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STEAMER CITY OF PADUCAH STRIKES AND GOES TO BOTTOM IN FIVE MINUTES.

Two Passengers Drowned in Their Staterooms, and a Number of the Boat's Employees Missing.

St. Louis, Mo., May 13.—A special to the Post Dispatch from Grand Tower, Ill., says: The steamer City of Paducah sank in 25 feet of water five minutes before 10 o'clock last night in less than five minutes after striking a snag and while backing out from Brunkhorst landing. The bodies of two passengers who were drowned, have been recovered and 22 members of the crew, most of them negroes, are missing. All of the officers were saved. First Mate Tobias Royal, of St. Louis, says only about 12 passengers were on board and all were saved except two. The body of Dr. J. W. Bell, of Bell's Landing, Tenn., was taken out of his stateroom. The remains of a young woman, on which was a visiting card reading: "Mrs. Harry L. Allen, 3430 Eads avenue, St. Louis, Mo.," was recovered from her stateroom. Two friends who were travelling with the drowned woman, started back to St. Louis on the steamer

MURDERERS SLAY FARMER, HIS WIFE, AND DAUGHTER AND BURN THEIR HOME.

Maine Stirred by Another Horrible Tragedy—Four Strangers Who Recently Held Up Stage Coach Suspected of Murder and Worse.

Shirley, Me., May 13.—One of the most revolting crimes in the history of Northern Maine came to light today, when the body of J. Wesley Allen, a prominent and prosperous farmer and member of the board of selectmen of this town, and those of his wife and 14-year-old daughter were found lying among the smouldering embers of their home on the lonely stage road leading from Monson to Moosehead Lake. The bodies were burned so badly that only the charred and crumbling remains of bones were left to show that human lives had been sacrificed. On every hand were evidences that murder, and even worse, had been done. Surrounding it all is an air of the deepest mystery, and the residents of Shirley and nearby towns are violently excited. The only clue to the identity of the murderers is furnished by a man named Johnson, who reported today that he had been held up early this morning near Bankerhook, a few miles from here, by four men, all of whom were intoxicated and one of whom, at least, closely answers the description of one of the desperadoes who held up the Willimantic stage last week. "That these men may have committed the crime is possible, or they may have happened in the vicinity only by chance. However, they are being searched for, and, if apprehended, will be held until their movements for the past few days are investigated in detail. Tonight the greatest excitement prevails in this entire community; the stocks of arms and ammunition in the village stores have been depleted by farmers, who fear a visit from the murderers and all conversation centers about the Allen home. The scene of the tragedy, where hundreds congregated during the day, was almost deserted at nightfall, only a few of the neighbors remaining to watch over the remains which lie where they were found this morning, awaiting the arrival of the authorities. It was expected that the coroner would arrive tonight, accompanied by the sheriff and county attorney, and take the remains in charge. The discovery that a tragedy had occurred was made by Chas. Tibbetts, who, while driving down the stage road with his children to the village school this forenoon, came upon the ruins of the Allen farmhouse. He at once left his team and, on looking about, saw what appeared to be the remains of a human body lying among the ruins of the barn. He then proceeded to where the house had stood, and, among the debris, pieces of charred bone were seen. He then hastened away to the nearest neighbor, three-quarters of a mile up the road toward the lake, and told of his discovery, and, in a short time, the news had spread to all sections of the town. At first it was reported that four bodies were seen in the ruins, and it was believed that the fire and loss of life had resulted from the carelessness of a tramp, who had

HOME RULE FOR IRELAND DISCUSSED IN CONNECTION WITH THE BOER WAR.

Lord Salisbury Feels That Conquest of the Green Isle Would Have Been Necessary if the Irish Leaders Had Unlimited Power.

London, May 13.—The Marquis of Salisbury, speaking at the banquet of the Non-Conformist Unionist Association, said: "It is a sad retrospect when we think of the number of young lives that have been quenched, the splendid hopes cut short and the amount of blood shed in the war in South Africa. It is a grievous retrospect. Yet, from it, any suggestion of wrong on the part of our empire is absolutely absent. Indeed, there are circumstances which can make every lover of his country look back with exultation and gratitude upon the two years just passed. These circumstances have been able to show the spirit of our countrymen has burned as bright as at any other period in our history. When I was at the foreign office, I used to hear, not infrequently, that our time had passed, that our star had set and that we were living on the valor of those who had gone before. The war in

FAMILY ROW MAY HAVE FATAL RESULTS.

