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**ROBBERS LOOTED
PACIFIC MAIL CAR**

Two Masked Men Secured
Packages From Train Near
New Orleans.

NO ATTEMPT ON PASSENGERS
Postal Authorities Can't Estimate the Loss—In Pursuit of the Robbers—Were Probably on Board the Train.

New Orleans, Sept. 26.—Two masked robbers invaded the mail car of the Southern Pacific train leaving New Orleans at 9 o'clock tonight and secured several batches of registered mail. No attempt was made to rob passengers. The robbery took place at Avondale, 12 miles west of New Orleans.

Postoffice officials at New Orleans state that they could not make an estimate of the loss, their only report being from one of the mail clerks that the postal car had been robbed. The robbers are supposed to have boarded the train at New Orleans and entered the mail car when the train came to a stop at Avondale.

Authorities at Jefferson parish are now in pursuit of the robbers.
SOUTH CAROLINA REPUBLICANS.
Meet in Convention at Columbia—Negro Delegates to Office.

Columbia, S. C., Sept. 26.—The much heralded plan to wrest control of the republican political organization of South Carolina from the negro did not materialize at today's meeting of the party's State convention, which was overwhelmingly controlled by negroes opposed to the National administration.

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STRAWNED NEAR LOOKOUT.
Unknown Steamer Gets on Shoals and Later Wrecked Itself.
Beaufort, N. C., Sept. 26.—During the fierce gale that swept the coast last night a large unidentified steamer stranded on the outer diamond of Cape Lookout shoals. Before the life savers could reach the vessel through the heavy sea it worked itself free and proceeded north. The steamer evidently was a tramp. It is not known whether it is badly damaged.

HON. B. F. DIXON DEAD.
Raleigh, N. C., Sept. 26.—State Auditor Benjamin F. Dixon died here tonight at 11:30 o'clock, at the Rix Hospital, where he was taken a week ago, suffering from an acute attack of angina pectoris. Auditor Dixon was born in 1846. He was an officer in the Civil war and also served his country in the Spanish-American war, being a major in the Second Regiment, North Carolina, volunteers. He was a licensed physician and an ordained Methodist minister. He was formerly superintendent of the Masonic Orphan Asylum at Oxford, N. C., and a few years later was made president of the Greensboro Female College. In 1900 Major Dixon was elected state auditor of North Carolina and was serving his third term when taken ill.

CABINET MEETINGS WITH TAFT

Assembled at White House Yesterday for Series of Conferences—Supreme Court Vacancies Discussed—Features.

Washington, Sept. 26.—The cabinet party at the White House is in full swing tonight. Eight of the nine members of the President's official family moved in today.

They held a formal session in the cabinet room of the executive offices during the forenoon, and continued their informal discussion of affairs of state at a luncheon which began at 1:30 P. M., and did not end until nearly 4. During the late afternoon the various cabinet officers returned to their respective departments, but gathered again at the White House for dinner and a long evening talk on the south veranda.

The President's forthcoming appointments to the Supreme Court served as the chief topic of discussion today. They were taken up after the department heads had made brief reports as to conditions in the various branches of the government service.

It is said there are no outstanding candidates for the Supreme Court vacancies. The President is keeping his mind open. He has discussed and will continue to discuss the various qualities of men who have been suggested for the bench, but there is little chance that his final selections will be made before the time for Congress to convene in December.

From the time it meets in October, until the Senate confirms a new appointment by the President, the Supreme Court will proceed without a chief justice. Nothing has happened to change the well-founded impression that Gov. Hughes will be made chief justice, but his re-nomination will not be announced until the Senate is in session.

TROUBLE AT WEST POINT.
Entire Corps Under Arrest for Administrative "Silence" to Officers.
West Point, N. Y., Sept. 26.—Although the special board of inquiry will not report on the case for several days, drastic measures of discipline are still being meted out at the United States Military Academy as a result of the cadets having twice administered the "silence" to Capt. Rufus E. Long, an instructor. The following orders were issued today by Lieut. Col. Frederick W. Sibley, the commandant, who has the situation in charge during the absence in Washington of Major General Barry, the superintendent.

Until further orders, cadets will confine themselves to their rooms. During release from quarters from immediately after breakfast and from immediately after dinner until call to quarters, cadets will confine themselves to the limits of the area of barracks, and the cadet sentinels will be posted ten minutes after drill and will make inspection every hour.

