LETS THE ROBBER GO.

PROBABLY HAD CAUGHT ONE OF HOLMES' MURDERERS.

Postal Clerk Conefry Captured a Man with a Rifle and Placed Him in Charge of Conductor Conlin, Who Released Him-Last of the Dalton Gang.

Chicago, May 4.-Chicago & Alton officials began yesterday an investigation of the attempted robbery of the Alten express at Carlinville Wednesday night. The crew and mail clerks were summoned to the offices of the company in Chicago and gave their stories. One of the participants in the affair was Mail Clerk John Conefry, and when he told how Conductor Conlon released a man with a rifle and belt full of cartridges whom Conefry captured there was much surprise. The fact that a mail clerk left his car to engage in the fight was also unusual, Confrey in

telling of the fight, said: "When we first heard shots we supposed the noise was caused by the locomotive running over torpedoes. When the train stopped I saw a brakeman running forward. Shortly afterward he ran back and shouted, 'They've killed Frank Holmes.' Then John Logan and I dived into our grips and secured our revolvers. I went forward and was passing in front of the locomotive when I met Logan with a man whom he had captured. I continued around, and as I neared the tender I saw a man with a rifie. He was looking toward the rear of the train. I said nothing until I was within eight feet of him when I ordered him to throw up his hands. He promptly pushed his rifle over his head before turning around. I marched him around to the conductor and then went back to find another man. When I returned the conductor, much to my surprise, had returned the man his rifle and allowed him to go. The fellow said he was hunting. The fellow was a tough-looking citizen. While I went round the engine a second time Logan captured another fellow who was lying bare-headed in the grass, I think he wts the man who killed Holmes. He was brought the hat that was found on the engine. It was handed to him, with the remark: 'Here's your hat.' He was cautious, however, for he had heard us discuss the whole matter outside the car while he sat at the door. He said he lost his hat up the road. But when the hat was put on his head it was a correct fit."

Carlinville, Ill., May 4.-The developments in the case of the hold-up of the midnight express on the Chicago and Alton just north of this place clearly show the men intended to rob the train. Engineer Frank Holmes and Fireman Frank Tuggles received notice to stop the train when one mile north of here by the ringing of the bell in the cab. Immediately two masked men came forward and ordered them to throw up their hands. One of the robbers jumped into the cab and the other disappeared over the tender. The man in the cab ordered Holmes to "open her wide," and when told that it was done fired a shot through the front of the cab. Holmes picked up a coal pick and struck at the man, who shot him dead. There are five bullet holes in Holmes' body, all in the region of the heart. Four men are under arrest on suspicion, and a posse is after some men who are thought to be the right ones.

Bloomington, Ill., May 4.-Engineer Frank Holmes was reared here, and as man and boy was noted for his spirit of generosity, free heartedness, and absolute lack of fear. It would not be surprising if Carlinville would be invaded by a mob and the scoundrels who murdered the engineer lynched. Willis E. Gray, general superintendent of the Alton, said he discredited the report that the killing was done in a spirit of revenge. He said everything connected with the affair showed it to be an attempt at robbery by men who were novices in the business.

Springfield, Ill., May 4.-Two tramps have been arrested here on suspicion of being implicated in the murder of Engineer Frank Holmes at Carlinville. They will be held. Friends of the murdered engineer and officials of the Alton road will appeal to Gov. Altgeld to have him offer a reward for the capture of the murderers.

POWDER MILLS GO UP.

Five Men Killed in an Explosion at South

Acton, Mass., May 4.-This morning one of the mills of the American Powder company here blew up. A few minutes later a second mill. situated a hundred yards away, also exploded. Fire caused by the explosion spread to the third mill, known as the Corning mill, and in a few minutes it blew up and was also destroyed. Five persons are believed to have been killed. The woods near the mills were set on fire and burned fiercely, threatening the big storehouse of the company, containing 20,000 pounds of powder and pre-

venting the saving of property. Fifty men were employed in the mills and when the noise of the first explosion was heard those in the Corning mills, about thirty in number, rushed from the building and escaped before the flames reached it. The mills, ten in number, are separated from each other and inclosed by high board fences. The explosion of the first mill set fire to the surrounding fence and the flames soon spread to the second mill. In fifteen minutes after the first explosion three of the mills had been destroyed.

