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HILL STILL AFTER THE N. P.

He States That the Deal Is Not Off by

Any Means.

St. Paul, Aug. 8 .- J. J. Hill, of the

Great Northern, has returned and was

promptly interviewed on the status of

Great Northern-Northern Pacific mat-

ters. He denied that the reported deal

"There are no new negotiations what-

thing to be done is for the Northern

Pacific security holders to reorganize

their property. This they must and will

do for themselves. After the reorgani-

ration is effected, then comes whatever we propose to ao. If we secure con-

trol of the Northern Pacific it will be

because we have a right to it. We shall

do absolutely nothing until the property

"Is it likely that you will secure con-

"As I said before, after the reorgani-

trol of the road after it is reorganized?"

zation of the road, if we have control of

it, it will be because we have a right to

'Is there any truth in the report from

"There is not the least bit of truth in

MISS FLAGLER NOT YET CLEAR.

The Case Will Come Before the Grand

Jury in September.

Washington, Aug. 8.—There is no

doubt whatever now that the grand

jury which will meet in September will

take congnizance of the killing of Ern-

est Green by Miss Flagler, daughter or

Brig. Gen. Flagler, U. S. A. From

statements made by members of the cor-

oner's jury which discharged her from

custody, they did so on the ground that

the shooting had not been attended with

murderous intent, and that when they

endered their verdict it was the general

belief that the grand jury should take

the matter of her indictment under con-

sideration, as that body was in a better

osition to ascertain the facts and the

law in such cases as they had to dispose

has made a statement to the effect that

after the verdict had been made up and

signed by the jury the attorney for Miss

Flagler was admitted to the jury room

and permitted by the coroner to amend

he verdict, so as to completely exener-

the Miss Flagler and relieve her from

orther investigation by the grand jury.

One of the members of the jury

That part is all over. The next

was off, and said further:

is reorganized."

any such report."

but NOW.

WM. TEMPLEMAN,

thus receive the news several days earl-

ier than by a weekly publication.

over twenty-five per cent.

ful massacre was done by members of

the secret society known as the Veget-

arians, who have been causing much

trouble alike to Christians and heath-

ens in and around Ku Cheng city. From

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ternoon. We were welcomed by, and our

in China. A letter from Minister Den-

by, dated towards the close of June.

department is informed in all of the out-

and Hatters Johnson St.

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Massaere in China.

NEITHER AGE NOR SEX ESCAPE

England Must Take Swift and attack came like a thunderbolt out of a Deadly Vengeance.

Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Butchered-Little night placing the remains in coffins.

Foo Chow, China, Aug. 8.-Dr. Greg-

ory, an American missionary, who es- all that night managed to reach Sui caped from Ku Cheng, gives the following account of the massacre there: At 12.30 p.m. on Thursday, August 1, ed States Consul Hexson for his prompt a native Christian rushed into my study, saying that several of the foreign ladies party, the presence of which greatly reat Hwa, a mountain resort about 12 miles from the city of Ku Cheng, had been killed this morning and that two houses had been destroyed. Fifteen minutes later a note from Mr. Phillips confirmed this. He wrote that five ladies were dead, the Stewarts were misswounded. He expressed the hope that I the Chinese government for the fullest was then on my way to Hwa Sang. I immediately went to the yamen, where by the Chinese government is not

hundreds of excited natives had already

still living. In half an hour the magis-

at once to Hwa Sang to protect those or injured.

gathered, and requested the district rages committed upon the missionaries

magistrate, Wong, to send some soldiers in China not one American was killed

killed.

were passed expressing anger at the sup-

the British government failing to recog-

wholly inadequate, and that swift and

would have suffered in the riots.

Marquis of Salisbury to-day.

London, Aug. 8 .- The Chinese minister

had a protracted interview with the

A NEW REPUBLIC.

and Honduras.

