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SHE MAY BE SAVED

Baltimore Still Remains in the Same Position.

SHE LIES BROADSIDE TO THE SEA

No Lives Were Lost—Assistance on the Way From San Francisco—The Compass Was Wrong.

London, Or., August 31.—The ill-fated tank steamer *Baltimore*, which ran ashore Wednesday in a fog two miles north of Cape Blanco, lies in much the same position as when she struck. All of the crew escaped to the beach in safety by means of small boats and the sea was quite calm last night, and they had no difficulty in reaching the land. Captain Woodside and his wife and the crew are camped on the beach near the scene of the wreck, and will remain there as long as there is any hope of saving anything.

The ship lies broadside to the sea, about 200 feet from shore. She has settled in the sand to the depth of about twelve feet, and the sand is fast piling up about her. It is the general opinion here that she will be completely buried in about a week. The steamer is not leaking yet.

An effort was made today to lighten her stem, but after throwing out thirty tons of flour, the captain decided the attempt was useless. Captain Woodside telegraphed to San Francisco for the tug *Monarch*, which left that place this morning, and will attempt to save the vessel. The captain says his compass was deranged, for, according to his reckoning, the steamer should have been twenty miles off shore.

It is no wonder Captain Woodside's compass did not work right, for the deck was piled high with street cars, steam launches, lighters and other iron and steel cargo. It is evident that the steamer was going ahead at full speed when she struck, the unfortunate captain thinking he was steering in a safer direction. Why he persisted in hugging the shore when he had the whole Pacific ocean to the westward of him cannot be understood, especially as he was not compelled to make stops at coast ports. He had plenty of experience in navigating through fog and smoke on his trip up the coast, and his friends here cannot understand why he did not stand well out to sea after leaving the straits. He probably wanted to save as much time as possible, but in doing so has placed his vessel in a most unfortunate position.

It is thought the steamer may yet be saved. Though she is rapidly settling in the sand, as the *Wetmore* did, an attempt will be made to dislodge her, and the powerful tug *Monarch* is steaming north from San Francisco for that purpose. If the steamer cannot be saved, they will try to land as much of the cargo as possible. The *Baltimore* is not likely to break up right away, unless a storm should come up, as she is a very compact built vessel. The steamer is valued at \$125,000, and her cargo at \$60,000. Both are insured.

Read Is Not Insane.

Salem, August 31.—The Rev. J. C. Read, who acquired notoriety in connection with an attempted bank robbery in Portland and was afterward placed in the insane asylum, will be discharged in a few days for an unusual cause. Superintendent Paine and other officials at the asylum, after discussing his case thoroughly, state that since his reception at the asylum, he has given no evidence of insanity, hence he will be discharged not as "improved" or "cured," but as a sane man. Concerning Read's commitment, the superintendent says he may have shown signs of mental derangement prior thereto. The evidence of Mrs. W. C. Johnson, the superintendent's wife, had weight with the jury before whom Read was tried, whereas she only established her theory of insanity as an ultimate result of epilepsy without affirming that Read was insane.

After Chicago's Milk-Dealers.

Chicago, August 31.—Health Commissioner Kerr has begun open war against the milk-dealers. He has filed charges in the office of the prosecuting attorney against ninety-three milk-dealers whose milk or cream had been examined by the city chemist and been found wanting. In many cases the milk had been skimmed, and the dealer was presumably selling it as good milk, because his cans were not otherwise tagged when the inspector took the sample. In some cases the milk had been merely watered, and in other cases it had been both watered and skimmed. In many cases cream had been found colored, lacking in butter, or otherwise deficient.

Newfoundland's Bank Troubles.

St. John's, N. F., August 31.—The trustees of the Commercial Bank have made a call upon the shareholders for the full reserve liabilities on shares, which amounts to \$200 on each share. Some of the leading lawyers say the shareholders are not liable to the trustees, and that the latter cannot enforce the call. It is further contended that the call was made without direction from the supreme court, and consequently will have to be revoked. The matter is certain to be prolific of boundless litigation.

Bissell Offered the Vacancy.

Buffalo, August 31.—An evening paper declares that ex-Postmaster-General Bissell has been offered by President Cleveland the place on the United States supreme court bench made vacant by the death of Judge Jackson. The paper adds that it is not likely that Mr. Bissell will accept.

THIRTEEN MINERS LOST.

