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In the effort to properly preserve forest areas in perpetuity in the State of Washington, and thus prevent the early failure of the lumber industry, problems arise of such diversity and complexity, that to solve them seems almost a hopeless task. Fire and the reckless, wasteful, and thoughtless course of lumbermen, are the main obstacles to success. It would be hard to determine which of the two is the most destructive, or which is the more difficult to deal with. Legislative enactments may do some good in so far as fires are concerned, but their effect, so far, has not been plainly in evidence. Thousands of dollars worth of damage has been done in this state every fall, as a result of conflagrations started by campers, or hunters. At the present rate of destruction by lumbermen and careless people with matches, the great forests of Washington will be sadly thinned out within the next 10 years, even to the extent of seriously impairing the logging and milling industry. The supply of timber is not inexhaustible, and should be carefully protected. Smoke clouds are already beginning to obscure the heavens in the direction of the Olympics, and the Cascades, showing that the annual work of destruction has commenced.

If all campers and hunters would take the simple precaution to extinguish camp fires after using the same, most of the trouble could be avoided. A few vigorous prosecutions of offenders for carelessly setting fire to timber in this state, would be beneficial.

Pathetic appeals are being made to the people of the United States for aid for the starving peasants in Eastern Russia. In some of the provinces scarcely any rain has fallen since last winter; the harvests are a total failure, and the people have no means with which to obtain food. They are tortured with scurvy and dying of starvation. Thousands upon thousands of granaries through the opulent American Republic are bulging with corn, and our wheat bins are overflowing with their life-sustaining store. There is no need to ask for financial aid for the famine-stricken Russians. Send out a call for grain, for flour, for potatoes! Heap the plentiful donations which will certainly be offered in answer to the cry for help into the capacious holds of available ships, and send them with all speed to Russia! Once there, the Russian government and benevolent foreigners will see to the distribution of the food products among the starving peasants.

At least 100 lives and a vast amount of money have been sacrificed in the unavailing efforts to find gold in the Kotzebue sound district of Alaska. The precious metal is not there; but the skeletons of the luckless argonauts are scattered through the territory as ghastly monuments of failure.

SEATTLE NEWS NOTES

That the Northern Pacific Railway company means business in the matter of securing a site for the new union station, was shown today by the filing of important transfers of property in the auditor's office. The transfers were from the former owners of certain lands to Mr. C. J. Smith, who is acting for the railway company.

Twenty-four instruments altogether were filed in connection with the transferring of the property, and they are numbered from 178,901 to 178,924 inclusive. The deeds aggregated in value over \$250,000. One of them was for \$100,000, and others were from that sum down to \$1,000.

In addition to the deeds there were several releases of mortgages and other papers in which the value was the nominal one of \$1 or \$10, so that the total value will be brought up to the figure of \$700,000, as published previously in the Star.

T. S. Williams, who recently returned from the north, claims to be short \$200, as a result of placing too much confidence in a new-found Seattle friend. At police headquarters he stated that a man claiming to be one of the promoters of the new

street railway consolidation, approached him and asked for the loan of \$200. For this loan Williams was to be given a position on one of the lines when the deal was completed. Since then he has not seen his friend. The prosecuting attorney's office refused to issue a warrant, claiming that they were not a collection bureau.

The Jane Grey case is again up for hearing before Judge Hanford this afternoon. No new testimony was taken, the afternoon being devoted to arguing on the testimony already given.

August Klei, a driver in the employ of the Cascade laundry, telephoned to police headquarters last night to the effect that two men had attempted to hold him up on Tenth avenue, near Yesler way. He gave the police a description of the men, and detectives will be put to work on the case.

The writ of habeas corpus in the case of William Armstrong, wanted in Chicago for jury bribing, is being argued this afternoon before Judge Jacobs.

president, who succeeds to the head of the government.

"But if something is not quickly done to establish order and peace, more revolutionary expeditions will follow like that of Gen. Jimenez and Gen. Morales, who led a band from Cuba against Heuresaux.

"There are now in this country Gen. Toribio Garcia and Edward Grullon, who share my views. We think that the United States ought to take an interest in our West Indian republic. It will be a great commercial ally. It lies between Cuba and Porto Rico. It must of necessity, I believe, ultimately become attached to this country."