New York, Aug. 4.-A World special

from Mexico City says: The new re-

public proposed to be formed by Nicara-

gua, Salvador and Honduras is named

the greater republic of Central Ameri-

ceding to join Mexico and her southern

provinces joining the new republic.

Many people conversant with Cen-

trate went to Hwa Sang under an escort of about 60 soldiers.. some distance from the English cottages. of Fo Kin, and at Huleh, Taiping and not the child of Mrs. Salisbury, although the latter persisted in her claim that it I was delayed in leaving Ku Cheng, ly the work of Vegetarians, but are said owing to the fact that the coolies re- to be organized and carried out by

long, completely dividing the lower lip to Ku Chong, where the consul and act and vote with the party. He and exposing the interior maxillary will bone, one cut on the crown, three inches sion long, and another three inches long on and deadly vengeance." the right side of the neck. The last two were skin wounds only. There were also two contusions on the right arm and

Miss Mabel C. Hartford, of the Methodist mission, the only American residing in Hwa Sang, who at the time was living in a small native hut, some twenty rods from the English cottages, was atdent. She received a slight cut in the the ground, beaten about the lower, exderer was engaged in this attack a servant grappled with the assailant, and at Fat Shan. They were attacked a petition the courts for liquidation. during the struggle Miss Hartford es- few years ago and a missionary was

Miss Hollis remained hidden until all Hongkong, Aug. 8.—At a public indigwas over. Mildred Stewart, aged twelve years, right knee joint six inches long and two ounctured wounds. Her condition is ser-

New York that you have offered the reorganization committee of the Northern Kathleen Stewart, eleven years old, nize the gravity of the situation. Those Pacific a guarantee of \$6,250,000 annual received several slight wounds. They present further declared that a money earnings, and they demanded \$7,000,000, and that on that split you called the

Herbert Stewart, six years old, received a deep wound on the right side of the stern action is required. neck, one on the crown of the head and one on the back of the head four inches partment has not called on the secretary long, cleaving the scull, a circular scalp of the navy for war vessels to assist in

Evan Stewart, three years old, was not serious.

Baby Stewart, thirteen months old. has a severe injury to the right eye, a region. The injuries probably will prove Of those killed, Mr. and Mrs. Stewart,

Nellie Saunders and Lena Bellow, an Irish nurse, were almost wholly incinerated in the burned house. It all probability they were murdered before the house was burned. Kathleen Stewart saw Nellie Saunders ying unconscious on the nursery floor

and removed Baby Stewart from beneath the dead body of the nurse. Bessie Newcomb was cut on the left cheek and hand, and was then thrown over a steep embankment, where we re-

Miss Marshall's throat was frightfully cut and there was a deep sword wound

in the left wrist. I failed to find any serious wound on the body of Miss Stewart, I am in- tral American affairs look to a partition A. St. G. Hammersley and Charles Wil-on came over from the Mainland last Miss Codrington's report to me. clined to think that she died from the of Guatemala, her northern province seshock. This opinion is sustained by

Miss Gordon received a deep spear wound in the side on the neck and one LATE CABLE DISPATCHES.

Topsy Saunders' death was caused by a spear wound in the right side of the The Rumor That Sir Julian Paunhead, the weapon entering the brain. cefote Will Leave Wash-The last three bodies were lying in one heap. Apparently no post-mortem mutilington Denied. ation had been attempted. This fright-

> Timothy Healy Defends His Action and Denounces Hon. Edward Blake.

