

AN EASY PREY

To the Haring and Experienced Crackman. Millions in the Treasury Vaults Insecurely Stored.

Treasurer Huston Convinced that the Hundreds of Millions in Gold, Silver and Paper are Not Safe—Has an Ambitious Plan to Relieve the Treasury of the Burden of the Insecurely Stored.

WASHINGTON, April 16.—A lively session has its source in the discovery that the great vaults of the treasury, with their hundreds of millions of money, are insecure. In fact, Treasurer Huston has demonstrated that a bold, skillful burglar could have gotten away with all he could carry in an incredibly short time, and perhaps without alarming those in charge.

When Treasurer Huston came into office, he reported for \$771,000,000 from his predecessor. At present, \$100,000,000 of gold and silver are in one vault; over \$100,000,000 of silver in another, and \$250,000,000 of paper in a third.

A few days ago, Treasurer Huston became possessed of the idea that these vaults were insecure. He, therefore, secured the services of an amateur crackman—that is a man familiar with the methods of burglars—to test the paper money vault, in which \$250,000,000 in paper money are stored.

After ten minutes of the job that in fifteen seconds this man had made a hole in the vault, and in sixteen minutes he had made an opening large enough to admit his body.

This discovery created a genuine stir in the department, and a severe message was sent to the house appropriation committee. A bill was immediately prepared authorizing the construction of new vaults.

The treasury officials are in a great flurry because the news of the insecurity of the vaults has gotten out. They had kept it a profound secret, and Treasurer Huston had sent a strictly private message to the house appropriation committee. There is now a very strong guard around the treasury vaults, and extra guards are placed throughout the building.

Treasurer Huston has asked for an appropriation of \$2,000,000 to strengthen the vaults, and is much exercised because the appropriations committee is going slow in reporting a bill for this purpose. It will, however, be rushed through the house in a few days.

The present doors to the vault are of iron of a poor quality, made years ago. The idea now is to make everything of hard steel, that cannot be pierced by the tools of crackmen.

A Silver Conference. WASHINGTON, April 16.—Secretary Windom and Director Leach, of the mint bureau, had a conference with the house committee on the silver question.

California "Doom Sealers." SAN FRANCISCO, April 16.—According to the prophecies of Mrs. Woodworth, George Erickson and several other revivalists who created considerable excitement in this city, the doom sealers, yesterday was the day on which San Francisco and Oakland were to be destroyed by earthquake and tidal wave, and the cities of Chicago and Milwaukee were also to suffer the same calamity.

The Labor Situation in Chicago. CHICAGO, April 16.—The industrial situation in this city is fast becoming critical. Should the strike continue another week its effect will be to throw 150,000 men out of employment, as there will be nothing for bricklayers, hammers, lathe-men, plasterers, painters and the vast army of laborers who find work in connection with building operations to do, and they must all wait for a settlement of the carpenters' strike before they can resume their operations.

A Bad Wreck. CASSETT, N. Y., April 16.—A bad wreck occurred on the Erie railroad at Adrian, about four miles east of here. The wreck was caused by a freight train, running at the rate of about twenty-five miles an hour, crashing into the rear of another train that was standing still.

The Sawmill Confession Discredited. GREAT FALLS, N. H., April 16.—The alleged confession of Isaac B. Sawelle is universally discredited here and it is generally thought to be a fabrication and that if Sawelle is the author of the evidence against him in the most favorable light and to make it appear that the murder was committed in Maine, so that he may escape the gallows.

Election at Butte, Mont. BUTTE, Mont., April 16.—In the municipal election held here yesterday the Democrats elected the mayor and six out of seven aldermen by decisive majorities.

Farnell Convinced Gladstone. LONDON, April 16.—Mr. Farnell held a consultation with Mr. Gladstone preliminary to the introduction in the House of Commons by the former of a motion to reject the Irish land purchase bill.

Hick Carpenter Released. CINCINNATI, April 16.—Hick Carpenter, of the Cincinnati baseball club, has been released. There is some talk that he will be seen at Pittsburg this season.

THE FARMERS' ALLIANCE. Its Organizational Committee and the Sub-Treasury Bill.

WASHINGTON, April 16.—A host of congressmen comprising the National Legislative Alliance committee, met informally the other evening, in a room on Ninth street, to discuss Alliance measures before congress. Among those present were Mr. Turpin, of Alabama; Col. Clark Lewis, of Mississippi; Messrs. Morgan, of Mississippi; McClammy, of North Carolina; Featherston, of Arkansas, and Hullock, of Florida.

