

## FIND LOST GOLD

Bars Stolen From Selby Smelter Recovered.

### THE THIEF MAKES A FULL CONFESSION

Suspect Winters reveals Hiding Place—Snak Plunder in Day—Remainder to Be Secured When Tide Conditions Are Better—Gets Reward.

The gold bars, amounting to \$280,000, stolen from the strong room of the Selby smelting works during Monday night at San Francisco, have been located and \$130,000 of the precious metal has been recovered and the balance will be taken from its hiding place within a few hours. The detectives worked on the suspect, Jack Winters, with the result that he confessed his crime and took the detectives to the spot where he hid the gold. The spot chosen by him was a poor one for the secreting of so much treasure. It being at the end of the railroad wharf but a short distance from the company's plant and but a few feet of water covered its hiding place.

Winters when he had made up his mind to tell what he knew about the crime, was exceedingly willing to give all the information necessary toward the recovery of the bullion. He practically assumed charge of the operations, and led Captain Seymour and Superintendent Von Der Ropp of the smelter company to the dock. He acted more like one of the detectives employed on the case than a prisoner. As soon as he arrived at the water's edge he called the superintendent to his side and said:

"Now watch what I am going to show you. Be careful that you get the location right."

Stooping, he picked up three stones, and pacing forward he tossed one of them into the water. It fell the south of the spot at which the prisoner stood. Another stone fell to the east and the third was thrown directly in front of Winters.

"That," said the prisoner, "will mark the water boundary of the place where your gold is hidden."

Stepping to the left, Winters drew a nail from his pocket and asked for a hammer. He then paced off a few yards to the left and drove another nail in the timber.

"The gold," he continued, "will be between those two nails somewhere in line with the spots marked by the stones I just threw into the water."

A small boat was secured and into it Sheriff Viale, Detective Kimball and two laborers were loaded. Winters assisted in the search for the bricks. He talked glibly all the while. The deep mud finally put a stop to operations and it was decided to build a cofferdam before trying to recover the rest of the treasure.

### HALF CROP OF CORN

That Estimate Made for the Whole Country.

The August report of the statistician of the department of agriculture shows the following averages of conditions on August 1: Corn, 54; spring wheat, 80.1; oats 73.6; barley, 86.9; spring rye, 83.9; buckwheat, 91.1; potatoes, 63.3; timothy hay, 84.1.

The following condition of figures relating to the corn and other crops indicate the damage caused by the recent extensive and severe drought in such of the principal producing states named as have been affected thereby:

The average condition of corn declined 27.3 points during July and on August 1, it was 33.5 points lower than at the corresponding day last year and 33.6 points below the mean of the August averages for the last ten years.

In some localities the corn crop has been injured beyond recovery by hot, dry winds. In others timely rains during the closing days of July have gone far toward assuring fair yields. The conditions in the principal states are as follows: Ohio, 73; Indiana, 75; Illinois, 51; Iowa, 57; Missouri, 29; Kansas, 19; and Nebraska, 36. During July there was a decline of 5 points in Ohio, 27 in Indiana, 36 in Illinois, 30 in Iowa, 41 in Missouri, 55 in Kansas and 52 in Nebraska.

### RESCUES A KIDNAPED BOY

Michigan Mother Finds Him in a Negro Den at Chicago.

Mrs. A. J. Countryman arrived Saturday at her home in St. Joseph, Mich., from Chicago with her five-year-old son who with an eight-year-old brother was kidnaped July 4. She found them in a negro den in Forty-third street. When she started away with her children she was chased by a negro mob, which captured the oldest boy. With the younger one she escaped to a steamer. Her husband jumped aboard the boat and threatened to throw her and the boy overboard. She was protected during the trip and given police protection on her arrival home.

### Illinois Town Burned.

Almost the entire business portion of the town of Rantoul, Ill., was destroyed by fire recently. A small hotel and a hardware store are the only business structures left standing. The fire destroyed all the grocery stores, meat markets, dry goods stores and restaurants. The burned buildings include two banks, the postoffice, the Illinois Central depot, the opera house, two newspaper offices and the quarters of the telephone and telegraph companies. The losses are estimated all the way from \$250,000 to \$500,000.

