

BIG STICK TO WHACK HARRIMAN

Railroad King Charged With Big Land Steal in Nevada--Scandal Brewing.

DENVER, Oct. 15.—The government is still after Harriman with a sharp stick and Denver has been selected as the headquarters of the latest campaign against the magnate and his railroads.

The investigations are to be conducted by M. D. McEnery of Denver, chief of the special agents of the general land office.

Six of his best trained and mineral experts are now on the ground.

The Southern Pacific has a monopoly on practically every mining camp in Nevada, where all of the alleged wholesale fraud has been committed and in some places whole townships have been patented.

It will be charged that the railroad has taken advantage of the govern-

ment grants of 1862 and 1864 which gives them every odd numbered section, but expressly eliminates the metalliferous lands of every description.

Mr. McEnery said today:

"It is said that quite a number of mining men and prospectors have become disheartened during the past ten or fifteen years over the way the railroad has been successfully gobbling up the mineral portion of the state.

"As is well known, the papers on which the railway has selected these lands are on their face apparently regular, and in the absence of any protest to the department with respect to the same, patents have issued. Many of the mining men are learning different now, and the result has been these complaints."

CHICAGO NEGROES BUYING RIFLES

Over Five Hundred Negroes in Black Belt of Chicago Said to be Armed--Following Preacher's Advice

CHICAGO, Oct. 15.—The discovery of more than 500 rifles in possession of negroes in the "black belt" caused the police today to break up what they fear are preparations for a race war in Chicago.

All of the rifles are of old Springfield make, discarded by the army. They were sold out recently in one large lot by the government, and many of them came to Chicago, where they were disposed of cheaply.

Detective Sergeant Charles Agnew, secretary to Assistant Chief Schuetler, today sent out a corps of detectives to watch the places in which

rifles are being sold and to question every purchaser.

One negro, when stopped by detectives as he came out of the store with a rifle, said: "There are about 500 rifles in the 'black belt.' Negroes are taking the advice of colored preachers, who advise us to arm ourselves. There will be no trouble out there unless the white folks bother us. But if they do we will not be caught empty-handed like the negroes down in Springfield. We want to be let alone, but we also want to be ready for trouble if it is going to come."

MOTHER MADE SON COMMIT HIS CRIMES

OAKLAND, Oct. 15.—"Baby John" Martin took the witness stand today and began testimony against Mrs. Isabella J. Martin, the woman on trial for dynamiting the home of Superior Court Judge F. B. Ogden. The boy, who is 17 years of age, told his story in a straightforward manner. During the questioning of the district attorney Mrs. Martin made notes of his answers.

BRYAN HEADED TOWARD DENVER

(By Associated Press.) PLATTSMOUTH (Neb.) Oct. 15.—William J. Bryan closed a three days' speaking tour of his home state with a large meeting in this city tonight, feeling that Nebraska can be safely counted in the Democratic column this year by a larger majority than received in 1896.

TAFT IS IN THE SOUTH

LOUISVILLE (Ky.), Oct. 15.—Acting on his declaration "That the south is a part of the union, and as such entitled to be considered in a national election," Taft spent the day talking in towns and cities of Kentucky. He is the first Republican presidential candidate who ever visited the blue grass state.

NEVADA MINER IS ROBBED

(By Associated Press.) LOS ANGELES, Oct. 15.—Thos. S. Cunningham, who says he is a miner from Fluorine, Nevada, who came here yesterday, was found today lying near the Santa Fe tracks with a bullet hole in his chest, which may cause death. The shooting is a mystery. Robbery and attempted murder is suspected.

POSTMASTER CHARGED WITH EMBEZZLEMENT

(By Associated Press.) AUSTIN (Nev.), Oct. 15.—Dr. Von Tiedmann, postmaster at Cortez, Nevada, was arrested today charged with embezzling \$4400 of postoffice funds. The doctor claims his office was entered by burglars and that his personal loss amounted to \$500.

THE ATLANTIC FLEET DRAWS NEAR JAPAN

The Battleship Fleet to Arrive at Hokohama Sunday- Reception is Planned

(By Associated Press.) TOKIO, Oct. 16.—A wireless message received at 9 this morning (Friday), from Rear Admiral Sperry, commanding the American battleship fleet on its way to Japan from Manila, states that owing to bad weather encountered during the voyage, it is possible the fleet will not arrive at Yokohama before noon Sunday.