Entombed by the Accidental Flooding of Colorado Mines.

Central City, Colo., August 31.—The accidental flooding of the American and the Sleepy Hollow mines, this afternoon, caused the death, it is believed, of thirteen miners. Every effort has been made to rescue the men, but little hope is entertained.

Soon after 3 o'clock the water in the lower workings of the Fisk mine, east of the main shaft, broke through the old workings of a vein which had not been worked for a number of years. Coursing eastward, it struck the American, where two Italian miners, whose names have not been learned, were at work in the lower part of the shaft. They were both drowned. In its course the water diverted to the Sleepy Hollow mine, the easterly portion of the Fisk vein.

Fourteen men were working in the Sleepy Hollow, three of whom escaped.

A corrier was sent to the adjacent mines, and all their workmen escaped. Those in the Sleepy Hollow, whose escape was shut off, were:

N. Vegas, B. Brockton, Brower P. Risk, William P. Risk, Thomas Rouse, Thomas Williams, M. Placoni, Thomas Callis, J. Harris, S. Valero, John Parks.

The sounding of the whistle gave the first signal of the disaster, and soon the shaft building of the Sleepy Hollow mine was so packed with the families and friends of the imprisoned miners and those anxious to render assistance that it was almost impossible for the work of attempting a rescue to proceed.

Deputy Sheriff Williams finally arrived on the grounds, the building was cleared, and practical miners offered their services in lowering the bucket. The greatest depth attained was 330 feet. The accumulated gas forced up by the rising waters was such that a candle would not burn at a greater depth.

A second effort was then made, a large sized safety-lamp having been placed in the bucket. The rescuer who first descended, H. P. Risk, was found at the 330-foot level. On reaching the surface he was almost in an insensible condition. Other volunteers went down afterward, but were not successful in reaching a lower point in the shaft, owing to the rising of the water.

Extra water buckets were sent for and brought to the mine, which are now working with a view to lowering the water. The managers of the properties were on the ground, and were very assiduous in their efforts to relieve the men. The two in the American are without doubt dead. Those in the Sleepy Hollow, unless they can be found in the slopes, have met death in a similar manner.

Ever since the closing down of the pumps of the incline shaft of the new Gregory Mining Company, the water in that shaft has been rising gradually and the owners of the Fisk mine have been driven out of the lower to the upper workings. This was due to the inability of the owners of the Fisk and Sleepy Hollow mines to agree on a plan to pro-rate the drainage.

After the Tobacco Trust.

New York, August 31.—Attorney-General Theodore H. Hancock is preparing to bring suit against the American Tobacco Company to annul its certificate to do business in this state. The preliminary step was taken today, when the officers were served with a summons to appear Saturday to answer to the complaint that they are doing business in violation of the statutes. The petitioner, Charles W. Wheelman, is a jobber of Syracuse. He asks the state to perpetually enjoin the trust from making and selling paper cigarettes. He alleges that notwithstanding the law of New York forbids the organization of such a company in this state, the trust organized under the laws of New Jersey, has come into New York and is doing business and enjoying privileges which are denied to home corporations. The petition was prepared under direction of the attorney-general, who is prepared to prosecute the trust and expects to drive it out of the state.

That Mint Scandal.

Carson, Nev., August 31.—Today Judge Hawley heard the contempt proceedings against H. A. Lemmon and H. G. Dunn, publishers of the *Tribune*, for publishing an article headed "The Third Act," bearing on the mint troubles. The article said that in the opinion of the editors the mint investigation as carried on was a farce and persecution, and had been instituted by officials in Washington for persecution. Marshal Humphreys took exception to the article and made affidavit to Judge Hawley that the article was contemptuous, false, etc., and was intended to retard justice. The defendants filed a demurrer, which was overruled by the judge. Editor Lemmon, who admitted the authorship of the article, was sentenced to pay a fine of \$50 and ten days in jail.

The Police Prevented a Lynching.

Cincinnati, August 31.—There was almost a lynching in Newport, Ky., last night. Billy Timberlake, a white man, aged 50, was charged with attempting an outrage upon the 13-year-old daughter of a mill hand. A crowd of mill men chased Timberlake twelve blocks, but he fell into the hands of the police, and was quickly jailed out of reach of immediate vengeance.

Aided Perry to Escape.

