

The Evening Dispatch.

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THE WEATHER
Fair continued cool tonight with frost Saturday fair. Moderate north to northeast winds.

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UNCLE SAM SINKS PROBE

Wants to Know About Killing of Americans

United States Consuls at Mexican Points Instructed to Investigate Reported Execution of Citizens of This Country—Immediate Reports Called For.

Washington, March 24.—Taking cognizance of present reports that four Americans were executed by Mexican soldiers in Chihuahua and four other Americans at Agua Prieta, the State Department has instructed the United States Consular officers in the vicinity of the two places to investigate the reports immediately. The Consul at Chihuahua was instructed to inquire into the report that John Hamilton Dignowity and three other Americans, were shot to death in Chihuahua, under orders of a Mexican court martial. The Consul at Nogales will investigate the reported execution of the four Americans, Adams, Young, Howard, and Shanley, after being captured by Insurrectos.

ALABAMA TOWN SUFFERS MUCH BY FIRE TODAY

Birmingham, Ala., March 24.—The entire business section of Fayetteville, Ala., in the natural gas fields, was destroyed today by fire. Twenty stores, the court house, jail, and bank are among the buildings gone. The loss is \$200,000.

TWENTY TO ONE SHOT.

Outsider Won the Grand Steeple Chase Handicap.
Liverpool, March 24.—The Grand steeple chase handicap of three thousand sovereigns for five year olds and upwards, was won by Glenside, an outsider, against whom the betting was twenty to one. Twenty-six horses started.

THREE DIE IN WRECK.

Mail Steamer Bruce Meets With Disaster.
Louisburg, March 24.—Three persons perished in the wreck of the Newfoundland mail steamer Bruce, which struck the rocks off Scatteri during the night. The steamer is a total loss. The Bruce was on her way to this port when the disaster happened.

RAILROAD BARGE SINKS.

Crew of Four Left Her But Whereabouts Not Yet Known.
Vineyard Haven, Mass., March 24.—The Erie Railroad barge, Stonington, formerly the steamer Stonington, sank in twelve fathoms of water, near Pollock Rip, today. Previous to the sinking of the barge, the crew of four men left her. Nothing is known of their fate.

MISBRANDING OF GOODS A FREQUENT OCCURRENCE

Washington, March 24.—Misbranding of coffee, Geneva gin, and vanilla and lemon flavoring extracts constitutes the most common violation of the pure food law, according to the Department of Agriculture. Upon analysis it was found that many vanilla and lemon extracts are imitation products, colored with coal tar dyes. The government sleuths recently seized many consignments of food products. An analysis showed they were either imitations, or contained ingredients injurious to the persons using them.

TRAIN GUARD SHOT.

And Fully a Hundred Shots Fired at a Passenger Train.
Somerset, Ky., March 24.—A guard on the tender of a Cincinnati, New Orleans and Texas Pacific Railroad freight train was shot and injured in the leg, near Elmwood, Tenn., last night. A northbound passenger train conductor has reported that between Danville and Erlanger, fully one hundred shots were fired at his train.

Some Comedy.
"Davy Jones, or His Wife's Husband," by Vitagraph Company—Grand Theatre today. 1t.

FIRE FIGHTERS GO TO DEATH

Six Dead, Four Are Dying, Many Injured

Roof of Five Story Structure Drops From Under Band of Brave Firemen in Milwaukee—Dead and Dying Dug Out of Large Mass of Debris.

Milwaukee, Wis., March 24.—Six fire fighters are dead four others are dying in the Emergency Hospital, and several others are suffering from injuries as the result of caving in of the roof of a building of the Middleton Manufacturing Company, wholesale hatters, 354 Broadway. The dead are Captain John Hintz, Dick Burke, Captain Frank Cavanaugh, Edwin Hagill and two unidentified men, and the dying are Vincent Marchesi, Paul Fenwick, Peter Janssen and Hammond. Between fifteen and twenty men were fighting flames from a fire story structure roof when the roof collapsed, plunging them to the basement. A number was burned in the debris. Ambulances were hurried to the scene and as quickly as possible the dead and injured were dug out of the ruins. Captain Hintz's body was among the first taken out. The coats and badges of the victims were torn away. Identification was slow.