Gen. Moscoso has been in exile in New York for three years. He opposed the late president politically and had to flee to save his life.

VICTORIA, B. C., Aug. 4.—After the most exciting play of the whole series, A. T. Goward, of Victoria, today defeated Hurd, of Seattle, by a score of 6-4, 8-6 in the tennis tournament.

SHALL WE TAKE
SAN DOMINGO?Next Probable Step in March
of Expansion.

NEW YORK, Aug. 4.—General A. A. Moscoso, an exiled leader of the liberal party of Santo Domingo, now living in New York, says:

"The death of President Heuresaux will, I think, surely be followed by a long state of disorder and revolution. I want to emphasize this prophecy—that the United States will eventually be compelled to interfere to establish peace in the island, just as this country did in Cuba.

"I favor the policy of peace. I shall be glad to return to my country and support such a policy if it is inaugurated by Gen. Figueroa, the vice

WASHINGTON, Aug. 4.—The Acting Secretary of State Adee has received a cablegram from Minister Powell, of Hayti, confirming the newspaper reports of the violation of the law by the police officers, who are making arrests. The minister added that the person arrested is a citizen of Hayti, and he seeks to know what disposition can be made of him. The department is now giving this query consideration, and will probably direct the minister to surrender the man to the authorities if it shall appear that the proceeding shall be regular and he will be given a fair trial.

If the Haytian government expresses regret at the invasion of the legation, the State department will be satisfied.

Paris, Aug. 4.—The Paris correspondent of the London Chronicle will shortly take to Rennes the letter in which Esterhazy repeats that he was the author of the bordereau, which he wrote at the order of Col. Canthorpe. The letter was first made public through the Chronicle. It is reported that it will be submitted to the court as a substitute for Esterhazy's presence.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 4.—Eight of the new volunteer regiments will start for the Philippines during September, the first being the regiment from Fort Thomas, Ky., which will sail from San Francisco about September 5.

CHRISTIANIA, Aug. 4.—The inter-Parliamentary peace conference, sitting today, decided to send congratulations to the Czar and the various powers represented at The Hague peace conference on the happy results achieved by that body.

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FROM CHICAGO
TO NEW YORKA Reported Combination of
Railroad Companies.

CHICAGO, Aug. 4.—The Chronicle tomorrow will say: A new through passenger line is to be established between Chicago and New York by the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western and the Nickel Plate roads. Notwithstanding denials, it is learned a close traffic alliance has been entered into between these two companies, one of the features of which will be the establishment of a through passenger train service between the two cities.

The arrangement between the Nickel Plate and the West Shore, by which the former ran through sleeping cars between the East and West, will be discontinued. The new line covers a territory that has been untouched by through service heretofore. Fast trains will be put on as soon as the details of the arrangement are complete. The distance from Chicago to New York by the new line is 943 miles.

The Water Front.

The steamers Multnomah and Aberdeen, belonging to the Seattle Steamship company, are having a very busy season on their route between Seattle, Tacoma and Olympia. An immense amount of freight, chiefly corn for Tacoma, and piping and railway iron for lower Sound points, has been shipped from the White Star dock during the past month, and it has been even found necessary to engage outside boats to handle the rapidly increasing traffic.

The little steamer Gracie Felitz, which now lies on the northern side of the Schwabacher dock, will leave tomorrow with the Wright party of 11, for Ketchikan. She is now almost chock-a-block with freight, and only requires her coal and water to enable her to get away. The Wright party will engage in both saw milling and mining in the vicinity of Ketchikan. A saw milling plant will be taken up on another steamer shortly. It is the intention of Mr. Wright to use the Felitz in towing logs up north, and it will probably be some time before she returns to this port.

Steamer Cottage City was moved to the front of the Ocean dock today, where work is still proceeding on her prow. She will be ready to sail on the 11th inst.

Work on the steamer Lakme, which was so badly damaged by fire recently, is being pushed with all speed. It is expected now that she will be ready to sail in about 10 days. If so, she will no doubt secure a good deal of the cargo intended for the Chas. Nelson, which has been withdrawn from the St. Michael route.

