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WOULD CORNER GOLD.

SCHEME OF MORGAN-ROTHSCHILD CHILD CROWD.

Death Grins at a Royal Pair—Big Strike Starts with Rioting—Cleveland Preparing to Work with Confidence This Summer.

Buying Up the Gold.

A Washington dispatch says the treasury officials are greatly excited over the discovery that there is an actual basis for the report that the Morgan-Rothschild gold syndicate is conspiring to corner the gold market. The story has been circulating in a semi-confidential manner for some days past and was at first regarded as a foolish canard. It is a fact, however, given out by the very best authority, that brokers representing this syndicate of money "sharks" have been paying a premium for the refined gold output of the private refineries throughout the West during the last two months and that they are accumulating fine gold at the rate of \$2,500,000 to \$3,000,000 per month, which represents fully two-thirds of the entire gold output of the United States. The attention of officials of the Treasury Department was first attracted to this peculiar business by the sharp falling off in the deposits of gold at the mints, and inquiry very soon developed the fact that private parties were buying the product of the refineries. Further inquiry revealed the additional and very suspicious fact that the metal thus purchased was being put to store to the credit of the Morgan-Rothschild syndicate.

FURNACE MEN QUIT.

Twelve Hundred Illinois Steel Works Men Go Out—Dispute Over Wages.

About 1,200 men employed in various capacities at the blast furnaces of the Illinois Steel Company at South Chicago went on strike Tuesday. The laborers, greasers and helpers at the satis- company's shops in Joliet are on strike. Altogether 4,500 to 5,000 men are affected by the strike. The strikers of South Chicago demand a reduction in their hours of labor and an increase of pay. They have been working twelve hours a day and their pay has been \$1.60 per day. They demand a ten-hour day and the restoration of the former schedule by which they were able to earn \$2.10 a day. The Joliet men ask for an advance of pay ranging from 10 per cent up. The laborers, who have been paid 11 cents an hour, or \$1.10 a day, ask \$1.35 to \$1.50 a day, but it is expected that the company will accede to the men's demands, and the strike may prove a serious setback to the revival of business which seemed to have begun. Men in other industries said to be infected with the same desire for more pay, and the strike may spread both in South Chicago and Joliet. A serious riot occurred Tuesday afternoon at South Chicago, in which ten police and forty or fifty strikers were hurt.

TO WORK AT GRAY GABLES.
President Fitting Up an Executive Office at His Summer Home.

A complete executive office will be established at Gray Gables for the President's use this summer, and as arrangements have been made for the transaction of all public business that will come before him, it is probable that his departure for Buzzard's Bay will be made as soon as the weather becomes oppressive in Washington. Private Secretary Thurber will be near enough so that he can work with the President every day. No appointments that may be made or other business transacted by the President will be furnished to the public at Buzzard's Bay, but will be sent to the White House in Washington for announcement. All communication with the departments will be through the clerks in charge of the White House. This method is taken in order to avoid any necessity for the officials to be in attendance at Gray Gables.

ROYAL LIVES IN PERIL.

King Humbert and Queen Margaret Barely Escape Death.

King Humbert and Queen Margaret of Italy had a narrow escape from death Tuesday. They were on their way by rail in a special train from Florence to Rome, attended by their suites. Suddenly, near Liscia Lake, there was a violent shock, one of the carriages was derailed and everybody on board the train received more or less serious concussions. An obstruction of some description, it appears, either fell across the track or was placed by evil-minded persons. Several members of the royal suite sustained slight injuries, but the King and Queen escaped with nothing more serious than a bad shaking up.

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POWDER MILLS BLOWN UP.

Five Persons Killed by an Explosion at South Acton, Mass.

Friday morning one of the powder mills of the American Powder Company at South Acton, Mass., blew up. A few minutes later a second mill, situated 100 yards away, 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 close by the mills were set on fire and burned fiercely, threatening the big storehouse of the company, containing 20,000 pounds of powder, and preventing 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 spread to the mill. The mills, ten in number, are separated from one another and enclosed 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.

INTERESTING COTTON FIGURES.

Movement Is Already Larger than Ever Before Known.