various reports of those who saw the attack, I believe that about eighty men were engaged. They were armed with London, Aug. 7.-A representative of spears and swords and seemed strongly the Associated Press was informed at organized under one chief leader. The the foreign office to-day that nothing was known there of the report that Sir silver jubilee convention clear sky. Thirty minutes from the time the onslaught commenced not a single Vegetarian was to be seen near the ador at Washington, was to be transfer- morning. The convention was opened and I worked all the latter part of the red to Berlin in succession to Sir Ed. by Rev. Father O'Callaghan, of the Paul ward Malet, the British ambassador at We finished the horrible duty about 8 that city, who, according to the reports, p.m. on the second, and fearing longer contemplates resigning his position. cording to our request, the district magistrate had remained with his escort on four and a half per cent, bonds. The the ground, so we at once appealed to bonds have been allotted. Tenders were him for chairs for the living and bearers to-day invited by Messrs. Hambro & for coffins. After urgent pleading and Son for £251,000 city of Toronto genfinally commanding I was able to leave eral consolidated loan of 1/2 per cent. de-Hwa Sang at 2 p.m., and by traveling bentures. The loan is redeemable in

hearts were devoutely thankful to. Unit-At the conclusion of Mr. McLaren's Lord Herschell, one of the argument action and successful efforts in securing lords of appeal, said, addressing the and immediately dispatching a rescuing Canadian attorney: "Your opponents contend that the Canadian temperance act implied the repeal of the prohibition | St. Paul. lieved out fatigue and suffering during the remainder of the journey to Foo act of the Ontario legislature. Supposing the temperance act was in operation at Washington, D.C., Aug. 8.—The Unitthe time the Ontario legislature passed its ed States anticipated Great Britain in. restrictions were the two acts so incontaking the most energetic steps for, the sistent that the Canadian act repealed

1928, and the minimum price is placed at

99. The list closed at 2 o'clock this af-

the Ontario act?" Replying, Mr. McLaren proceeded to quote the Maine liquor law with a view shows that Mr. Denby had made a to showing the interpretation generally ing and four persons were seriously sweeping and peremptory demand upon given by the powers of the highest authorities, when Lord Watson said: "There is little good to be gained by these quotations; we are dealing with the meaning to be put on a general known, but it is a fact that so far as the statement. That can be obtained only sideration of the meaning which the legislature which passed it intended it to have." Judgment was reserved.

London, Aug. 8.-A dispatch to the The special jury in the case of Salis-Pall Mall Gazette from Shanghai says bury against Rawson, involving the further and reliable news of an alarm- question whether the baby in the case ing nature has been received there. It is the child of the late George Henry The injured, excepting Mr. Phillips, is stated that fanatical outbreaks Salisbury, and its consequent right to arrived there only two or three days be- against Christians have occurred at inherit the estate of its putative father. fore and were lodging at a native house Ching Chow, a seaport of the province this afternon found that the baby was

the news of the capital, of the province fused to carry chairs. On my arrival Chinese officials. The extent of the dam long letter to Justin McCarthy, suggestand of the world. We, therefore, ask in comfortable as possible. Miss Colling the reader, if the conduct an enquiry into denounces the intrigue to give the North opinion that further outrages are inevitnose between the right eye, five inches able unless Great Britain "takes swift makes itself the accomplice of Blake he A dispatch from Hongkong cabled ex- itself is entirely free from any responclusively to the Associated Press last sibility for that intrigue.

night announces that the British and The estimated condition of the crops a deep puncture wound on the outside American missions at Fat Shan, near in August, taking 100 as the normal of the right thigh. Her condition is Canton, were attacked yesterday after- standard, is: Wheat, 78; barley, 86; noon by a large and infuriated mob, oats, 80; petatoes, 85; beans, peas and which demolished the hospitals and roots, 75, and grass and hops, 74. caused some of the missionaries to flee The City of Melbourne, Australia, to Shamon. It is stated that the Wes- bank has closed its doors. In its finan-

leyan mission has one of the most im- cial article the Standard says the crediportant medical missions in China at ters of the City of Melbourne Bank detacked by one assassin armed with a tri- Fat Shan. The hospital and station are cided to reject the latest scheme preunder the charge of Dr. Wanyon, who sented to them on behalf of the directors lobe of the right ear, was thrown to has just arrived here after a perilous and shareholders partly in consequence journey, during which he was arrested in of the rather defiant messages received tremities and the body. While the mur- Armenia as a spy. The rest of the mis- from Melbourne. The official liquidator sion staff are at the Wesleyan mission was instructed to order his agents to

