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Anyway, Anna Gould's troubles are
now countless.

Wonder if Mrs. Russell Sage has
Count Boni on her list?

Fear says he prefers dogs to air-
ships. Not as a steady diet, but for
hauling.

Emperor William says he is an opti-
mist, and his moustache bears him
out.

"Arabians when they meet a friend
shake hands six or eight times." Then
do they strike him for a loan?

The wages of sin remain about the
same. All others are being marked
up ten per cent. or thereabout.

Even if Ontario should harness
Niagara, it would not be the first time
that beauty has been commercialized.

The cables say King Menelik hasn't
one foot in the grave. It is therefore
unnecessary to say that Abyssinia
is still unpartitioned by the powers.

Acting on Mohammed's wisdom
where the mountain was concerned,
an Iowa town has moved itself to a
railway that would not come to the
town.

Fears are entertained in Persia that
there will be a reaction when the
crown prince becomes shah. What in
the world can they have to react from
in Persia?

With coal enough in the mines of
the country to last 4,000 or 5,000 years
it does seem as if it ought to be easier
to get enough in the cellar to last four
or five months.

Count Boni as a Paris newspaper
writer, at a salary of \$100 per year,
may not save much money, but he will
have a glorious chance to get even
with the flippant journalists of Amer-
ica.

The Chicago doctor who said in
public the other day that a man ought
to choose his wife just as he would a
fine horse, probably heard from his
wife when he got home, if he is mar-
ried.

A dispatch says eastern traveling
men are going to break up the tipping
practice. What's the matter, asks the
St. Louis Republic, with the western-
ers helping along this emancipation
from small graft?

The average American family con-
sumes 1,084 pounds of meat annually,
according to Secretary Wilson's es-
timates. If that's true, says the Wash-
ington Times, the vegetarians have
been stuffing the ballot in making up
their returns.

A fashion writer announces that
tiaras will be worn by ladies in the
theaters next season. Well, even when
general prosperity prevails, few ladies
are likely to be able to afford tiaras
that will seriously obstruct the view
from behind them.

A Denver woman recently succeed-
ed in raising \$2,000 for a hospital by
selling kisses and smiles. She might
now be able to get another good slice
of money for some charity by writing
a testimonial in favor of somebody's
cure for chapped lips.

The Pennsylvania railway doubts
whether it will ever be reasonably
practical for its trains to use electric
motors in Washington. "Reasonably
practical" is a phrase that covers so
many can agencies that it should be
accorded a place among the classics
of diplomacy.

Inconsistency, the paste jewel of
human nature, has never been better
illustrated than by the barbarous con-
trast of bravery and cowardice which
a medical journal points out in pro-
fessional motor-car drivers. They risk
their lives in perilous runs for money,
for excitement, for fame, from zest
for the sport or whatever the motive
may be. Yet some of them will not
have the number 13 on their cars.
Shrinking from the fictitious terrors
of a medieval superstition, they plunge
boldly into dangers that are so obvi-
ous that every spectator of a race
holds his breath. Curious illogical
human nature!

If the recommendations of a college
baseball coach are adopted, the game
will be more confusing to the unin-
tiated than it is at present. He sug-
gests that the batter be allowed to
run the bases either way, going from
the home plate to first base or to
third, as he chooses, and continuing
that way to the home plate again.
When the first man in an inning has
run to the left instead of to the right
all the others will have to go that
way. Whether there is any merit in
the proposal or not, it indicates that
the baseball players are not going to
allow the football players to have
things all to themselves in amending
rules.

Thomas A. Edison claims that he
can make an automobile for \$200 that
will last 15 years. But why, asks the
Chicago Record-Herald, should any-
body want an automobile that will
last as long as that? We will all be
flying in less than 15 years from now.

A Cincinnati drummer posing as
Richard Harding Davis had the time
of his life at the expense of Nash-
ville's "400."

The thing that worries Walter Well
man is that he might pass the pole in
his balloon and not be able to stop.

