

WORLD'S MEAT FOOD  
TO BE AT THE MERCY  
OF PACKERS' TRUST.

It is Estimated That the Titanic  
Combine Will Control American  
and European Markets.

\$200,000,000 BEHIND DEAL.

Hoped to Evade Law by Merging  
Independent Concerns into One  
Gigantic Corporation.

COURT AWAY ON A VACATION.

Packers Should File Answer to  
Temporary Injunction To-Mor-  
row, but There is No Indica-  
tion They Will Comply.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.  
Chicago, Aug. 2.—Belief here has become  
all but certain that the big packers are  
bringing about a consolidation of interests  
which will have a capitalization of \$200,000,000  
and will practically control all the pack-  
ing business of the United States.  
This giant merger, it is stated, results di-  
rectly from the President's attack on the  
combine. A combination of different firms  
for one purpose would at least be always  
open to attack in the court, while one big  
firm, owning the whole outfit, would be per-  
fectly safe under present laws.  
Just how the merger is to be effected is  
not quite clear, for those most concerned  
refuse to tell anything. J. Ogden Armour  
may complete the deal in Europe. G. F.  
Swift may be head of the new corporation,  
or a securities-holding company may be  
formed.

The merging of all the independent concern-  
s is also said to embrace the absorption  
of the fruit and poultry industries.

**Injunction on a Vacation.**  
According to the rules of the United  
States Circuit Court, the Chicago packers  
who were temporarily enjoined on May 20  
from conspiring to defraud the public of  
meats should appear Monday in Chi-  
cago and file their answer to the petition  
for injunction. At United States District  
Attorney Esthess' office, however, the  
lawyers smile when it is suggested that  
any ordinary regulation applies to the de-  
fendants in this suit. A prominent mem-  
ber of the office who, when asked as to  
when he thought the packers would file  
their answer, retorted:  
"When they get ready, I suppose. Cer-  
tainly not on Monday."

This condition of affairs is due to the fact  
that the judges of the United States Cir-  
cuit Court are now enjoying their summer  
vacation, and it would be impossible for  
the District Attorney or the Attorney Gen-  
eral of the United States to force the  
packers to comply with court rule, in the  
absence of any court before which to make  
complaint.

**Judges Return Next Fall.**  
Not before September, it is said, are the  
judges likely to resume their labors, and  
meanwhile the case will be in suspense, with  
the temporary injunction, of course, in ef-  
fect. That the packers have no intention of  
filing their answer to-morrow became ap-  
parent when inquiry was made of the at-  
torneys representing packing-house inter-  
ests.

These answers that John S. Miller was  
the only man who could give any infor-  
mation as to United States even to force the  
packers to comply with court rule, in the  
absence of any court before which to make  
complaint.

At Mr. Miller's office it was said that he  
was out of town on a vacation and would  
not be back for several weeks. Meanwhile,  
according to employees of Mr. Miller's of-  
fice, no one is supposed to act in the  
best trust matter in Mr. Miller's absence.  
No one else has any knowledge of the case.  
The absorption of the Hammond pack-  
ing interests by Armour & Co. officially  
announced Friday, will not cause any in-  
junction to be affected, as the injunction  
it applies to the business of both Ar-  
mour and Hammond interests and conse-  
quently to the business of both.

The injunction is directed primarily  
against the affecting of prices of meat by  
the packers.

**In Fight With Railroads.**  
Evidence developed to-day to show that a  
struggle of the severest kind is on between  
the big packing-houses and the railroads of  
the West for control of rates and the rate-  
making power.

Traffic officials of Western lines view the  
situation with concern, and are taking  
action to consider action to  
counteract the packers' latest move in in-  
cluding the Great Western to reduce the  
rates on packing-house products and dressed  
meats.

It is not at all certain now that the Great  
Western rates will be met, as some of the  
most influential traffic men are in favor of  
ignoring the matter.

Great Western officials declare that they  
are going to ignore the ruling of the In-  
terstate Commerce Commission, which re-  
quires as low a rate on live stock as is  
placed upon the finished products, and that  
they will take the question into the courts.

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against the affecting of prices of meat by  
the packers.

STEAMSHIP GOES  
ASHORE IN A FOG

Blaamenden, From Hamburg for  
Philadelphia, Fast on Rocks  
Near Canso, Nova Scotia.

