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STEADY DEMAND FOR STAPLE GOODS

Is Encouraging.

LARGE FALL TRADE PROBABLE family.

Outlook on the Other Side Is Improving Early End of the Coal Strike Expected.

Toronto, Ont., Aug. 30.-Bradstreet's trade review says:

Business at Toronto has been more active this week. Shipments on the early fall orders have about been completed, and the local trade is preparing for an active period, beginning next week with the annual fall millinery opening and the industrial exhibition. Values of staple goods continue to be armly held.

London reports indicate a steady demand for goods in a number of important departments of business. The outlook is very encouraging. With the Citizens' Alliance Ask Him to large crops in this province and the Northwest there is every promise of a large increase in the trade turnover the present year. Values of staple goods are firm.

At Hamilton there has been improvement in the demand for fall goods. The conditions of trade are healthy, and there is every indication of a prosperous fall and winter trade.

Ottawa wholesale trade has been moderately active for the closing week of August. The outlook for business seems to warrant increase purchases by the country retailers. Prices of staple goods continue to be firmly held. Trade at Montreal this week is looking up. The fine crops in the Northwest, which are now practically asther stimulating the buying for the fall and winter, and it is generally expected that the sales in the Northwest this year will be very much heavier

then'in any previous season. The outlook for trade is bright. Trade at Quebec the past week shows improvement. The favorable crop reports are encouraging country buyers. Retail business in the city is fair for the season. With the exception of a few, shoe manufacturers are busy, and some report orders ahead. Collections fair and no failures to speak

of in the district. There has been a steady improvement in trade conditions at Winnipeg, due to the steadily improving crop condition. At Winnipeg the mere general cutting of the wheat and the certainty now of a large harvest has led to increased fall buying, and the outlook is for a further expansion of trade in this connection. There is still a this connection. There is still a scarcity of labor to take off the crops, notwithstanding the arrival of ten to twelve thousand men from the east. Cattle shipments from the ranching

sections are larger. Frade is better at Pacific ports. Orders for the Klondike are fairly numerous now, and it is expected the season's trade will equal last year's. There is some revival of interest in gold-mining as a result of the reduction in smelter charges. The outlook for the fall business to good.

TONING UP. The assurance of bountiful harvests is toning up Canadian trade, and a large fall trade is looked for next month. Wholesalers are making pre-parations for an active fall campaign, manufacturers behind in deliveries of cotton goods and British imports large to fill the gap. Railway earnings are large, failures few and labor well employed. Canada cereal yields will run 300,000,000 bushels, 20 per cent, large than last year. Increased fall buying is reported from Winnipeg, with a further expansion expected. Building s active and railway extensions into new territories numerous. Labor is scarce for harvesting. Cattle ship-

ments are larger. Vancouver reports business better on Klondike account and a revival in gold mining. Salmon canning and lumbering are active. Clearings for the week aggregate \$47, 980,700, gain of 1 per cent over last year. Fallures number 20, against 26 last week and 29 a year ago.

DUN'S REVIEW.

Dun's says of Canadian trade: Business is more active at Halifax, travelers' orders coming in freely. Iron and steel plants are busy, and mines working full capacity. Aside from apples, crops are promising, and the outlook is bright for a good autumn trade. Trade is healthy on Prince Edward Island, with crops abundant. Jobbers report business fairly active at Hamilton, with pay-ments fair and failures few. Prospects are entirely satisfactory at Winnipeg, where harvesting is general and results are fully up to expectations. Building lines are quite active and progress is apparent in all districts. holesale trade in leading lines at Vancouver is more active, and reports from outside points also indicate improvement. Wholesale movement is ood at Montreal, especially in heavy metals. Payments are satisfactory and the outlook favorable.