Troy, N. Y., August 31.—Amelia A. Haswell, city missionary, accused of aiding the escape of train robber Oliver Curtis Perry from the Mattewan insane criminal hospital, was arrested today. She declined to make a statement further than that she had had no part in the plot.

QUARRELOUS CHINESE

San Francisco's Mongolians Try Boycotting.

MAY DISRUPT SIX COMPANIES

The Chinese Minister at Washington Has Been Appealed to Settle Their Difficulties.

San Francisco, August 30.—The factional fight that has been going on for some time in Chinatown between the See Yip and Sam Yip families has culminated in the disruption of the Six Companies, the most powerful organization ever instituted by the Chinese in this country. All the efforts of Consul-General Li Yang Yew and other prominent Chinese to bring about a settlement of the differences have resulted in failure, and the Chinese minister at Washington has announced his intention of coming to San Francisco and trying his powers as a peacemaker.

The secession of the See Yups from the Six Companies leaves the latter with the small end of the organization and a depleted treasury. The boycott started by the See Yups has nearly ruined the Sam Yip merchants, and if not ended soon it will cause the retirement from business of a large number of firms. The boycott is not confined to this city, but is being extended to every place in the United States where Chinese reside in any numbers.

This state of affairs has been telegraphed to the minister. A few days ago he informed the Chinese of this city that unless the boycott was declared off within ten days from the date of his telegram, he would come to San Francisco and take a hand in the controversy. This is understood to mean that some of the leaders in the war may expect to lose their heads when they return to China unless they comply with the commands of the minister.

CLOTHING-MAKERS' STRIKE.

It Threatens to Spread and Involve Twenty Thousand Workers.

New York, August 30.—The World says today:

The strike of clothing makers at Rochester for the union rate of wages threatens to develop into a strike there will affect 20,000 workers. The United Garment Workers of America, who have a general executive board in this city, have received information that the contractors and wholesalers at Rochester who are affected by the strike are sending their goods to this city to be made up. Auditor Henry White, of the garment workers, said last night:

"The Progressive Tailors' Union, which belongs to the Knights of Labor, has undertaken to make the clothing at Rochester. There are thousands of non-union people working in the shop with the progressive people, and if they continue the strike in Rochester will be broken up in a few days and the union scattered to the winds. The Brotherhood of Tailors which has a membership of 3,000, will be called upon to strike in all the shops in the city where work is done for the Rochester contractors. About 5,000 workmen will be ordered to strike here if the Progressive Tailors' Union refuses to send back the Rochester work."

"If the strike is ordered it will spread to Syracuse, Utica, Albany, Buffalo and scores of towns in this state where the union scale is not paid. The 12,000 clothing workers of Chicago will also strike. About 20,000 workers will be affected."

Verge of an Uprising.

New York, August 30.—The World's Telegrams dispatch says:

"Revolution seems inevitable. The treasury is empty and the government is resorting to forced loans. A rich farmer, Maximo Sanchez, received an order from the president to deliver \$100,000 as a loan to the government within two days. Sanchez refused and was condemned to sweep the streets wearing a ball and chain, and was fined \$1,000 for each day until the amount demanded was paid. Under the dress Sanchez said:

"The president is in such fear of enemies that while on the street he carries a pistol in his hand, and is surrounded by officers who will permit nobody to approach him."

A Complaint From Turkey.

Constantinople, August 30.—The sultan has sent a dispatch to the Turkish ambassadors at Paris and St. Petersburg, bitterly complaining of the attitude of Great Britain regarding Armenia, which attitude is described as discourteous and derogatory to the sultan's prestige. The dispatch contains with an appeal to the French and Russian governments to use their good offices with Great Britain to modify her attitude.

The Lyle-Goldendale Road.

Goldendale, August 30.—L. Gerlinger, of Vancouver, Wash., and Ernest C. Dalton, of Chicago, arrived in Goldendale today and made a proposition to the Klickitat Valley Railroad Company, to tie, rail and equip a railroad from Lyle to Goldendale, provided the right-of-way is procured and the grade made. No decision has yet been made by the company.

Boyd Given His Liberty.

North Yakima, August 30.—At the preliminary examination of Louis A. Boyd, charged with stealing \$500 from the safe of the Hotel Yakima while he was employed there, the evidence was of such character that the defendant could not be held, and was given his liberty. The costs of the prosecution were charged against Peter Belles, the complaining witness.