## CHARGE OF EMBEZZLEMENT

Prominent Omaha Man Placed Under Arrest.

William S. Wedge for ten years secretary of the filters and traders' exchange at Omaha has been arrested on the charge of embezzling \$3,625 belonging to the exchange. The complaint was filed by J. Fred Smith, president of the exchange. Deputy Sheriff Swift made the arrest and Mr. Wedge was released on his own recognizance. He was secretary of the exchange until quite recently, when it was announced that the exchange desired to economize and the place was left vacant.

Mr. Wedge said he had no intimation of the charge until he was arrested. The complaint charges that the money was taken in small sums of from \$75 to \$100, and one item of \$3,000. Mr. Wedge in speaking of the charge, said there was nothing whatever on which it could be based.

### FIND ROLL OF BILLS.

Children Unearth a Possible Buried Fortune on a Farm.

Dr. Elder of Reynolds, Neb., reports a valuable find there. While some children were playing in the dirt upon the farm of Joe Lamb, near Reynolds, they unearthed a roll of greenbacks that measured about four inches through. They were so badly decomposed by their contact with the dirt that they were falling to pieces, but by the use of a powerful glass one of them was found to be of a thousand dollar denomination. The roll was immediately sent to the treasury department in Washington. There are a number of conjectures as to the circumstances surrounding the rich deposit, but the most plausible theory seems to be that it had some connection with the famous Hubbell wreck that occurred some fifteen years ago.

It will be remembered that the wreck was planned with the evident intention of robbery, and that a man by the name of Voorhees was sent to the penitentiary for the crime. The theory is advanced that he stole the money at the time of the wreck and buried it on Mr. Lamb's farm, which is not far from the scene.

### CALLS IT GAME OF SQUEEZE

General Chaffee Comments on Claim for Indemnity.

The war department at Washington has completed and published the reports on the military operations in South Africa and China, extracts of which have been published, including all of the important features. Reference was made at the time of a scheme of settlement, submitted through Minister Conger to General Chaffee, in command in China. This scheme was presented by Rev. E. G. Tewksbury, who made the claim for damages by the boxers to Chinese Christians or adherents of the American congressional mission. The demand included a money indemnity of 16,150 taels and 96 acres of land. General Chaffee, commenting upon this demand, says:

"The scheme of settlement, as it appears to me, is very much in the line of business called 'squeeze,' which we hear a great deal about in China.

### BADLY INJURED IN A FIRE

Louis Pilger Hurt While Fighting Flames—Fire Extinguisher Burst.

Saturday night the drug store owned by I. B. Jeffries and the store building owned by A. C. King at Pilger, Neb., were burned. It is reported that nearly all of the stock in the drug store was saved and the other building which was occupied as a meat market. Insurance is not known. Had it not been for the fact that it was a very calm night it is probable that the entire business portion of the town would have been wiped out. The drug store was also occupied and used as postoffice and distance telephone office. The loss is about \$3,000.

During the fire while Louis Pilger was attempting to use a patent extinguisher the machine exploded and he was injured severely if not fatally.

### FINDS DEATH IN AWFUL WAY

Tekamah Woman Throws Herself Under Wheels of Train.

Miss Lizzie Smith of Tekamah, Neb., threw herself under a south bound train on the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha road, and was instantly killed. She selected a spot one-quarter of a mile from the depot in a deep cut at a sharp curve. The engineer of the train saw her and heard her scream. He reversed the engine, but was unable to stop the train. The woman's body was badly mangled and both legs were nearly severed. She was forty-five years of age. Three of her brothers are merchants at Tekamah. Miss Smith owned considerable property. No cause is known for the deed unless it be despondency caused by ill health.

Trees Uprooted by Wind.

One of the heaviest rains of the season fell at Friebury Saturday night. The rain was accompanied by terrific lightning and the wind did considerable damage to trees.

### Good Rain in Nebraska.

The State of Nebraska, particularly the central part, was pretty well soaked with rain on Saturday night. The fall is reported from various points over the state as follows: Aurora, 2 in.; Crete, 1.5 in.; Tecumseh, 3.5 in.; Humboldt, 1 in.; Table Rock, 1.9 in.; Chester, 1.3 in.; Edgar, one half inch; Minden, 1 inch. The wind did some damage at Hastings, and at Aurora a barn with twelve head of horses were struck and burned by lightning.