The sub-treasury bill was the leading theme of debate, but it was not finally decided whether to push it to a vote or not, though every one present agreed to

TO HEAD OFF EMIN.

England Will Anticipate the German Expedition. STANLEY TO UNDERTAKE THE TASK.

Suspicious of the Objects of Emin's Expedition, the British East African Company Will Make a Rush for the Interior and Assume Possession of the Debatable Territory.

LONDON, April 16.—It is now no secret that the British East African society has decided and has already begun preparations to send an expedition from Mombassa to the debatable lake territory in the interior of Africa in advance of the proposed German expedition to be headed by Emin.

The various stories concerning the purpose of Emin's return to the interior have aroused the suspicions of the British East African people that it is no ordinary enterprise on the part of the former governor of the Egyptian equatorial province or his employers, that induced Emin to engage to re-conquer the

ramparts of inter-African life, but rather a desire to forestall the British in the same occupation of the lake country, the most fruitful and desirable of any of the territory yet explored.

To Anticipate the Germans. This suspicion having grown into conviction it has been resolved to anticipate the German movement as far as the lake region is concerned.

Of this expedition, it is asserted Mr. Stanley will assume the leadership at a later date, and the fact that he has declined a number of invitations to banquets, receptions, etc., lends color to the supposition. Assuming that Stanley has declined these honors because they would interfere with his preparations to return to Africa, it is fair to presume that he expects to take the lead of the new British expedition within a very short time.

Commenting on these reports the Daily Mail Gazette says the day of discovery is near. The day of discovery is near, and the indications are that the vote in favor of revision will be nearly, if not quite, two-thirds of all the presbyteries.

Parished by the Governor. ATLANTA, Ga., April 16.—Governor Gordon has pardoned Powell Howard, who was serving a fifteen years' sentence in the penitentiary. He was sentenced when only sixteen years old for robbing a railway, and has served eleven years.

Guarantee on First of May. JACKSON, Miss., April 16.—The state board of health has ordered the quarantine on the first of May of the port of Pascagoula on the first of May.

German-American Trade Mission. BOSTON, April 16.—A memorial service in commemoration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the death of Frederick Douglass was held at the Boston Convention Hall.

Blacklisting Dry Goods Clerks. NEW HAVEN, April 16.—Certain dry goods concerns here will attempt to form a combination to govern the employment of clerks. They propose to employ no clerk for any cause, except by a vote of the union.

A Strike of Street Cleaners. PHILADELPHIA, April 16.—About 250 Italian street cleaners went on a strike for an advance of wages. They are determined to regain their old pay of \$1.25 a day, the present price being \$1.00.

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Switzerland and other mountainous countries the goat leads long strings of animals daily to and from the mountains, but it is in South Africa that it is regularly kept and employed as a leader of flocks of sheep.

Europe's Shifting Population. Europe was settled from the south, and the very small portion comprising Italy, Spain and the islands of the Mediterranean sea were populated for centuries while that we know now as France, Germany, England, Austria and Russia were forests and deserts, quite as barbarous and uncultivated as the present interior of Africa.

These were the countries of antiquity, North and South America and Australia being unknown. Yet the two former were densely populous in ages long ago.—Golden Days.

A Machine That Wraps Oranges. An ingenious machine for wrapping oranges hails from Oneida county. It will wrap in paper 2,500 oranges an hour. It is compact and handy, 3 feet long by 3 feet high and 18 inches wide. The fruit passes from a cylinder down a slide, one orange at a time, into a wire cup, which opens and drops the orange on a square piece of paper cut by the machine from a roller, then passes through an aperture which wraps the paper and trims it, and then it passes on to the carrier.—New Orleans Picayune.

Unconscious of His Existence. A Maine soldier, who was a participant in one of the battles of Sherman's March to the Sea, a fight lasting several hours, avers that from the firing of the first hostile gun until the battle closed, his conscious existence was lost, and he was never able to recall a single incident of the fight.—Lewiston Journal.