Secretary Hester's monthly cotton statement, issued from New Orleans, shows the largest April movement on record, 324,000 bales, against 243,000 last year. The movement from Sept. 1 to April 30 includes total receipts at all United States delivery ports, 7,730,153 bales, against 5,882,842 last year. Net overland movement by railroads across the Mississippi, Ohio and Potowatonia rivers, 916,700 bales, against 788,714 last year. Southern mill takings, exclusive of quantity consumed at Southern ports, 586,190 bales, against 590,954 last year. Interior stocks in excess of those held at the commencement of the season, 114,300 bales, against 103,801 last year. These make the total amount of the cotton crop brought into sight during the eight months to close of April, 9,377,358 bales, against 7,166,401 last year (the year of the 9,000,000 bale crop).

CRITICISES OUR ARMY.

Observations of a Swiss Officer—Military Affairs Here Are Dormant.

Consul Germain, of Zurich, Switzerland, furnishes the State Department at Washington an account of the impressions of an officer of the Swiss army who recently made a tour of the world and is now lecturing on what he has seen. The officer declares that the United States is dormant so far as its military affairs are concerned; that although the Swiss army has a force of 7,852,718 men, 7,695,000 of them are the National Guards and 25,707 men from the regular army are doing police duty and fighting unruly Indians. Comparing the military systems of Japan and China, he says that Japan's compares favorably with European organizations, and China's is the worst existing.

DIES AT HIS POST.

Alton Engineer Killed by Masked Bandits, Near Carlinville, Ill.

Alton mail and express train 3 was held up about half a mile north of Carlinville, Ill., at midnight Wednesday by a gang of five men. The train had just stopped for the crossing when the men began firing and jumped into the cab and commanded the engineer and fireman to hold up their hands. They were scared away by the train crew, but not before they had killed the engineer. The gang ran in all directions, but three of them were captured and are now in jail. The sheriff and posse, armed with shotguns, have started on the trail of the rest of the men and hope to have them soon. The dead engineer was Frank Holmes, one of the oldest and best engineers on the Alton road.

JUDGE'S HEART IS SOFTENED.

Reduces a Prisoner's Sentence Because of a Child's Letter.

In the United States District Court at St. Louis Judge Priest sentenced Ag. Cook to four years in the Missouri penitentiary for counterfeiting. Judge Priest at first gave Cook seven years. Cook said that he had two little girls and his mother was also living. He drew from his pocket a letter from one of the girls and handed it to the judge. The girl is 10 years old and wrote that she hoped her father would soon be with them, and said this and her little sister were going to write to the court to let their parents come home. Judge Priest read the letter and told Cook that his sentence was reduced to four years.

GLASS IN MASHED POTATOES.

William Hershing Almost Killed by a Strange Accident.

For the first time in eight days William Hershing, a young man living at 621 Bush street, San Francisco, slept Thursday. He had a narrow escape from death when he suffocated in agony, and all because he was indignant enough to eat mashed potatoes in a cheap restaurant.

The potatoes contained some bits of glass, which cut his throat so that it became terribly swollen and inflamed. He was unable to eat or sleep for many days. Physicians say he may recover.

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GRESHAM IS A SICK MAN.

Too Many Visitors Are Admitted to the Bed-Chamber of the Secretary.

Secretary Gresham is a sick man. He has not taken any nourishment for three days. He has lost his voice and is in a way. Several visitors were admitted during Thursday afternoon in violation of the physician's orders, and they persisted in discussing pending diplomatic complications and left him in a feverish, semi-delirious state during the night. The ailment, neuralgia of the stomach, it is learned, is one of nearly a year's standing and twice before in three months has compelled the Secretary to take to his bed.

FELL DEAD ON THE LAWN.

Mr. Burroughs, of New Jersey, Expires After Making a Speech.

Edward Burroughs, of Merchantville, N. J., ex-president of the State Board of Agriculture, a member of the State Road Commission and ex-elder of Camden County, made a speech on the lawn at the residence of Gen. E. Bird Grubb, minister to Spain, Friday, and five minutes later fell dead at the feet of his comrades of the famous Twenty-third regiment, New Jersey Volunteers. Mr. Burroughs had charge of the New Jersey agricultural exhibit of the World's Fair.

Statistics of Divorces.