Halifax, Nova Scotia, Aug. 2.—A dispatch  
to the customs officers here announces that  
the Norwegian steamer Blaamenden, Cap-  
tain Amundsen, from Hamburg for Phila-  
delphia, struck on White Point ledge, off  
Canso, in a dense fog to-day.

No details were made known by the ad-  
vice to the customs officials aside from the  
statement that the steamer has a big cargo  
and many passengers.

The customs department at Ottawa has  
been advised of the accident, and has or-  
dered officers to the scene, which is about  
four miles from Canso.

**MRS. MACKAY SERIOUSLY ILL.**  
Doctors Have Ordered Her to See  
as Few Persons as Possible.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.  
New York, Aug. 2.—Mrs. John W.  
Mackay is suffering severely from strain  
of the past few weeks, according to a dis-  
patch from London. Twice there has been  
a consultation of doctors. She is suffering  
especially from heart trouble and sleepless-  
ness.

The doctors have ordered her to see as  
few people as possible. Possibly she may go  
to Manhattan for treatment. Her mother,  
Mrs. Hungerford, the latter's sister, Baron-  
ess Telfener, and Mrs. Mackay's daughter,  
Princess Colonna, have left for France and  
Italy, but Clarence Mackay remains for  
the present, as a great deal of business  
must be done in connection with the settle-  
ment of the late estate of his father.

ATTEMPT TO ASSASSINATE  
PRESIDENT LOUBET OF FRANCE.

Paris Wildly Excited Over Apparently Authentic Report That Un-  
known Man Fired a Pistol at the Executive Just as He Was  
Departing From a Session of the Cabinet at Rambouillet—  
Bullet Missed Its Object and M. Loubet  
Asked That the Incident Be Suppressed.

PREMIER'S RECENT ORDER MAY BE RESPONSIBLE FOR DEED.



PRESIDENT LOUBET OF FRANCE.

SPECIAL BY CABLE.

Paris, Aug. 2.—All Paris was startled late  
this afternoon by the report of an attempt  
to assassinate President Loubet, printed in  
the Press.

The report says that the attempt against  
the President's life was made yesterday af-  
ternoon at Rambouillet, a small town be-  
tween this city and Chartres, where the  
Cabinet met.

According to the report, a man fired a  
pistol at the President, but the bullet went  
wide.

The President, the paper says, escaped in-  
jury.

President Loubet had gone to Rambouillet  
to preside over a meeting of the Cab-  
inet. The religious disturbances were dis-  
cussed and M. Combes, the Prime Minister,  
explained the situation in regard to the re-  
ligious associations and the action of the  
congregations affected.

He said that out of 6,000 who came under  
the terms of his circular for the enforce-  
ment of the law about one-half had acted  
in good faith, believing in law and order.

The rest, with the exception of about 400,  
had expressed a willingness to submit.  
These latter were awaiting the President's  
signature to a decree of closure. This the  
President signed and the affair was reported  
as closed.

It was after leaving the Cabinet meeting  
that the reported attempt to assassinate the  
President was made.

The President, it is said, requested that  
the matter be kept quiet.

Paris, and, in fact, all of France, has  
been in a state of excitement since the  
beginning of the agitation regarding the  
schools in charge of nuns.

The excitement reached fever heat when  
President Loubet left Paris, going to Ram-  
bouillet, after signing a decree proscribing  
and closing the religious free schools.

There were demonstrations at which riots  
were precipitated, and at one of these Fran-  
cois Coppee, the famous poet, was arrested  
for shouting "Down with the tyrant!"

The Prefecture of Police, the only official  
source of information available since the  
presidential family is at Rambouillet, says it  
knows nothing of the attempt on the life  
of the President.

The populace of the village of Wolmout,  
near Luneray, to-day forbade the passage  
through the place of a special commis-  
sioner en route for Equibek to ex-  
ecute Premier Combes' congressional de-  
crees.

The Mayor of Wolmout led the people  
against the commissioner, who was forced  
to retreat.

POETS EVERYWHERE WRITE OF SKINKER ROAD.



VIEW OF SKINKER ROAD LOOKING FROM THE GATE OF THE OLD SKINKER MANSION.

The whole country knows that a prize is being offered for the best verses on Skinker  
Road. The proof of this lies in the contributions with which the Exposition, as well as  
the Republic, mails are laden from all parts of the United States. The Exposition man-  
agement is referring these competitive inspirations to the proper authorities. Skinker  
Road has already become interwoven with the destiny of the Universal Exposition.

