

AN APPALLING RAILROAD WRECK.

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TERRIBLE SLAUGHTER

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PARTIAL LIST OF THE DEAD.

Indescribable Scenes Follow the Awful Crash—Carelessness of an Engineer.

- OMAHA, NEBR., July 11.—An appalling accident to an excursion train occurred this evening at Logan, Iowa, thirty-five miles east of this city, on the line of the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad, in which twenty-seven persons, living in this city, Council Bluffs, Missouri Valley and intervening points, were killed, and forty injured. Many of the injured will, in all probability, die before morning. A partial list of the dead is as follows: Mrs. Moses Bando, Omaha. Charles Heiman, 15 years old, Missouri Valley. Mrs. McMahon, Omaha. John Perkins, Omaha. Walter Jennings, Missouri Valley. Peterson, waterworks engineer, Council Bluffs. Will Wilson, Council Bluffs. Son of Bob Claire, a boiler-maker, Omaha. John Cosgrove and daughter, Omaha. John McDermott, Omaha. Patrick Scully, stationary engineer, Omaha. Miss Margaret Cosgrove, Omaha. Lawrence, Omaha. Peterson, Omaha. Mrs. P. J. Carroll and son, Omaha. Mrs. Bralley and baby, the former a sister of Mrs. Carroll. Dodson, boy, residence now unknown. Mrs. Neilson, Omaha. Pierson, boy 13 years old. William Sumner, Missouri Valley. Daughter of William Wilson, Council Bluffs.

Among the fatally injured is J. A. Lillie, president of the Union Pacific Pioneers' Association.

The train consisted of fifteen coaches loaded down with members of the Union Pacific Association of Omaha and their friends.

The excursion party left Omaha early in the day, picking up recruits at Council Bluffs, Missouri Valley and Woodbine, Iowa. Its destination was Logan, Iowa, which was reached about 10 A. M., and the day had been pleasantly spent. About 7 o'clock the journey homeward was commenced. The train had hardly passed the limits of the city and was rounding a curve when the "down brakes" was whistled, and then came a crash.

The excursion train had been run into by a fast freight known as No. 38 and all the coaches were dented.

The scene which followed is indescribable. Both engines and the first passenger coach were demolished. The shrieks of women, the yells of men and the wails of the injured and dying in the gathering gloom rose above the crash of the heavy machinery and the screaming of escaping steam from the wrecked engines. The engineers and firemen of both engines jumped, and both crews escaped without injury.

The conductor of the freight train, Modelin, says he was running on orders, and that the excursion train was not.

The engineer and fireman of the excursion train had disappeared after the collision, and this lends color to the story as told by the freight conductor.

Immediately on receipt of the news in Omaha a special train was made up and a number of physicians and surgeons sent to the scene of the wreck.

The news spread like wildfire and soon the newspaper offices, depots and railroad headquarters were besieged by a crowd of frantic people, who had relatives on the fatal train and were hungry for the latest news from the scene of the disaster.

Several thousand people are spending the night at the Union Pacific depot, awaiting the arrival of the train bearing the dead and injured.

As fast as the names of the victims were received at the World-Herald office they were bulletined for the benefit of the anxious ones standing without. The scene was a pathetic one in the extreme as friends read the names of loved ones who were either mangled in the wreck or badly wounded. Several women fainted and had to be taken home in carriages.

The Union Pacific Pioneers' Association is composed of the employees of the Union Pacific system. The larger portion of them work in the Union Pacific shops in this city, and, as a rule, have large families dependent upon them.

Latest accounts say it is possible that fifteen will complete the dead list. Ten bodies are stretched out near where the wrecked engines are piled up, and some can be seen pinned under the demolished coaches. It is nearly impossible in the confusion to secure the names of the injured, which will reach nearly half a hundred.

Logan is a small town and the telegraphic facilities are limited. A corps of reporters and telegraph operators has left here for that place. Two relief trains sent to Logan from this place will probably reach here on their return trip early Sunday morning, and until then the full details will not be known.

