

### PLOT TO KILL KING.

A Sensational Story Circulates in London.

RECENT ILLNESS WAS FEIGNED.

Assassination Rumors Not Generally Given Credence, but an Unusual Watchfulness Is Maintained at Scotland Yard.

LONDON, June 18.—A sensational story is current in London of the discovery of a plot to assassinate King Edward. This story has created considerable discussion in newspaper and other circles, but it is lacking in anything like official confirmation. According to the current report, King Edward's sudden illness at Aldershot was not due to a cold, but was merely an excuse for withdrawing his majesty from public functions owing to the discovery by Scotland Yard of a plot against his life. The principals in this plot have not yet been arrested.

It is cited in confirmation of this story that King Edward's recovery when he was ensconced at Windsor castle was as complete and speedy as his attack had been sudden.

On the other hand, it must be pointed out that if his majesty's illness was merely diplomatic the officials certainly took a great deal of trouble in keeping up the fiction. Sir Francis Laking, physician in ordinary to the king, was summoned by telegraph to Aldershot. His prescriptions were hurriedly filled, and everything about the king's apartments indicated the genuine nature of his illness. Furthermore, King Edward's journey from Aldershot to Windsor in his motor car and his subsequent drive yesterday in Windsor park do not seem to indicate any fear of a violent attack upon his person.

At Scotland Yard last night the utmost reticence was maintained concerning these rumors. It was noticeable, however, that the chief inspectors, who usually return home at night, were all on duty there, and while they refused to see newspaper reporters until tomorrow morning they declined either to deny or confirm the rumor.

Waller Gave No Interview.

WASHINGTON, June 18.—As has been the custom in the case of every officer of the navy to whom have been attributed utterances which the navy department considered outside the pale of professional discretion, Major Waller of the marine corps, who recently returned from the Philippines, has received an inquiry from the secretary of the navy as to whether the published statements concerning the campaign in Samar were authorized by him. Major Waller has replied that when pressed for interviews by press representatives he declined to oblige them. This explanation, it is understood, is satisfactory to the officials, and it is stated at the navy department that the case is regarded as closed.

Found After Twelve Years.

CHICAGO, June 13.—In August, 1890, Mary Nathan, aged four years, was kidnapped from in front of her home in Hoboken, N. J., by a Mrs. Greene. Yesterday she was restored to her father, Michael Nathan, of 25 Jefferson street, Hoboken. The woman and child were traced to this city soon after the crime, and here all trace was lost. It now transpires that Mrs. Greene has been living at 184 New York street, Aurora, Ill., having with her a girl supposed to be her child. Recently while ill and in delirium she told the girl she was not her own daughter and related some of the facts of the kidnaping.

Fourteen Yaqui Miners Shot.

TUCSON, Ariz., June 13.—A special from La Cananea tells of the shooting of fourteen Yaqui miners Tuesday by Mexican rurales. The miners had been working for the Green Consolidated Mining company and were camped two miles below the works. A squad of rurales marched to their tents, and the officers in command told them that there was a Mexican official two miles below their camp who was to register them, according to a recent order of the Mexican government. They marched down to a designated spot, where they were lined up and shot.

Minister Conger at the Head.

PEKING, June 18.—As the result of the departure from Peking of the Austrian minister to China, Baron Czirkann von Wahlhorn, Edwin H. Conger, the United States minister, has become doyen of the diplomatic corps here. The position of doyen is more important in Peking than in other capitals because in a number of questions the diplomatic corps deals with the Chinese authorities as a unit. Mr. Conger's popularity with his colleagues makes his succession to the post occupied by the Austrian minister generally acceptable.

Will Recognize Cuban Republic.

MADRID, June 18.—The Duke of Almodovar, the minister of foreign affairs, having advised King Alfonso of the receipt of an announcement from President Palma of the inauguration of the Cuban republic, the king ordered that the Spanish consul at Havana be instructed by telegraph to call upon and inform President Palma that his majesty will send him a letter recognizing the Cuban republic.

Elkes Breaks All Records.