Steamer Cleveland will finish loading here today, and will get away for St. Michael tonight. She returned from Vancouver last night, having taken on at that port 800 tons of general merchandise for the north American Transportation & Trading company. The Seattle-Yukon Transportation company is sending up heavy supplies on her, and a large amount of St. Michael and Cape Nome mail matter is being sent from Seattle.

GIRLS HUGGED BY
AN UGLY MAN

DERBY, Conn., Aug. 4.—A hump-backed one-eyed man has been recently haunting the city park and darting from behind trees to embrace young women. These attacks have thrown them into a panic.

The man grasped Fannie Woodworth. The police made a search through the park and the man was run to cover. There was a chase of three miles, an angry crowd following the police. The Shelton police captured the man after a fierce resistance.

He gave his name as Charles A. Jenkins, but would say nothing more about himself. He is about 40 years old and repulsive in appearance.

SEATTLE MINING STOCK
MARKET.

At the Seattle Mining Exchange today Albert Edward was again in the lead, though other stocks held firm, and some good sales were made. The only option sold was on 200 Mountain Lion at \$122, buy at 20 days, \$10 cash.

Quotations and bids were as follows:

| LISTED STOCKS | |
|--------------------|--------|
| Real Bay | 17 1/2 |
| Jubilee | 10 |
| Sea Level | 40 |
| Chas. G. & C. | 1 1/2 |
| Copper Vault | 4 |
| Standard M. & M. | 5 |
| Deer Trail No. 1 | 24 24 |
| Weatherby Bonanza | 17 1/2 |
| Sullivan | 19 1/2 |
| Golden Tunnel | 50 35 |
| Warrior Tender | 12 1/2 |
| Legal General | 130 |
| Q. S. M. & M. Co. | 18 |
| Albert Edward | 10 10 |
| E. San Poil | 7 |
| Golden Tunnel Dev. | 17 1/2 |
| Gopher | 3 1/2 |
| Republic | 122 |
| Tom Thumb | 19 1/2 |
| Insurgent | 6 1/2 |
| Quilp | 10 1/2 |
| Black Tail | 28 1/2 |
| Long Pine Surprise | 28 1/2 |
| San Poil | 70 |
| Summit | 2 1/2 |
| Mountain Lion | 116 |
| Rebate | 15 |
| Evening Star | 11 1/2 |
| Rambler Caribou | 30 1/2 |
| Huckleberry | 7 1/2 |
| UNLISTED STOCKS | |
| Corona | 5 |
| Gunn's Peak | 10 |
| Index Bonanza | 2 1/2 |
| Gold Crown | 2 1/2 |
| Miller River | 2 1/2 |
| Index Horns | 2 1/2 |
| Ruth Ether | 2 |
| Cuba | 1 1/2 |

The following sales were made: Deer Trail No. 2, 2,000; Albert Edward, 5,000; Evening Star, 1,000; Huckleberry, 2,000.

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CHICAGO, Aug. 4.—Justice Walter J. Gibbons, president of the Catholic Total Abstinence Union of Illinois, said yesterday that he had almost completed the details for the annual convention of the Catholic Total Abstinence Union of America, which will be held at the Studebaker theater, beginning August 2, and will last for three days. The society of the largest Catholic fraternal organization in the United States, having over 50,000 members.

Archbishops Ireland and Feehan, and Bishop Spalding, as well as other distinguished prelates of the church, will be in attendance at the convention, and will speak on temperance and leading subjects pertaining to the country and the Catholic church.

The coming convention is the first to be held in Chicago since 1885, and a large influx of visitors is expected.

WISCONSIN TOWN
IS THREATENED

CHIPPewa FALLS, Wis., Aug. 4.—A fierce fire destroyed the shingle block lumber yard of the Northwestern Lumber company at Stanley, Wis., this morning. About five acres of wood and shingle blocks were soon enveloped in flames and the fire advanced rapidly toward the city. The mayor of Stanley wired to this city for help, and a steamer with a crew of men are now in that place. The citizens are working hard to save the town. It is believed now that the fire is under control.

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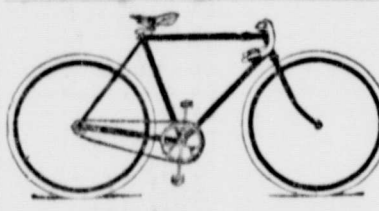
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