Those of the injured who are able to be removed will be brought to this city tonight. The dead are being taken to a local undertaking establishment, where an inquest will be held over the bodies.

"LONG AND SHORT" AGAIN. Rob a Chicago Oyster-House and Badly Scare the Employes. CHICAGO, ILL., July 11.—Three men held up Lawrence Mullet's oyster-house at Madison and May streets to-night and secured from the cash-drawer \$340 in checks and \$14 in money. In the place at the time were two waiters, a cashier, a cook and two customers. The three men had two revolvers and threatened to shoot the first man that made a move or a sound. One of the men went through the

safe, scattering the contents over the floor. Every one in the restaurant seemed to be paralyzed and the robbers were gone over a minute before one of the men recovered sufficiently to give an alarm. As the robbers departed one of them said: "When the police come tell them that you had a visit from the 'long and short' men to-night."

CHICAGO'S HOLD-UP CARNIVAL.

Seven Robberies Up to Midnight—One Officer Killed and the Police Force Demoralized.

CHICAGO, ILL., July 11.—One hold-up after another has been reported to the police to-day until the number at midnight reached seven. The police department is in an uproar. Officer Sauer of the East Chicago-avenue station prevented one robbery at Division and Western streets at a late hour, but was shot and fatally wounded. Four men armed with revolvers entered the office of the New York Biscuit Company at noon to-day, held up the cashier at the muzzles of their pistols and seized the money prepared to meet the payroll, made off with it. The robbers secured over \$900 and escaped.

The offices of the company are at Randolph and Morgan streets, and there were 400 people in the building at the time. Clerk Edward Hines sat close beside the money, and when the bookkeeper's inclosure swung open and a man entered Hines thought he was a telephone-wair man. A moment later he was astonished to see two revolvers pointing at him. "Stay where you are," cried the robber, who immediately scooped in the money on the desk and placed it in a sack. Then the thief with a sack in one hand and a pistol in the other backed through the door of the private office and departed through the other door to Morgan street. At the time his three companions left by the other two doors. None of the robbers were masked.

Another hold-up was prevented by an officer on Twelfth-street viaduct at an early hour this evening and one of the robbers was arrested. At 216 Portland avenue a laundry office was robbed by two boys with revolvers, who had evidently been reading about the "long and short men."

While the North Side police were concentrating their efforts to find the slayer of Sergeant Sauer three men held up the saloon of J. McHale at Erie and Market streets and secured \$40.

Three men with handkerchiefs over their faces attempted to hold up Police Officer Tobias Sandstrom to-night at the corner of Fifty-first and Princeton streets. Two of the men presented their revolvers at Sandstrom and ordered him to throw up his hands. Instead of throwing up his hands the officer knocked up the revolvers of the two men and drawing his own gun ordered them to surrender. The third man ran, but the two with revolvers stood still with their revolvers in the air. Sandstrom then marched his prisoners to the station with his revolver leveled at them. They gave the names of John Wells and Red Fitzpatrick. Wells is recognized as a desperate criminal who has done time in the penitentiary.

DALTON IS NOT DUNHAM.

Deputy Sheriff Renson of San Jose Visits the Bicycle Thief Held at Fargo.

FARGO, N. D., July 11.—Deputy Sheriff Renson of San Jose, Cal., arrived here to-day to see if he could identify George Dalton, held in jail here for bicycle stealing, as James Dunham, the multi-murderer of San Jose. He found Dalton was not the much-wanted man, though he bore a remarkable resemblance to him. A photograph sent by the local authorities had been subjected to a microscopic comparison with one of the murderer, and there were so many similar features that Renson came here to see the prisoner.

Dalton claims to be the son of a wealthy Boston furniture manufacturer, and says he was disinherited because of a foolish marriage.

LOUISIANA JUSTICE.

Two Negro Assassins Shot to Death by a Mob.