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LOSS TO THE STARCH TRUST. A Recently Acquired Factory Destroyed by Fire. Des Moines, Ia., April 16.—Gilbert's immense five story starch factory, at Chesterfield, southeast of the city, was destroyed by fire. It started in some shavings in the box factory just east of the big brick building and quickly spread to the boiler room, where it burned off the hose and effectually prevented any effort at stopping the flames. The fire quickly took hold of the factory and in less than an hour it was burned to the ground. No lives were lost; the whistle blew and gave all time to get out.

The fire department was summoned from the city, but could do nothing. The loss on the building, machinery and contents is probably \$300,000, and the insurance about \$200,000. The property was, it is reported, turned over to the starch trust a few days ago. The factory employed 112 men and about as many more children. It will no doubt be rebuilt.

The Mississippi Levees. NEW ORLEANS, April 16.—The Mississippi river has risen fifteen points in the last twenty-four hours, at all stations from Vicksburg to Baton Rouge, inclusive. The Nile crevasses is now 1,500 feet wide, and from eight to fifteen feet deep. There are four new breaks reported in Bayou de Glaucise and the Yellow Bayou levee.

Stockholders Meeting. KNOXVILLE, Tenn., April 16.—Stockholders of the East Tennessee, Virginia and Georgia railroad met here. Five hundred thousand shares were represented—seventy five per cent. of the stock—all by proxy. The proposition of the Queen and Crescent was approved, and full power was conferred on the directors to act in the matter, as well as to issue \$500,000 in bonds for improvements and similar purposes. The directors were also authorized to act on the Memphis and Charleston railroad matter.

Too Wet to Open a Canal. BUFFALO, April 16.—Superintendent Hannan sent the following in answer to a telegram from the Merchants' Association: "It will be impossible for us to open the canal in the state before May 15th, owing to the extreme wet weather which has delayed the work of improvement now under contract. The contract will not be completed until May 1. If the western division is opened, as we would be very difficult to control the water and I more harm than good would result." Great dissatisfaction was expressed on change at this announcement and a number of old canal men expressed the opinion that some one was juggling with the canal to favor the railroad.

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Russia's Rigid Passport System. ST. PETERSBURG, April 16.—The Russian government has issued orders that hereafter the passport regulations on the Austrian frontier shall be of a more stringent character and most rigidly enforced. The present passport system on the Austrian border is even more exacting than that which has operated in Germany in connection with France, and there is already a great deal of murmuring against the increased hardships proposed.

Boulangier Still Lives. PARIS, April 16.—The Boulangiers, presumably as the result of the recent agreement with the chief of the staff or Jersy, are preparing to contest every district in France at the next general election and are already casting about for available candidates. The cabinet seat will be bitterly sought. The cabinet of elections at Paris has thrown a sop to the Boulangiers by framing a policy upon democratic lines.

Hand vs. Machine Labor. BERLIN, April 16.—The hand weavers of Fichtelberg, Prussia, have forwarded a petition to the Reichstag praying for permission to manufacture the garments for the German army now made by machinery, claiming that for the same money the government now pays they can produce articles of a much higher grade.

Machinists' Gas Works on Fire. MADRID, April 16.—The gas works of this city are on fire and blazing fiercely. The flames have attracted thousands of people to the scene, and there is a degree of excitement justifying extraordinary vigilance on the part of the police to prevent disorder.

The Earl's Cousin Arrested. BUCHAREST, April 16.—A dispatch from Jassy to the Telegraph states that the Grand Duke Constantine Cantacuzino, cousin of the czar, has been arrested in St. Petersburg for connection with the revolutionary propaganda.

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Table with columns: WESTBOUND, No. 50, No. 52, Daily, Lv. New York, 12:15am, 4:30pm, Philadelphia, 7:30am, 5:53am, Baltimore, 8:50am, 8:25am, Lynchburg, 11:20pm, 10:47am, New York, 6:20am, 3:20pm.

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Table with columns: No. 55 Daily, A. & R. R. K., No. 54 Daily, 8:00 am Lv. Hot Springs, Arr. 5:40 p m, 9:15 am Ar. Asheville, " 7:00 p m, 10:08 am Ar. Hendersonville, " 1:07 p m, 12:42 pm " Spartanburg, Lv. 3:40 a m.

Table with columns: MURPHY BRANCH, No. 18 (Daily except Sunday), No. 17, 11:10 a m Ar. Asheville, " 1:55 p m, 2:54 p m " Bryson City, " 1:45 a m, 6:45 p m " Westfield, Lv. 9:10 a m.

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