The London foreign office publishes a table giving the number of divorces in foreign countries yearly for the last ten years. The figures having been specially gathered by members of the Consular corps. In the whole of Great Britain during 1894 but 500 divorces were filed, while in 1895 5,824,842 last year. Net overland movement by railroads across the Mississippi, Ohio and Potowatonia rivers, 916,700 bales, against 788,714 last year. Southern mill takings, exclusive of quantity consumed at Southern ports, 586,190 bales, against 590,954 last year. Interior stocks in excess of those held at the commencement of the season, 114,300 bales, against 103,801 last year. These make the total amount of the cotton crop brought into sight during the eight months to close of April, 9,377,358 bales, against 7,166,401 last year (the year of the 9,000,000 bale crop).

Survivors of the Horror Deprived of Their Homes—Fair Villages and Fertile Fields Devastated—Schoolhouses in the Path of the Storm, and Teachers and Pupils Annihilated—A Carpet of Mud Strewn Over Growing Crops in Iowa—Work of Wind, Rain and Hail.

Property Worth Half a Million Destroyed.

Northwestern Iowa's cyclone in Sioux, Lynn, Osceola and O'Brien Counties cost at least fifty human lives.

A hundred others are injured, and the destruction of half a million dollars' worth of farming property is a low estimate. The whirlwind, but half an hour in duration, while at its fiercest, swept over 1,200 square miles of cultivated farmland, and left in its wake a ruin rarely equalled in so short a period of time. The number of dead, although not so large as at first reported, is great enough to have plunged the whole of Northwestern Iowa into mourning. A revised list, as accurate as could be obtained at the time this is written, reports the following:

Slain by a Cyclone.

A deathless cyclone Saturday afternoon struck the town of St. Charles, twelve miles south of Elgin, Ill., leaving a corpse-strewn track. Four persons were killed, one person was fatally hurt, and two victims received serious injuries. The dead are: Mrs. Hattie E. Church, aged 20; Charles N. Thompson, aged 28; Miss Angusta Anderson, aged 18; Charles Anderson. The injured are: Miss Emma Johnson, fatally; Luke H. Causton, dangerously; Andrew Johnson, severely.

Wisconsin Storm Swept.

An electric and wind storm in Wisconsin on Friday and the day before killed several people and damaged much property. The dead are: Joseph Anderla, aged 14, killed in his bed at Kellerville; Jasper Chilup, 21, in his bed; John Kitchmeister, killed at Seymour; Mrs. Joseph Sutherland, killed in her cellar at York, where she had gone to get away from the storm.

At Sioux Center and Vicinity.

John Marsden, Miss Anna Marsden, Mr. John Koster, Alice Koster, aged 8; Miss Tillie Haggie, babe of Mrs. L. Wynia, Mrs. Anna Postma, Jacob Janzen, Tewnes Verhof, aged 4; Maurice McCombs, aged 4; babe of W. Vlesma, Mrs. K. Waner and babe, A. Barlin, Mrs. L. Ost, Mrs. J. Post, A. M. Perry, Mrs. F. S. Fieldcamp, Mrs. Charles Waldron, Henry Smith, B. L. Smith, Mrs. L. Martec and babe, L. D. Everett, John Frize, H. Debor.

At Sibley.

Mrs. John Waterman, Mrs. M. Blackburn, Mrs. Herman Boknap.

At Laurens.

Peter Stinner.

At Sutherland.

Rudolph Schmidtfeger.

At Creston.

Everett Arnold.

Many Fatally Injured.

The fatally injured are:

H. Koster, aged 3; Minta McCombs, Luella McCombs, Mrs. L. Wynia, J. Debor, Hattie Koster, Willie, Jennie and Grace Crumman, Maggie, Gertie, Jennie and Eddie Brown, Ben Bry, John Herman, Henry Fergie, Mrs. James Warie.

Two Men Killed in a Duel.

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Will Not Lose Her Home.

The pension department at Washington has sent orders to Special Examiner Davison at Parkersburg, W. Va., to go to Mrs. Ryan, the aged widow whose pension was suspended because the department made a mistake, and withdraw the demand that was made on her to pay all money back that she had received.

Echo of an Ocean Murder.

Herman Sparf has been acquitted in the United States Circuit Court at San Francisco of the charge of assisting in the murder of Second Mate Marie Fitzgerald of the American bark Hesper. He was found guilty on a former trial.

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