PARKER VALENTINE'S FORTUNE

He Will Be Arrested for Murder When He Returns to Claim It.

San Francisco, August 30.—Parker Pearson Valentine, who was last heard of in Colorado, is the heir to about \$100,000 worth of property, left him by his mother, Lucy A. Valentine, who died in Wisconsin recently. The chances are that the heir will not hasten to appear to claim his fortune, for the reason that if he does for a good chance of being arrested for a murder committed in Minneapolis twenty-five years ago.

In the probate court today the public administrator desired to secure the administration of that part of Mrs. Valentine's estate which is located in this county. This property consists of an interest in the estate of the late Hiram Pearson, valued at about \$30,000. It was contended that the administration of the San Francisco part of the estate should go to J. M. Reay, who is named as executor of the Milwaukee estate.

It was stated in court today that young Valentine fled from home when 17, returning five years later with a fortune of \$60,000 made in real estate. He married against the wishes of his mother and in a few months, discovering evidences of his wife's unfaithfulness, killed her lover and fled. He afterwards went to his mother's house and told of the crime. He obtained no sympathy from her and he left the house, never to return. She sought for him in vain. In making her will, besides bequeathing him all her property, she established a trust fund to be used in searching for the missing son. If he is not found the property all goes to St. John's home, in Milwaukee. The case was continued for two weeks in order to gain the necessary time for evidence to arrive from Wisconsin.

MINISTER DENBY HEARD FROM

Matters in China Are Progressing in a Satisfactory Manner.

Washington, August 30.—The department has received cable advices from Minister Denby, dated August 27, that Hixon, consul at Foo Chow, started for Kut Ein under orders from him, to investigate the recent riots in the early part of the month. Hixon went with the consent of the Chinese government and under the protection of an escort furnished by the provincial authorities. He was accompanied by Commander Newell, of the Detroit. The Fu Cheng commission will begin work as soon as the British consul at Chung King can leave his post.

The late viceroy of Se Chuen, Liu Pin Ching, has not been appointed by the Peking government, as its commissioner for the investigation of either the June or August riots, but has received orders from the emperor to remain at Cheng Tu until his conduct prior to and during the riots has been thoroughly investigated. The first paragraph of the above statement completely disposes of the story sent out from Washington a few days ago to the effect that Consul Hixon had proceeded hastily and without authority. The whole statement also disposes of another baseless story that Minister Denby's course is unsatisfactory, and he is likely to be recalled. It is stated at the department that matters are progressing in China in an entirely satisfactory manner.

Hong Kong, August 30.—It is reported here that Chinese officials are assisting the Ku Cheng commission actively, and a thorough investigation into the recent massacre of missionaries is being made. Ten vegetarians have already been convicted, and the trial of others is proceeding. There is no danger of fresh disturbances in that district during the sitting of the commission.

No Effect Upon Holmes.

Philadelphia, August 30.—The news from Indianapolis that the supposed body of young Howard Pitezel had been located in the chimney of a house in the suburbs of that city was conveyed to Holmes by his attorney this afternoon. The attorney had a long conference with Holmes, in relation to this new phase of the case. He states that Holmes did not waver in his claim that Howard Pitezel had been left in the care of Hatch and Minnie Williams on October 10 last. Holmes' counsel said his client is so accustomed to hearing of startling developments in the case and has been so frequently accused of crimes which it would have been physically impossible for him to commit, that a little matter of the finding of a few bones has not the slightest effect upon him.

Three Hundred Were Killed.

Constantinople, August 30.—Reports have been received of a recent attack of the band of Bulgarians on the Mohammedan village of Dospat, across the Turkish frontier, in the Rhodope mountains, as called August 16. The attack, it appears, occurred at dawn, and while the villagers were asleep. The Bulgarians used dynamite bombs and set fire to the houses. While they tried to escape, men, women and children, it is claimed, were killed indiscriminately. According to one version of the affair, 300 were killed.

An Army Officer Murdered.

El Reno, Oklahoma, August 30.—It is reported that Captain Baldwin, of the United States army, the acting agent at the Kiowa, Comanche and Apache agency, at Anadarko, was murdered last night by the Indians. Federal officers think the murder was committed by gamblers and whisky peddlers against whom Captain Baldwin has been waging a relentless war. There is considerable excitement here. A large party of deputy marshals is on the way to the scene.