(By Associated Press.) TOKIO, Friday, Oct. 16.—Some-

time between dawn and noon Sunday, October 18, the American fleet of sixteen battleships, escorted by a squadron of Japanese war vessels, will swing around Hachiojiyama into the beautiful harbor of Yokohama. Sixteen welcoming men of war will salute and 336 harmless guns will voice the sentiment of the whole people of Japan.

The first scene of the first act of the week's engagement of the American fleet in Japan will doubtless be the most impressive, but every number on the long program, carefully prepared and as carefully rehearsed, will be new evidence that the welcome found in Japan has been unexcelled, unexcelled perhaps, by any of the hearty welcomes extended to it since it left the Atlantic seaboard.

Sixteen Japanese war vessels are even now awaiting the battleships at their buoys and throughout the visit each battleship will have officers and men representing the entertaining emperor and people at its beck and call.

A high Japanese admiral, speaking of October 18, said: "When the first gun of welcome sounds American week will have begun and a new page will be turned in the history of the relations between the two countries."

A condensed view of the official program as arranged is as follows:

Saturday—Arrival of the fleet at Yokohama. Exchange of official visits. Dinner in the evening by the

MARKETS WERE QUIET THURSDAY

(By Associated Press.) NEW YORK, Oct. 15.—There was only a nominal stock market today, after a brief period of execution of orders for foreign account, until a sudden revival in the last half hour. Whatever impulse may account for the withdrawal from active operations of strong financial powers which conducted the recent speculation, it was evident today that with those operations subtracted, nothing was left of the market. Bonds were steady.

RACING GAME IS AT STAKE

(By Associated Press.) CINCINNATI, Oct. 15.—Bookmaking will be permitted in defiance of the orders of the Kentucky racing commission at the fall meeting of the Latonia Jockey club, which commences Monday, the directors of the jockey club so deciding at a meeting held here this afternoon. It is expected the action will bring on a clash with the racing commission, which has repeatedly declared in favor of the Paris manual system of betting, and only yesterday refused the application of the jockey club for permission to allow bookmaking at Latonia. If the matter is taken to the courts, not only the control of racing in Kentucky, but the future of the racing game in that state will be at stake.

JAPS ARE BLOWN TO BITS

(By Associated Press.) FORT COLLINS (Colo.), Oct. 15.—Six persons were instantly killed and twenty-one others injured today by the explosion of a missed charge of dynamite at Ingleside limestone quarry, sixteen miles northwest of here. The dead are Japanese and Mexican. Five charges of dynamite had been placed and but for exploded. While an attempt was being made to pick the cap from the unexploded charge, it went off.

DYNAMITE TRAGEDY

(By Associated Press.) SONOMA (Calif.), Oct. 15.—A frightful accident occurred today on the Rudolph Spreckels' ranch, four miles from town, in which three men lost their lives by the premature explosion of a charge of dynamite. It appears that the men were engaged in blasting out a 600-foot 12-inch well. The dead men's bodies were frightfully mutilated. Just how the accident happened will never be known, but as the men's faces were blackened and mutilated almost beyond recognition, it is surmised they were looking down into the well while lowering the 100-pound charge of dynamite into the same, and that it prematurely exploded by coming into contact with the side of the well ten or fifteen feet from the surface.

RAIN OF VOLCANIC ASHES. BASSETIERE (Island of Guadeloupe), Oct. 15.—A rain of ashes from volcanoes on Martinique or St. Vincent islands is falling over Guadeloupe. Mount Soufriere, the largest volcano on St. Vincent island, is calm and the ashes must come from some other crater.

AIR OF MYSTERY AROUND ABRUZZI-ELKINS ROMANCE. ROME, Oct. 15.—The rumors of the breaking of the proposed engagement between the Duke of Abruzzi and Miss Katherine Elkins can not be traced to any authoritative source, neither court officials, government circles, the vatican authorities nor the personnel of the United States embassy having the slightest information on the subject.

THE METAL MARKET. NEW YORK, Oct. 15.—Lead, easy, 4.32 1/2 @ 4.37; copper, dull, 13.20 @ 13.37 1/2; silver, 51 3-8.

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