OVER THE LINE. New York, Aug. 80 .- R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade says: Gradual resumption of anthracite coal mining is encouraging, although the output is not yet sufficient to have any nmercial value. Business conditions are unsatisfactory at the strike center, but reports from all other sections indicate unusually prompt revival after the summer vacation season, with exceptionally large operations among dealers in agricultural regions. Notwithstanding some bad weather large crops are now practically assured. Anthracite coal is being produced at about 30 different places, 15,000 tons being marketed daily, but the bulk is of steam sizes from the washeries, as Two Canadians Come In for a Nice

few collieries are operated as yet. The drygoods jobbing trade reports liberal distribution and supplies are only moderate in the primary market. Changed conditions in the raw material have accelerated inquiries for cotton

goods.
Slightly less activity in seen in men's wear, woolen and worsted fabrics, but fancy worsteds are in better re-

Footwear makers have been able to secure a moderate advance in prices

in response to the recent sharp rise in Failures this week in the United States are 172, against 207 last week, 196 the preceding week, and 202 the corresponding week last year, and in Canada 14, against 30 last week, 21 the preceding week and 21 last year. Of the failures this week in the United States 65 were in the east and 51 re-port liabilities of \$5,000 or more.

INCENDIARY CONFESSES

Supposed Murdered Man Turns Up Hale and Hearty.

Business Situation in Canada Watertown, N. Y., Aug. 29.—Mystery surrounding a supposed murder, believed to have been committed near here 33 years ago, has been cleared up by the discovery of the "victim," hale and hearty in Minneapolis, Minn. He is now on his way from that city to join the remaining members of his

> Thomas Frederick was a lad of 16 23 years ago, when he was employed on the farm of Charles Pickett near Redwood. After a dispute over milking, Pickett knocked the boy down. Fred-erick disappeared. There were no witnesses of the occurrence and no arrests were made. Pickett grieved over the suspicion directed against him and died a few years later. His widow survived him only a few years. The boy's parents are also dead and his brothers and sisters only recently learned of his whereabouts through a letter which he had addressed to the postmaster at Redwood.

THE PRESIDENT

Interfere in Strike.

THE PEOPLE SHOULD BE HEARD

Morgan's Ban Means Ruin and Bloodshed-"Is He Mightier Than the Government?"

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Aug. 29 .- The Public Alliance of this city, which has been endeavoring to bring about a settlement of the coal strike in the insured, will soon have the effect of fur- terests of the business men of the anthracite region, has sent the following appeal to President Roosevelt:

"To the President of the United States: "Since the inception of the barbarous and senseless struggle in the anthracite coal region, we, the non-combatants who stand upon neutral grounds, have suffered the inevitable fate of such unfortunates. The tide of battle ebbs and flows over and about us. We have endured patiently: We have petitioned humbly. We had hoped for much upon J. Pierpont Morgan's return. But now, after a struggle of four months' duration, a period of suffering and progressive business paralysis, when it seemed to us that the time was propitious for a settlement of some kind, if not as a matter of concession to public opinion, yet as a plain business proposition, Mr. Morgan has met with his henchmen and

sions. The fight must go on.' "Mr. Morgan has placed a ban upon us which means universal ruin, destitution, riot and bloodshed. MORGAN GREATER THAN GOV-ERNMENT?

the edict has gone forth: 'There will

be no settlement, no arbitration, no

conciliation, no mediation, no conces-

"Is J. Pierpont Morgan greater than the people? Is he mightier than the Government? Will he be permitted to retain this menacing power?
"It is time that the people should speak. It is the time their voice should

Representing the interests and sentiment of nine-tenths of our people, we appeal to you to use your influence to stay the Juggernaut which crushes us. Encouraged by your recent utterances, relying upon your judgment and patriotism, confident of your great moral courage, we appeal from the king of the trusts to the President of the people.' (Signed)

THE PUBLIC ALLIANCE, T. E. HART, Chairman."