BOSTON, June 13.—Harry Elkes last night broke all accredited world's bicycle records from one mile to forty-one in riding 41 miles and 250 yards in the hour against Stinson's 40 miles and 320 yards, made at Brockton last year. Elkes' fastest mile was 1m. 23.15s.

### CONDENSED DISPATCHES.

Notable Events of the Week Briefly and tersely told.

Several earthquake shocks were felt near Pau, France. Mayor Ames of Minneapolis was indicted by the grand jury for attempted bribery.

Albert Snyder of Oswego, N. Y., has had four days and nights of what the doctors say is natural sleep.

The gifts during the year to Chicago university aggregated \$2,012,000, \$1,250,000 of this sum having come from John D. Rockefeller.

**Tuesday, June 17.** The serious condition of crops, owing to the long drought, continues in Texas.

Severe cold and heavy snowstorms continue in Cape Colony. Sheep are perishing by thousands.

Miss Mabel Hanna, daughter of the Ohio senator, and Harry Parsons of Cleveland were married.

A bad cyclone, accompanied by a tidal wave, has swept over Kurrachee, the principal seaport town of the province of Sind, India.

Mrs. Louis Wistrop, wife of a planter living at Brandywine, near Hazlehurst, Miss., killed her six small children while her husband was away and fled after firing the house.

**Monday, June 16.** Gold Heels, the favorite, won the Suburban handicap, worth \$10,000, at Sheephead Bay, N. Y.

The new first twenty hour service between New York and Chicago was inaugurated on the New York Central and Pennsylvania railroads.

The Susquehanna Iron company has yielded to the demands of striking puddlers after six weeks' delay. The price per ton will be \$4.50 instead of \$4.25, as heretofore.

**Saturday, June 14.** The machinery of the Fall River line steamer City of Brockton was disabled off Watch Hill, R. I.

Two persons were killed and a dozen others badly hurt by the fall of an elevator at Richmond, Va.

New York city has decided to buy old France's tavern, at Broad and Pearl streets, for a park site and historical museum.

Clarence Hamilton, a trick bicyclist of New York, was seriously injured by a fall while trying a difficult feat at Minneapolis.

**Friday, June 13.** Nine members of a shipwrecked crew have been killed by blacks in north Australia.

Sacred zebras, clad in padded pantaloons, were shipped from New York to Trinidad for breeding purposes.

There was a great rush for 1,000,000 acres of Texas school lands thrown open by a recent decision of the supreme court.

A camp of Yaqui Indians in Santa Rosa canyon was surprised by Mexican troops and men, women and children massacred.

**Thursday, June 12.** The bey of Tunis is dead, and the throne passes to his son, Mohamed. Commencement exercises were held at Columbia, Vassar, Princeton, Union and Syracuse.

Two negro boys, accused of murdering a white girl, were taken from jail at Salisbury, N. C., and lynched.

King Edward received Whitelaw Reid, special American ambassador to the coronation, at Buckingham palace.

Momotombo and Santa Maria, old volcanic craters near the proposed Nicaragua canal route, were reported to have emitted vapors and gases.

The Canadian shipping combination, according to the Westminster Gazette, expects subsidies of \$2,500,000 and interest guarantee of \$1,500,000 on \$50,000,000 capital.

Wild Rush for Homestead Lands.

POCATELLO, Ida., June 18.—Exactly at 12 o'clock yesterday 1,300 men and boys of all ages rushed across the line of the ceded Fort Hall reservation and disappeared in a cloud of dust in their mad rush for homestead and mineral lands. Most of them were mounted on horses and ponies, a majority heavily armed. Probably a thousand persons departed later with pack animals. Before 2 o'clock Pocatello was practically deserted. Many signs of trouble were apparent before the starting signal was given. In scores of instances it was known that three or more men intended to locate on the same piece of land.

Earthquake in Sicily.

SYRACUSE, Sicily, June 16.—Strong earthquake shocks, accompanied by a sound of underground rumbling, have been experienced here. The inhabitants of Syracuse became panic stricken. The disturbances did not effect any damage. For several days past the sky over Sicily has been overcast, and the heat has been overwhelming. Shocks of earthquake are reported from other parts of the island of Sicily.

