

#### PLOT TO BLOW UP STEAMER.

Dynamite and Nitro-Glycerin Found on the Albany.

Enough dynamite and nitro-glycerin to have blotted the steamer Albany out of existence was found lying on her hull-guard, just above the water line, Tuesday morning. The explosive was tamped and set with caps and fuse, ready for the catastrophe which some fiendish if not disordered mind had planned.

Nothing but a succession of fortunate circumstances prevented the obliteration of the boat, and Chief Officer W. B. Matheson, who was sleeping on board. The fuse was defective and burned out in the first place; then the cold, damp weather probably had the effect of preventing an explosion later, when Captain J. P. Whitcomb, mistaking the dangerous charge for a heap of dirty rags and paper, which it resembled, picked it up and threw it a dozen feet up on the Oak-street dock without realizing the desperate chance he was taking with his life.

Just why the attempt was made on the Albany is something that is puzzling the officers of the boat and the officials of the Western Transportation & Towing Company, to which the vessel belongs. All claim to be at sea as to what motive could be afforded for such an act. They say they have no competitors who would be benefited by their nonexistence, while the officers of the boat says they have not had any difficulty with discharged boatmen.

An examination of the explosives does not tend to lessen the mystery. Detectives Snow and Kerrigan, who were detailed on the case as soon as it was reported to the police, found that there were two pounds of Judson powder tamped in a small linen sack and saturated with nitro-glycerin. On top of this bag there was a box of giant caps, into which a coil of fuse extended. A couple of handfuls of black powder was packed upon the charge, and over the whole was spread a white sock, a tissue-paper napkin, such as are used at Chinese banquets and a piece of dirty wrapping paper. The sock was of the kind used by Chinamen on dress occasions. Powder experts who were shown the charge by the detectives said there was enough of the stuff to have blown a dozen ships to pieces. They also said that the packing was bunglesome and denoted a novice, although of course an explosion would have followed had the fuse carried fire to the sack.

The presence of the white sock and the tissue-paper napkin leads Detectives Snow and Kerrigan to believe that the work may be that of a Chinaman. They learned that the boat has persistently declined to employ a Chinese cook, and thus has caused much anger among several Chinamen who wanted the job. It is consequently regarded as possible that the intended blowing up of the Albany was meant to serve as a revenge and a warning to other rivermen who spurn Chinese labor.—Oregonian.

Judge Holguin, financial agent of Colombia, who was one of the parties instigating the recent suit against the Panama Canal Company. "We intend to appeal, and if that fails we will apply to the court of cassation. Finally, if all the French courts refuse us justice, Colombia will publish a manifesto to the world, explaining that she is the victim of odious spoliation, which compels her to resort to arms. When the American squadrons at Colon and Panama are withdrawn, Colombian forces will invade the rebel Republic of Panama, and make war." Holguin's remarks are in marked contrast with the pacific intentions which General Reyes declared in an interview March 27, previous to his return to Colombia.

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#### RUSSIA READY FOR PEACE.

King Edward Assured Intervention would be Acceptable.

BRUSSELS, April 6.—The following dispatch has been received from a Berlin correspondent, and while it is not generally credited, is worthy of reproduction merely as indicating that there is still a belief that intervention will end the war.

"King Edward has taken the precautionary steps to ascertain if Russia would be disposed to accept an offer of mediation. The Czar is declared to have assured the King that if such an offer were properly made it would be readily accepted by Russia. With Russian acquiescence thus secured, it is difficult to see how Japan can decline the proposal when it emanates from her powerful ally.

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