willing to forego target practice, although this makes necessary a certain amount of repairs to the ships. Also a number of turret changes will probably have to be made as a result of the anticipated report of the board of investigation on the accident on the battleship Georgia and inspecting turrets of the various ships. However, it has been determined that all will be in readiness to start on December 1st, and that between that date and December 15 the start will be made, the fleet steaming ten knots, which is the most economical speed so as to enable the colliers to keep up with the warships.

Starting with full bunkers, ships en route will require 100,504 additional tons of coal. Where possible, American coal will be used, but much foreign coal will have to be bought. Magdalena Bay, according to rough plans, will be reached about March 9, but the itinerary at this point gives ten days additional for target practice, which will continue for about a month.

Some of the battleships will go to Puget Sound and others to San Francisco. Nothing has been settled about the return of the fleet and probably will not be until within two months in advance of the actual return.

Must Maintain Great Fleet on Pacific.

New York, Aug. 28.—Congressman Roberts of Massachusetts, who, with other members of the naval committee investigating the needs of the Brooklyn navy yard, said the trip of the battleships via the Straits of Magellan is for tactical reasons alone. He said:

"We all believe the Suez route is the easier and cheaper, but going by hard route will determine some of our needs in the Pacific, particularly in the matter of coaling stations along the mainland. I have not the slightest doubt that a million dollars will be used up by taking the Pacific route, but if naval tacticians wish to determine certain things now is the time."

Representative Foss, chairman of the committee, said the committee will probably ask Congress to authorize four more battleships, and added:

"We may as well make up our minds now that it is necessary to maintain a large fleet in the Pacific. Our interests are too great on that coast to do otherwise."

Infernal Machine Sent to Cortelyou.

Philadelphia, Aug. 28.—An infernal machine sent through the mails to Secretary of the Treasury George B. Cortelyou partially exploded in the Nicetown sub-postoffice last evening while a clerk was postmarking the stamps. He was severely burned by the explosion. Had the package been opened in the hands of the Secretary both he and his associates would have been blown to atoms.

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