YOUNG PITEZELS' BODY

Was Found in Holmes' House in Indianapolis.

THE CHARRED BONES ONLY LEFT

The Evidence Against the Insurance Swindler Is Said to Be Strong Enough to Hang Him.

Indianapolis, August 29.—Indianapolis will claim the right to try H. H. Holmes for murder. The claim will be based upon the developments today, which include the finding of the charred remains of 9-year old Howard Pitezel, and evidence which before any jury in the country would convict Holmes of murdering him and then partially burning his body in a stove. Detectives Geyer, of Philadelphia; Richards, of Indianapolis; and Inspector Gary, of the Fidelity Insurance Company, have been at work for several weeks hunting for traces of the boy's body. He was traced here with Holmes and disappeared. The city was scoured and work began in the suburbs, hunting for a house rented by Holmes on October 10, 11 or 12, of last year.

This morning the detectives went to Irvington, a pretty suburb of this city, and the seat of Butler college, and before they had been at work an hour, their attention was called by a local real estate dealer to a small vacant cottage situated in the woods at the edge of town, and far removed from any other dwellings. The party went to the house, and a few minutes later the officers found beneath the side porch the missing trunk which was taken from the Circle house in this city, October 10, by Holmes, and which was thought to contain the body of the boy.

Great excitement followed and hundreds flocked to the scene as soon as the discovery leaked out, although the officers tried to keep it secret. The house was guarded and work began, searching for additional evidence. Developments followed thick and fast, and the chain of evidence is damaging.

In a barn connected with the house was a large stove of cylindrical shape, of the same pattern as those Holmes bought in Cincinnati. He rented the house under the same alias. The stove had been moved to the stable by the owner of the house after Holmes left. It was concluded that the body had been burned in the stove, and search began for the remains. Late this evening, Dr. Barnhill's attention was called by a small boy named Walter Jany to the stovehole, where the stove had been. It was filled with refuse. This was pulled out, and the remains of the boy were found. Physicians and dentists were there, and in this refuse hundreds of pieces of charred bones were found. The teeth showed that the body was that of a boy between 8 and 10 years old, and the other bones confirmed this. All were charred, and pieces of flesh clung to some of them. The skull bones and pelvis added the same truth. The boy had evidently been burned in a cob fire in the huge stove found in the barn. Howard's overcoat was found in a grocery store near by, where Holmes had left it, saying that the boy would call for it. He never came. Owners of the house recognize Holmes from the pictures, and several neighbors remember the face. Several people have identified him, and all doubt is removed. Other developments are expected tomorrow, and with this evidence, Indianapolis will demand Holmes for trial.

Brazil Is Hopeful.

New York, August 29.—The Herald's correspondent in Rio de Janeiro telegraphs that it is reported in official circles that despite the assertions published in the English press, the Brazilian government has good grounds to believe that England will relinquish her claims to Trinidad. In regard to the proposed ratification of the terms of Rio Grande do Sul, the president says it is impossible for him to change the constitution of the state without express sanction from the national congress.

Will Plant Lobsters.

Vancouver, B. C., August 29.—Professor Prince, of the Dominion marine and fisheries department, is now conducting investigations in the north arm of Burrard's inlet to ascertain the suitability of the water for lobsters, which the department intends introducing into the province.

He Tried Dueling.

Guadalajara, Mexico, August 29.—George S. Morris, an American mining man, was dangerously wounded in a duel at Ameca by a Spaniard, Jose Salazar. The two quarreled over a business deal, and the Spaniard issued the challenge to fight.

Beaten by Native Evangelists.

London, August 29.—A dispatch from Shanghai says that at the yamen, a magistrate of Tsiaohsio, near Wuhu, a member of the alliance mission was beaten by several native evangelists and nearly flogged to death.

Protection at Tarsus.

Washington, August 29.—A cable was received from Minister Terrill at the state department today, saying: "The porte gives emphatic assurance of security for American citizens at Tarsus."

Decided in Favor of Women.

Helena, Mont., August 29.—In the Montana Methodist conference today, the question of admitting women to the general conference on the same footing as men was decided in favor of the women.

EVERYTHING HAS WHEELS.

A Sermon Preached in Chicago on "The Ethics of Bicycling."