Men and Women in a Fracas, and Charles Roderick is Badly Hurt.

Waterville, Me., May 13.—As the result of a drunken row late this afternoon, Charles Roderick, of this city, is lying in a condition that may develop fatally. Roderick and his brother, Edward, were partaking of excessive portions of alcoholic stimulants with one Frank Ronco, also of this city, in a grove east of the cemetery, when the mother-in-law of Ronco accompanied. A quarrel ensued between the woman and Charles Roderick, the latter tearing a large amount of hair from the woman's head. The woman's cries brought Frank Ronco's wife to her assistance and the relief party was armed with a cart stake. With this weapon, it is alleged, Mrs. Frank Ronco struck Roderick two hard blows on the head. The wounded man was taken to the police station and later removed to his home. The other two men were arrested late this evening. Roderick's injuries are considered dangerous.

MR. BRODERICK'S ARMY REFORM MEASURE.

War Secretary Moves His Scheme in British Commons—An Amendment.

London, May 13.—The war secretary, Mr. Broderick, in the House of Commons today, moved his army reform measure providing for six corps with 50,000 militia as a reserve and increasing the Yeomanry from 12,000 to 35,000 men. The Liberal leader, Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, moved as an amendment that, while desiring to improve the efficiency of the army, the proposals largely increased the existing burdens, without adding substantially to the military strength of Great Britain. Sir Henry complained that the proposals of the government were "showy pretensions, expensive and ineffective," and he asked for figures and definite statements. Mr. Wyndham, the Irish secretary, in defending the general economy of the military establishments, said that, while the British cost in all £111 annually, the American soldier, not taking into account the pensions, cost £227 annually before the war with Spain and prior to the date when the United States had foreign stations. After several other speeches the debate was adjourned. The civil list resolution was adopted by 248 to 49 votes and the civil list bill passed its first reading.

FRENCH PARLIAMENT.

Interpellation Regarding Franco-Russian Alliance—Opposition Has No Hope Left.

Paris, May 13.—The French parliament resumes its sessions tomorrow, in an atmosphere of absolute calm. Neither the great senate nor the chamber of deputies show anything striking in the order of the day, but of 38 interpellations announced, only one deals with the government's foreign policy. This interpellation concerns the Franco-Russian alliance, and will probably arouse some interest. The opposition has lost hope of successfully assailing the ministry. La Presse, an anti-ministerial newspaper, summing up the situation tonight, admits that the dominant note in the resumption of the parliamentary sessions is the fact that the Waldeck-Rousseau cabinet will most probably preside at the general elections in 1902. Premier Waldeck-Rousseau has returned from his health seeking trip to the Adriatic, and conferred today with President Soubert. He appears to have fully recovered.

MEETING OF KINGS ON DECK OF MAN-OF-WAR.

Charles of Roumania and Georges of Greece Desiring to Draw Their Countries Into Closer Friendship.

Abbasia, Austria, May 13.—King Charles of Roumania, and King George of Greece met here this afternoon on board the Greek warship Bearn. The object of the meeting in Austrian waters as officially set forth in Athens May 1, is to draw Roumania and Greece into closer friendship. Unofficially, various reasons are ascribed to this meeting, and, notably among them, is the need for the two Slavonic Balkan states, Roumania and Greece, to come to an understanding in their opposition to the Pan-Slavic states of Serbia and Bulgaria, on the Macedonian and other questions. King Charles and King George have hitherto never met. Although the Greek and Roumanian press both indulge in great expectations as to the result of today's meeting, it is probable that nothing more definite will result than an exchange of views and the strengthening of the friendly relations existing today between the two countries.

AIM OF LABOR FEDERATION.

ould Establish a Minimum Wages Below Which a Workingman Shall Not Have to Go.

New York, May 13.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, was asked last night, says a World special from Washington, to reply to the statement credited to President Schwab, of the Steel Corporation, before the industrial commission to the effect that labor organizations put all men on a level and prevent one from advancing unless advanced. Mr. Gompers said: "It is a misstatement to say that we are endeavoring to fix one price for the wages of workmen of any one class. What we aim at is to establish a minimum of wages, below which a workingman will not be obliged to labor. Because a minimum is established it does not follow that a worker cannot receive more than that."