PRESIDENT MITCHELL. President Mitchell said this evening that there were no negotiations for the settlement of the strike so far as he knew. Mr. Mitchell will leave here tomorrow for Atlantic City and will spend Sunday at the seashore. On Monday he will go to Philadelphia and deliver the principal address at the big Labor Day meeting to be held in that

WOLVES NEAR OTTAWA

Buckingham Township Terrorized-Steps Taken to Kill the Eeasts.

Ottawa, Aug. 30.-Residents of the township of Buckingham are being terrified these days owing to the appearance of wolves. Every night they are awakened by the howls of the savage and dreaded animals. Last Sunday Patrick Cosgrove and his neighbor, a Mrs. Kelly, had twelve lambs devoured by the savage beasts, and on Tuesday the slaughter was renewed. So great has become the alarm in the neighborhood that the people have got together and detailed a nightly guard armed with rifles. Since that time the wilves' cries have been heard, but so far none of them have come out very near to the village.

SHARE IN \$7,000,000

Pile of Money.

Ottawa, Aug. 30.—John Loftus, of Ottawa; Nicholas Loftus, of Perth, nd Francis, of Lockport, N. Y., have received legal notifications that they are the heirs of an estate valued at \$7,000,000 by the death of their uncle. Sir Francis Loftus, Kilkenny, Ireland. The estate consists principally of landed property in Ireland. It is very extensive and includes the freehold of several small towns, where the real estate is let on building leases, much of which will soon be falling in. The legal advisor of the heirs is Hon. Edward Blake.

The Dowager Queen Margherita of Italy was arrested while driving incognito through a Swiss village on suspicion of having stelen her carriage .

CASE OF LYNCHING IN MICHIGAN

Pursuers Killed a Man Under Misapprehension.

THE SUPPOSED ASSAULTER SHOT

Dead Man a Convict on Parole From Toledo Reformatory-No Arrests Made.

Monroe, Mich., Aug. 30 .- The killing of Joseph Labarge, by a man-hunting posse yesterday, has given this old town the worst shaking-up it has had in years. Labarge, who was 24 years old, was a painter rooming at 319 Cherry street, Toledo, and employed by Joseph Willetts, He came to the city to see Mrs. Walter Lemerand, city to see Mrs. Walter Lemerand, whom he had known for five years, and who lived in Toledo until last spring. After spending a couple of hours at the home of the woman, the pair reached an agreement whereby they would live together in

Mrs. Lemerand quit work at Balz's laundry, where she was employed, and after the discussion at her home arranged to meet Labarge at Monroe and Fourth streets, where they were

and Fourth streets, where they were to take the car for Toledo.

Just before 12 o'clock Lemerand came home, and immediately got into an altercation with his wife's lover. The woman interfered, and Labarge got out of the house and Labarge got out of the house and ran away. Shortly afterwards the husband went out in search of an officer. At the corner where the man and woman were to meet he ran across Officer Baudrie and Labarge. To the police-man he said: "I found that man in bed with my wife a few minutes ago and I want you to arrest him." The officer started for the man, but before he could get him Labarge broke into a run. Baudrie fired two shots over the fellow's head, but the man kept

on running. The chase continued on through back lots and streets and in a very few minutes a number of men had joined in the pursuit of the then supposed assaulter. The man was finally cor-nered in a lot near Third and Half streets. Here he was met by Lynot Bloodgood and Isaac C. Godfroy, both of whom had revolvers.

FLOURISHED A RAZOR. Labarge at this time was displaying a razor in a threatening manner and was ordered to drop. This he did not do, but instead tried to elude his pursuers. Both men fired a number of shots at him, and the man ran ahead of them and across the street, where he dropped on the front porch of Mrs. Lasalle's house. Labarge had been shot in the left side, near the heart, and died just after reaching the office of Dr. Dawe. Coroner Humphrey empaneled a jury, and after the remains were viewed the

and Prosecutor Dixon. WAS OUT ON PAROLE. It was learned that Labarge was out on parole from the Toledo reformatory, which probably accounts for his readiness to fight to the death rather It is not likely there will be many

inquest was adjourned. The matter is being investigated by Sheriff Hause

arrests made, as the dead man's brother, who came over from Toledo take the body home, ne was satisfied to let the matter rest. The dead man, it seems, was a bad lot, and had served time in penit m-tiaries. He had a reputation of being handy with a gun and razor.