Noted Physician Dead.

MIDDLETOWN, N. Y., June 16.—Dr. Seiden H. Talcott, superintendent of the State Homeopathic hospital here, is dead. Dr. Talcott had been the head of the institution for twenty-five years. He was born in Rome, N. Y., sixty years ago and was widely known as an alienist and leading authority on nervous diseases.

Well Known Educator Dead.

GLENS FALLS, N. Y., June 16.—The Rev. Anson Judd Upson, chancellor of the University of the State of New York and ex-president of Auburn Theological seminary, is dead at the age of eighty-two. The funeral will be held in Utica.

Spain to Send Minister to Cuba.

MADRID, June 17.—It is announced here that the government has decided to appoint a minister to the Cuban republic.

### DEATH IN A CLOUDBURST.

Five Persons Killed and Heavy Loss of Property in Vermont.

BARRE, Vt., June 17.—In addition to great property damage by a cloudburst over this section five railroad men lost their lives, a freight train on the Central Vermont railroad having run into a washout at Middlesex.

The train was bound north from Montpelier Junction. It consisted of a locomotive and twelve cars. Passing through Middlesex the engineer was running at a fair rate of speed, when he struck a ditch washed out by a torrent of water which rushed down the side of Camel's Hump mountain.

The locomotive leaped into the ditch, and the freight cars piled up on top of it. The main line of the Central Vermont railroad is tied up as a result of the washouts and wreck.

The cloudburst caused a great deal of other damage.

### GOVERNOR TAFT SUCCEEDS.

Friar Land Plan Favored by Majority of the Cardinals.

ROME, June 17.—The complete success of the negotiations between Judge Taft, governor of the Philippines, and the Vatican on the subject of the friar lands in those islands appears to be assured, four out of the five cardinals composing the subcommittee of cardinals favoring the governor's proposals, Cardinal Steinhuber, a Jesuit, opposes them.

After the completion of the negotiations an acute conflict is expected to occur between the Vatican officials and the Filipino religious orders in regard to the disposition of the money which the United States will pay for the lands. The Vatican considers that the money ought to be given to the propaganda, or society of cardinals having the care and oversight of foreign missions.

### SURRENDER OF BOERS.

Sixteen Thousand Five Hundred Have Already Disbanded.

LONDON, June 16.—A dispatch from Lord Kitchener, dated Pretoria, Saturday, June 14, says that 2,594 Boers have surrendered since Friday, June 13, and that everything is proceeding most satisfactorily.

Dispatches received here from South Africa show that the surrenders of Boers are proceeding with the greatest good will. The total number is 16,500, and the British are extending every possible kindness to the men who come in.

### In Prison of New Zealand.

LONDON, June 18.—At the annual New Zealand banquet which was held in London last night R. J. Seddon, the prime minister of New Zealand, who is one of the most interesting personalities among the colonial premiers, gave a glowing description of the conditions of the colony, which, he said, had pushed social reform to the verge of what many outsiders considered to be radical socialism. Time had demonstrated the soundness of this economic experiment, continued the premier, with the result that today New Zealand had little crime and no poverty, everybody had employment, and the New Zealanders were a happy, free and enlightened people.

### Cholera in Shanghai.

WASHINGTON, June 18.—Consul General Godnow, at Shanghai, has cabled the state department that cholera is on the increase in Shanghai, there being about thirty foreign cases. A large number of natives are dying daily.

Two Hundred and Fifty-six Majority

PORTLAND, Ore., June 18.—The official count of the vote in the recent state election shows that Chamberlain (Dem.) for governor has a majority of 256.

### FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

Closing Stock Quotations.