The contest is open to every one. To the author of the poem that best sustains the  
sentiment underlying the picturesque association of this old-time byway with the World's  
Fair eminent critics of verse will award the prize of \$50, of which half was offered by  
Thomas W. Skinker and half by The Republic. The contest will close on September 1.

GROW SEES WOMAN  
LEAP INTO RIVER  
FROM FERRYBOAT

Life-Saving Craft Hastens to  
Rescue Not Sought by the  
Sinking Woman.

FOLDS ARMS AND DISAPPEARS.

Suicide Deliberately Planned Is  
Executed With Coolness  
and Care.

LEFT NO CLEW TO IDENTITY.

No One on the Craft Knew the  
Unfortunate and She Is Only  
Vaguely Described as Be-  
ing Beautiful.

- DESCRIPTIVE OF THE WOMAN WHO JUMPED FROM BOAT.  
Age, about 25 years.  
Height, about 5 feet 2 1/2 inches.  
Weight, about 125 pounds.  
Dark hair.  
Light complexion.  
Blue eyes.  
Dress: White waist, trimmed across  
yoke with black lace; black skirt;  
black extended shawl; white straw  
hat, trimmed with flowers.

A stylishly dressed woman of evident re-  
finement and culture leaped from the railing  
of the ferry boat Carlos S. Greeley at the  
foot of Market street yesterday afternoon  
in the presence of all the passengers and  
crew. Desperate efforts were made to re-  
scue, and a search was kept up in the hope  
of finding the body, but to no avail, and  
the identity of the suicide has not been es-  
tablished.

The woman boarded the ferry boat about  
2:30 and walked to the second deck, she  
then sat down on the railing, evidently  
contemplating the river, until the captain  
came to collect her fare.

She handed him 5 cents, which seemed to  
be all the money she had, and calmly walked  
down the stairs to the railing of the boat  
where the passengers enter and leave, and  
without the slightest intimation to any one  
leaped into the river.

When Captain S. Harvey, in charge of  
the boat, saw the woman plunge into the  
water he immediately ordered the boat re-  
versed, his boats were cast squarely in  
front of the drowning woman, but she man-  
aged to save herself, and with her hands  
locked at arm's length above her head she  
sank into the water without uttering the  
slightest cry.

The yawl boat manned by the life-saving  
crew of the ferry boat was lowered, but  
before they reached her she had gone un-  
der. "Trying to see if she would resur-  
ge," the yawl floated about the river for fully  
five minutes before they abandoned their  
efforts to rescue the woman.

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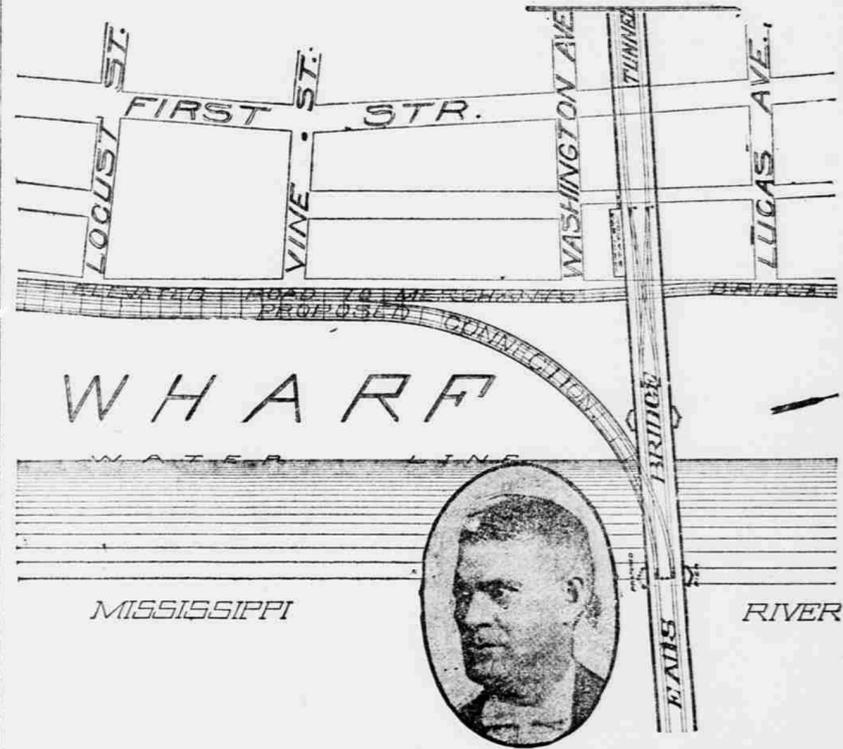
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PLAN ADOPTED FOR ABANDONING TUNNEL.