When the first steamship bringing
immigrants to Charleston came across
the ocean recently, 29 couples were
married on the voyage. Each of them
will face the problem of making a
home in America with new strength
and new determination.

It looks as if the man who claims
to produce vegetable life artificially
were merely making more work for
Prof. Wiley.

Reformed football has been pro-
nounced O. K. Now reform the pro-
fessional player.

RACE WAR REVIVED

MILITIA HURRIED TO SCOOBA
FROM MERIDIAN, MISS.

DEATHS ARE REPORTED

Negroes Said to Be Fortified and De-
fiant Near Wabialak, Though Quiet
Is Reported in the Village
Itself.

Meridian, Miss.—Railroad men who
arrived from Scooba late Tuesday
night report a fresh clash between the
races. Several are reported killed.
This report, however, has not been
confirmed.

Scooba is seven miles from Waha-
lak.

Acting on the instructions of Gov.
Vardaman, 25 members of the local
military company boarded an engine
and left at ten o'clock for Scooba.
Additional troops left aboard a special
train.

Early Tuesday it was reported that
a body of negroes had fortified them-
selves two miles from Wabialak and
announced they would resist any effort
to dislodge them. They threatened to
burn the little town and the white peo-
ple are alarmed. The whites all
around the country have armed them-
selves and one party of 50 armed per-
sons arrived there from Columbus,
Miss. Two negroes, Tom and Jim
Simpson, are reported to have been
killed by white people Monday after-
noon before the arrival of the troops
under command of Col. Samuel Mc-
Cants.

At 3:30 Tuesday morning firing was
heard in the center of the town, but
after a few scattering shots quiet was
restored and no explanation has been
forthcoming.

A special dispatch to the Morning
Dispatch at an early hour Tuesday
said:

"One company of infantry and a
battery of artillery are in charge. Two
negroes have been killed by citizens.
Troops are now guarding the town. A
body of negroes said to be armed are
fortified about two miles from the
town."

All Quiet at Wabialak.

Wabialak, Miss.—All is quiet again
in and around this village, recently
the scene of several race riots. The
militia have returned to Meridian,
their commander having expressed the
belief that there will be no more use
for them.

Conductor Robert Harrison, of the
Mobile & Ohio railroad, who was am-
bushed and wounded by a negro Mon-
day night, died Tuesday. The origin
of the racial troubles here was primar-
ily the meeting in a narrow roadway
of wagons driven by a white farmer
and negro respectively. The negro
abused the white man, who reported
the occurrence to the white villagers
at Wabialak. Whites immediately or-
ganized themselves and in a fight with
the negroes of the community a num-
ber of white men were killed, includ-
ing one of the most prominent of the
vicinity. The number of negroes killed
in the rioting has never been approxi-
mated, but dead negroes have been
found in many parts of the settlement
since the trouble started.

ASKED TO ACT ON CONGO ABUSES

Secretary Root Receives Letter from
Prominent New Yorkers.

New York.—A letter signed by J.
Pierpont Morgan, Dr. Lyman Abbott
and other prominent citizens of New
York, was addressed to Secretary of
State Elihu Root Tuesday directing
his attention to conditions in the
Congo Free State, where, it is assert-
ed, "flagrant inhumanity exists," and
urging him on behalf of the American
people to use the "moral support" of
the United States government to cor-
rect the abuses the Congo natives are
alleged to be suffering from.

FATAL BATTLE WITH STRIKERS.

Three Men Killed and Four Wounded
at Sturgis, Ky.

Owensboro, Ky.—Three men were
killed and four wounded in a battle
late Monday night between guards em-
ployed by the West Kentucky Coal
company at Sturgis, Union county, and
the striking miners at that place.

The dead are: C. J. Dougherty, mine
guard; Billy Malloy, miner, and Will
Gray, miner.

Poisoned by Christmas Candy.