ITALIANS AND EMIGRATION.

Laboring Class Told That Work is Scarce in Canada.

Toronto, May 13.—(Special)—The Telegram's special cable from London says: "The Italian government, at the suggestion of the consul at Montreal, has sent circulars through the labor districts of Italy, announcing that work is scarce in Canada, but that Italians with means wishing to emigrate to Canada, are told the warning does not apply to them."

In Jail Three Months for Want of Bail.

Boston, May 13.—George M. Foster, cashier of the South Danvers National Bank of Peabody, was released on \$25,000 being furnished individually by L. O. M. Field, of Everett, and T. J. Broadrick, J. L. McManus and J. F. Connor of Peabody. Foster was arrested February 8, and he has been obliged to remain in jail since that time as he was unable until today to provide bail. He shows no traces of his confinement, and appeared very well.

The King to Take the Waters.

edin, May 13.—King Edward, according to the papers, will arrive in Hamburg at the end of May and will remain for a few weeks to take the waters.

DOCTOR HELD IN BAIL.

Must Answer Grave Charges Made Against Him.

Philadelphia, May 13.—Dr. Thomas E. Eldridge, a specialist and electrotherapeutic physician, who is accused by the police authorities of having conceived a plot to drug his wife with morphine or to her up with dynamite in order to secure two letters which are in her possession, was today held in \$1,500 bail for court. Paul E. Schroeder testified that he had been employed by Dr. Eldridge in the capacity of a private detective to secure the letters and that the doctor wanted him to drug Mrs. Eldridge. If he was not successful in this, Schroeder said, Dr. Eldridge offered to furnish him with dynamite with which to blow up the house occupied by Mr. Eldridge. The doctor and his wife have been separated for some time and a divorce suit is pending. Mrs. Eldridge, on the stand, said her attorney was in possession of the letters her husband wanted. She also said Dr. Eldridge had once attempted to smother her and had frequently made threats to injure her. She was compelled to leave him owing to his brutal treatment.

MORE SMALLPOX.

Five Cases Reported in Westmorland County.

Dorchester, N. B., May 13.—(Special)—Five fresh cases of smallpox are reported in the village of Pre d'en haut, about 16 miles from here. They are all in the same house, the home of Fidele LeBlanc. There had been quite a number of cases of smallpox in Pre d'en haut during the last winter, but only one death. The place was under quarantine until about a week ago, when, under the belief that the disease had been exterminated, it was raised. It is likely, in view of the fresh outbreak, the place will be again quarantined.

UNDER POLICE GUARD.

Non-Union Men Take Places of Strikers.

Albany, N. Y., May 13.—Under the escort of a platoon of mounted police and surrounded by a mob of 2,000 residents of Albany, 200 non-union men were taken at midnight to the main station of the Albany city lines of the United States Traction Company. All the way stones and curses were hurled at the non-union men. The officials of the company announce that traffic will be resumed in the morning. The non-union men arrived on the West Shore Railroad, it is said, from Philadelphia and were met at the station by a platoon of mounted officers and two patrol wagons full of policemen. The men were loaded on trucks and amid a scene seldom witnessed in any city, were taken to the car barns and housed for the night. The company has made every preparation to resume the operation of the road tomorrow. The directors of the company remained in session all afternoon awaiting a reply from the strikers to the proposition made at the conference this morning. The strikers of the three cities met and unanimously agreed not to accept the proposition. A crowd of several thousand people are in the vicinity of the car barns where the non-union men are housed, but the barns are protected by a large force of police.

ACCUSED BY POLICE.

To Secure Letters Held by His Wife He is Said to Have Employed a Private Detective to Drug Her, or Blow Up Her House With Dynamite.

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ARE ALL IN ONE FAMILY.

Village of Pre d'en Haut Again Visited by the Disease—Quarantine Had Been Raised About a Week Ago, and Will Likely Be Imposed Again.

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A MOB AROUND THEM.

Police on Hand and Escorted Them to Place of Safety for the Night, Remaining to Guard Them—It is in Connection With Street Railway Strike.

