

LORD OF THE DESERT

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The Trapper of the Desert was a young man of eight and twenty years. For ten years he had been known upon the desert...

But the reader shall know more about this trapper of the desert and his abode than the visitors of those days knew. He was not alone...

A subterranean passage lead to a larger cave beyond that occupied as the open home of the trapper. A crevasse let in the light from the side...

According to the police the fight started in a hall in Roosevelt street, where a meeting was in session. Santo was charged with having revealed secrets...

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NEWS OF OREGON

Robbers Secure Only 300 Stamps Among Three Towns—Better in Texas. Warren, Mich., Nov. 28.—Clint E. Osborne, assistant proprietor of a general store...

An Indiana Attempt. Akron, O., Nov. 28.—Early today a desperate attempt was made to rob the Exchange bank at this place. The robbers captured and bound the two night telephone operators...

Better Luck in Texas. Dallas, Tex., Nov. 28.—The national bank at Morgan, Garza county, was dynamited by robbers early today and \$5,000 in gold, silver and currency was secured by the burglars...

Anarchists Arrested. Street Fight Believed to Have Revealed Secret Meeting Place. New York, Nov. 26.—As the outcome of the arrest of two Italians fighting fiercely in the street...

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Commercial and Financial Happenings of the Past Week—Brief Review of the Growth and Development of Various Industries Throughout Our Commonwealth—Latest Market Report.

The postoffice at Pokenama, Klamath county, has been discontinued. The building boom, which has been in progress at Weston for several weeks, shows no signs of abatement.

The second term at the state normal school at Monmouth shows a marked increase in interest and attendance. One of the speakers at the annual assembly of the Oregon State Normal School...

Eugene has secured an additional mail carrier for city delivery. Burglars entered a Salem residence and ransacked the place, securing a small amount of cash and some jewelry.

A six-stamp mill with a capacity of 50 tons a day has been purchased for the Red, White and Blue mine in the Malheur district. The mine is owned by a Boston syndicate.

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BLOCKS THE CANAL.

Washington, Nov. 27.—The cabinet meeting yesterday was devoted almost exclusively to the consideration of the status of the reciprocity treaty with Cuba and the canal treaty with Colombia. The hitches that have occurred in the negotiations were discussed, as were also the prospects of settlement.

Secretary Hay, while presenting the subject of the canal negotiations, was not able to report that any progress had been made during the past week. In fact, it appears that the negotiations have come to a dead stop, and while no such thing as an ultimatum has passed, the precise situation may be described in the statement that the Colombian minister here, Concha, has distinctly informed the state department that he cannot, in behalf of his government, accept the last proposition of the United States as a basis for a canal treaty.

One of the statements of fact in connection with the Panama route which has been brought to the attention of the state department is that the original canal concession will expire in 1904, and it has been suggested that the Colombian government has that in mind, and is disposed to refrain from making a treaty now, in expectation that the franchise will lapse, and it thus may be in a position to build the canal itself, or to sell a new concession. Such a course would raise a very serious question between the Colombian government, the Panama canal company, the French government and the government of the United States as to whether or not a supplementary decree extending the concession 10 years from 1904 was valid.

Washington, Nov. 27.—The Spanish claims commission has enumerated the principles by which it will be governed in passing upon the various demurrers which have been submitted to it in connection with the claims now under consideration on account of the war between Spain and Cuba. The general basis is laid down that in assuming the responsibility which would have otherwise been Spain's the United States is bound to pay all claims for which Spain could have been held. It is further held that the insurrection in Cuba had gone beyond the control of the Spanish government and that it was not responsible for damages done to foreigners by the insurgents. If, however, it be shown that the Spanish authorities might have prevented the damage done in any particular case by the exercise of due diligence the commission announces that it will hold that Spain is liable.

Called to Washington. Memphis, Tenn., Nov. 27.—General Luke E. Wright, vice governor of the Philippines, left last night for Washington, where it is understood he has been summoned by the president for a conference on the proposed Philippine legislation. It is expected that general Wright will assist in the preparation of the bills which will be presented to congress at the forthcoming session, among which will be one for the establishment of a stable currency and an extension of the civil service laws in the archipelago will be recommended.

Big Coal Land Deal. Indiana, Pa., Nov. 27.—By a deal consummated here today, 6,000 acres of untouched Pittsburgh coal land in Young and Cosmango townships, this county, changed hands for a consideration approximating \$1,200,000. The transfer of the coal is but preliminary to the formation of a mining company with a capital of \$2,000,000, which will begin in the spring to develop the field and to construct a new railroad into the field.