Burlington, Ia.—At Laharpe,
Ill., Elizabeth and Julia, daugh-
ters of Mr. and Mrs. George Camp-
bell, living near here, died Monday
from poisoning, probably from eating
Christmas candy. The little son also
is not expected to live.

Hotel in Bay City Burns.

Bay City, Mich.—The Fraser house,
the oldest and largest hotel in this
city, was completely destroyed by fire
early Sunday. John O'Neill, the hotel
fireman, was fatally injured.

Asks Aid for Starving Chinese.

Washington.—President Roosevelt
Sunday issued a proclamation calling
on the people of the United States to
contribute funds for the relief of mil-
lions of famine sufferers in China, who
are on the verge of starvation.

Count Ignatieff Assassinated.

Tver, Russia.—Count Alexis Inga-
tiev, a member of the council of the
empire and ex-governor general of
Kiev, Volhynia and Podolia, was shot
and killed by an unknown man here in
the hall of the nobles' assembly.

Real D. A. R. Dies, Aged 96.

New York.—Mrs. Rachel Brook-
field Day, an actual daughter of the
revolution, is dead, in Newark, at the
age of 96. She was a daughter of
Capt. Job Brookfield, who served
throughout the revolutionary war.

Cuba Free from Yellow Fever.

Havana.—For the first time since
last August Cuba is now free from
yellow fever, the last case, which was
in this city, having been discharged
Friday. At this time last year there
were 12 cases in the island.

NINE KILLED IN WRECK

DISASTER TO CROWDED TRAIN
AT ENDERLIN, N. D.

Thirty-Seven Passengers Are Serious-
ly Injured by Crash on
See Line.

Enderlin, N. D.—Loaded to its full
capacity with people going to their
homes in the east to spend the Christ-
mas holidays, the south-bound train on
the Minneapolis, St. Paul & Sault Ste.
Marie crashed into a switch engine in
the west end of the railroad yards at
this place at 2:10 o'clock Sunday
morning. Eight men were killed out-
right and one since has died of his
injuries. Thirty-seven were seriously
injured and it is likely that the death
list will be added to.

All of the fatalities occurred in the
smoking car, which was completely
telescoped by the baggage car. Here
also were most of those who were in-
jured, only two of the occupants of
this car escaping unhurt. The car was
crowded, and as the whistle had just
sounded for Enderlin almost everyone
was on his feet when the crash came,
and the dead and wounded were piled
into almost inextricable masses.

As this point is a divisional head-
quarters of the road, a rescue party
was soon formed and, assisted by citi-
zens, the work of taking out the dead
and injured was begun at once, and
continued throughout the night. The
little hospital was soon crowded to its
full capacity with those hurt and the
hotels were converted into emergency
hospitals where the other injured
were cared for. There are but four
physicians in Enderlin and a special
train with physicians and nurses was
hastily made up at Valley City and
rushed to the scene of the wreck.

The wreckage took fire from the
overturned stoves used in heating the
cars and there was a race between the
rescuers and the flames. By al-
most superhuman efforts the rescuing
party managed to fight off the flames
until all of the dead and injured had
been removed from the wrecked cars,
which then were allowed to burn to
get them out of the way.

Only a few passengers in the day
coaches were injured and in the sleep-
ers, none of which left the track, there
were no casualties.

Collisions of railway trains carrying
hundreds of passengers to family reu-
nions and Christmas celebrations
have resulted in the death of 12 per-
sons and the injury of 68. Many of
the injured are in hospitals and sev-
eral, it is believed, can not recover.

TO REVISE CUBA'S LAWS.

Governor Magoon Signs the Decree
Appointing the Commission.

Havana.—Governor Magoon Mon-
day signed the long-awaited de-
cree appointing a commission to re-
vise the laws of Cuba. This commis-
sion will submit to the provisional
governor the draft of an electoral law,
new provincial and municipal laws, a
law defining the organization and
functions of the judiciary, a civil ser-
vice law, and also will treat on such
other subjects of great interest as may
be referred to it by the provisional
governor.