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THREE SOLDIERS KILLED.

Simla, May 13.—A detachment of the South Waziri militia has been fired on by unknown persons. Three of the Waziris were killed and two others were wounded.

GAMBLING IN NEW YORK.

New York, May 13.—Twelve men were indicted by the grand jury today for keeping gambling houses. The grand jury has still before it evidence against gamblers arrested in raids in 29 other places.

ATLANTIC TRANSPORT AND LEYLAND LINES.

President of Former Says There is No Legal Combine Yet, But Hints at Future.

New York, May 13.—President Bernard N. Baker, of the Atlantic Transport line, arrived here from London tonight on the steamer Minnetonka. He went to England a short time ago for the purpose of securing, through the aid of J. P. Morgan, the consolidation of the Atlantic Transport and Leyland lines, the fleets of which will next year aggregate 750,000 tons. Should the deal be consummated, the combined lines will be the largest in the world. Mr. Baker comes back for the purpose of attending the wedding of his daughter in Baltimore. After the wedding, President Baker will return to England, when it is expected the combination will be perfected. President Baker, when first spoken to on the subject of the combination of the companies, seemed reluctant to discuss the matter, but finally admitted that the combination, as yet, no legal standing, but there is a likelihood that, in the near future, those controlling the two lines may find it to their interests to amalgamate.

THE CHINESE PLENIPOTENTIARIES.

Express Astonishment at Size of Indemnity but Will Undertake to Pay.

London, May 14.—Dr. Morrison, writing to the Times from Peking, May 10, says: "The Chinese plenipotentiaries are drafting a reply to the ministers of the powers, expressing astonishment at the amount of indemnity demanded, and urging a reduction, on the ground of the empire's financial difficulties, but undertaking, if the full amount is expected, to pay in 30 annual instalments of 15,000,000 taels on the Likin, salt tax and native customs. Pending a revision of the tariff, they also ask the powers to consent to an increase of the maritime customs and the import and export duties by one-third."

THE CHINESE ARRESTED AT LOWELLTON.

Portland, Me., May 13.—The Chinese arrested at Lowellton last week were in court today. They all told the same story, claiming to have been born in San Francisco. They could not tell the names of their mothers but gave their fathers' names and the names of some uncles whom they claim are in San Francisco now.

SOUTHAFRICAN CAMPAIGN.

Report that Lord Kitchener Will Try Burying the Veldt as a New Plan.

London, May 14.—According to a despatch from Pretoria, dated May 12, says: "Kitchener has occupied Louisa, capturing 50 Boers with rifles. Louisa was previously held by six British, with 40 surrendered Boers. Other columns report eight Boers killed, 20 wounded, 132 prisoners, 24 surrendered and a machine gun, 6,400 rounds of ammunition, 150 wagons and 870 horses captured."

Refusal by Venezuela.

(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)

Willmstadt, Caracas, Thursday, May 9.—It is learned on good authority that the Venezuelan government, in face of the draconic demands made by France in the protocol for the resumption of diplomatic relations with Venezuela, has refused to consider the protocol.

Jacksonville People Thankful.

Jacksonville, Fla., May 13.—The Jacksonville relief committee today issued an address expressing to the people of the United States the heartfelt gratitude of the people of this city for the way in which they have responded to the city's needs.

TRANSFER OF THE PAPAL DELEGATE FROM CANADA TO UNITED STATES.

Discussed by Rome Correspondent of London Chronicle—Says Canadian Catholics Complain—Matter of Economy.

Montreal, May 13.—(Special)—The Star's special cable from London says: "The Rome correspondent of the Daily Chronicle, who is a recognized authority on news from the Vatican, telegraphs to that paper today an explanation of the reasons for the coming transfer of Monsignor Falcomi from Ottawa to Washington. 'Some complaint has reached Rome from Canada that Catholics of the dominion were dissatisfied at being deprived of special representation by a papal delegate, and the correspondent states that this reported opposition of Canadian Catholics has surprised the Vatican.'"

LORD MINTO AND FAMILY TO VISIT US.

Ottawa, May 13.—(Special)—The governor general and family will leave Ottawa next month for an extended tour through the maritime provinces. The trip will partake of a semi-official nature and all principal cities, towns and points of interest will be visited.