NEW ORLEANS, La., July 11.—Captain T. W. Fuller of Webster Parish, father of State Senator Fuller, and a prominent planter, was murdered on Wednesday night at his home, twelve miles west of Minden. He was apparently seated at the table reading when the murderer fired from the outside through the window with a shotgun, killing him instantly. The body was not found until Monday morning for the murderer was kept up all Thursday, and by night James Porter and Monk Dualey, negro tenants of Captain Fuller, were arrested on suspicion. They confessed the crime. The posse who had the two prisoners started to Minden with them, but when crossing the Dorchest swamp was overtaken by a crowd of men, the negroes taken from the deputy sheriffs and shot to death in the middle of the road, where their bodies were left lying.

BIG FIRE AT NASHVILLE.

Whole Business Block Consumed, Causing a Loss of \$500,000.

NASHVILLE, TENN., July 11.—An entire square of the best and most popular business-houses in Nashville were either burned to the ground, gutted or the stocks badly damaged by fire which occurred here this afternoon. The loss will aggregate not less than \$500,000 and may reach \$750,000. Rosenheim's drygoods establishment is the largest loser.

CHICAGO'S AUDACIOUS BANDITS.

Four Armed Men Retire on a Biscuit Company of \$900.

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CABINET CHANGES IN GERMANY.

Prince Hohenlohe and General Schellendorf to Retire.

THE CHANCELLOR GLAD.

Emperor Wilhelm About to Visit King Oscar of Sweden-Norway.

TRIPLE ALLIANCE TREMBLES.

Dr. Koch Investigates and Says There Is No Asiatic Cholera in Danzig.

BERLIN, GERMANY, July 11.—It is now definitely settled that General Bronsart von Schellendorf, Minister of War, will retire from the Ministry soon after the return of the Emperor from his present trip to the Nordland. After having twice offered his resignation, General Schellendorf has finally succeeded in obtaining the assent of the Emperor to his retirement from office.

It is reported that the Kaiser has found a suitable successor to the present Minister of War in General Funck, who is at present commander of the fourteenth division of the German army, with headquarters at Dusseldorf.

In official circles it is expected that other official changes will accompany the retirement of General Schellendorf, and a great deal of speculation is being indulged in as to their nature and extent. Prince von Hohenlohe, the Imperial Chancellor, before starting on his holiday trip to his Schloss at Aussen, in Austria, made no concealment in private conversation with his intimates of his readiness to retire from the chancellorship when the Emperor would permit him to do so, and rumor also mentions Freiherr Marschal von Bieberstein, Minister of Foreign Affairs, and Dr. von Boetticher, Vice-President of the Council of Ministers, Minister of State and Imperial Secretary of State for the Interior, as among those who are about to lay down the cares of official life.

It is improbable, however, that there is any truth in these rumors unless the Kaiser is determined upon an entire renovation of the Cabinet, implying a reiteration of the general policy of the general government.

It is a notable fact that in all the current political gossip in regard to the Cabinet changes the name of Dr. Miquel, Prussian Minister of Finance, is not mentioned, whereas a few months ago he of all the other members was believed to have the slightest hold upon his office.

Everybody now accepts it as a fact that his position is secured, and it is probable that the Emperor will confine his changes in the Ministry to the retirement of Prince Hohenlohe and General Schellendorf. The retreat of the latter is a signal triumph for the chief generals, especially General von Hahnke, commander of the Emperor's military cabinet, whose unyielding opposition to the scheme of reform in the procedure in military trials has been a thorn in the side of General Schellendorf, for many a day.

The Hamburger Nachrichten, the organ of Prince Bismarck, publishes an article, plainly bearing the marks of having been dictated by the ex-Chancellor, upon the subject of Italy's position in the Dreikaiser which is exciting widespread discussion. The article points out that the maintenance of relations between Austria and Italy is the chief source of anxiety to Germany just now, for the reason that if Italy withdraws from the triple alliance the military resources of Austria will be so restricted by the necessity for guarding the Italian frontier that she will be unable to fulfill her contract to help Germany with the whole of her army.

The Austrian alliance, the article adds, would thus lose so much of its worth to Germany as to cause it to become questionable whether it would be of any value whatever as a thing to be relied upon.

Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria has arranged to pay a visit to King Charles of Roumania at Bucharest in September. The event will be one of high state importance, as a demonstration in response to the formation of the League of Balkan States, under the control of Russia.

The Emperor will meet Oscar of Sweden-Norway, at Brontelheim in Norway on July 23. The Emperor started for Wilhelmshafen with her two eldest sons, Crown Prince William and Prince Eitel Frederick, yesterday. Her Majesty and the Princes will reside at the Schloss in Wilhelmshafen during the absence of the Kaiser on his Nordland trip.

Prince Henry of Prussia, brother of the Emperor, and his wife, Princess Irene, are staying at their new estate in Himmelfark. Princess Irene is in a delicate condition and her accouchement is expected to occur very soon.

The Emperor will send Prince Henry to London to represent him at the royal wedding of Prince Charles of Denmark and Princess Maud of Wales, which will take place on July 23.

Dr. Koch went to Danzig on Wednesday to investigate the case of cholera which was reported by the health authorities of that city to be one of the genuine Asiatic type. Dr. Koch denies that it is Asiatic cholera, although in his examination the comma bacillus was detected. The case, he declares, is traceable to impure water. Stringent precautions against

cholera have been taken by the authorities at Danzig.

THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOURERS.

Thirty Thousand Visitors in the City of Washington, and They Are Still Coming.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 11.—Thirty thousand visitors is the number reached up to this time in the registration booths of the fifteenth annual international Christian Endeavorers' Convention, now in session here.

Secretary Baer stated to-day that this convention would outnumber in delegates that of any convention ever held, the registrations from within the State were not counted. This he considered a fair basis of comparison, as States like Massachusetts are exceedingly strong in Christian Endeavor societies.

Following the preliminary sunrise prayer-meeting, the morning session and the Bible book study in the New York-avenue Presbyterian Church, the convention reassembled at 9:30 o'clock, as usual, in the three tents on the White lot. Tent Williston was opened to the junior rally. Rev. George B. Stewart of Harrisburg, Pa., presided. The Junior Endeavorers were welcomed to the city by Master Raymond Miles of Washington. This was followed by a patriotic exercise, conducted by Mrs. James L. Hill of Salem, Mass., and an address of greeting from President Clark.

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HALF A MILLION SHORT.

Mysterious Disappearance of a New York Merchant.

NEW YORK, N. Y., July 11.—Julius Freudenthal, a well-known merchant, who has been in business for the past thirty-five years, part of the time in this city and at other times in Texas, Mexico and New Mexico, has left this city, creditors say heavily in debt. His whereabouts is unknown, and creditors are very anxious to learn what has become of him. Twelve months ago he held his paper for large amounts, and he is estimated to have lost, both individually and as an indorser, and bankers in this city. He stood very well in bank circles, and he is estimated to have lost, in one or more of his ventures, and was considered by his officers as gilt-edged.

REDUCED TO THE RANKS.

Cadet Captain Murphy's Punishment for Fighting.

NEW YORK, N. Y., July 11.—A Herald special from West Point says: Cadet Pierce A. Murphy of the State of Washington is the first cadet at the United States Military Academy in many years to be punished for fighting. Murphy had a ten-round fight with Edwin G. Davis of Idaho, a "pebe," last Wednesday afternoon. The battle was fought in Dialectic Hall in the presence of several cadets. Colonel Ernst, superintendent of the academy, said the matter was promptly brought to my attention officially and as the result of my investigations I have revoked the appointment of Cadet Murphy as captain of Company B and ordered him reduced to the ranks.

THE ELKS ADJOURN.

Elect Officers and Choose Minneapoints as Next City Meeting.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, July 11.—The Grand Lodge of Elks completed its session yesterday by the election of the following officers for the ensuing year: Grand exalted ruler, Meade Detwiler of Harrisburg, Pa.; grand secretary, George A. Reynolds, Saginaw, Mich.; grand esteemed leading knight, B. M. Allen, Birmingham, Ala.; grand esteemed loyal knight, Louis Hausner, Newark, N. J.; grand esteemed securing knight, Charles M. Foote, Minneapolis, Minn.; grand trustees, Jerome B. Fisher, Jamestown, N. Y.; Hunter V. Craycroft, Dallas, Tex.; George B. Cronk, Omaha, Neb. Minneapoints was selected for the Grand Lodge meeting and reunion of 1897.