The Trouble With Croker.

New York, Aug. 30 .- Fire Commissioner Sturgis refused yesterday to honor the writ issued by Justice Hall in the supreme court on Thursday. ordering him to reinstate Fire Chief Mr. Sturgis said that he had Croker. been advised by the corporation counsel that an appeal would be taken. Chief Croker and his attorney were before Justice Hall in the afternoon, and presented affidavits reciting that Fire Commissioner Sturgis had refused to obey the justice's writ to reinstate Chief Croker. Justice Hall then signed an order returnable next Tuesday, directing Commissioner Sturgis to show cause why he should not be adjudged guilty of contempt of court in refusing to obey the writ.

Broke Her Shaft.

London, Aug. 30.-The Hamburg-American steamer Fuerst Bismarck, which sailed from New York, Aug. 21 for Plymouth and Hamburg, passed the Scilly Islands yesterday afternoon and signaled "All well on board." The Fuerst Bismarck was passed on Aug. 23, proceeding under one propeller, her starboard thrust shaft having been

MYSTERY CLEARED

Burned a Barn So That He Could Rob the House.

Bridgeton, N. J., Aug. 30. — 70b Murray Williams (colored), who was arrested on suspicion of having been connected with the death of Farmer John S. Holmes and his housekeeper Miss Katharine Shute, whose bodies were found in the ruins of Holmes' burned barn, has confessed that he

set fire to the building.

The negro said that he was about to be married and was in need of money. In order to get money, he said, he planned to set fire to the barn and rob the house while the old couple attempting to save the live. He carried out his plan, he said, and stole \$75, which he turned over to his sweetheart. He denies having killed the aged couple.

The Fairs' Money.

San Francisco, Aug. 30.—By the agreement made between the heirs of the late Mrs. Charles L. Fair and Mrs. Herman Oelrichs and Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt. Jun., the former are given more than \$1,000,000. Of this sum \$3,-000,000 in gold coin has been paid by Herman Oelrichs, on behalf of his wife and sister-in-law, to Mrs. Nelson. Within a month the balance will be handed over to the heirs of Mrs. Fair, who will have in their own right more than \$1,000,000. In addition to this amount, there is still a considerable sum represented in the personal prop-erty of the late Mrs. Charles L. Fair, erty of estimated to be worth between \$50,000 and \$60,000.

Rio Grand River is on a rampage-Rincorn, N. M., is in danger of being swept away. A cablegram from South Africa reports that another cargo of hay and knowed he'd have better use for flour has been discharged in excellent his boodle than blowin' it at the hotel bar, an' I felt that bein' sheriff condition at Lorenzo Marquez. The last shipment from this country went it were up to me to nip it.

sas City, came suddenly a limp figure, not havin' the price o' what he'd or roughly clad, and feebly struggling, of the chunky-built old man who had hut was the first to speak, the others

held of him in two places behind. The flood that had been a menace politic. to the safety of the town but was no longer, in receding had left the street in a semi-liquid sea of mud, though hotel," said Bassett, "an' one o' them the sidewalks, such as they were, weresolid enough to walk on with safety.

Moving steadily forward to the verge
of the solid ground, the chunky-built
ing still man poised himself for a final effort, and with a well-directed kick, which effect at about the same place at which he had been gripping some slack cloth, he propelled the other man several feet forward, so that he fell with

a mighty splash prone in the mud. Old man Greenhut—for it was he who had ejected an undesirable customer from his saloon—looked at him grimly as he floundered about in the almost hopeless effort to find a sufficient foothold from which to make his way to firm ground, but made no movement to help, or to hinder him when he finally crawled out. As he stood rubbing the mud off as well as he could, the old man chuckled.

