

STOLEN BOND A CURIOSITY

Paper Stolen In 1878 in the \$2,747,700 Bank Robbery

LANDS THE HOLDER IN JAIL

One of Thirty \$10,000 Registered U. S. Bonds Stolen More Than 26 Years Ago—Government Cancelled Them After Robbery.

New York, Feb. 9.—Treasury and secret service circles are talking of nothing else but the strange relic of a crime committed a generation ago, when with \$2,747,700 worth of plunder was taken a \$10,000 registered United States bond which yesterday, after twenty-six years, turned up once more.

Chief Flynn of the New York district of the secret service had several callers curious to see the silken bit of paper which had figured in one of the most sensational robberies of history. "It is a clever piece of work," said Chief Flynn. "You should see the name of the Manhattan Savings Institution, to which the note was originally made out, has been erased and the name of Samuel Warren Miller substituted. But the erasure was done so skillfully that the silk fibre of the paper is undamaged. Moreover, the ink has faded in correspondence to the elapsed time since the note was dated. I should not be surprised if the forgery was done twenty years ago."

Dr. Lewis O. Wilcoxon, who was arrested yesterday for trying to negotiate the bond, through Joseph A. Taylor of White Plains, N. Y., and James A. Smith, living at the Broadway Central Hotel, who were also arrested but released on small bail, being palpably innocent, was still seeking bail and declaring his innocence.

His story of the bond, which was one of those taken in the famous rilling of the safes of the Manhattan Savings Institution, was that it had been given him in return for shares in an Alaskan copper mine on Monday by a man representing himself to be Miller, the man whose name is signed to the note.

Dr. Wilcoxon says that he met Miller in Alaska eight years ago at Valdes and a year or two later on the Klondike trail. The doctor says he struck it rich in the Klondike and came back the owner of some fine copper property.

A few days ago Miller called at the Waldorf-Astoria, where Wilcoxon lives, and offered to buy some of the stock in the mines. Arrangements were made for the transfer of \$200,000 in government bonds.

The \$10,000 bond was only to secure the deal, and secret service men are inclined to believe that if the deal had been consummated some more of the loot would have come to light.

Dr. Lewis O. Wilcoxon, who is under arrest in connection with the recovery of the \$10,000 United States government bond, has resided with his wife and child at one of the leading uptown hotels here the greater part of the time for nearly three years. He claims to own extensive mining interests in Alaska, and have an income of \$5,000 a month. Nevertheless, he spent the night in prison in default of \$10,000 bonds required by the Federal authorities.

The recovery of the bond was made through the sub-treasury in Wall street, where it had been delivered by a bank messenger. Thirty of the same series were taken in the Manhattan robbery, and this is only the third one found. Two others were recovered by Inspector Byrnes in 1880. In addition to the three prisoners mentioned, all of whom claim to be capitalists and promoters, the complaint on which they were arrested served also as the basis for a warrant for the arrest of one Samuel Warren Miller. James A. Smith, who had presented the bond at the sub-treasury, and who had been asked to wait while it was referred to the treasury officials, was arrested at the Aetna Bank. Smith said Joseph A. Taylor, a friend, had brought him into contact with Dr. Wilcoxon, and that the latter had authorized him to negotiate a loan for \$9,500, with the bond as collateral. Smith and Taylor were to receive a commission.

On the back of the security it appeared that Miller had on Monday transferred the bond to Wilcoxon in the presence of President Meyer of the Shoe and Leather National Bank, as required by law. The secret service agents proceeded to the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel and arrested Taylor. He expressed astonishment, as did also Wilcoxon, who came in after an evening at the theatre to find himself under arrest. The doctor said he made a large fortune in Alaska and Dutch Guiana mining property and that Miller recently entered upon negotiations for some of the former. Miller, he said, offered to make the entire payment in United States 4 per cent bonds. "I accepted the bond," said Wilcoxon, "and went with Miller to the Shoe and Leather Bank, where I have had an account for some time. I introduced Miller to President Meyer, who remarked that the security was gilded and affixed his signature and the bank's seal to certify the transfer. I have not seen Miller since Monday afternoon. Our understanding was then that he was to see me again in a few days, when he would turn over the other nineteen bonds, and receive from me his stock. The description of Miller tallied with that given by Mr. Meyer, but no trace of him has yet been discovered."