Chicago, August 28.—Dr. J. Spencer Kennard, of the Belden avenue Baptist church, preached last night on "The Ethics of Bicycling," from the text: "Behold, he wrought a work on the wheels," Jeremiah xviii:3. He said, among other things:

"The entrance of wheels into society marked the transition from savagery to civilization. What a vast place this wheel holds in human thought and life. The very constellations move in cycles, the earth revolves with double motion. We think a revolution of the seasons; time is marked by revolving wheels; wheels turn the world's industries and the world's locomotion."

"The latest development is humanity on wheels. The evolution of the bicycle and its swift march of conquest is now chiefly and universally in evidence. Within a year from being an occasional toy, it has leaped into a dominion of half a million. It has come to stay, and so we must make the best of it. A state of things still more serious is likely to develop in the change of habits and manners as between the sexes. We have easily adjusted our ideas to the sight of the gentler sex on wheels. Nor is there a reasonable change in the conventional dress of that sex to be other than approved insofar as it tends to comfort in riding. The stress of the true woman's contention as against the new woman will be to assist in maintaining a proper limit, in guarding against a needless display of form and assimilation of masculinity of appearance."

"Let us welcome the bicycle as a boon to humanity and guard its use from excesses and immoral dissipations, and trust that with chivalric watchfulness on the part of both sexes over each other's sacred prerogatives, it will be a blessing to social intercourse rather than a peril."

News From Alaska.

Port Townsend, August 28.—Kjellman, of Madison, Wis., who took a party of Laplanders to Port Clarence to take charge of the government reindeer stations in Alaska, arrived on the bark *Sonoma* this morning. The government now has about 1,000 head of reindeer, and they are thriving fast. The cutter *Bear* brought over this season 130 head from Siberia, most of which are in far less better condition than the Alaska deer. The herds have increased 300 head, and only eleven have died. The stations are supplied with the following number of deer:

Cape Prince of Wales, 210; Port Clarence, 500, and Cape Nome, 200.

Some natives engaged in a personal encounter, and four were killed. One man who had a dispute with another in relation to the division of a seal, which each claimed he killed, deliberately took an ax and chopped his adversary's head off as the latter was coming in through an open door. The other three were killed by shooting and stabbing.

Was in America Last Year.

London, August 28.—At the inquest today on the remains of Gertrude Mayston, who was shot and killed by her husband, after which the latter attempted suicide and is now in the hospital, the evidence showed that the deceased was formerly a member of the Gaiety company under the stage name of Gertrude Hiller, and that she played in the United States in 1894 under the management of Henry E. Abbey. It was also shown at the inquest that she was the daughter of a naval captain, and that she married a cadbriver. Jealousy is supposed to be the cause of the crime, as a man named Simpson was frequently seen with her.

A Triple Killing.

Butte, Mont., August 28.—Word was received today of a triple killing, which occurred at Sweet Grass, on the international boundary. William Long, a cowboy for the "F" outfit, who is said to be a whisky smuggler, killed a mounted policeman named Richardson. The two men met near the middle butte of Sweet Grass, had several drinks, got into a row and the killing resulted. After the shooting Long went to Toole's ranch, where he is alleged to have killed Ira Brown, foreman of the ranch. The latter, before dying, shot and killed Long. Long's mother lives in Los Angeles.

Second to the Boston Library.

Chicago, August 28.—In a short time Chicago will take possession of one of the finest libraries ever erected and dedicated to the use of the people. The public library board is letting contracts for \$600,000 worth of decorating and interior finishing, and when the artists and workmen have completed their tasks the great building in Dearborn Park will be ready for Librarian Hill and his assistants. The new library will represent an expenditure of \$2,000,000. When completed the Chicago public library building will rank second in size and cost to the Boston library.

Three Hundred Picnickers Poisoned.

Laporte, Ind., August 28.—Three hundred out of 1,000 people were poisoned at a German picnic in a grove at Tracy yesterday. A picnic dinner was served, and it is thought some miscreant poisoned the potatoes or drinking water. The victims were attacked with violent sickness, and rolled about on the ground in agony until medical aid was secured. As yet none have died, but many are still very ill.

Cariboo's Big Ditch Finished.

Vancouver, B. C., August 28.—Word was received today from Cariboo that the Cariboo Hydraulic Company's big ditch was completed the 19th inst. and water turned on, so that the company does not expect any further trouble regarding water supply, and will be able to run until the end of the season.