'Now go to your aunt, you slugger," he exclaimed, with reproach rather than wrath in his tone. "Consider her ways and get wise. You'd never find that good old woman going half drunk into a respectable man's place of business and callin' for red liquor, 'thouten she had the price. An' similar, she wouldn't beef an' bawl, an' put up for the proprietor, if she was told to get Your aunt is a decent woman, an' that's more'n you'll ever be.'

Turning on his heel, he re-entered his saloon, and taking a match from the open box on the bar, carefully relighted the eigar stub between his teeth before going around to his favorite chair by the window. Being seated,

he smoked for some time in silence. There were five men sitting around the room, no one of whom had stirred or said anything while the old man had been adjusting his little difficulty, though they had all looked on with mild interest, and had smiled in approval when they saw, through the open door, how completely he had discomfitted his adversary. Each one was busily attending to his own tobacco, and for a time seemed to find the flavor of it sufficiently interesting to engross his entire attention. Presently, however, Jake Winterbottom spoke.

"You was mentionin' that rouster's aunt," he said. Greenhut was the only person who had mentioned anybody's aunt, it was evident that he must have been one to whom Mr. Winterbottom was talking, and although the remark was not in the form of a question, and there was no rising inflection to his voice, it was apparent that a question was implied, but Greenhut made no immediate reply, continuing to smoke in silence for fully two minutes:

Then after lighting a fresh cigar, he said: "There is them that there ain't no use in cultivatin' 'em. s like blue-gum niggers just natural ly, an' the more you do for 'em, an' he had been and troubled, kinder, an' more patienter you are with 'em, the more they'll keep on bein' barren fig trees, fit for nothin' but to chopped down an' cast into outer

darkness.
"This here Obadiah Jenkins that just out o' here was al'ays one of them kind. There wa'n't nothin' reely against him when he were a youngster, thouten 'twas 't he couldn't never carry out no bluff. He'd al'ays weaken when it come to the last minute, and' he were never knowned to win out, no matter what the game was. He meant well, but he were a born piker. 'Peared like he didn't have no great

show when he started out, f'r his dad hadn't been heer'd of for quite a spell when he first appeared—some said he'd kind o' got discouraged an' jumped the game—an' his ma was one o' them peaked, tired sort o' women as don't get on any too well, even while they has a man to nag at, an' ain't no earthly good alone. Things got worse, gettin' worse, till toward the last she up an' died, leavin' Obadiah f'r his Aunt Bathsheba to bring up. Bathsheba Wiggins, she were a man for fair, an' she did what she

but there wa'n't much good tryin'. The Good Book says you can't make a silk puss outen a sow's ear, 'n Obadiah sho'ly was one o' them kind. Peared like he meant well enough, but he were nachully shif'less, like the po' whites mostly is, an' he didn't never follow up no advantage 't he'd happen to git. T've knowed him to win ten or tweve dollars over night at draw poker, an' 'stead o' savin' it up to set into the next game where there'd be some sucker, he'd go an' blow the hull on it up to the store for things to eat, or mebbe a new suit o' clothes. O' course, he never got ahead

"Just nachully, Mis' Wiggins she got discouraged, off an' on, but she tried all she knew. There was one time she got him a job into a saloon over to Greenville, that ought to have made a man of him, for the saloon was doin' good trade, an' Sam Bingham, the man that owned it, was away a good bit an' left things for Obadiah Jenkins to 'tend to by hisself. O' course, he'd ought for to have laid up money, an' bimeby owned a saloon for his own self, which was likely what Mis' Wiggins had in mind, but all 't he did vas to get to drinkin' too much while Bingham wa'n't 'round an' lose his job when Bingham found it out.'

One thing old man Greenhut was never known to do, was to hasten his manner of speech. Finding at this point in his story that he had lost the fire on his cigar, he paused, and seemed to be thinking what to say next, while he struck a match and puffed carefully until he had secured a satisfactory light.