W. S. McChesney, Jr., general manager of the Terminal Railroad Association of St. Louis, and a  
plat, showing the result of his efforts in the plan proposed for running a swing incline from Eads bridge  
to the Merchants' bridge approach viaduct along the levee, for the purpose of diverting passenger traf-  
fic from the tunnel into and out of St. Louis via Eads bridge.

The General Managers' Committee of the Terminal Association of St. Louis has adopted  
a plan for diverting passenger traffic from the tunnel at St. Louis, and the city  
will soon be asked for what privileges to construct a pier and an incline to lead from  
Eads bridge to the Merchants' bridge elevated tracks on the levee.

The plan of the proposed elevated connection has been practically approved, but it will  
go before a meeting of the railroad pres-idents in New York on August 13 for formal  
approval. This change comes first on the list of terminal improvements included in  
the expenditure of \$20,000,000 to be made by the Terminal Association.

The plan of extending the Eads bridge to the Merchants' bridge approach is the  
result of many months of investigation. Several plans were considered, but the one  
adopted was found the most feasible from an engineering standpoint, and the one  
which could be most quickly put into execution.

The general proposition, as outlined in The Republic heretofore, will include the  
construction of a new pier at the foot of the wharf in the Mississippi. From that  
point the incline will dip 25 feet—1 foot to the 100 feet—striking the Merchants' bridge  
elevated below Olive street on a curvature of about 12 per cent.

"This plan has been under consideration for a long time," stated General Manager  
McChesney yesterday, "and I am satisfied that, now that we have found it feasible  
to give the citizens what they have asked, we will have no trouble in getting permis-  
sion from the city to build the curved structure making the necessary connection. The  
best you can do with a tunnel is to put into operation all the latest devices for making  
such a place comfortable and clean in all kinds of weather. A tunnel is not always  
the most satisfactory thing, but sometimes it is the best that can be had. We are glad  
to have found a way out of it for passenger traffic."

"We will now run only freight trains through the tunnel. We think that the  
change will greatly relieve traffic and enable us to shorten schedules and give more  
satisfactory service to the railroads that have interests in the Terminal Association  
as well as those renting from us."

Credit is given to Mr. McChesney in this move by the Terminal Association. He has  
planned the abandonment of the tunnel for passenger traffic for several years. To his  
support all the railroads have finally come, and their engineers have found his ideas  
practicable.

It is thought that taking passenger trains from the tunnel will increase the through  
travel at this gateway.

REICHSTAG WORRIED  
ABOUT STEEL TRUST

In Debate on Tariff, a Member As-  
serts That It Menaces Inter-  
national Markets.

ASSERTION FINDS SUPPORT.

Herr Bernstein Predicts Break-  
down of Great American Cor-  
poration on Account of  
Overcapitalization.

Berlin, Aug. 2.—The Reichstag tariff ex-  
perts find an inexhaustible mine to support  
any proposition, whether protective or of a  
free trade character, in the American tariff  
and the enormous literature that has grown  
up around it.

Steel tariffs were considered by the Tariff  
Committee yesterday, and among piles of  
debating material before the members were  
reports of the American Senate and House  
on the tariff.

Count von Posadowsky-Wehner, the Im-  
perial Secretary of State for the Interior,  
had a volume of the United States census  
before him, and Herr Bernstein, the So-  
cialist leader, was armed with the testimony  
taken before the American Trust Commit-  
tee, from which he quoted Henry O. Hav-  
emeyer, president of the American Sugar Re-  
fining Company, to the effect that the tariff  
was the mother of all trusts.

Every speaker favoring the 10-marks-per-  
ton duty on rails, as provided by the bill,  
alluded to the United States Steel Cor-  
poration, averring that the domestic German  
market would be taken by that trust when-  
ever sales in the United States languished.

Herr Bernstein, Socialist, predicted the  
breakdown of the Steel Trust from over-  
capitalization and overconfidence of its  
managers. He had before him a copy of  
President Charles M. Schwab's recent de-  
claration to the New Jersey courts on the  
company's financial position.

The speaker said J. Pierpont Morgan was  
bolting operations on the great principle un-  
derlying future production, namely, the cor-  
relation of all elements on a colossal scale  
under one management.