The list of dead is: CHARLES O'NEIL, JR., unmarried. NELSON MORTON, leaves widow

and several children. FREDERICK K. WINSLOW, mar-

CHARLES ESTES, unmarried.

A. ESTES, leaves widow and six children.

Kitty Ging's Insurance.

Minneapolis, May 4.—An interesting question has arisen as to the insurance on the life of Catherine Ging, for whose murder Harry Hayward is to hang. Her twin sister, Julia Ging, of Auburn, N. Y., has been appointed administrator of her estate, and an effort will be made to collect the \$10,000 insurance. The policies were assigned to Hayward, and he will be made a party to the suit. It is claimed that she took out the policies in good faith, and that the ulterior motives of Hayward cut no figure in the liabilities of the companies, the New York Life and the Travelers CHINA WILL RATIF

Ready to Close the Treaty of Peace with

Tien-Tsin, May 4.—The Emperor of China has decided to ratify the treaty of peace negotiated at Shimonoseki by the representatives of China and Japan. According to the terms the ratifications will be exchanged at Che-Foo on May 8. The mikado ratified the treaty on April 20 last.

TO REPEL THE JAPANESE.

Territory Around the City of Pekin

Flooded by Chinese. Shanghai, May 4.-In accordance with a special imperial edict issued in order to prevent the possibility of the Japanese entering Pekin, the Chinese have cut the river embankments near Pekin. Much territory has been flooded and hundreds of Chinese have been drowned It is reported in Tien-Tsin that the German syndicate which took up the indemnity has failed to negotiate a loan for China, and it is stated that the Hong Kong and Shanghal bank is making arrangements for this loan.

SHIPS TO LEAVE CORINTO.

Port Will Soon Be Cleared of British

Men-of-War. New York, May 4.-A special from Managua says: "Corinto will be open before the next Pacific mail steamship is due. The British are preparing to leave. England accepts the proposition made by the Salvadorean minister, Senor Medina, in Nicaragua's name, upon Salvador guaranteeing the payment in London of the indemnity for the expulsion of Consular Agent Hatch. Nicaragua will thus be saved further

Japan Cannot Decide It.

London, May 4.—The Vienna correspondent of the Daily News learns that in Tokic opinions differ regarding the next step to be taken by Japan. Part of the cabinet wishes to ask the powers to propose the manner in which Japan might obtain compensation for giving up the Liao Tung peninsula. Other members wish to negotiate direct. In Russian diplomatic circles in Tokio it is believed that an agreement might be reached if Japan should receive, instead of the Liao Tung peninsula, the Russian island of Sakhalen, China compensating Russia for giving up the island by ceding territory to her in Man-

Sultan Orders Libel Suits.

Varna, May 4.-The sultan is said to be very indignant over some of the reports of Armenian atrocities sent to London newspapers by their correspondents on the scene. It is reported that he will require the accused officials to bring suits for libel. He has instructed Rustem Pasha, Turkish ambassador to England, to arrange forthwith for the legal proceedings.

German Enterprise in Africa. Berlin, May 4.-A contract has been signed to organize an Anglo-German company which will have powerful support. The object of this company is to acquire 1,000,000 acres of land in southwest Africa, with a frontage of 200 miles on the Orange river and within

Madagascar Campaign Suspended. London, May 4 .-- The Pall Mall Gazette says that in consequence of the floods in Madagascar, the difficulties of transportation by reason of the rough country, and the insufficiency of troops, the French campaign against the Hovas

Rebels Lose a Battle.

has been temporarily suspended.

Madrid, May 4 .- A dispatch received here from Havana says that in an encounter between Spanish troops and insurgents at Santa Cruz siz rebels were killed. The troops also surprised the rebels near Baracoa and killed three of them.

The Circassia in Trouble.

Glasgow, May 4.-The Anchor line steamer Circassia, Capt. Shanklin, which sailed from this port yesterday for New York, is aground in the River Clyde, near Dumbarton. Two tugs have been sent to her assistance.

Countess of Kimberley Dying.

London, May 4.- The countess of Kimberley, who has been ill for some time. is sinking rapidly, and the members of the family have been summoned to her bedside.

INGALLS FOR BIMETALLISM.

Ex-Senator Fears the Silver Question May Split the Country.