Before this was accomplished, Joe Bassett, the sheriff of the county, entered the room, and after a comprehensive "Howd'ye," addressed to the company at large, seated himself in a way that seemed to indicate familiarity

with the place.
"Queer thing happened up at the hotel, just now," he remarked, with-out undue haste, and evidently without knowing that he was interrupting a story. 'Pears like a yap f'm up the St.

Francis come to town last night with

a small jag that was gettin' bigger an' a large wad that was dwindlin' down smaller, proportionate like. His name is Higginbotham, or su'thin' like that, an' he's a planter that never got away f'm home afore. 'Pears he slep' at the hotel, an' this mornin' he was hittin' 'em up pretty rapid afore I happen in. He was showin' his money a good bit more'n was healthy an' I see that some notice had ought for to be took, official, so I lifted his wad when he wa'n't lookin', havin' in mind to get him to bed when he got proper drunk, an' let him steep it off. I knowed he'd have better use for

CHAPTER I.—OPENING A GAME. | "Pears like he slipped out the back Through the open door of one of the frame buildings that stood at irregular intervals on the main street of Arkan-

dered." There was a pause after this curious but manifestly powerless in the grasp tale had been told, but old man Greenrealizing that silence was at least

> "Did you say the gentleman's name was Higginbotham?" he asked slowly. "That's the name he give at the St. Francis river pilots that's stoppin' here says he knows him. I reckon it's

"I only ast," said Greenhut, speaking still more deliberately, "because, curious enough, there was a rouster named, Obadiah Jenkins got throwed out the same way just a few minutes ago. Must have been almost simultuous, but I didn't see nothin' Higginbotham. What became o' the gentleman, Joe? An' has you got his wad in safe keepin'?"

"You e'n gamble I have," said Bassett. "I left word at the hotel I'd be down here, so's 't he'd know where to get it. The nigger is washin' him off an' cleanin' his clo'es, an' I reckon he'll be along soon. They say he got kind

o' sobered up f'm his mud bath."
"Well, it's a cussed shame," said
Greenhut, "I'r any stranger that comes into Arkansas City with money to git ha'sh treatment like that, 'count of a accident that might happen to anyone. The boys was just a-goin' to start a friendly game o' draw when you come in, Joe an' mebbe you'd like to join. This here Higginbotham, too, he might like to take a hand, if he's got kind o' switched off, so to speak, f'm his booze. You say it's a good sized wad?" "There's more'n seven hundred in it," said Bassett, "but I ain't got no money 'o my own to set in with, and the feller behind the hotel bar see me

count hisn.' "Well, 'taint no part o' my religion to urge no man to play poker if he feels like he hadn't ought to," said Greenhut, "an' similar, I ain't no hand to lend money, but if you feel, Joe, like you wanted to play, an' was liable to hold good cards, I don't mind stakin' you to a couple o' stacks. On'y it's understood that you owes me money, an' I stands in f'r half o' what you make on the hull transaction. "Pears like you were lookin for to much graft, Greenhut," said the sheriff, discontentedly, "but I don't mind standin' a third."

"Half," said Greenhut. "Third," said Bassett.
"Half," said Greenhut, firmly, "or you don't set in." And after some grumbling the terms were agreed to. It never took long to start a game in the back room when the arrival of a stranger was expected, and Winterbottom, Bassett, Sam Pearsall and Jim

