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ONE COMPANY TO CONTROL
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Liggett & Myers Concern to Enter Deal
and Rival Tobacco Company to Be Stopped
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Tobacco Combine at St. Louis.

A gigantic deal has been practically consummated in St. Louis, whereby the Continental Tobacco Company, with a capital stock of \$50,000,000, is being organized to absorb all of the plug tobacco factories in the United States. It is understood that the deal is being consummated by the Continental Tobacco Company of St. Louis, to be made president of the new company; J. B. Duke of New York, vice-president; Pierre Lott, secretary and treasurer. The deal contemplates the amalgamation of the immense plant of the Liggett & Myers Tobacco Company of St. Louis with the Continental company at an early date, although it is said the Liggett & Myers people have not yet signed any formal agreement to join forces with the new organization. From what is considered the very highest source, it is learned that the deal provides for the separation of the plug tobacco business from the manufacture of smoking tobacco and cigarettes, and that the long and disastrous fight between the two companies, the Liggett & Myers and the Continental, will be at once ended. Under the new arrangement the American Tobacco Company will take all the factories making smoking tobacco and cigarettes and return to its original field, and the Continental will assume the exclusive manufacture of plug tobacco.

TROOPS FOR ALASKA.

Military Force of Government to Be
Established in the Yukon.

Captain P. H. Ray, Eighth United States Infantry, who spent the winter in Alaska, has arrived at Portland, Ore., and the military force of government in the Yukon. He will also recommend that the Government pack train now at the head of Linn canal be used for the exploring expeditions into the interior, that the pack train be found impracticable for packing in the summer season. Captain Ray states that he does not believe the spring cleanup of gold will show more than \$5,000,000.

LEITER'S WHEAT BURNS.

Great Elevator at Boston Destroyed
by Fire—People Frightened.

The elevator at the Hoosac tunnel docks on the Charlestown water front, Boston, Mass., was destroyed by a fire caused by the explosion of a shell. The total property loss approximates \$500,000. The explosion raised the roof of the big structure high in the air, depositing it upon a block of tenement houses across the street, causing the death of a woman and the injury of several others. The explosion, which occurred at 10 o'clock, immediately after the stock flames burst forth, and within a few hours the \$100,000 building, its contents of 350,000 bushels of grain and five cars or galleries connecting with the ground, having been destroyed, the structure was in ruins.

Bitter Miner Attempts Murder.

Cyrus A. Bell, a miner of Butte, Mont., has been arrested charged with attempting to kill to death in their house Mrs. Marion Kelly and her two children. The woman had refused to marry him. The man entered her house at night, armed her and her oldest daughter and then set fire to the house. The flames alarmed the neighbors, who rescued the inmates and put out the flames.

Death Defies Discipline.

A. R. Reynolds of Paris, Tenn., sent himself through the brain in the Supreme Court room at Jackson, just after Justice Callahan had read the opinion of the lower court sentencing him to five years in the penitentiary. He was roadmaster on the Louisville and Nashville Railroad and was convicted of making false entries. He left a note saying he was innocent.

Race for the Pennant.

Following is the standing of the clubs in the National Baseball League:

Club	W.	L.
Chicago	2	0
Baltimore	2	0
Pittsburgh	3	1
Cincinnati	2	1
Philadelphia	1	2
New York	1	2

Fighting Going to Klondike.

Prof. Stalling of Stockholm, who has been appointed to conduct the search for Prof. Andree, the balloonist who started last year in an attempt to cross the arctic region in a balloon, has decided to proceed to the Klondike, owing, it is said, to the fact that geographers give credence to the report that Andree has been heard from in those latitudes.

Mob's Mad Work.

There was a serious disturbance at Malaga, Spain, resulting in an attack upon the United States consulate. Stones were thrown and one of the mob leaders procured a ladder, tore down the shield hanging upon it the arms of the United States and dragged it along the streets.

California Cattle 'tarving.

Owing to the extreme dryness of the season, thousands of cattle in California are expected to succumb to hunger and thirst during the present season. A repetition of the vast losses of 1877 is expected unless the parks are opened to the herds.

Venezuelan Ex-President Dead.

A special cablegram from Caracas, Venezuela, to the New York World says that ex-President Joaquin Crespo of Venezuela was killed in battle with Hernandez, the leader of the rebel forces.

Street Railway Lines Sold.

The main street inclined plane and Mount Auburn electric line in Cincinnati, owned by Louisville parties, and over which there has been much litigation, were sold at auction by order of the United States Court. The property as a whole was bought by the Cincinnati Consolidated Street Railway Company for \$275,000.

Shaken by an Earthquake.

Two shocks of earthquake were experienced at San Francisco. There was a gentle swaying motion, very perceptible in tall buildings. Ten minutes later a much heavier shock occurred, but it was mild in comparison with that of a few weeks ago. The second shock lasted fully ten seconds. No damage was done.

Push to Blackfoot Lands.

A portion of the Blackfoot reservation, near Butte, Mont., has been thrown open to settlement, and a thousand or more people, mostly prospectors, rushed in to locate mining claims. A troop of cavalry was present. The reservation is rich in minerals, especially in copper.

Lumber Destroyed by Fire.

Fire at Butkins, Ohio, destroyed a large amount of lumber and Allen's store of property, owned by Clark & Son of Erie, Pa. The loss is \$22,000, with no insurance.

PORTO RICO IN REBELLION.

Rioting Follows the Elections, and
Revolution is Feared.