DAMARA'S CREW SAFE. Missing Boat, with Passengers, Lands at Pleasant Point.

Halifax, Feb. 9.—The Furness Line office here has just been advised of the arrival at Pleasant Point of the missing boat from the steamship Damara.

The Damara foundered after striking a reef thirty miles from here yesterday morning.

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EDWARD MAY VISIT U.S.

Talk of King Going to Canada This Year, Then Over Border.

New York, Feb. 9.—King Edward will, it is reported in London, intimate in his speech, when he opens Parliament on Tuesday next, that he purposes to visit this year one of the great trans-pacific dependencies of the British empire, and all of his arrangements are being made with a view to his absence from England for at least a couple of months. His destination will be either South Africa or Canada, and there are reasons to believe it will be the latter. Although he visited the Dominion nearly half a century ago, and has never yet been in South Africa, yet a trip through the Dominion could undoubtedly be made more expeditiously with a greater degree of comfort and less fatigue than the long sea voyage to the cape, and the exhausting railroad journey beyond.

Should King Edward VII. come to Canada, he might possibly include in his itinerary a brief visit to the United States, and an interview with President Roosevelt. No ruler of any of the great powers of Europe has ever paid to the United States the compliment of visiting this country as sovereign. There has been a great deal of talk about Emperor William crossing the Atlantic for the purpose, and it would be quite in keeping with the policy of Great Britain if she were to get ahead of Germany in the matter.

GOES BACK TO CHICAGO.

Hoch Turned Over to the Police Officials of That City.

New York, Feb. 8.—Johann Hoch was formally given into the custody of the Chicago officials today and arrangements were at once completed for the prisoner's removal to that city to answer to charges of bigamy. He had been held here since his arrest on a short affidavit which charged that he was wanted in Chicago to answer "charges of homicide and bigamy." This complaint was withdrawn today when extradition papers authorizing his transfer to Chicago were received from Albany.

GREEN'S SECRETARY ARRESTED.

L. S. Andrews Said to be Short \$150,000.

New York, Feb. 8.—Lyman S. Andrews, the secretary of the late Andrew H. Green, and who, as executor and trustee of several estates which had been looked after by Mr. Green, was recently charged with being about \$150,000 short in his accounts, today surrendered himself at the district attorney's office. He was placed under arrest. Andrews went to the district attorney's office accompanied by his counsel.

STUDENTS ON STRIKE.

Entire Body at Kenyon Military Academy Leaves Classes.

Gambier, O., Feb. 9.—The entire student body of Kenyon Military Academy, numbering 160, is on strike. The men declare they will not return to their classes until three suspended students are reinstated. It is claimed by the strikers that the suspended scholars are innocent of any participation in the riotous scenes of Sunday night, for which they were disciplined.

NEW HAVEN MEN'S PLEA.

Grievance Committee Requests Directors to Listen to It.

New Haven, Feb. 9.—The grievance committee of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen has sent to Secretary J. G. Parker of the board of directors of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company a letter asking that the full board of directors hear the grievances, as President Charles S. Mellen has refused the requests made of him.

U. S. ASSAYER REMOVED.

Charged That Irregularities Have Been Found in His Accounts.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 9.—Smith H. Woolley, assayer in charge of the United States mint at Boise City, Idaho, has been removed. It is charged that irregularities have been discovered in Mr. Woolley's accounts.

Disliked the Marshal.

Deputy Marshal "Bud" Ledbetter saw at Muskogee a negro acting suspiciously, and sternly demanded that the negro tell him "where that whiskey was." This frightened the negro, who pointed the way to where a crowd of negroes were drinking and playing craps. After their arrest one of the negroes asked Ledbetter how he knew there was whiskey in the neighborhood. "Well," replied Ledbetter, "I was sitting in my office at the court house, and I scented whiskey in your direction. I followed the scent for a block, and lost it because the wind changed. I threw up my head and sniffed the air and caught the trail again, which led directly to this negro." "By de great guns, niggers," said the negro, rolling his eyes and with a look of awe on his face, "dis heah offish am a regular humand bloodhound."—Kansas City Times.

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POSTOFFICE WINS FIGHT

Can Limit Sample Copies of a Publication

SHALL NOT 100 PER CENT

Of Paid Subscribers—District Supreme Court Has So Decided—Action Impoverishes Chance of Passing Overstreet Measure.