Rio Janeiro, Aug. 7 .- Sig. Nobili, Italy's charge d'affaires in Rio Janeiro, has presented to the Brazilian foreign nation meeting just held here resolutions office the final request of his governreceived a wound on the outside of the posed connivance of the Chinese gov- Brazil. The claims arise out of outernment in the Ku Cheng massacres and rages perpetrated, as alleged, during the disgust at the apathy and indifference of revolution to the injury of Italian subjects. Sig. Nobili intimates that the orthe two countries will be severed at

Washington, Aug. 8.—The state de-London, Aug. 8.—The weekly statement of the Bank of England issued towound, a small punctured wound in the protecting the missions, but it is known day shows the following shanges as comchest and a stab in the back. He died at both departments that the Petrel, on pared with the previous account. Total of the injuries thirty hours later on the her recent voyage up the Jong Tse river, reserve increase, £34,000; circulation deassisted in maintaining quiet. There has crease, £72,000; bullion decrease, been received at the state department 954; other securities decrease, £82,000; stabbed in the left thigh. His condition is a report from Consul-General Jernigan, other deposits increase, £1,055; public in which he quotes from one of the ueposits increase, £1,135,000; notes re-French fathers at Wa Hua stating that serve increase, £17,000; government sethe arrival of the Petrel off Wa Hua curities increase, £105,000. The proporpenetrating wound in the left frontal was providential, saving many lives and tion of the Bank of England's reserve to preventing anticipated trouble. British liability, which last week was 57.75 Consul Ford confirms the report and per cent., is now 57.85 per cent. says that had it not been for the Ameri-The American pilgrims have gone to can gunboat the foreigners at Wa Hua

bark for Marseilles. The action for damages for slander which commenced before Justice Hawk-ins in the high court of justice this morning is exciting comment in society circles. Mrs. Jacoby, wife of the brother of Mr. Jacoby, M. P. for the district of Proposal to Unite Nicaragua, Salvador Derbyshire, asks the court to award her have charged that Mrs. Jacoby was the author of the anonymous and filthy lethunting district in the west of England. Constantinople, Aug. 8.-The grand vizier is again reported to have resigned owing to the opposition of the palace

The sultan, it is stated, has not accept ed his resignation.

Advices received from Moosh say that the Turkish authorities are placing ch stacles in the way of distribution of further relief by the Armenian committee and it is expected that the funds collected for the succour of the suffering Armenians will be placed in the hands of the American missionaries.

TOTAL ABSTINENCE.

Catholic Union of America in Session at New York.

New York, Aug. 7.-Twelve hundred delegates of the Catholic Total Abstinence Union of America, who came from Julian Pauncefote, the British Ambassa gathered about Columbia Hall this street church, after which the president outlined the programme. After the appointment of committees the delegates and friends then formed into line and headed by a band proceeded to the cathe- but no word has been received from th dral, where seats had been reserved for city so far. McMillan's friends here be mediately after the arrival of the delegates. Archbishop Satolli was the celebrant and the sermon was preached by Archbishop Ryan. A cablegram was Hamilton, Aug. 7.—Hamilton will sent to the Pope reading as follows: His blow herself" in receiving Private Holiness Pope Leo XIII, Rome, Italy: Hayhurst, winner of the Queen's prize ence of papal ablegate and for apostolie benedictions. (Signed) Rev. J. M. board of trade, the Canadian club and Cleary, Rev. P. O'Brien, Rev. Mr. Conthe Army and Navy Veterans, Sons of aty, Rev. Father Kelly. The same committee sent a congratu-

latory telegram to Archbishop Ireland of

THERE'S MILLIONS IN IT. Heirs To Fifty Acres of Land in New York City.

claims that his wife, in conjunction with years. 300 others, is heir to 56 acres of land in the heart of New York city. The claim is as follows: In 1778, shortly before the evacuation of New York, Alexander Montgomery, in return for a lump sum in cash, gave a 99 year lease of 56 acres of land in New York. Shortly afterwards Montgomery fled, with other United Empire Loyalists, to New Brunswick, and to him was born John Montgomery, who is the grandfather of Sheppard's wife. Sheppard returned today from New York, where he engaged

SPAIN WILL CRUSH CUBA.