## PUTS OFFICE ASIDE

General Gomez Has no Longing For the Presidency.

### IS NOW BOOMING HIS FRIEND PALMA

Suggests That Maso Be Given the Second Place—Latter Not Disposed to Fall in With the Plan—Other News of Great Importance.

Gen. Maximo Gomez has addressed a letter to the local committee of the national party, in Havana, who had chosen him as a candidate for the presidency of Cuba and Senor Estrada Palma as a candidate for the vice presidency, in which he firmly declines "to undertake such high office under the republic."

General Gomez suggests Senor Estrada Palma and Senor Maso as the best selections that could be made for the presidency and vice presidency.

A movement was started some time ago to make Senor Palma the unanimous choice of the people for the presidency and overtures were made to Senor Maso persuading him to accept the vice presidency. It is asserted, however, that thus far Senor Maso has declined to fall in with this plan, as he relies upon the negro vote to elect him president.

### A NEW MAN IS SELECTED.

Admiral Johnson to Take the Place of Sampson.

The navy department has selected Rear Admiral Mortimer L. Johnson, now in command at Port Royal naval station, to succeed Admiral Sampson in command of the Boston navy yard, when the latter officer shall retire.

The formal appointment has not been made, as it is not known how soon Admiral Sampson may wish to be relieved, or whether he will wait until his retirement from the service next February. However, it is usual when the retirement of an officer is ahead to look about for those available to succeed him, and this led the department some weeks ago to determine upon Admiral Johnson for the prospective service.

It has been known for some time to navy department officials that Admiral Sampson is not in robust health, and that he might desire to lay aside his duties at the yard before the time of his retirement from the service, as to this, however, it is stated at the navy department that there is no definite information from Admiral Sampson. He has not asked to be relieved, or indicated when he would like to be detached.

It is stated that the action of the navy department has no connection with the Schley court of inquiry. Officials of the department were unable to say whether Admiral Sampson would be summoned as a witness, or would appear otherwise before the court, although it was said to be altogether probable that he would be among the witnesses.

### WOODS HAS MUCH TROUBLE

Squatters Take Possession of His Land at Lawton.

J. R. Woods the prize winner in the land lottery, who claimed a strip along the Lawton townsite to the injury of Miss Mattie Beale, the Kansas telephone girl, has appealed to ex-Governor Richards, who conducted the opening, to have government troops put the trespassers off his homestead.

Squatters are now camped on nearly every lot in the 160 acres of Woods' homestead. They have sunk wells and contracted for the erection of buildings. Woods' lawyers declare that if his homestead rights are denied every other homestead entry is worthless and chaos will prevail.

### Gold Thief a Nebraskan.

Jack Winter or Winters who robbed the San Francisco smelting works of \$280,000 in gold and who was captured and disgraced most of the treasure, is believed to have served a term in the Nebraska penitentiary for an attempted criminal assault upon Claricy Ann Watson, a servant girl. The assault occurred at North Bend. The name and description of the man at San Francisco correspond with that of the man who was convicted in this state. Winters was brought to the penitentiary in February, 1875. At that time he was twenty-five years old and had been employed on a farm near Fremont.

Offers Himself for Test.

In view of the interest taken in the question of whether or not animal tuberculosis can be communicated to human beings, T. L. Monson, state dairy commissioner of Colorado, offered himself as a subject for a thorough test of the matter, provided a suitable annuity for his family in case of fatal results. Mr. Monson has made a study of the matter and is a strong believer in Dr. Koch's theory.

### The Shamrock at New York.

Shamrock Second, Sir Thomas Lipson's second challenger for America's cup, in tow of her consort, the big steam yacht Erin has arrived off Sandy Hook light ship in New York and anchored inside the light ship half an hour later.

### Leg Broken.

John Hirschman had a pile of lumber fall upon him at the Fremont Brewery company's plant and his right leg was broken between the knee and the ankle.

## SIGNOR CRISPI DEAD.

Noted Italian Dies At His Home at Naples.