The commission consists of Cole H.
Crowder, of the judge advocate gen-
eral's department of the American
army, president; Jose Miguel Gomez,
secretary, and Erasmo G. Boudet,
Francisco C. Justiz, Manuel M. Cora-
do, Mario G. Kohly, Felipe G. Sarra-
in, Otto Schoenrich, Miguel F. Viondi,
Alfredo Zayas and Major Blanton C.
Winship, U. S. A. The salaries of the
members of the commission, excepting
those in the employ of the United
States government, are fixed at \$400 a
month. The first meeting will be held
on January 3. This is regarded as the
first step toward holding new elec-
tions.

STEAMER STRATHCONA BURNS.

Vessel Beached and 380 Passengers
Saved—Heroism of Crew.

Halifax, N. S.—Word was received
here Sunday from Port Dufferin, a
small coast town some 60 miles east
of this city, of the destruction by fire
of the passenger steamer Strathcona,
owned by the Halifax & Canoe
Steamship company, and bound from
this port for Canoe and Guysbor-
ough.

That no lives were lost is due prin-
cipally to the heroism of the engineers
and firemen, who stuck to their posts
until the steamer was beached and
every one of the 380 passengers land-
ed. In less than one hour after the
beaching of the steamer she was
burned to the water's edge.

Costly Blaze in Denver.

Denver, Col.—The Ernest & Cran-
mer building, one of the finest office
buildings in the city, was damaged by
fire Tuesday, the seventh and eighth
floors being entirely destroyed. The
total loss is \$200,000.

Joe Leiter's Auto Kills Boy.

Washington.—The 60-horse power
touring car of Joseph Leiter, in which
were riding Mr. Leiter, Mrs. Levi Z.
Leiter and Mr. and Mrs. Franklin
Remington, of New York, Tuesday ran
down and instantly killed Samuel
West, a 14-year-old negro boy.

Shah Is Steadily Failing.

Teheran, Persia.—The latest infor-
mation from the palace shows that
the shah's reserve strength is gradu-
ally failing. He no longer rallies when
given stimulants.

Capt. Macklin Will Recover.

El Reno, Okla.—The condition of
Capt. Edgar A. Macklin, who was shot
by a negro at his residence at Fort
Reno last Friday night, was improved
Sunday and recovery is assured, at-
tendants say.

Jail Delivery at Cincinnati.

Cincinnati.—Nine prisoners escaped
from Hamilton county jail here at
10:30 a. m. Sunday. Among those
who escaped were some desperate
criminals. Two of the men have been
recaptured.

Missouri Execution Bungled.

Houston, Mo.—The execution here
Friday of Joda Hamilton for the mur-
der of five persons was badly bungled.
The rope broke and Hamilton was
probably fatally hurt by the fall.

Famous Child Educator Dead.

New York.—Mrs. Blanche Horcon
Boardman Lincoln, one of the best
known child educators in the country,
is dead at her home here. For a num-
ber of years she was a lecturer on
child training.

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in the home of John Carvel, at Wash-
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A "BIG STICK" THAT WILL HELP.



NEGRO LYNCHED BY A MOB

TAKEN FROM JAIL AT ANNAPOLIS,
HANGED AND SHOT.

Band of Young Men Avenge Assault
of Colored Friend on White
Woman.

Annapolis, Md.—A mob numbering
25 or 30 men broke down the door of
the Annapolis jail at an early hour
Friday, took out Henry Davis, the ne-
gro who last Friday assaulted Mrs.
John Reid (white), near Igleharts
Station, and lynched him.

Davis, who also was known by the
name of Chambers, confessed his guilt
before being put to death.

Little or no resistance was offered
to the mob by the officers at the jail
and none whatever by the prisoner.
The negro was dragged by the mob
from the jail to a vacant lot on Col-
lege creek, a quarter of a mile dis-
tant, where he was strung up to a
limb of a tree and half a dozen bul-
lets were fired into him.