This means that the entire corps is practically under arrest, denied all privileges and permitted to see no one, not officially connected with the military academy. The order will remain in force until the return of General Barry, who is expected tomorrow. It is not often that the "silence" treatment is inflicted upon a superior officer, and the present case is the first that has occurred since Captain Lindsay was "silenced" ten years ago. An inquiry resulted in that officer being relieved from the military academy.

TO ELIMINATE POLITICS.
In National Guard Feature of General Mills' Report.
Washington, Sept. 26.—A plea for the elimination of politics, now more or less influential in National Guard matters in each State, is made in the annual report of Brigadier General A. L. Mills, commanding the Department of the Gulf. Such a general recognition of the National Guard status, says General Mills, would also largely eliminate "another evil influence now only too often exercised, the discrimination of employers against employees, who are members of the National Guard."

General Mills says that real efficiency cannot be attained without further provision for a greater number of qualified instructors than are now available or can be spared from the army. He believes a large percentage of the new Springfield rifles in the hands of the organized militia in his department are today unserviceable from rust and neglect. This defect, he adds, cannot be remedied until the Federal Government from National Guard status, says General Mills, would also largely eliminate "another evil influence now only too often exercised, the discrimination of employers against employees, who are members of the National Guard."

**WIFE OF CRIPPEN
A MURDER VICTIM**

Verdict of Coroner's Jury in Sensational London Inquiry.

DELIBERATED ONLY ONE HOUR

Evidence Points to Case of Poisoning. Made no Reference to Miss Leneve as Accessory—Trial in October.

London, Sept. 26.—The coroner's jury, after one hour's deliberation today brought in the verdict that Mrs. Cora Crippen, known on the stage as Belle Elmore, had been wilfully murdered by her husband, Dr. Hawley H. Crippen, an American dentist. After listening to the testimony which was presented, and hearing the summing up of the case by Coroner Schroeder, who summarized the evidence pointing to the murder, the jury was left but little choice.

The verdict reached by the coroner's jury which remained out one hour, was to the effect that the mutilated body found buried in the cellar of the Crippen home was that of Cora Crippen, who had been wilfully murdered by Dr. Crippen. The verdict added that the cause of death was poisoning by hyoscine.

The inquest had been dragged out longer than usual in order to give the police time to search for evidence. They are still hunting for a witness expected to bring at the trial more testimony tending to identify Belle Elmore's body, through the agency of a piece of flesh found to contain a scar.

The case will come up for trial at the next criminal sessions, which are scheduled for October 11th, and probably will be called up about October 18th. In summing up the coroner said that the evidence presented concerning the identity of the buried body was unusually slim, but that there was little doubt that the remains were human. Although the physicians frankly said that they could not swear as to the sex, on anatomical grounds, they agreed, the coroner declared, that all indications pointed to the mutilated flesh being that of a woman. He pointed out that Belle Elmore had completely disappeared, and that the body had been found in her husband's cellar.

Other evidence as to the identification of the body, the coroner identified, was the testimony given by several women that Belle Elmore bore a scar, and that the doctors had reached the conclusion that a mark found on a piece of skin had been a scar. He also spoke of the finding of the remains of hair, showing that it had been bleached and drew attention to the finding of hyoscine in the body and to the purchase of this drug by Dr. Crippen.

The coroner recalled to the jury the varying stories Dr. Crippen told after the disappearance of his wife and of his own disappearance with Miss Leneve. As to Miss Leneve's position the coroner told the jurors that it was no duty of theirs to consider the question of accessory after the fact.

Washington, Sept. 26.—The population of Lancaster, Pa., is 47,227, an increase of 5,768, or 13.9 per cent, as compared with 41,459 in 1900.

The French Millinery Parlors will display an exclusive line of pattern hats, Tuesday, Sept. 27th, se 25-27.

LORIMER INQUIRY IN CHICAGO

Investigating Charges of Bribery and Corruption in Election of United States Senator—Legislator White Witness.

Chicago, Sept. 26.—Testimony from State Representative Charles A. White, the first witness in the inquiry into the election of United States Senator William Lorimer was heard today by the Senate committee investigating the charges of bribery and corruption in the election of the latter.

After hours of argument by the opposing counsel the committee left undetermined the question of the admissibility of testimony relative to the alleged "jack-pot" and alleged accumulated funds for the payment of corrupt legislators for voting for or against certain bills in the Illinois General Assembly.

Attorney Alfred S. Austrian, representing the Chicago Tribune, which is pushing the charges against the election of Senator Lorimer, contended vigorously for the payment of corrupt legislators, who voted for Senator Lorimer, in the spoils of the alleged "jack-pot" was pertinent and necessary to show a general corruption of the Legislature that elected Senator Lorimer.