Galesburg, Ill., May 4.-Ex-Senator Ingalls, of Kansas, when asked his views on the silver question, said: "I have just returned from an extensive trip over the country and after a broad survey of the situation am inclined to believe that if the question were submitted to a popular vote there would be a majority for bimetallism in every state in the union. In other words, it has been my observation that the masses of the people are in favor of the use of silver as one of the money metals of our system. I deprecate the unyielding and uncompromising attitude of the eastern people, who are demanding an adherence to the gold standard, and are heaping abuse on those who favor bimetallism. I believe that a man can be a bimetallist and a patriot, the same as a man who holds to the gold standard. I am afraid that the unbending attitude of the east may eventually lead to a sectional separation. I feel that it is time for the republican party to take a wise, patriotic and comprehensive view of the situation."

Witness Tries to Die. San Francisco, Cal., May 4 .- C. T. Hills, one of the most important witnesses for the state in connecting W. H. T. Durrant with the murder of Minnie Williams, yesterday tried to commit suicide. Hills was despondent because he lost his situation. He brooded over his misfortunes and yesterday morning, while shaving, he cut two gashes in his arm, trying to sever an artery. The act was noticed by Hills' wife, who stopped him before a fatal wound had been made. Hills lost his position on account of his necessary attendance upon the Durrant investiga-

MARSHALS ARE TO BLAME.

Charges That Indian Trouble Caused by Scheming for Fees.

Minneapolis, May 6.—A prominent citizen of Rolia, N. D., telegraphs that the Indian difficulty there has been fomented and stirred up by the scheming of the United States deputy marshals to gets fees and mileage. He charges and offers to back up his charges with affidavits-that there would never have been any trouble if Deputy Schindler had not caused a great number of arrests on fictitious or trivial charges for what there was in it. Schindler devotes a great deal of time to looking up supposed irregularities, swearing out warrants and taking the supposed offenders on long railroad trips to Bismarck or Grand Forks, where occasionally they plead guilty, are sentenced to a few days in jail, and are then released. He is charged with procuring the sale of liquor to the half-breeds in order to trump up cases, and even arrests his own friends and relatives when they want a trip at government expense. Recently he arrested his brother-inlaw and took him before Judge Thomas Rolette County has no jail and jail sentences are served out by Schindler's prisoners at their own homes. An investigation by the Washington authorities is demanded.

SMALL INDIAN WAR ON.

White Settlers in Kallspell Valley Attacked-Government Asked for Troops. Spokane, Wash., May 6 .- The trouble etween settlers and renegade Indians of Kalispell Valley, which has been brewing for a long time, has at last resulted in a conflict. Serious trouble and bloodshed are sure to result unless the government steps in with the troops to protect the settlers.

Hostilities commenced Tuesday, when three settlers named William Jared, "Bid" Jared and Oscar McLaughlin were attacked by a band of redskins led by Big Sam, who attempted to drive them from a quarter section of land which they were fencing in. Big Sam drew an iron bar from under his blanket and knocked William Jared down. The other Indians then rushed in with knives and clubs, and after a short fight the whites, all badly hurt, succeeded in reaching their boat. They opened fire on the Indians, killing one. The settlers along the valley are arming themselves, preparatory to driving the redskins out of the country. The Indian agent, who is powerless to control these renegades. has appealed for troops to prevent further bloodshed.

TROOPS OFF TO COAL FIELDS.

Richmond Howitzers Depart and Roan-

oke Militia Are Held in Readiness. Richmond, Va., May 6.-The Richmond Howitzers, twenty-four strong, with one three-inch rifled gun and one gatling gun, left for the coal fields at midnight. The officers of the First regiment were summoned to the regimental armory just before midnight and told that the services of that command might be needed. The Howitzers will meet other troops on the way. Graham will be the concentrating point for troops. The step is a precautionary one on the part of the governor. The adjutant-general is at the scene of the trouble.

Newfoundland Still Out.

St. Johns, N. F., May 6 .- The greatest uncertainty prevails regarding confederation with Canada. The government received letters from the dominion cabinet last night. Those qualified say that the disagreement continues. Members of the government party say that federation is dead and that the only alternative is to accept the position of a crown colony. The ministry held two conferences with Governor O'Brien, it is supposed, on the French shore question. The governor insists upon the holding of a general election before the question of confederation is submitted to the assembly. The Whitewayites, the government party, refused to agree to this, fearing that they would be de-

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