Washington, Feb. 9.—An important decision was rendered yesterday by the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia regarding the Post Office Department's regulation that the number of sample copies sent out with any publication shall not exceed the number of paid subscribers. Over this contention which rested on a regulation of the department rather than upon any law, much of Madden's fight has centered, and this is the first case that has gone before the courts. William Hooper Conant, who is understood to be a convert to Christianity from Judaism, published a journal known as "Salvation," the aim of which was to induce others to take the same course. He wanted "Salvation" to be free. The Post Office Department refused to carry at second-class rates a publication for which at least half of those who received it did not pay, and the department was today sustained. Judge Anderson, who delivered the opinion, expressed the view that the department went to the extreme of liberality in its regulation permitting sample copies to equal the number of paid subscribers, and decided that there was no question of the department's authority to draw the line somewhere.

This decision improves materially the prospects for the passage of the Overstreet compromise bill, which if adopted will put an end to the now pending litigation through the establishment of more exact conditions concerning the second-class privilege, and an increased rate of postage for sample copies. The Overstreet bill, in brief, would require a subscription to be paid in cash for the publication, and not induced by any gift or premium, such as a jackknife or a set of books. It would limit the number of free copies to the present basis, fixing the department's regulation into law but would raise the rate for transmission to three cents a pound. A concern which gave away half its copies would thus have its postage rate doubled, on an average of two cents a pound, while no publication which gave away more than half could come into the mails, and subscriptions could not be induced by gift enterprises. While it is very late in the session to expect any measure of so far-reaching a character to go through, there are strong interests behind the present bill. Most of the publications which resisted Mr. Madden's attempts to exclude them from the mails have been beaten in the courts, and they are ready to compromise. The department has long sought a clearer basis of law upon which to act.

WHERE COUNTERFEITER DISTANCED UNCLE SAM

Latter Has Never Issued a \$15 Bill, but Swindler Made One by Adding "1" to a \$5 Note.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 9.—The government has never issued a \$15 bill, but some enterprising counterfeiters made one and passed it. The bill, now in Chief Wilkie's possession, was made by adding a 1 to a \$5 note. The \$15 bill was generally circulated in South Carolina until it reached a bank, when it was sent to Washington with inquiries.

NEW DOMINGO TREATY.

Signed and Possibly on Its Way to Washington.

Washington, Feb. 8.—The new protocol with San Domingo has been signed, according to advices received at the state department. The document is a substitute for that signed on Jan. 20, which was disapproved by the state department. It will probably be sent to Washington at once and will then be presented to the Senate for ratification.

THE CARIBBEAN COLLECTION AGENCY.



partment. It will probably be sent to Washington at once and will then be presented to the Senate for ratification. As soon as this is done the United States government will take charge of all the ports of the island, collecting the revenues and applying them to the debts of the Dominican Republic.

The destroyer Stewart sailed from San Domingo City, where Minister Dawson and President Morales' representatives signed the new agreement, for San Juan yesterday, and it is supposed here that she carries the new protocol. If this be so, a copy of the document should be in the hands of officers of the state department within a few days.

The state department will make every effort to get quick action on the protocol in the Senate, so that agents of the government may at once take charge of the custom houses.

PROD FOR BANK DIRECTORS.

Controller of Currency to Let Them Know Examiner's Criticisms.

Washington, Feb. 9.—Controller of the Currency Ridgely has taken important steps to compel directors of national banks to keep in closer touch with the affairs of these institutions. It is expected that this will lessen materially the number of bank failures.

The controller's office has notified that many banks are wrecked owing to the ignorance of the directors of the true state of affairs.

Hereafter, whenever an examiner finds anything to criticize in the affairs of a bank, he will be expected not only to report to the controller, but also to confer with the directors. Heretofore, the controller has been sending a letter to the bank containing the examiner's criticisms, and the president or cashier has answered, without the directors, in many cases, knowing nothing about it. The controller will now write to the directors as well, and require an individual answer from each.

GAYNOR AND GREENE MAY BE ARRESTED.

They Are Now at Large in Quebec in Surveillance of Washington Secret Service Men.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 9.—The state department received notice of the action of the privy council through the following cablegram from Ambassador Choate:

"Court decided in our favor in relation to Gaynor-Greene case. Opinion rendered by lord chancellor. Also in case of the Kitty D. vs. the King the court granted leave to appeal on condition of return of vessel to custody."