COTTON REPORT ISSUED TODAY BY CENSUS BUREAU

Washington, March 24.—The Census Bureau's report on the supply and distribution of cotton for the six months period ending February 28th, 1911, shows the total supply was 12,764,173, running bales, made up of stocks at the beginning of the period of 1,040,940; ginings, 11,533,562, and net imports, 135,381. The distribution was: Exports, 6,338,468; consumption, 2,400,778; stocks at close of period 4,024,927.

BASEBALL MAGNATE DEAD.

Owner of St. Louis Nationals Succumbs to Blood Poisoning.
Cleveland, March 24.—Stanley Robinson, owner of the St. Louis National League baseball club, died today of blood poisoning at the home of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Frank Robinson.

PRESIDENT TAFT LIKELY HAS THE PINK-EYE

Washington, March 24.—Callers today at the White House found President Taft wearing smoked eye-glasses. His right eye was badly inflamed. The President thinks it is an attack of pink-eye, but he remained at his desk, disposing of a vast amount of accumulated work.

Denies He is Crazy.

Chicago, March 24.—Evelyn Arthur See, "revealer of the absolute life," and director of the destinies of a number of young girls who were found with him in a north side flat, obtained his freedom on a reduced bail bond. He appeared before Judge Tuthill on a writ of habeas corpus. Judge Tuthill questioned See upon his "absolute life" contract in which he said he was a newspaper editor in Harvey, Ill. when he was first inspired. He continued: "I do not recognize the law of marriage, of business, or of anything material. Absolute life is a practical guidance for all the world." Judge Tuthill turned to him and asked him: "Did it ever occur to you that you are what is ordinarily termed crazy?" "No it did not," See replied.

JAMES J. HILL GIVES OUT SOME OPTIMISTIC TALK

Washington, March 24.—"The sentiment for reciprocity with Canada is growing steadily," said James J. Hill, who was a caller at the White House today. "The subject is very little understood in this country, but it will be in the near future. Business is good. There are no dark spots, and no menace anywhere, as far as I can see," he concluded.

Photo of Rio Grande Shores Near El Paso and United States Guards---View of Rebel Conference.



Despite the imposing name of the Rio Grande it is a small stream, especially near El Paso, where the accompanying view was taken. The near shore is America, the farther one Mexico. It is easily understood how bullets could fly across the stream. The figure of the soldier is an American sentry taken at El Paso. The lower picture shows a group of insurgent chiefs and soldiers taken in the Juarez mountains. With them is the ever present American reporter, at the right.

WAR IS EXPECTED

London Gets Wind of Fact That Russia Will Soon Declare War on China—Rate of Lloyd's War Risks Shoots Up.

London, March 24.—Cables received by London business houses from their representatives in the Far East are disquieting. They assert that it is expected Russia will soon declare war against China. The rate at Lloyd's to cover risks on an outbreak of hostilities within four weeks jumped this afternoon from five to ten guineas per cent.

Stocks Today.

New York March 24.—Trading was very light at the opening of the market. Movements were almost imperceptible. A spell of weakness developed, as the result of a stupid opening. Low prices were general during the morning. Slight declines were attributed to Bear selling. The amounts sold were insufficient to give a very pronounced tone to the market. Covering of shorts resulted in partial recoveries. Values made more decided progress downward. Pressure against metal stocks accelerated the movement.

GREAT TRIO OF DEMOCRATS TO BE ON SAME PLATFORM

Burlington, N. J., March 24.—William Jennings Bryan, Champ Clark, and Governor Woodrow Wilson, will speak from the same platform Wednesday evening, April 5th, following a dinner of the Burlington County Democratic Club. Every prominent Democrat in New Jersey and many adjacent States will attend the dinner.

WORK OF LONE BANDIT

Boarded Train in Iowa and Robbed Passengers.
Denison, Iowa, March 24.—A masked man climbed aboard train No. 8 on the Northwestern last night, forced the flagman, at the point of a revolver, to go ahead into the sleeper and then robbed several passengers of their valuables.

GOT MUCH LOOT

Bandits Successfully Held-Up Train Early This Morning in Kansas—Got About Twenty Thousand Dollars and Escaped.