One Hundred Thousand Troops Will be Dispatched. Madrid, Aug. 8 .- Premier Senor Cano-

cessary, adding that the rebellion would be crushed before the end of the year.

Havana, Aug. 8.—Light Cal. vas in an interview to-day said the Havana, Aug. 8.—Lieut.-Col. Cebado Bell, pastor of the New J. W. insurgents commanded by Matazas and few parties in the church against him. obliged them to seek refuge among the recent outrages. In conclutive Shanghai correspondent corr in length and quite down to the inner of the Pall Mall Gazette expresses the ors and an utter breach of faith with gents left five dead on the field. Their loss in wounded is not known. After the skirmish one of the insurgents sursays he will maintain that the party rendered to the troops. Two soldiers were seriously wounded during the fight. Captain Beenet had a brush with the insurgents in the district of Trinidad, province of Santa Clara. On the insurgents' side three men were killed and two captured. On the government side only two soldiers were wounded."

BRITISH STEAMER WRECKED.

The Catterthun Founders off Cape Hawk, Australia.

Sydney, N. S. W., Aug. 8 .- A boat's new of Chinese have been landed at Foster, about 100 miles north of this port. They report that the British steamer Catterthun, 1406 tons, which left Hong Kong on May 27th for Anstralian ports, was wrecked last night. Later advices from Foster state that the steamship, it appears, was wrecked on ment for a settlement of claims against | the seal rocks off Cape Hawk, early yesterday morning during a gale. The passengers, who numbered 70 persons, of whom 55 were Chinese, were asleep below when the Catterthun grounded. ders of Baron Blanc, Italian minister of Only three European passengers and the foreign affairs, are peremptory, and that second mate of the steamer were saved. compensation for such outrages is if delay intervenes or equivocation is The others are missing, but it is bepracticed, diplomatic relations between lieved possible that they succeeded in taking to the boats and were afterwards blown out to sea and may be heard from later on.

BUILDING COLLAPSES.

Two Men Killed, Twenty Injured and Three Missing.

New York, Aug. 8.-An unfinished building at West Broadway and Third streets collapsed at 11:30 to-day. 12:15 it was known that John Burke. Brooklyn, plasterer, was killed. The following are missing: Jack Murphy, O'Rourke, Arthur O'Hara, all of Brooklyn; William Fox, Harlem. Park Naples, from which point they will em- Policeman Livingstone was carried down ting ready to explore the great sea of with the ruins and injured. Frank ether that surrounds our globe, M. Her-Kenny also was injured.

Eighty-two men were engaged on the structure when the accident occurred. Two men were killed, over a score received injuries and at 3 p.m. three men were still missing. The dead are: C. damages against Countess Cowley, wife hospital; John Burke, laborer, married, Smith, electrician, died at St. Vincent of the Earl of Cowley, who is alleged to 44 years old, dead when taken from the ruins. The missing are: John Murphy, laborer, Brooklyn; Chris O'Rourke, laters that were circulated in 1893 in borer, Brooklyn; S. M. O'Hara, laborer, Republica Mayor de Centro America, or Badminton district, the best known Brooklyn. Contractor Parker and Foreman Selliman have been arrested. The collapse was due to the weight on the sixth floor, which sprung the building.

to the proposals of the powers, which to the proposals of the powers, which Capt. Gaudin returned last evening from proposals Said Pasha favors accepting. Prevest Island.

A Severe Thunder Storm Does Considerable Damage in Kingston.