Money on call easy at 2 1/2% per cent. Prime mercantile paper, 4 1/2% per cent. Sterling exchange firm, with actual business in bankers' bills at \$4.87 1/2 for demand and at \$4.89 1/2 for 60 day bills. Posted rates, \$4.89 1/2 for 60 day bills. Chicago Gas, 102 1/2. Reading, 67 1/2. Del. & Hudson, 176 1/2. Rock Island, 172 1/2. Erie, 137 1/2. Sugar, 37 1/2. Sugar Refinery, 127 1/2. Lead, 23 1/2. Texas Pacific, 41 1/2. Louis. & Nash, 137 1/2. Union Pacific, 105 1/2. Manhattan, 107 1/2. Wash. pref., 45. Missouri Pac., 107 1/2. West. Union, 32.

### New York Markets.

FLOUR—Moderately active and steady; Minnesota patents, \$3.92 1/2; winter straight, \$3.75 1/2; winter extras, \$3.15 1/2; winter patents, \$4.00. WHEAT—Firm on higher cables, foreign buying and small northwest receipts; July, 75 1/2-75 3/4; September, 75 1/2-75 3/4. RYE—Quiet; state, 62 1/2; c. i. f. New York, car lots; No. 2 western, 64 1/2. CORN—Steady here, showing very little change in face of the scare in July in Chicago; July, 62 1/2-62 3/4; September, 62 1/2-62 3/4. LARD—Easy; prime western steady, 10 1/2. BUTTER—Firm; state dairy, 18 1/2-21 1/2; creamery, 19 1/2-22. CHEESE—Steady; new state full cream, small, colored, choice, 9 1/2; white, 9 1/2. EGGS—Firm; state and Pennsylvania, 17 1/2-18; candled, 17 1/2-17 3/4. HOGS—Raw Brn., fair packing, 3c; centrifugal, 90 test, 2 1/2c; refined steady; crushed, 5 1/2c; powdered, 4 1/2c. TURKEYS—Firm at 45-50c. MOLASSES—Steady; New Orleans, 33 1/2-4c. RICE—Quiet; domestic, 4 1/2-6 1/2; Japan, 4 1/2-5c. TALLOW—Easy; city, 6 1/2c; country, 5 1/2-6c. HAY—Dull; shipping, 90 1/2-95c; good to choice, 90-95c. LIVE STOCK MARKET. CATTLE—Steady; choice, \$6.15-6.50; prime, \$5.75-6.15; good, \$5.40-5.75; yearling calves, \$4.75-5.00. HOGS—Prime, \$7.40-7.55; medium, \$7.25-7.30; rough, \$6.75. SHEEP—Slow; best wethers, \$4.00-4.25; culls and common, \$1.50-2; choice lambs, \$5.75-6.00.

### A NEW RURAL NOVEL

Will Deal with Life in Indiana in Mexican War Time.

Booth Tarkington, Noted Hoosier Author, Is Now Putting Finishing Touches to It—About to Become a Bestseller.

Booth Tarkington, of Indianapolis, the well-known author and playwright, is completing the concluding chapters of another Indiana novel.

The new book will make its appearance in time, the author's friends assert, to answer a double purpose. It will come not only at an opportune time for the publishers, but will not be amiss in assisting the author in furthering his political ambitions.

For Booth Tarkington, the author, expects to become Booth Tarkington, the politician.

Then, in addition, there is a strong rumor going the rounds that Booth Tarkington, the bachelor, is about to become Booth Tarkington, the benedict. Mr. Tarkington, however, does not admit this assertion. He will not countenance the rumor. Neither does Mr. Tarkington's family, unless, in truth, the author's mother be excepted. She has been quoted as admitting that the author and the young woman whose name has been linked with that of Mr. Tarkington by the gossips like each other—nothing more.

Yet an intimate friend of the Indiana author said only a day or two ago: "Mr. Tarkington is working on the last novel he will write before he is married."

"However," as Mr. Tarkington, himself, says, "the rumor does not affect the novel now in hand."

As in his first success, says the Chicago American, the author will return to Indiana for the plot of his story. It will be laid in the city of Terre Haute, where, by the way, the author's father met, wooed and married the author's mother, and it will deal almost exclusively with bits of Indiana character. Mr. Tarkington considers it his most pretentious and most successful effort.