Coffeyville, Kansas, March 24.—For two hours last night six masked men held the St. Louis, Iron Mountain, Southern Passenger train No. 104 at a standstill, six miles south of here, while they blew open the safe in the express car and escaped in two automobiles, carrying money and valuables amounting to \$20,000. The train left Little Rock at 8:30 a. m. yesterday for Kansas City. It was made-up of a combination baggage-express car, day coach, chair car, sleeping car, dining car and observation smoking car. Just after the train left Lenapah, Okla., about 10:30 p. m. Engineer Lynch heard the cry "Hands Up," from a masked man sitting on the tender, pointing a revolver at him: "I'm going to ride a little way with you. Drive on," said the masked man. About four miles out of Lenapah the man made the engineer stop the train, near a clump of trees. Five more masked men came up. Taking positions on either side of the train, they began shooting in the air along the sides of the train. Then while two men stood guard, preventing the passengers from coming out, the other four marched the engineer and fireman to the day coach and locked them in. One man took a position to guard the rear of the train. Three went into the express car, and forced the two express men to jump out and stand where one of the side guards could keep him covered with a revolver. After nearly an hour's work the men succeeded in inserting a charge of nitro-glycerine into the "through" safe in the express car. They blew the safe to pieces and scattered the contents over the floor of the car. They made no haste. They had chosen a strategic position in which to stop the train. They were three miles from any human habitation. After three men spent nearly an hour over the packages taken from the safe, the lights of two automobiles drew near from the Oklahoma line. Within two hundred yards the automobiles stopped, the lights were put out, and the men and automobiles disappeared. When the train reached here the sheriff was notified and with two deputies started on horseback southward in pursuit of the six bandits.

CLAIM HE'S CRAZY

Counsel For the Defense Declare Such About the Camorrist Informer—He Is Under Fire of Questioning Today at the Trial.

Viterbo, Italy, March 24.—Today's session of the trial of the Camorrist was devoted almost entirely to the interrogation of Gennaro Abbatemaglie, the Camorrist informer, about whose confession the State built up the evidence upon which it is hoped to rid the country of the criminal organization that for years has exacted tribute from the rich and the poor, robbing and murdering with practical impunity. The defense, so far as Abbatemaglie is concerned, is that the man is insane. The theory is strengthened by his desperate boldness.

JUAREZ STILL EXPECTS AN ATTACK AT ANY MINUTE

El Paso, March 24.—The Mexican troops' activity at Juarez continues. Sentries were doubled last night in expectation of a possible attack by Insurrectos. C. H. Converse, of Glendora, Cal., has filed additional evidence that his son, Lawrence, and Edwin Blatt, of Pittsburg, now in jail here, were captured on American soil. He has forwarded to the State Department, the county and Federal officials' statements, that what is called Ancon Deguadalupe, where the men it is said, were captured, is in the United States and that the United States has exercised de facto jurisdiction over that territory for two years.

BLEW STATE BANK SAFE AND ESCAPED IN AUTOS

Hudson, Kansas, March 24.—Five men blew up the Hudson State bank safe. After seriously wounding Max Rice, the watchman, who attempted to grapple with one of the robbers, they escaped in an automobile with \$4,600.

SAYS THE LAW IS NOT VALID

Held as to New York's Workmen's Bill

Court of Appeals Declares Unconstitutional the New York Law Giving Workmen Compulsory Compensation—This Measure Would Confiscate Property, Holds the Tribunal.

Albany, N. Y., March 24.—The workmen's compulsory compensation law that passed last year, was declared unconstitutional today by the Court of Appeals. The court holds it takes property rights without due process of law. The compulsory compensation law provided for compensation to workmen injured in certain specified dangerous employment regardless of the employers' "negligence." The court held the act deprived the employer of his property without due process of law, in violation of the constitution.

PURSUED MEXICAN REBELS AND KILLED EIGHT

Torreon, Mexico, March 24.—One hundred regular cavalrymen, under command of Colonel Castillas, overtook a band of rebels, camped on the Refugio Hacienda, and at the first volley killed eight.

"Dear Old Moonlight"

New ballad by Mr. Henry—Grand today.

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Miss Fannie Heck Re-elected President

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