Signor Crispi died at 7:45 Sunday evening at his home at Naples. He was surrounded by members of his family and several intimate friends. The news was immediately telegraphed to King Victor Emmanuel and Queen Helen. The evening papers assert that the body will be conveyed by steamer to Palermo, where the municipality will arrange for a great public funeral.

It is rumored that Signor Crispi will authorize a prominent Italian politician to examine his papers and to publish his memoirs.

It is rumored that the documents left by Signor Crispi contain compromising revelations regarding several politicians and unpublished details concerning the struggle for Italian unity and independence.

It is asserted that all the property left by the deceased is heavily mortgaged.

The death, though so long expected, has made a marked impression. His wife and daughter did not leave the bedside for fifty hours and their friends were compelled to use loving violence to induce them to leave the chamber. When all was over, Princess Linguaglossa fainted and had to be carried out by her husband.

The friends declined to allow strangers to touch the body, and they personally performed all the last sad offices, placing the body in evening dress with the collar of the order of the Annunziata.

### FOREST FIRES ARE RACING

Great Damage Done Along Line of the Northern Pacific.

Word from Tacoma, Wash., says: Immense forest fires are raging in several parts of the great timber belt lying west of the Cascade mountains. They are especially fierce between Lake Sammamish and Snoqualmie river, and the lumber camps there are in great danger. Thousands of dollars worth of timber has already been destroyed. Another tremendous fire is raging between Woodville and Grace on the Northern Pacific railroad. Several farm dwellings in that vicinity have been burned. Similar damage is being caused to timber in Chehalis and Mason counties. Passengers on the Great Northern overland train which arrived last night several hours late, report that several forest fires are raging on both sides of the track in the Cascade mountains just west of Wellington. The Great Northern overland express had a thrilling race through this fire with flames leaping about it on both sides. Many of the passengers were overcome by fright and several women fainted. The smoke and heat were intolerable.

### Nebraska State Fair.

The following announcement has been sent out by President E. L. Vance and Secretary Robert W. Furnas:

By legislative enactment the Nebraska state fair is permanently located at the city of Lincoln, the capital of the state. The fair grounds adjoin the city on the north. From the city of Lincoln the grounds reached both by steam railway and electric car lines, running every five minutes.

The late legislature appropriated money to purchase fair grounds and equip them with all modern improvements. All live stock will be provided for in new and commodious barns.

Railroad conveniences and accommodations are complete. Lincoln is a western railroad center. All western railroads center there. All exhibits are unloaded and reloaded immediately at the main entrance gate. Steam railway passenger trains run into the grounds.

### Farmer Suffers Accident.

John Allington residing about ten miles southwest of Callaway, Neb., met with an accident that will lay him up for a few days, at least. He was hauling a wagon load of rye, and while going down hill, the rope which he had locked his wagon broke, letting the load run down onto the team. On either side of the road was a steep embankment of some twenty feet. The wagon ran to one side of the road, caving off, letting Mr. Allington, the rye and wagon box tumble to the bottom of the embankment. He was later found in an unconscious condition taken home and a doctor called, who pronounced his injuries serious, but not fatal. The team and running gear of the wagon were found about a mile from where the accident occurred.

At a public meeting held at DeWitt, Neb., L. F. Holloway and Henry Wayman were elected as delegates to go to Alberta, Canada, to investigate the favorable reports concerning that country. If found to be as represented a colony will be formed to locate at some place in the new country.

While engaged in work on a sewer extension at Grand Island Bert Ferris slipped, and in falling grabbed a picket, resulting in the bruising of his hand and the dislocation of a finger joint. He was otherwise uninjured. Blood poisoning and lockjaw set in and the young man died later.

### Big Yield of Wheat.

William Aidsup of Madison township recently threshed forty-two acres of wheat near Geneva, Neb., that averaged thirty-six bushels per acre, machine measure, and thirty acres of oats that averaged twenty-eight bushels. His corn, he thinks, will make from five to twenty-five bushels per acre.

The coroner's jury over the remains of Miss Elizabeth Smith, who was killed on the railroad at Tekamah, Neb., decided that her death was accidental, and not suicide.

## ANOTHER HOLD-UP

Night Express Looted in the Choctaw Nation.