FRAWLEY'S NEW TALENT.

Louise Thorndyke Boucicault and Alice Pixley Under Engagement.

NEW YORK, N. Y., July 11.—Louise Thorndyke Boucicault has been engaged by T. L. Frawley to play opposite parts to Wilton Lackaye in his new play "A Social Trust," by Ramsay Morris and Hilary Bell. The season will open at the Columbia Theater, San Francisco, on July 27. Mr. Frawley arrived from the Pacific Coast yesterday and engaged Mrs. Boucicault and Alice Pixley within two hours after he reached here. He will retire from the stage as soon as existing contracts are ended, and devote himself to managing. The event will be one of high state importance, as a demonstration in response to the formation of the League of Balkan States, under the control of Russia.

ITALIAN MINISTRY RESIGNS.

The Cabinet Unable to Agree with the Minister of War.

ROME, ITALY, July 11.—The Cabinet formed by Marquis di Rudini four months ago has resigned. The Cabinet to-day rejected proposals submitted by General Ricotti, Minister of War, for a reduction of the numerical strength of the army, whereupon General Ricotti at once offered his resignation. In view of General Ricotti's resignation, Rudini and other members of the Ministry placed their resignations in the hands of King Humbert, who has charged Marquis di Rudini with the formation of a new Ministry.

Killed in a Collision.

KINGSTON, JAMAICA, July 11.—A disastrous collision occurred to-day on the railroad extension being constructed in this island under the direction of American contractors. Fifteen persons were killed and many injured. It is impossible at present to ascertain whether the list of killed and injured includes any Americans.

WILLIAMS SOCIAL HALL.

A Place of Recreation for Veterans of the War Dedicated.

SERVICES AT THE HOME.

Samuel M. Shortridge Eulogizes the Defenders of the Nation.

OUR DEBT TO THE SURVIVORS.

The Orator Declares Too Much Cannot Be Done to Provide for Their Comfort.

YOUNTVILLE, CAL., July 11.—The new social hall at the State Veterans' Home was dedicated with impressive ceremonies to-night. Nearly all the members of the Veterans' Association, including the board of directors, were present, and 200 invited guests added grace and brilliancy to the occasion. The assembly hall, on the lower floor of the handsome new building, was the scene of the festivities, and the presence of nearly all the able-bodied old "vets" at the home swelled the audience to nearly half a thousand. Several rows of seats in the front part of the hall were occupied by the honored guests from San Francisco and the surrounding valley.

The ceremonies were opened by introductory remarks by the commandant, Colonel George W. Waits. He spoke briefly of the occasion, saying that the board of directors, in its ever faithful kindness, had provided a place of convenience for the veterans, and that their appreciation would be shown in no better way than by commemorating the opening of the new building with an entertainment.

With these few words he announced the first number of the evening's programme, a song by the Napa Glee Club, whose efforts were so satisfactory that an encore was insisted on.

Preceding the leading event of the evening, the dedication oration by the well-known orator, Samuel M. Shortridge, recitations were rendered by Miss Ames, School Superintendent of Napa County, and Mrs. Alice Hookbrook Blinn.

Mr. Shortridge was greeted enthusiastically when he stepped onto the stage. He began by paying a glowing tribute to the old veterans.

"I bow first to the soldiers—the veterans—and next to the flag, that noble banner which these old soldiers helped to save," said he.

After greeting the ladies and other members of the audience in a happy manner he continued:

"I, like all the younger generation, did not have the opportunity and privilege of exhibiting my loyalty and patriotism, as did the old soldiers; but gratitude is the surest way to preserve the grand Union flag as brightly and steadfastly as ever, and can never be extinguished."