Whether the Steel Trust is permanent or  
not, he said, the principle on which it is  
founded will endure as a guide to the pro-  
duction of the future. If the trust comes to  
a point where it has to sell steel at any  
price, it will so disorganize international  
markets that 10 marks a ton will not pro-  
tect German makers; nothing short of pro-  
hibition will do that.

Count von Posadowsky-Wehner remarked  
that there was much truth in that state-  
ment.

TEXAS FLOOD STILL SERIOUS.

Railroad Lines Badly Crippled by  
the High Water.

Dallas, Tex., Aug. 2.—Reports this after-  
noon from Northeast Texas give a rather  
gloomy outlook from the flooded area.

The Texas Midland is still unable to op-  
erate its through service. The Texas and  
New Orleans is tied up east of Seago, as  
the east fork of the Trinity River is run-  
ning several feet over the tracks there.

The Texas Central has abandoned passen-  
ger trains each way owing to washouts near  
Waco. Other roads report trains near  
or nearly so.

WOMAN FOUGHT A HIGHWAYMAN  
WHO HAD REVOLVER DRAWN.

Citizens Witnessed Bold Daylight Assault and Gave Chase, Captur-  
ing, After a Running Battle With Revolvers, the Man, Who  
Turns Out to Be William Harris, a Desperate Charac-  
ter, Only Two Months Out of the Penitentiary.

Mrs. Lizzie Rodenroth struggled with William Harris, an ex-convict, for possession  
of her purse until citizens were attracted and gave chase to the highwayman, capturing  
him after a running battle with revolvers.

In a desperate struggle with an ex-convict  
who had stopped her at the point of a  
pistol Mrs. Lizzie Rodenroth of No. 2423  
Nebraska avenue yesterday morning lost  
her purse, but by resisting she made pos-  
sible the capture of the bold daylight foot-  
pad, who was later identified as William  
Harris, a notorious crook, who only two  
months ago was released from the Missouri  
Penitentiary.

After a running battle between citizens  
and the retreating highwayman Harris  
was surrounded in a patch of weeds and  
later captured and taken to the police  
station, where he was identified.

Henry A. Wendel, who runs a grocery at  
215 Pennsylvania avenue, witnessed the  
hold-up. He says the man had been loafing  
in the neighborhood for an hour, and had  
attracted attention by his peculiar actions.

When Mrs. Rodenroth made her appear-  
ance he saw the man stop her about 40  
feet south of Junia street. Mrs. Roden-  
roth was on her way to the grave of her  
mother in St. Peter's cemetery, and car-  
ried a large basket of potted plants. When  
within three feet of her Harris drew a  
small revolver and after warning her to  
make no outcry demanded her purse.

The woman was thoroughly frightened,  
but refused to comply with his request, as  
she saw Wendel coming on a run from his  
grocery store. The robber, too, saw Wendel  
at this time, and made a lunge at Mrs.  
Rodenroth, grabbing her purse from the  
basket where she was carrying it. With a

parting injunction not to give his identi-  
fication and a threat to kill her if she did,  
Harris turned and ran west, through a lum-  
ber yard.

Mrs. Rodenroth told Wendel what had  
happened, and he after going back to his  
store for a revolver, started in pursuit of  
the fugitive, who was in plain view. Otto  
F. Schmitz of No. 3513 Nebraska avenue  
came up about this time and joined in the  
chase.

Harris and Wendel exchanged shots, each  
firing twice. The chase continued to Mich-  
igan avenue, where Harris hid himself in  
the weeds on a vacant lot. His pursuers  
located him, one shooting at him and the  
other pelting him with rocks until he was  
forced to abandon his position. Officer  
Boor's attention was attracted by the shots,  
and he hastened to the scene.

At 3200 South Compton avenue Harris  
turned into a yard and was cornered in a  
passageway by the policeman, who pointed  
his revolver at him and ordered him to  
surrender. He was overpowered and  
taken to the Second District Police Sta-  
tion. Here Captain Schroeder recognized  
him as William Harris. Miss Mary Pas-  
sman No. 321 South Twelfth street,  
who was robbed in a similar manner, was  
sent for, but she was unable to positively  
identify the man as the one who robbed  
her of her purse two evenings before.

Harris was arrested on the charge of  
burglary in 1891 and was sentenced to the  
Penitentiary for fifteen years. His sen-  
tence, however, was reduced to ten years,  
and he has been out of prison only about  
two months, being released on the three-  
fourths rule.



WILLIAM HARRIS