### PASSENGERS MADE TO DELIVER.

Robbers Go Through Train to Levy Tribute—Postal Sacks Also Hit—Deliberate in Work and Rule with High Hand.

The south-bound Missouri, Kansas & Texas train was robbed at Caney switch, I. T., by five masked men. The express car was blown open, the safe wrecked and the mail sacks rifled. All the passengers were robbed of their money.

The robbers put a charge of dynamite to the safe and blew it open. They demolished the safe but got only \$1.50, as the money had all been left at Muskogee, to be picked up by the "Katy Flyer" which runs through the territory by day.

The messenger clerk was forced to assist the bandits in their work. Every mail pouch was emptied and the mail considered valuable was taken. Then, with Postal Clerk Tutley holding an empty mail sack, the robbers went through the coaches and robbed every passenger. They got \$280 in one coach. A negro who refused to give up his money was severely beaten. The passengers were compelled to throw their valuables into the pouch.

The express company says that it lost nothing and the conductor estimates the passengers' losses at about \$400, not counting jewelry. The robbers gave Engineer Lanham a diamond ring and a shirt stud.

### Quick Capture.

E. C. Richmon, Bob Alford, George Brown, John Gibson, Tom Edwards, and Jack Barr have been arrested on the charge of committing the robbery at Caney, J. B. Davis, deputy marshal at Colbert, I. T., arrived at Dennison, Texas, from the scene of the holdup. He said in regard to the arrests:

"These men were arrested at Caney and taken to Atoka. The operator at Caney when he heard the shooting, suspected the train was being held up, and put out the light in the depot and telegraphed to Atoka, eleven miles away, for officers."

"Within two hours after the robbery was committed bloodhounds had trailed these men to their homes. We found the wet clothing identified by passengers as that worn by the robbers. We found three masks and in the fire box of the cook stove when the arrests were made the shoes of the men arrested. The tracks were measured and fitted the shoes exactly."

This afternoon the men were given a hearing in Commissioner Ball's court at Atoka and their bonds fixed at \$5,000 in each case. They could not give the bond and were remanded to jail.

### MORE TROUBLE FOR TRUSTS

State of Ohio Insists that Steel Combine Pay Tax.

The secretary of state of Ohio has forwarded to the president of the United States Steel corporation blanks notifying the corporation that the state is ready to receive the tax due it under the law applying to foreign corporations.

If the company refuses to pay the tax suit will at once be brought to collect it. If the corporation consents to pay the tax it will have qualified, it is claimed, merely to do a legal business in the state. The secretary of state and attorney general say they are convinced that the constituent companies are doing an illegal business in the state in that they are connected with a trust and whether the United States Steel corporation pays the tax or not, proceedings will be brought against the Ohio companies under the anti-trust law.

### FITTING OUT THE MACHIAS

Gunboat Soon to Sail for Southern Waters.

A Norfolk, Va., dispatch says: The gunboat Machias, en route for Colon, has been loading coal, provisions and ammunition in Hampton Roads since August 10. A large part of the supplies came from the Brooklyn navy yard, and a great deal of the ammunition was prepared at Saint Helena magazine here. The vessel is likely to sail at any moment. She will carry a full complement of men.

### A Mortgage for Millions.

There was filed in the Hudson county court house at Jersey City, New York, a mortgage for \$150,000,000 made by the consolidated tobacco company of America to the Morton Trust to secure an issue of 4 per cent bonds not to exceed \$150,000,000. It is dated June 15 and bore revenue stamps to the amount of \$75. The papers show that the Consolidated Tobacco company have absconded the American Tobacco and the Continental Tobacco and subsidiary concerns.

### Lovesick and Deserted.

Miss Daisy Hill, a pretty girl, whose lover had deserted her, attempted to take her life at Omaha by the use of morphine. She was at the Dodge hotel, where she and her lover Frank Davis have been staying for some time. They had quarreled and Davis left her penniless. Two weeks ago she told a friend she would kill herself but no attention was paid to her talk. The poison had taken effect but she was brought back to life by a physician. She is twenty years old and quite pretty. Several months ago she came to Omaha from Lincoln.

## FRANCE TO IMPORT WHEAT

Harvesting Finished and Serious Shortage Shown.