On the way to the place of execution
members of the lynching party kicked
and cuffed Davis whenever opportu-
nity was offered. His body was left lying
under the tree which had served as
the gallows. It was viewed by hun-
dreds of persons during the day. Later
a coroner's jury was empaneled and
after hearing the testimony of wit-
nesses, returned a verdict of death at
the hands of persons unknown to the
jury.

The prison from which Davis was
taken is a hundred years old. It is
situated in Calvert street and is only
about 500 yards from the state house
and the executive mansion of the gov-
ernor. The lynching party used Senor
hall of St. John's college for its as-
sembling place. This fact is taken to
indicate that most of the men con-
nected with the affair were from Annapolis
and did not come from Igleharts
Station, where Mrs. Reid lives.

As early as 11 o'clock the mob be-
gan to collect on St. John's campus.
Some time after 12 the crowd entered
the lower floor of Senor hall. There
its members proceeded to blacken
their faces and some of them donned
masks. They were quiet in their
movements, but some of the students
were awakened. These came down
and watched the proceedings, but did
not interfere or give any alarm. The
college authorities strongly denied
Friday that any of the students were
implicated in the lynching.

CONGRESSMEN TO SEE CANAL.

Party of Eleven Sails for the Isthmus
of Panama.

New York.—Ten representatives
and one senator sailed on the steam-
ship Alliance Friday for Colon, for
the purpose of making a five-day in-
spection of the Isthmus of Panama
and learning for themselves the exist-
ing conditions relative to the digging
of the canal.

The party consisted of Senator Flint
and Congressmen McKinley and
Knowland, of California; Congress-
men Fulkerson, of Missouri; Dickson,
Rives, McKinney and Smith, of Illi-
nois; Howell, of Utah; Kinkaid, of
Nebraska, and Stenerson, of Minne-
sota.

The party is visiting the canal zone
at the invitation of Secretary Taft
and the canal commissioners, and
everything will be done to make their
inspection as thorough as possible.

Costly Fire at Marietta, Ga.

Atlanta, Ga.—A special from
Marietta, Ga., says the plant of
the Georgia Manufacturing and Public
Service company, including the Mari-
etta Paper mill, was burning Monday
evening. Already a loss of \$150,000
had been caused, and the fire was not
yet under control.

Safe-Blower Starts Big Fire.

Atlanta, Ga.—A loss of \$100,000 was
caused by a fire here early Tuesday,
which destroyed the livery and sales
stables of Harper Bros. and of Rag-
dale & Carlisle. A safe-blower started
the fire.

Woman Is Burned to Death.

New York.—Mrs. Susan Kelly, aged
50 years, was burned to death and her
husband barely escaped with his life
in a fire Tuesday which destroyed
their apartments in West Sixtieth
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VICTORY FOR STANDARD OIL.

Recent Verdict Against Trust at
Findlay, O., Thrown Out.

Findlay, O.—The Standard Oil
company won a victory in common
pleas court here Monday when Judge
W. S. Duncan decided that the probate
court had no jurisdiction in the suit
brought against it in the probate court
and threw out the recent verdict of
guilty against the company.

Prosecutor David sometime ago filed
an information in the probate court
against the Standard, charging it with
violating the anti-trust laws of the
state. He maintained that he could
get action quicker against the com-
pany by this proceeding than through
indictments in the common pleas
court.

The Standard attorneys contended
that the probate court had no juris-
diction in the matter; that if there
had been a violation of the law the
prosecutor should have proceeded
against the company through indict-
ments.

This point was upheld by Judge
Duncan and the case is thus thrown
out of the probate court.

This decision in no way affects the
indictments recently returned in com-
mon pleas court by the grand jury
against John D. Rockefeller and the
other officials of the Standard Oil
company, charging them with violat-
ing the anti-trust laws.

It is understood the prosecution will
appeal the case to a higher court.

DEATH FOR NEBOGATOFF.

Russian Admiral and Three Others
Condemned for Surrender.