Attorney Elbridge Haney, counsel for Senator Lorimer, stoutly opposed the admission of testimony relative to alleged bribes that might have been received by legislators for their votes on legislative matters apart from the election of a United States Senator.

On the strict understanding that the action was not to be considered a precedent admitting of the whole "jack-pot" subject Chairman Burrows permitted White to answer some of the questions touching the "jack-pot." No objection was offered by counsel to the testimony of White that he had received \$1,000 from Minority Leader Lee O'Neill Brown, of the Illinois Legislature, tending to identify Belle Elmore's body, through the agency of a piece of flesh found to contain a scar.

White testified that he took the story to the newspaper after it had been returned to him from New York, where he had previously sent it. The publication of the story in the newspaper was the first intimation of the charges of bribery and corruption in the Senatorial election. The direct examination of Representative White will be resumed tomorrow.

Atlanta, Ga., Sept. 26.—Samuel F. Parrott, president of the Atlantic Coast Line, and for many years vice-president of the Georgia Southern & Florida Railroad, died at a private sanitarium here tonight after a long illness.

**GAYNOR PREFERS
TO REMAIN MAYOR**

Declines to Become Candidate for Governorship of New York State.

ISSUED A FORMAL STATEMENT

Would Probably Accept if Nomination Was Thrust Upon Him.—His Strength in State Said to be Exaggerated.

New York, Sept. 26.—Mayor Gaynor issued tonight, for the first time, a formal statement saying that he is not a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor. Nowhere in the statement does the Mayor say, however, what course he will pursue in the event the nomination is thrust upon him.

He indicates that he prefers to serve his full term as Mayor, but at the same time he emphasizes that he feels no moral obligation to do so. The statement, dated St. James, L. I., September 26th, in the form of a letter to John A. Dix, chairman of the Democratic State Committee, in part, follows:

"I have further considered the matter as you requested when you called on me here with Mr. Mack last Wednesday, but can only reiterate to you that I am not a candidate for nomination for Governor. This must have been known all along, for I have written it to many people during the last six months. I am not influenced in my course by assertions made here and there that I made an agreement or compact during the Mayoralty campaign to serve out the four years if elected. These false assertions are made by persons who opposed me and voted against me, and would do again. I made no such agreement. I certainly did not make it with those who opposed me and voted against me. They did not ask for it. I did say of my own notion and at the request of one who that I proposed to devote the next four years to the service of the city. But this only started a hue and cry against me that I should make a pledge or compact to that effect, which I refused to do. And if I had made a pledge that could not prevent the voters from electing me to some other office.

Continuing, the mayor says: "Many tell me and write me that in taking this course I give up my future. But I shall not take myself or my future into consideration. None of us has a future, I should be content to entrust it to the people of the city of New York. "I trust that the convention will nominate someone who is not a mere dealer in the political common places and jingles of the last 25 or 30 years, but who has kept pace and grown with the times, and whose absorbing purpose will be to make the government of the State, in all its branches, general and local, intelligent, honest and efficient."

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YOUNG ATTORNEY IS A SUICIDE

Emmet Blackmore, of Warsaw, N. C., Found Dead in His Bed at Lenoir, Having Taken Carbonic Acid—The Remains.

(By Long Distance Telephone.)
Goldsboro, N. C., Sept. 26.—Emmet Blackmore, 24 years of age, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Blackmore, of Warsaw, N. C., and a promising young attorney of Lenoir, N. C., was found dead in his room at the latter place at an early hour this morning as the result of having drank carbonic acid during the night.

A note was found in the room with the young man expressing his purpose to commit suicide but assigning no reason for the deed. Mr. Blackmore, after completing his law course, was admitted to the bar in 1908 and went to Lenoir to engage in the practice of his profession where he had been engaged ever since. Upon the finding of the body this morning, relatives of the young man at Warsaw were notified this morning and they are here to take the remains to Raleigh to meet the number are a brother of the deceased, Hon. Rivers D. Johnson, of Warsaw, and J. O. Carr, Esq., of the Wilmington bar, who was on his way to Raleigh for the Supreme Court when he heard of the death of his former county clerk. The sympathy of a great many friends goes out to the bereaved ones in the sorrow which has come to them.

POLICE AND STRIKERS CLASH.
Series of Pitched Battles at Berlin—Sword Fights at Lenoir.

Berlin, Sept. 26.—The police and coal strikers had a series of pitched battles tonight in the Moabit precinct. Fifty strikers were wounded by revolver shots and sword thrusts during the night. Twenty of them were taken to the hospitals severely injured.