Hamilton Will Give a Monster Reception to the Winner of Queen's Prize.

Toronto, Aug. 8.—The detectives think they have solved the mystery of the great fire in the Osgoodby building which occurred last January. They have sworn out a warrant charging William McMillan, now of Detroit, with arson. The accused had an office in the burned building and the police claim he started the fire to cover up an absence of goods which the firm for which he worked did not know had been sold. The warrant was forwarded to Detroit for execution The solemn high mass began im- lieve him to be innocent of the charge. To press representatives in Detroit he declared most emphatically that he was

The Catholic Total Abstinence Union of at Bisley. He will be met by the Hamil-America send filial greetings for pres- ton field battery, the 13th battalion, the city council, the board of education, the the Army and Navy Veterans, Sons of England and all the bands in the city. St. Thomas, Aug. S .- There arrived in this city Robt. Rainer and wife, who are driving from Chicago to New York. It has taken them sixteen days to each here, and after a short rest they started

off again. Winnipeg, Aug. 7.—The farmers near Winnipeg are preparing for grain cut-Large quantities of twine have manager of the Grand Opera House, mand is generally in excess of previous

E. L. Hawkins, late of Winnipeg, has been murdered in Montana. Hawkins was for years a brakeman on the C.P.R. The Northwest exhibition closed on

Wednesday.
Deputy Warden Burde will, it is said, leave the Stony Mountain penitentiary this week to enter upon the duties of deputy warden in the British Columbia penitentiary. Vice-President Stevenson of the United States, his wife, daughters and party

passed through the city this evening en route to Alaska. A general strike has been declared by the lumbermen engaged at the leading mills at Rat Portage.

Quebec, Aug. 8.-It is believed that the three sailors who disappeared the night before last are not drowned, but have skipped from their steamer and run

has resigned owing to a movement of a Kingston, Ont., Aug. 8.-A severe thunder storm on Tuesday evening did considerable damage to the Canadian Freeman office and the Thousand 1slands hotel.

Ottawa News,

Ottawa, Aug. S .- Lieut.-Governor Schultz has sent a communication to the Dominion government in reference to the operations of American whaling vessels near the mouth of the Mackenzie river. Fifteen American whalers spent last winter at Herschel Island trading with the Indians and Esquimaux in spirits and other articles, without payment of cuty. The government is urged by the governor to send an expedition to the Mackenzie river to investigate the matter and stop this illicit trading and fishng, The government will likely do so. Mr. Boyd, M. P. for Marquette, is here interviewing Mr. Costigan with a view of having a vessel dispatched to Hudson Bay to watch the straits.

Dr. Montague has returned from the easide and proceeded to his home at The Tobique Valley Gypsum Mining Company-the scheme which Costigan and other ministers made a nice pot out of-will porbably be leased to the C. P.

R., who, it appears, want a share of the The scandalous manipulation of the contracts in connection with the Soo canal revealed by the parliamentary inquiry is not likely to be the last we shall hear of this celebrated "job." There are rumors now current of the existence of several obstacles to the navigation of the canal.

TEN MILES UP.

A French Scientist's Experiments With Pilot Balloons.

The meteorologists are expecting wonders to result from the Robert Stanton Avery bequest of of \$150,000 to the Smithsonian Institution for the purpose of making researches in the regions of the upper air, says the St. Louis Republic, but while the Americans are getmiet, the French adept in meteorological lore, is experimenting on his own hook. He has sent pilot balloons, carrying selfregistering instruments, to great heights. and the automatic records made there by his thermometers, barometers and other instruments are of absorbing interest. One of the balloons, which ascended to a height of 101/2 miles, returned with a record that showed it had been in a stratum of air where the pressure was only 4.1 inches of mercury? and the temperature 104 degrees, Fahrenheit, below zero. Data deducted from a long series of experiments warrants M. Hermite in making the assertion that after 12,000 feet is reached the mercury falls one degree for every 230 feet of ascent made.