Blaisdell were soon busily engaged with the cards and the chips, while Greenhut, after providing the implements, resumed his seat by the window and smoked on. CHAPTER II.-THE GAME ENDS. Presently the man who had been thrown out a while before entered again, and looked around questioning-He was certainly more sober than

he had been, but he looked anxious "'Peared like I'd been here afore," he said, doubtfully, and Greenhut looked him straight in the eye. "There's a many comes an' goes he said, "bein' as this is the leading symporium for the sale of liquor in Arkansas City. But I don't call ye

to mind, stranger. Mebbe 'twas some other place you was in."
"Mebbe 'twas," said the newcomer, who did not seem anxious to discuss the matter. "They told me." he contisued, "that I'd find the sheriff here." "Meanin' Joe Bassett, I reckon," said d man Greenhut. "'Pears like I old man Greenhut. heered he was elected sheriff. I do' know whether he's here or not, but there's some o' the leading citizens o'

the town is a-havin' a little game in the back room. You might look in there. Mebbe he's one on 'em.' The stranger went in, and Greenhut smoked on. There was a little noise of conversation from the back room, but he paid no attention to it, and after a few minutes it ceased. Thereafter the only sound that came through the door was an occasional call for drinks, and. every ten or fifteen minutes, a demand for a fresh deck of cards of another

color. The old man rose whenever he was thus summoned and served his customers as they desired, returning to his seat each time to resume his smoking, but not, however, until he had examined the discarded decks, going over each one carefully before he laid them away behind the bar. He noticed each time he counted the cards that one or more was missing, but he made no comment even to himself.

After about an hour and a half the game broke up and the players all came out into the barroom. They made no remarks about what had happened, but the stranger called for a round of drinks and paid for them with a satisfied air. Then, after they had been drunk, he said "so long" and walked out, leaving the others looking at one another in a curiously perplexed way. After a few moments of silence, dur ing which old man Greenhut looked from one to the other inquiringly, Winterbottom spoke.

"That ain't no yap f'm up the St. Francis," he said slowly, "thouten they've learned how to play better poker up there 'n I've ever saw afore. He's put up the cleverest job that was

"Mean to say he quit winner?" demanded old man Greenhut. "He sho' did," said Blaisdell. "He was winner right along, an' the last hand, he cleaned Winterbottom an' me out with four aces." "Four aces!" exclaimed Greenhut.

"Who dealt?" "I did," said Winterbottom. "An' if there ever was a cinch, I thought I We'd been playin' with the had it. same deck f'r long enough for me to get kind o' familiar with the backs of 'em, an' I felt tol'able certain 't he had three aces, so when I found four tens in my hand, I played 'em. He stayed, just nachully, an' Jim, here, he stayed, too, just for to give me some kind o' moral support in the bettin', I reckon." "Why cert'nly," said Blaisdell. "I thought you might want a raise on the side, in case he was to weaken."

"An' you mean to tell me you dealt him the fourth ace in the draw?" demanded Greenhut impatiently, ignoring the details.
"No. I didn't," said Winterbottom. "The ace o' diamonds was missin' f'm the pack. I found it afterwards in my lap. I must ha' dropped it, some-how, in the shuffle. But when it come to the show down the stranger had four aces all right. 'Peared like it

wa'n't exactly good poker to say nothin' about me havin' the other ace myself, under the circumstances, an' the stranger said he didn't care to play no mo'. So I reckoned it were a time to take a sort o' breathin' So I reckoned it were a good

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London, Aug. 30.—A correspondence between the India Office and certain British firms relating to the competition between German and British manufacturers of railway locomotives was ever played on this community, an' he published yesterday in the form of a white paper. The correspondence opens with a dispatch from Lord George Hamilton, accepting the tender of a Glasgow firm, but stating that he had received a tender 20 per cent lower from a German firm. private railways had already ordered engines from Germany, the Indian Government had decided to wait and see how those engines turned out before placing their orders abroad.

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decks of used cards. Among them was ! one with backs similar to the deck their reply that these German engines, last in use. Spreading this out on the bar, they all cay that the ace of dia-were to be ready in 46 weeks; 41 weeks monds was missing. Again there was

a brief silence. ally. "This here yap may bef'm up the St. Francis, an' his name may be ally. Higginbotham, but there's one thing certain: Arkansas City home talent needs new blood, an' I reckon man'd make a tol'able good citizen. down here, it's just about up to you, Bassett, to see that he don't carry no capital f'r any such slip as that to

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