According to advices from Porto Rico, the unrest of the island continues, public order is not preserved, business is at a complete standstill, and an internal revolution is feared. Street fights and serious rioting followed the election. The polls were raided and the military finally intervened, killing two and wounding twenty. At Caye 200 political arrests were made, including well-known newspaper men. The resignations from the provisional cabinet of three autonomists have not been accepted. There have been demonstrations also at San Juan, where the police by active measures have restored order, but there is no confidence in autonomy, and election frauds have been freely charged. The activity in improving the fortifications at San Juan continues. The American oil refinery there is under the protection of the Spanish troops. At last accounts the Vizcaya and the Almirante Oquendo were still at San Juan.

MANY ON COPPER RIVER.

Steamer Excelsior Returns from Port
Valdes with News.
The steamer Excelsior, with Copper River miners, has reached Seattle. One of her six passengers, Chris Weber, when the steamer left Port Valdes, committed suicide by jumping into the sea from the upper stern deck of the ship. Weber was one of the O'Brien party that went to Valdes to investigate the alleged murder of a miner. The steamer, which proved a failure, and his companions say he took his life on that account. Upward of 3,000 persons had been landed at Port Valdes at the time of the Excelsior's departure, and all about 1,200 were on the trail, probably 1,000 having crossed Valdes glacier with their outfit. Returning passengers tell of an unfortunate, whose party of four, it is learned, having fallen into a deep crevice of the glacier, where he froze to death. His companions lowered a rope, but he was in such position that he could not place it around his body.

FALL TO THEIR DEATH.

Two Men Plunge Headlong from a
Derrick and Are Killed.
A frightful accident occurred in Benwood, W. Va., in which two men met their death and one was fatally injured. The Riverside iron works is building a large coke plant, and George Prince, James Sullivan and Edward Edwards were employed on a derrick 100 feet high, which was used in putting the heavy pieces in position. The boom pole of the derrick slipped and the men were plunged headlong to the ground. Prince and Sullivan killed on a pile of brick and were instantly killed, both being terribly mangled, while Edwards in his fall was stopped by a pile of brick and escaped with a few bruises. He fell again, being caught a short distance below by a bolt in the framework, upon which he hung suspended for a second, then dropped to the ground. He was conscious when picked up and his life is despaired of.

STRUCK BY A HURRICANE.

British Bark Will Scott Towed Into
Port Badly Damaged.
The steamer Arcata, which came from Coos Bay, sighted the British bark Will Scott, under jerry rig, ten miles off Duxbury Reef. The tug Reliance was immediately dispatched to aid the vessel, and succeeded in towing her into San Francisco. The Will Scott is seventy-one days out from Higo, for Puget Sound, but she was unable to reach her destination. She is about as badly damaged as a ship could be without being a total wreck. She was struck by a hurricane Feb. 13 and completely demolished.

Inuit to the Flag.

It has been known that a few nights before Pulaski F. Hyatt, the United States consul at Santiago de Cuba, left that port for the United States, a mob of Spaniards made a demonstration before the consulate and three tomatoes, eggs and stones at the Stars and Stripes flying over the consulate. The Spaniards took part in this demonstration had just left the theater, where a performance had taken place for the purpose of raising money to increase the strength of the Spanish navy. The Spaniards surrounded the consulate, shouting, "Death to Americans." "Long live Spain," etc., and pelted the flag with stones and threw tomatoes. The United States Consul, Mr. Hyatt, at Santiago de Cuba, in the matter and lost the consulate. The line for nine hours so as to be able to cable Washington on the subject. In reply received by cable the word "go," and Mr. Hyatt left the United States consulate at Santiago de Cuba full of provisions intended for the reconcentrated, and the British consul at that port, P. W. Ramsden, took charge of the relief work.

End of a Long Enmity.

A street duel took place at Cotulla, Texas, in which both contestants were killed. The duellists—J. Guy Smith, editor of the La Salle Isomony, and known because of his character as a writer, and a young and popular ranchman—met in front of the Hotel Burke. They had long been enemies, because of bitter attacks made by Smith upon the local politics. May was sitting in front of the hotel when Smith passed on the sidewalk. Springing to his feet, May hailed Smith and fired at him. The bullet struck Smith in the back and the second in the side. Smith also fired as he turned, his first and only bullet striking May's left breast in the region of the heart. The two men sank to the sidewalk gasping. Smith died before he could be taken to the hospital. May died in a few minutes and Smith lingered six hours. Neither expressed regret at what had happened.

Committee Charges Theft.

At Lincoln, Neb., Chairman Otto Mott and Mr. Moran, of the legislative investigating committee, have reported to the committee, which has been at work since the adjournment of the Legislature. The charge is made that by the negligence and cupidity of officials stealing aggregating in round numbers \$1,225,000, including the \$600,000 taken by Bartley, were committed.

Fixes Ownership of Bank.

The United States Supreme Court has sustained the decision of the State court at the yards of the Cleveland Shipbuilding Company at Lorain, Ohio. The Supreme Court is the largest ship on fresh water. The dimensions are 450 feet over length, 70 feet beam, 50 feet beam and 28 feet hold.

Barred by Switzerland.

The Swiss government has prohibited the importation of American fresh fruits. The action was taken owing to the alleged presence of the San Jose scale in the fruit imported recently.

Hosiery Factory Burns.

The plant of the Dresden Hosiery Company at the yards of the Cleveland Shipbuilding Company at Lorain, Ohio, was destroyed by fire, entailing a loss of \$30,000.

Agents of Spain at Work.

A bomb was discovered a few days ago in the coal supplies at the Washington navy yard. About the same time one of

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