LYNCHERS KEPT BUSY

Four Murderers Strung Up in California.

SYSTEMATIC WORK OF A MOB

A Climax Supposed to Have Been Reached in the Reign of Lawlessness in Siskiyou County.

Yreka, Cal., August 28.—As a ghastly climax of a reign of lawlessness in Siskiyou county for many months past, the bodies of four accused murderers lie this morning on the floor of a fire engine-house in the old mining town of Yreka. It was evident that Judge Lynch and his jurors had been at work during the night, and their verdict was "death by hanging" to four miserable wretches in the county jail.

The victims are Lawrence Johnson, who, on July 28, stabbed his wife to death in the town of Etna; William Null, who shot Henry Hayter in the back, near Callahans, April 21; Louis Moreno and Garland Semler, who are supposed to have killed George Sears and Casper Meierrehans at Bailey Hill, August 5. About 9 o'clock a straggler now and then caught a glimpse of dark objects hanging around the suburbs of the town, but nothing was thought of it. Dark objects thickened until along toward midnight they assumed the shape of silent and stern men, either on horseback or afoot. At midnight a prearranged plan or signal drew a small army of some 250 men in the vicinity of the courthouse square, while sentinels were placed throughout the town to ward off the danger of discovery by officers. The fire bells were rung by officers. The fire bells were rung and the night watchmen were sent to other parts of the town on sham errands, and stragglers were detained.

At 1 o'clock the midnight avengers of justice prepared to carry out their plans. An old rail was taken from the depot and stretched between two trees in the courthouse park, and then they began a descent upon the jail. A demand was made upon Deputy Sheriff Radford for the keys, but he did not yield. Henry Bratlauch, who was sleeping in the jail, heard a commotion and opened the door to see what the trouble was, and he was at once seized by the mob. The doors were then forced open and Johnson, Null, Semler and Moreno were marched out to the court yard. The condemned men were stolid and took their fate without murmur, with the exception of young Semler, who begged piteously for mercy. His age is 19. It is said that the scene was a heartrending one, as young Semler broke forth in an agonizing appeal and cried out: "Tell my dear old mother I am innocent of the crime."

Sheriff Hobbs had given strict orders that in case any attempt at lynching was made to ring the fire bells and rouse the citizens, but the mob anticipated this and laid their plans well. Every person about the streets in the vicinity of the jail was stopped. S. F. Miles and Sam Roop were going to the house of the latter's mother, and were held at the scene of the hanging. Nearly every section of the country was represented in the mob. In fact, ever since Null's cold-blooded murder of Henry Hayter, a lynching was freely talked of in the western end of the country, and when Johnson killed his wife the avenging sentiment kept on fermenting. After the Bailey Hill murder the feeling reached a dangerous stage. During the lynching some one awoke Sheriff Hobbs, who hurried down town and as he was going through the courthouse a Winchester was stuck in his face and he was compelled to stand where he was. The whole affair was carefully arranged and well executed, and not over twenty minutes elapsed from the time the keys were surrendered until the mob rode swiftly out of town.

The lynching can in no way reflect upon the officers of the court. The information in the Null case was filed May 20, and under his plea of innocence the law gave him a right to send wherever necessary to secure depositions in support of his defense, which could not be done in less time than allowed by the court. This is the only one of the four cases which was at issue before the superior court. In the case of Johnson there was a demurrer to the information, which was to be argued this week. The other prisoners, Semler and Moreno, were to have had their preliminary examinations tomorrow, it having been necessary to postpone them to that date, in order to allow the attorney time to prepare the defense.

All day the excitement throughout Siskiyou county has been intense although not of condemnation on the part of the lynchers, for the general impression is that Judge Lynch's sentence was a severe though just one. Especially in Yreka has excitement run high, people hurrying from all sections of the county to view the ghastly result of the midnight raid on the county jail. Telegrams of inquiry from newspapers and individuals all up and down the coast have been pouring in all seeking particulars of the most daring wholesale lynching in the history of the West.

The coroner's jury rendered a verdict that Johnson, Null, Moreno and Semler came to their death by strangulation, at the hands of parties unknown to the jury. The probabilities are that none of the lynchers will be apprehended.

A Victory for the Poolrooms.

San Francisco, August 26.—Poolroom proprietors triumphed over race-track officials today. Judge Wallace decided that poolrooms were not in violation of any existing ordinance.