An eloquent and feeling tribute was paid to those who died for the flag—the unknown dead, who fill unnamed graves, thereby at least, he said, and we can give them the praise and glory they deserve; but how they fought! Yes, they occupy unmarked graves, which we cannot grace with flowers, but they lie in the Book of Life. A thought always comes to my mind on Memorial Day, and that is, Was it worth all this? Is this flag, the freedom which it symbolizes in history, worth the lives—the countless lives—sacrificed on the rocky field of battle and scenes of carnage? Is it? Yes a thousand times. When we think of the disruption of the Union the heart is almost appalled at the imagined spectacle. The veterans here before us prevented such a disaster. They, like many who sleep in peaceful and hallowed graves, left home and business to maintain the grand old flag. They went forth not as destroyers to carry misery and destruction in their path, but as saviors, and these arms that raised the Stars and Stripes on high would even now, though some are palsied with age, be the first in action to keep it there.

"But let us not forget the brave mothers who sent their first-born forth to do battle and die for their Nation's liberty, nor the tender and loving wives who saw their loved ones and sole support go forth to meet the country's need. This is a grateful Nation; it will not forget its soldiers, nor those left dependent by its dead defenders, and the Nation's treasure would be drained of its last dollar before our country's brave women should be allowed to suffer. And let me say again that those who have no gratitude in their hearts for the brave veterans do not deserve to enjoy the liberty which they helped to preserve; and if there are any who do not honor those who died for that liberty they do not deserve the light of day or the peace of God."

He spoke of the home as one of the practical evidences of gratitude felt by the people for the noble services performed by the 500 who enjoyed its comforts and pleasures and expressed a fervent wish that they might live long to enjoy their well-earned peace and rest.

"Let it be your joy and consolation to know that the dead you performed for are not for a day, but for all time. Let it be your joy and consolation to know that you did something to make the world better for your having lived. So long as the rivers run to the sea, so long as the flowers bloom in this beautiful land, so

long as patriotism dwells in the human heart, your deeds will not be forgotten."

A few words from the commandant at the conclusion of Mr. Shortridge's oration called forth the rousing ovation that the old veterans were keeping back with an effort. A recitation by Miss J. Cranston and music by the Glee Club brought the programme to a close. The following members of the directorate and the association were present: President, S. J. Loop; vice-president, J. D. Barnett; treasurer, captain J. C. Currier; secretary, J. J. Scoville; Charles H. Blinn, G. W. Strohl, Solomon Cahen, J. H. Garrett, Colonel Joseph Stewart, William L. Dugan, C. J. Handley, Charles Lange, J. H. Gilmore, E. S. Gridley.

SUES FOR MINING SHARES.

Philip Deidesheimer Claims He Was Robbed of a Fortune.

SANTA BARBARA, CAL., July 11.—Philip Deidesheimer to-day brought suit against William W. Hollister, A. N. Butte et al. to recover 16,999 2/3 shares of mining stock in the Golden Gate Mining and Milling Company or its value, estimated to exceed \$40,000, together with exemplary damages in the sum of \$10,000.

The complaint states that Deidesheimer owned a sixth interest in certain claims situated in the Camp Flood mining district of Utah, consisting of the Mabel, Noonday, Grasshopper and Gold Dipper lodes. It is charged that at a certain time Hollister, then president of the company, came to the plaintiff, and, under false pretenses, that such a procedure would facilitate a sale of the property, induced him to transfer to him all of his stock; that this transfer was made in the presence of witnesses and was clearly understood to be only a formal transfer, the property right being still vested in himself; that thereupon Hollister transferred this property to his wife Augusta, this transfer being a fraudulent one, for no valuable consideration and its object being solely to deprive Deidesheimer of his rights.

Butts, the mining manager, is then said to have entered into a fraudulent scheme to sell the stock, afterwards selling the entire capital stock of the company to one John Doe Delmar for a sum exceeding \$75,000.

SANTA BARBARA SEARCH.

Trail of Cyrus Barnard's Companion Followed to Caliente Canyon.