The book has not yet been named—the author insisting on one title, the



BOOTH TARKINGTON. (Noted Indiana Author Soon to Become a Benedict.)

publishers suggesting another and the author's friends advancing a third. It will be a romance dealing with life in Indiana, in the vicinity of Terre Haute during the time of the Mexican war, and it will convey not a few of its incidents to the famous Catholic school near Terre Haute, "St. Marys of the Woods." The book, however, Mr. Tarkington insists, will not be classed as a historical romance. This he says in the face of anticipating critics who have endeavored to predict the character of the work.

The love story is delicately woven round the lives of a girl studying at the Catholic institution and a young man of the clear-brained, horny-handed class peculiar to the early period of Indiana's history.

Mr. Tarkington said: "I will doubtless hear more from my friend at Seattle now. Shortly after the production of 'The Gentleman from Indiana' friends of mine residing in Seattle, Wash., sent word to me that a certain resident of that city was parading under the name of Booth Tarkington, claiming to have written my book. He was buying copies right and left and sending them to his friends with a neat little picture of himself and a card saying that this was his first venture into literature and he wanted their criticism. My friends desired to know whether I would have them expose him or not. It seems that he also claimed that while he had written the book I was reaping the golden benefits in the shape of royalties. It did not take me long to decide what to do. I wrote them to encourage him in his 'pipe dream,' explaining at the same time that every copy he bought was putting that much more money in my pocket. I needed the money.

"This latest effort of mine is in some respects a more elaborate one than any of the others preceding. At least I have worked harder on it. Of course, I cannot say what success it will meet with—in fact, there are as yet several incomplete chapters.

"I have endeavored in my book, nameless as yet, to combine romance and character delineation. At the time of which I have written the farmers and townspeople were of such a character as to attract the most fastidious student. I have also endeavored not to become historical, and I think I have succeeded to a certain extent. The life of the story will rest in the hands of the people in a very short time."

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### THE MARKETS.

BLOOMSBURG MARKETS.

| CORRECTED WEEKLY.                | RETAIL PRICES. |
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| Butter, per pound.....           | \$ 18          |
| Eggs, per dozen.....             | 10             |
| Lard, per pound.....             | 15             |
| Ham, per pound.....              | 15             |
| Beef (quarter), per pound.....   | 6 to 8         |
| Wheat, per bushel.....           | 1 00           |
| Oats, do.....                    | 65             |
| Rye, do.....                     | 60             |
| Flour per bbl.....               | 4 40           |
| Hay, per ton.....                | 14 00          |
| Potatoes, (new), per bushel..... | 1 00           |
| Turkeys, do.....                 | 40             |
| Tallow, per pound.....           | 06             |
| Shoulder, do.....                | 12             |
| Side meat, do.....               | 12             |
| Vinegar, per qt.....             | 05             |
| Dried apples, per pound.....     | 07             |
| Cow hides, do.....               | 3 1/2          |
| Steer do.....                    | 05             |
| Calf skin.....                   | 80             |
| Sheep pelts.....                 | 75             |
| Shelled corn, per bushel.....    | 85             |
| Corn meal, cwt.....              | 2 00           |
| Bran, cwt.....                   | 1 30           |
| Chop, cwt.....                   | 1 50           |
| Middlings, cwt.....              | 1 30           |
| Chickens, per pound, new.....    | 12             |
| do do old.....                   | 10             |
| Geese, do.....                   | 12 1/2         |
| Ducks, do.....                   | 1 1/2          |
| do do.....                       | 0              |
| COAL.                            |                |
| Number 6, delivered.....         | 3 50           |
| do 4 and 5 delivered.....        | 4 45           |
| do 6, at yard.....               | 3 10           |
| do 4 and 5, at yard.....         | 4 25           |

Encountered Another Salt Sand. Drilling at the Fairmont Springs oil well was continued until Friday when another salt sand was struck at a depth 501 feet. The casing was at once pulled and the work of enlarging the borehole to case against the flow of salt water was begun. As soon as the casing is in place the drill will again be set in motion.

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