The present understanding is that the decision will result in the immediate rearrest of Gaynor and Greene, who are now at large in Quebec under surveillance of Washington secret service officers. There will be a reopening of the extradition proceedings before Judge Andrews, which had been vacated by Justice Caron's action, and the officials here feel sure that the request for extradition will be granted.

Gaynor and Greene are technically charged with obtaining government money under false pretences, and the application for extradition was denied in 1902 by Judge Caron on the ground that no such offence was set out in the extradition treaty. If the renewed application is granted the men will be brought to Atlanta, Ga., for trial.

WOULD EXPEL SENATOR PLATT.

C. W. Post Charges Conspiracy to Maintain Express Rates.

Washington, Feb. 8.—C. W. Post of Battle Creek, Mich., who has interested himself largely in the establishment of a parcel posts system today filed with President pro tempore Frye of the Senate a petition for the expulsion of Senator Thomas C. Platt from the Senate. The petition is based on the assertion that Mr. Platt, as the executive officer of the United States Express company, is a party to a conspiracy to maintain identical rates among express companies for articles shipped over their lines, and he asserts that Platt has told representatives of his that he will oppose all legislation injuriously affecting his company's interests.

FAVOR ARBITRATION TREATIES.

Unanimous Vote of the Senate Committee.

Washington, Feb. 8.—The Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, by unanimous vote, today authorized a favorable report on the arbitration treaties between the United States and several foreign governments. An amendment was adopted providing for the submission to the Senate on each claim to be arbitrated under the treaties.

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TOGO'S FLAG IS RAISED Prepares For Active Duty Again A REPORTED PEACE ACT Russian Grand Dukes Said to Have Turned to England—Russians Are Intrenching—Several Attacks by Czar's Men. Tokyo, Feb. 8.—A report emanating from London to the effect that the grand dukes of Russia, determined to secure peace, had asked the friendly offices of Great Britain, was published in Tokio today. The foreign office denied having any knowledge of the matter. Admiral Togo arrived at Kure today, and immediately raised his flag on the battleship Mikasa. Reports from the Manchurian army headquarters say that the Russians shelled various parts of the Japanese lines last Monday and Monday night. Small forces of Russian infantry attacked at various points, but were repulsed. It is further reported that the Russians continue to intrench in the direction of Wanchaiyuantu, Litajentum, Chanchichpao and Heikoutai. The British steamer Estry, bound for Vladivostok with coal, was captured off Hokkaido yesterday. She is being brought to Yokosuka. The Estry is a steel screw steamer of 2993 tons register. She was built in 1892 at Furness, and belongs to the Imperial Steamship Company, Ltd., of West Hartlepool. She is commanded by Capt. W. T. Horsfield.

KING OSCAR TAKES A REST. Crown Prince to Handle Reins of Government. Stockholm, Sweden, Feb. 8.—King Oscar (who is seventy-six years old), is indisposed and unable to transact state business. At today's session of the council of state he handed over the reins of government to Crown Prince Gustaf, until further notice. This is not the first time that King Oscar has entrusted the Crown Prince of Sweden and Norway with the reins of government. He was compelled by ill-health to do so in January, 1899, and it was reported then that his subjects wished him to abdicate. The king resumed power in January 1901. King Oscar was born Jan. 21, 1859. Crown Prince Gustaf was born June 16, 1858, and was married in 1881 to Princess Victoria at Baden. They have three sons.

KAISER'S WATERY TOASTS. Tells Officers They May Drink Health in Temperance Beverages. Berlin, Feb. 8.—Emperor William will give his support to officers drinking toasts in water or non-alcoholic beverages. His majesty's decision came about through Dr. Adolph Danzer of Munich, a member of the Society Against the Abuse of Spirituous Liquors, asking if officers might not drink toasts in water. The Prussian minister of war has replied that upon his majesty's command the department informs him that "no compulsion exists to partake of toasts in alcoholic drinks, and that it may be left to the movement now in progress to advance this idea in all circles."

Do you know "The Song of 60 Years?" There are four verses. Verse 1. Ayer's Hair Vigor makes the hair grow. Verse 2. Ayer's Hair Vigor stops falling hair. Verse 3. Ayer's Hair Vigor cures dandruff. Verse 4. Ayer's Hair Vigor always restores color to gray hair.

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