Evidence That the Slayer of the Richardson Women Was Aided by an Accomplice.

SANTA BARBARA, CAL., July 11.—Sheriff Hicks of Santa Barbara County is besieged by people who believe they have clues to the Richardson murder mystery. The feeling is general that a sufficient reward should be offered for the discovery of the murderer or of evidence positively establishing the guilt of Barnard, the suspect slain while resisting arrest. It is understood that Sheriff Hicks has offered a \$200 reward from his own private funds.

It was reported to the Sheriff to-day that, at 8:30 Monday morning, Cyrus Barnard was seen in company with a man on the boulevard near Booths Hill. The man was small and had a short, dark beard, brown or black clothes and a brown or black hat.

This man was seen opposite the Richardson house, on the Summerland road, where he took a long inspection of the place and then returned toward the cemetery.

It was discovered that Barnard's old mountain camp was in the Caliente Canyon, at the headwaters of the Santa Inez River, across the mountain range. Thinking that if the stranger were an accomplice he might make for this place, a man went up to examine the trails, and in the course of his investigations found tracks resembling Barnard's going up to the mesa, where he could have overlooked the actions of trackers.

In Romero Canyon was found a Mexican who reported that some one on horseback went over the trail at midnight on Sunday. He found the track of one shoe and one unshod horse and followed it to Blue Canyon, and through the most devious and unaccountable wanderings and doublings up and down the river, finally to Caliente Canyon, where, again doubling, it went up the river five miles, where it was lost. He is satisfied that on the trail Barnard's companion of Monday morning would be found.

Gold Surplus Below Low-Water Mark.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 11.—The gold reserve yesterday fell below the \$100,000,000 limit for the first time since February 20, 1896. The loss of gold during the day amounted to \$934,000, leaving the reserve at the close of business \$99,171,518.

Acquitted at Madera.

MADERA, CAL., July 11.—The trial of Charles A. Lee ended in a verdict of "no guilty" to-day. This was the second trial of Lee on a charge of poisoning cattle in the foothills. On the first jury stood eleven for conviction and one for acquittal.

Two Murders at Astoria.

ASTORIA, OR., July 11.—The bodies of Chris Veglia, keeper of a whisky scow, and Frank Nelson, foreman of Megier's cannery, were found on a scow on the river bank this morning. Veglia had been shot through the body. Nelson was shot through the head. At present there is no clue to the murderers. Both men were on excellent terms with the fishermen. The coroner and sheriff are now investigating the case.

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TACOMA HOUSES LEFT IN DARKNESS.

Mayor Fawcett and Police Cut Down Electric Light Wires.

ENFORCING A CONTRACT.

The Patrons of the Commercial Company Deprived of Midnight Rays.

THE CITY CLAIMS ITS OWN.

Refuses to Permit an Opposition Corporation to Make Further Use of Its Poles.

TACOMA, WASH., July 11.—Mayor Fawcett, City Electrician Bachelet and a squad of policemen at 3 o'clock this morning went to the residence part of the city and began cutting the electric-light wires of the Commercial Electric Company from the city poles, on which they were strung. When the city acquired the light plant three years ago sixty days' notice was required before the wires could be molested; but Mayor Fawcett claims a notice given in March, 1895, was sufficient, though not then enforced.

The cutting of the wires was continued to-day until the Commercial Company's service in the residence section was destroyed.

The Commercial Company secured from Judge Pritchard this afternoon an order restraining the city from further destruction and from interfering with the company's replacing the wires thrown down. This order is returnable Monday morning.

The company then started to put up wires, but late in the afternoon it was stopped by an order issued by Judge Stalton restraining the company from stringing wires on poles owned by the city. The company's officers are dodging the service of this injunction until after midnight, and apparently intend to take advantage of Sunday by putting up the wires when legal service cannot be had. The workmen hid themselves, in order that the injunction might not be served upon them.

This fight is the outcome of heated competition between the city plant and the Commercial Company for lighting contracts. The latter's franchise was procured shortly before the city acquired the Tacoma Light and Water Company's plant, and it is now operated by