

this coast from England during the Klondike rush of 1897. They were bought from the Union Line, which had operated them between England and Capetown for some years. On arrival they were placed on the Skagway run from Vancouver. They were too big for the trade, even though they took the outside passage on their runs up and down the coast, and were taken off the run and chartered to the United States Government, which used them as transports during the Spanish-American War. They were in that service for two years, and were then placed in the trade between Vancouver and the Orient by the Canadian-Pacific Railway.

Arbitration Is Declined.

Los Angeles, Aug. 10.—The striking boiler-makers of the Pacific Division of the Southern Pacific declined the offer of arbitration submitted by the company. The strike may be extended further east on the Harriman lines.

INVADING ASIATICS MUST PAY POLL TAX

As Soon As They Land They
Are Subject to Call for Three
Dollars Each on This Ac-
count.

The poll tax for the Hindus and the Japanese! That is now the cry, and on the arrival of the Canadian Pacific steamship Athenian from the Orient to-night or to-morrow, the experiment of making the new arrivals shoulder part of the white man's burden of taxation in this country will be tried.

According to the law relating to poll tax, it is payable annually by residents of this province. It is due any time after January 1; and as all Asiatics landing on these shores come to stay, they are properly subject to this taxation the moment they set foot on the wharf in Vancouver.

Had the tax been imposed on the twelve hundred Japanese who landed here a few weeks ago, the sum of \$3600 would have been netted by the provincial Government, and at least that amount of the famous \$30,000 endless-chain money in the possession of the Japanese would have remained in the country. When the steamship Indiana arrives here on August 16 from Honolulu, the Japanese she is bringing will be made to pay the poll tax. The Athenian has on board one hundred and fifty-five Hindus direct from Hongkong.

Theft at a Circus.

Racine, Wis., Aug. 10.—Ten thousand dollars in certificate of deposit on the local banks of this city and \$55 in cash was stolen from John Wensing, a prominent farmer of Central Park, last night. Wensing attended a circus and discovered the loss of his money upon arriving home.

writes James C. Smith of 286 Cordova street east, and E. Eldridge, 1153 Alberni street, ventures the theory that it was "Because a Martin could not possibly swallow an Attorney-General." Bertha Lawrence, 413 Smith street, says: "Because he concluded that it would be wiser to drop out than to be dropped out, a variant of the winning answer, and Jeannie Milne, 1045 Melville street, thinks he dropped out "To save his deposit." "Because he thought Bowers had an ace in the hole," is the meaningless solution of an unknown guesser, and M. L. Woods of North Vancouver gives as the answer: "Brief consideration." In childish, unformed hand little Miss Dollie Kilbank of 344 Fifth avenue, Mount Pleasant, writes: "I think Joe Martin dropped out because he knew he would lose," and the Problem Editor thinks that little Miss Kilbank is just about right and that she ought to have a dollar anyhow, whether she won a prize or whether she didn't.

EASTERN FLIER IN A SMASHUP

Twentieth Century Limited
Crashed Into Freight Cars
and Passengers Slightly
Hurt.

Chicago, Aug. 10.—The Twentieth Century Limited train on the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway met with an accident near Chesterton, Indiana, yesterday. A heavy freight train, eastbound, parted and the rear part of the train "buckled," throwing several cars on the westbound tracks.

Before the men on the freight were aware of the accident the Twentieth Century train came along and struck the freight cars which had been thrown in the way. It reduced these cars to kindling wood, and two of the leading cars of the passenger train were thrown from the track. They did not get into the ditch, but remained standing beside the rails.

The passengers were slightly shaken up, but none of them were injured. Engineer Downey and Conductor Schultz of the Limited were slightly, but not seriously, injured by flying fragments of the freight cars. The Twentieth Century was delayed about three hours in reaching this city.

STABBED TO DEATH BY HIS SWEETHEART

St. Louis, Mo., Aug. 10.—As the result of a quarrel over an appointment which she claims her sweetheart promised to keep, Thomasine Sullivan, aged twenty-two years, is under arrest arrested charged with the killing last night of Michael Sanders. She stabbed him with a pocketknife severing his jugular vein and he soon bled to death. The woman surrendered herself to the police.

prominent business men, tollers with brain and brawn, and women, heads of families. No less than twenty-five this morning when asked by officers if they had seen anything of Miner replied that they had not and that if they had, they "assuredly" would not tell the authorities and would aid Bill in his fight.

That's where the sequel of the whole affair lies and the feeling "on the outside," is what is most feared by the penitentiary officials engaged in the mad man-hunt. It was openly declared this morning that if Bill and his companions have not sought shelter in some home, they will be captured, but the fear is that Bill Separated from his three companions and went to some home where he was taken, and will be shielded until the excitement wears off and he can again go out in the world free from the haunting glares and the anxious embrace of the law.

In conversation with a number of business men at New Westminster this morning the opinion was expressed that Bill Miner may now be in this city, enjoying the hospitality of someone who sympathizes with him, and with the police advanced that "nothing wrong, simply robbed a train belonging to a corporation that has millions." It was stated that there are any number of families who would take Bill in and aid him in escaping justice.

That Miner has money is the belief of the officials at the penitentiary and it is stated that he will make use of this to get away to Europe or Australia. It was with the latter theory in view that orders were this morning sent to the authorities at Vancouver to closely scrutinize all outgoing vessels.

In Direction of Vancouver.

Guard Devine and Guard Doyle, the latter one of the officers having charge of the convicts at the time of the escape, spent the night in Vancouver and upon their return this morning reported to Deputy Warden Bourke that the only clue obtained was the statement of the Gadstone Inn, near Vancouver, that a man answering the description of Miner had gone to the saloon there at 6:30 yesterday morning and asked for a large glass of whisky, saying that he had been out all night and was nearly dead from the cold. He wore what the saloon declared to have been a striped suit and a cap. The prison garb here consists of heavy checked material, dark and neat as prison suits go.

At the prison Deputy Warden Bourke keenly felt the disappointment attendant upon the announcement this morning that "nothing had been seen of the convicts," and as detachment after detachment entered his office and announced the results of their fruitless search, they were told to go to their homes or their quarters and report sharp at four this afternoon to