A very large number of police, totaling 40 or more, also were wounded some of them badly, while protecting strike breakers. About midnight thousands of strikers stormed the fire station and the Reform Church in Buessels-Strasse, wrecking the windows and doors. The police were compelled to charge repeatedly using excessive measures. They are bivouacking in the streets throughout the night.

HYDE FARMER DEAD.
Passed Away in Washington, N. C. Hospital on Sunday.
Washington, N. C., Sept. 26.—Mr. William H. Jones, of Lake Landing, Hyde county, died at the Washington Hospital Sunday of cirrhosis of the liver. Deceased had been a great sufferer for some time and for the past month had been confined in the hospital for treatment. He was between 50 and 60 years of age and was held in highest esteem. He was one of the largest and most prosperous farmers in Hyde county and leaves a widow and one daughter to mourn their loss. The remains were taken to Swanquarter last night and from Swanquarter where the funeral will take place today.

CENSUS REPORT ON COTTON.
Total Supply Year Ending August 31st, 11,350,798 Bales.
Washington, Sept. 26.—Census reports the total supply of cotton for the year ending August 31st to have been 11,985,958 running bales, made up as follows: Stocks at beginning of year 1,483,585; ginnings 10,350,978; imports 151,395 bales. The distribution is 6,339,028 bales exported; 4,707,127 consumed. Stocks at close of year 939,803 bales, of which 518,101 bales were held by manufacturers and 421,705 held elsewhere. The number of active spindles were 28,248,067, of which 10,826,829 were in cotton growing States and 17,522,238 in all other States.

OUTLINES.
The political forces supporting Col. Roosevelt and Vice-President Sherman are gathered at Saratoga, N. Y., for one of the most important State Republican conventions ever held today.

Mayor Gaynor in a formal statement last night declined to become a candidate for the Governorship of New York State, stating that he preferred to serve his term as mayor. A coroner's jury in London yesterday returned a verdict that the wife of Dr. Hawley H. Crippen was murdered.—Nine members of President Taft's cabinet held a conference with him at the White House yesterday, this being the first of a series. The Supreme Court vacancies were discussed.—The charges of bribery and corruption in the election of Senator Lorimer were being investigated in Chicago. State Legislator White was the first witness yesterday.—New York Markets: Money on call easy, 1/4 to 2 per cent, ruling rate 2 closing bid 1/8-8, offered at 2; spot cotton closed easy, 10 points lower, middling uplands 13.60, middling gulf 13.85; flour steady with a fair local trade; wheat irregular No. 2, red 104 3/4 f. o. b. aboat; corn firm No. 2, 61 3/4 elevator and 1.04 3/4 f. o. b. aboat; wheat irregular, new standard white 28 cents, No. 2 white 39 1/2-2; rosin and turpentine steady. If it is a hat, we have it. Taylor's Ladies' Hatter, 114 Market Street, se 25-ft.

**NEW YORK STATE
CLANS GATHERED**

"Shall Roosevelt Rule?" Principal Issue at Saratoga Convention Today.

POLITICAL UNREST YESTERDAY

Forces of Teddy and Sherman Are Ready for Battle Royal—Griscom Making Claims for Ex-President—Situation.

Saratoga, N. Y., Sept. 26.—By a vote of 22 to 15 the Republican State Committee at a special meeting tonight reaffirmed its selection of Vice-President Sherman over Roosevelt as temporary chairman of the State convention which convenes tomorrow.

This action, a victory for the old guard, was taken after Vice-President Sherman had created a sensation with a letter asking that the committee investigate the charge that his selection as temporary chairman was brought about through trickery and stating that if the charges were substantiated he would not serve.

After a heated argument in which the leaders of both the old guard and the progressives gave sharp expression of their convictions, the committee by a vote of 22 to 15, resolved "that Mr. Sherman be informed that his selection as temporary chairman was brought about through trickery and stating that if the charges were substantiated he would not serve.

The committee had scarce gone into session when Chairman Woodruff announced that he had a letter from Vice-President Sherman which he read. The reading of the letter brought William Barnes, Jr., of Albany, leader of the old guard, to his feet with the remark that he had read the statement attributed to Chairman Griscom, of the New York county committee, to the effect that Mr. Sherman's selection at the meeting of the committee on August 18th had been procured through trickery and fraud. Then turning to the New York members, Barnes said:

"I suggest that if Mr. Griscom has any information warranting his charges against the twenty members of the State committee who voted for Mr. Sherman that he make it known here and now." Herbert Parsons, former chairman of the New York county committee, who was in the meeting as a proxy and bore the brunt of the subsequent debate for the progressives, met Mr. Barnes' words with the suggestion that the inquiry take in all the members of the committee and not be confined to those who voted for Mr. Sherman in order to determine what information or misinformation was given to influence their votes. Barnes responded that Parsons' remarks were not germane to the question and pointing his finger at Griscom demanded to know what basis he had for the information given by him to the press.