A dispatch from Washington says: France has practically completed the harvesting of her wheat at about the time when it usually begins, and it is no longer doubtful that there will be a very serious shortage. This information is conveyed to the state department in a report from Consul General Skinner at Marseilles. It is the firm belief in some quarters, says the consul general, that France will have to become again an importing nation of this commodity and the country will have to look abroad the coming year for about fifty million bushels.

About twenty million bushels of soft wheat to make up this shortage is expected to come from the United States provided prices keep slightly under or on a par with those of Russian wheat.

### GIVEN A \$134,000 SURPRISE

Chicago Company Found to Be Better Off Than It Thought.

The George H. Phillips company of Chicago has found itself better off by \$134,000 than it thought by the discovery of two slight errors in the books, found since the firm suspended business to have its house cleaning. One was an error of an even \$100,000. The firm deposited in the bank \$133,000 in cash, for which it received credit by the bank, but which appeared on the books of the firm as a deposit of \$33,000.

Another mistake of the bookkeeper was the failure to credit the firm for \$34,000 of warehouse receipts deposited in the bank early in April. The deposit of these receipts is the same as a deposit of cash, and the failure to account for them caused a reduction in the working capital of the firm to that extent.

### THE STRIKE SITUATION.

Striking Men and the Manufacturers Measuring Strength.

The struggle for mastery between manufacturers and men in the steel industry is now fairly launched. The general strike order issued by President Shaffer of the amalgamated association has so far been obeyed by 14,000 men, according to the best figures obtainable. The first two preliminary calls were answered by about 45,000 men, so that the total number now out is in the neighborhood of 60,000.

Both sides seem to be satisfied with the situation, but as yet neither side can claim advantage. In some localities the mill men have refused to obey the strike call, but may do so later.

### Defective Arrested.

Detective Fred M. Hans, employed as a special detective by a railroad company at Omaha, Neb., was arrested at Logan, Ia., on the charge of conspiracy. The charge relates to the detective's part in the capture of two men who were robbing a freight train. It is charged that the robbery was concocted by the detective for the purpose of giving him standing with his employers. Francis Daniels, who is Hans' brother-in-law, was one of the men captured at the time the train was robbed, but was permitted to escape. Daniels was afterwards caught by another officer. Hans pleaded not guilty and gave a cash bond of \$300 for his appearance next Tuesday at the preliminary hearing. Daniels was arraigned and pleaded not guilty and was bound over to the district court.

### Sure of World's Fair Site.

Judge Zachritz, in the circuit court, refused to grant an injunction restraining the Louisiana Purchase Exposition company from using Forest park for a site for the world's fair, to be held in St. Louis in 1903.

Officials of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition company were jubilant over the outcome of the proceedings. The matter was discussed at a meeting of the executive committee, which gave direction to the general counsel to look into methods of procedure necessary to secure by condemnation 300 or more additional acres of ground needed outside of the Forest park site.

### Laborer Held to Fortune.

Thomas Watts of Cornishman, Mich., for twenty years a day laborer about the mines of that section, has received a legacy of \$250,000 by the death of a sister in Cornwall. He has left to arrange the probating of the will.

### NEWS IN BRIEF.

The transport Sumner has arrived at San Francisco from Manila with 180 convalescent soldiers. There were two deaths on the voyage.

At State Line, Utah, Jim Hedges was killed in a street duel by Jim Glendenning, a miner, who was afterwards arrested and placed in jail.

The comptroller of the currency has declared a dividend of 10 per cent in favor of the creditors of the insolvent First National bank of Niles, Mich.

Extensive forest fires have been raging in three districts of the government of Nijni-Novgorod, central Russia, and several villages have been destroyed.

Frank Purcell of Washington, Ind., has been arrested on the charge of murdering his wife on an affidavit sworn out by his son. Mrs. Nettie Southert, the daughter, who was married on the evening of the crime, bears out her brother's charges of brutality.

Assistant Postmaster John G. Pole and his family, while attempting to cross a mountain stream about six miles from Lexington, Va., were swept down by the waters of a cloudburst and his wife and three daughters aged from one to eight years, drowned. Mr. Pole and a daughter three years old escaped.