St. Petersburg.—Because he
surrendered his squadron to the
Japanese in the battle of the Sea of
Japan on May 28, 1905, Rear Admiral
Nebogatoff is sentenced to death. The
same fate is meted out to Commander
Lichino, of the coast defense ironclad
Admiral Apraxine; Rear Ad-
miral Gregorieff, of the coast defense
ship Admiral Senavin, and Lieut.
Smirnov, who succeeded to the com-
mand of the battleship Nicolai I.

Such is the decision of the court-
martial, which has been trying Ad-
miral Nebogatoff and 78 officers of his
squadron, but in view of extenuating
circumstances and the long and other-
wise blameless careers of these of-
ficers, the court will petition the em-
peror to commute their sentences to
ten years' imprisonment in a fortress.
Four other officers were sentenced to
short terms of imprisonment in a
fortress, while the remainder were ac-
quitted of the charges brought against
them.

ENTOMBED MINER SAVED.

A. B. Hicks Rescued After Being
Buried Fifteen Days.

Bakersfield, Cal.—Out of the valley
of the shadow A. B. Hicks, the miner
who was buried 15 days in the Edison
mine at this place, was rescued at
11:45 o'clock Saturday night.

Surrounded by hundreds, who have
literally camped at the head of the
mine shaft, waiting for the outcome of
the desperate battle being waged for
a human life, the freed captive was
carried, lying on a stretcher, on the
shoulders of triumphant men who
ached him to the hospital.

Hicks is plainly weakened by his
long confinement and lack of exercise,
but he is virtually unharmed and his
general condition betokens quick re-
covery to full strength. His spirit is
a marvel to all.

Sisters Fight Fatal Duel.

Havana.—Maria and Carmen Hidal-
gué, sisters who lived on a ranch
near Las Lajas, fought a duel with
pistols over a man, and Maria was
killed.

Texas Priest Falls Dead.

Denison, Tex.—Rev. T. K. Crowley,
of St. Patrick's church, while putting
on his vestments to celebrate high
mass, dropped dead Christmas day.
He had been a priest here for 15 years
and was highly esteemed.

Indicted for Grabbing Land.

Helena, Mont.—T. E. Brady, a prom-
inent Great Falls lawyer, has been in-
dicted by the federal grand jury in
this city on the charge of having il-
legally fenced 13,167 acres of public
land in Valley county.

Mrs. J. G. Blaine Divorced.

Yankton, S. D.—Mrs. James G.
Blaine, Jr., who is a daughter of Rear
Admiral Hichborn, retired, obtained a
decree of divorce from her husband
here Saturday night on the grounds
of desertion and non-support.

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ONLY RECKLESS MOB

KILLING OF NEGROES AT SCOOBA
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GOVERNOR GOES TO TOWN

Troops Still There and Col. McCants
Wires Vardaman Colored
Men Are Much Ex-
cited.

Meridian, Miss.—A special from
Scooba, Miss., brings the first authen-
tic news from that place in regard to
an alleged race riot in that section.
The telegram denies that there has
been a race riot.

The dispatch follows:
"There has been no race riot in the
country surrounding Scooba or Waha-
lak. The trouble reported grew out of
an irresponsible Christmas mob
searching for a negro who killed John
O'Brien in the trouble at Wabialak
several days ago. This mob became
reckless and killed three negroes, Cal-
vin Nicholson, Ishman Minnie and
Robert Simpson, and possibly two
others, in a remote district. Two ne-
gro houses were burned by the mar-
auders. The mob also shot a mule
under Deputy Sheriff Stewart. De-
puty Sheriff Alexander, believing
he was unable to control the mob and
protect innocent negroes, wired Gov.
Vardaman for troops, who are now in
Scooba with nothing to do. Every-
thing is quiet."

Memphis, Tenn.—A special from
Jackson, Miss., says:

"A telegram was received by Gov.
Vardaman Wednesday afternoon from
Col. McCants, commanding the militia
at Scooba, saying there is much ex-
citement among the negroes in the
vicinity of that town. The