"The name of Mr. Sherman was not known to any member of the New York delegation as prospective chairman of the convention in advance of the meeting," said Mr. Griscom, speaking with emphasis. "In my case, I was not informed of the intention to elect him until within fifty minutes of the beginning of the meeting. I informed Mr. Wadsworth that I did not think it wise to take such action. It had been stated in the papers that ex-President Roosevelt was going to the convention as a delegate and I believed that the proper place for a former President was on the platform. I informed Mr. Wadsworth that I thought the proposed action unfair and that if Mr. Sherman's name were presented to the committee without consultation among any large number of members, I would oppose it and put up the name of Col. Roosevelt. I also told Mr. Ward the same thing. I understood from Mr. Ward that President Taft approved of Mr. Sherman's selection, which I thought strange, inasmuch as President Taft had told me but a few days before that he favored consultation with Col. Roosevelt in all matters pertaining to the Republican party in New York state. I have stated that the meeting was surrounded with deceit, and it certainly was so far as I was concerned."

"Several New York county committees backed up Mr. Griscom in his assertion that Ward had indicated that President Taft had favored Mr. Sherman for the chairmanship. Chairman Woodruff interrupted to say there must have been some misunderstanding all around, for nothing had been said to indicate that the President had been consulted. At the instance of Barnes, a poll of the committeemen was then taken in which a member arose and said in effect that he had not been deceived in casting his vote for Sherman.

Chairman Woodruff declared: "I never knew that Col. Roosevelt's name was to be presented until Mr. Griscom arose in his place and announced it." Mr. Dady, of Brooklyn said: "If Col. (Continued on Page Eight.)"

SPECIAL CONTEST OFFER LASTS FOR TWO WEEKS.

Now is the Time for Contestants and Their Friends to Put Forth Extra Effort--Some Pointers Given by the Manager--Build up Reserve.

Two weeks from the past Saturday night, the great special offer of the Star's contest will be over. According to it, it behooves everyone to take advantage of this grand opportunity to secure enough votes to make sure of her being a winner. Every one who has promised a contestant to take a subscription should do so now, as something might interfere later which would deprive the contestant of the subscription until after the special offer had expired. The contestant would then lose the benefit of the special club offer, and might easily enough lose the contest on that account. The club offer consists in turning into the contest department \$30 in new subscriptions of four months or over, and receiving in return 35,000 extra votes. A good point to remember is that a subscription can be secured a great deal easier than it can after this week expires. Why? Because club offers are over. Why? Because you have something extra to work for, because 35,000 extra votes will certainly be an important factor in mak-

ing you a winner of the prize that you are striving for. It is not necessary to stop at one club. If you are fortunate enough to be able to secure two, go after a third, because if you intend to be a winner in this contest, it behooves you and your friends to exert every effort now. The contest department will furnish each and every contestant with club slips that can be used in turning in more than one subscription at a time. However, contestants do not have to have these slips to turn in their subscriptions as the contest department will keep an accurate account of all subscriptions turned in that amount to four months or over, and as soon as the amount reaches \$30 an extra slip will be issued, giving the contestant the bonus to which he or she is entitled. If there is anything that a contestant does not understand in regard to this special offer, or in fact, in regard to any part of the contest, all that is necessary is to write the contest manager and information will be forthcoming. Concentrated effort is needed to

make the winner in this, the greatest contest ever inaugurated in this part of the country. Literature can be had for the asking, and receipt books will be sent upon request, and votes returned or voted as soon as received. It is not necessary for contestants to turn in their votes immediately, but subscriptions should be turned in as soon as possible. On each subscription received at the contest department, a certificate will be issued which is called a vote slip. The vote slip may be held back until the last day of the contest if the contestant desires. It is a good idea for each and every contestant to hold back a certain number of votes, and use the same as a reserve, because the reserve votes in this contest count just as much for a contestant as does a bank account to a merchant. The votes on these clubs may be held until the last day of the contest, but may be cast at any time after the 1st of November, for by being able to hold back their votes, nobody will have any idea as to how they have worked, and how many votes they have to their credit.