Fatal Locomotive Boiler Explosion. Pittsburg, Nov. 27.—A trainman was killed and several seriously injured by the explosion of a locomotive boiler at Thompson, a consideration of the Pennsylvania division of the Pennsylvania railroad today. Of the three men killed and employed and expected to die.

NEGOTIATIONS OFF

Washington, Nov. 26.—All prospects for an understanding between the United Mineworkers and the coal operators outside the anthracite coal strike commission came to a sudden termination yesterday afternoon through the receipt of a dispatch to Wayne MacVeagh, representing the Pennsylvania coal company and the Hillside coal and iron company, notifying him that at a meeting of the anthracite coal road men in New York it had been decided not to grant any interview to Mr. Mitchell and his associates, which had been suggested for Friday next.

The announcement, coming as it did after an all day conference in this city between Mr. MacVeagh and Mr. Mitchell and his associates, attended part of the time by Carroll D. Wright, in an endeavor to adjust some details of the proposed agreement between the operators and the miners, completely surprised everyone here.

From a reliable source it is learned that the proposition that the operators meet Mr. Mitchell on Friday next was made at the instance of Mr. MacVeagh, who was no less surprised than Mr. Mitchell himself at the turn affairs took today. From statements made by Mr. Darrow early in the day, the impression had spread that a complete agreement would be effected at today's conference, but when the meeting broke up Mr. Darrow read to the newspaper men in Willard's hotel a statement which made it clear that no agreement was likely. The conference today was simply a continuation of the conferences held at Scranton, and with precisely the same object—that of trying to reach a basis of hopeful discussion for an amicable settlement. Mr. MacVeagh has not been in Scranton since Thursday, and some matters have since developed as to whether further conference might be useful before either the operators or the representatives of the miners approached the serious task of formulating a different agreement for their signatures.

Mr. Mitchell, when shown the dispatch from New York telling of the action of the operators, simply smiled and said that he had not asked for the conference, but that when he was asked if it would be agreeable to meet the operators he said it would. Mr. Darrow and Mr. Lloyd, however, were outspoken regarding the action of the operators. Mr. Darrow said it was "now up to the operators," and that he would return at once to Scranton and on Tuesday next would appear before the commission ready to go on with the hearing. Mr. Lloyd, holding in his hand the Associated Press dispatch, referred to the fact that Friday's conference had been suggested in order to adjust some matters on which there was still some disagreement.

"Yet," said Mr. Lloyd, "the same man who only last week wired the commission their assent to the general provisions of the tentative agreement, and upon the strength of which the commission adjourned for a week in order to give the parties time to get together, now go completely back on their former action and call it all off. We are satisfied to go before the commission and continue the hearing."

Bread Riots in Assia. St. Petersburg, Nov. 27.—Bread riots are reported from the Urals districts, where thousands of persons are idle because of the closing of the iron works. The students are restless, some unconditionally and some are allowed to return immediately but are subjected to police supervision. The secret police have been increased by one third the number of men heretofore employed in that department.

Mexico Getting Tired of Silver. Mexico City, Nov. 27.—The heavy advance in the gold premium has caused great excitement in financial and business circles. The premium has been rising all week, and has reached 171. It is generally conceded that a gold standard cannot be long delayed, as silver fluctuates in value so rapidly that it cannot be relied on as a basis of currency.



Hammersley.



The Home of Hammersley.

blow, I fear that I impose upon your good nature, my preserver, and tax your patience. "Oh, no," replied the trapper, as he stroked the pale forehead of the invalid tenderly, "without you I would be truly monotonous to me, besides, your counsel and company are worth all the trouble, if your condition could be construed to cause me trouble; and outside of all this, your cause has become my cause from an interest in humanity and justice. You have been grossly outraged, and I look as anxiously to the day of reckoning as yourself." On the second night after the attack of the Indians on the pack train and the capture of Bertha Lytle, the trapper brought in a large supply of prepared provisions and placed them on a table beside the invalid's bed. The latter knew what this meant. "So you are off for a trip, my friend," said the invalid. "How long will it be before you return?" he continued. He was interested, for the difficulty in hobbling about and waiting upon himself with his stubby hands and feet, and the lack of his companion's aid was greater. "I will only be gone for a few days," replied the trapper. "I am going to visit the traps near the picture rocks as I am trying to catch a mountain lion that frequents the place, and have some hopes of getting a grizzly." And it happened that at this time Chief Egan and his warriors with their captive were making for the same vicinity. (To be continued.)