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HUMAN BLOOD SPRAYS MOB

MOB CROWDS CLOSE TO THE KNIFE WHEN IT FALLS.

Several Women Spattered with Blood When Decapitation Takes Place in Public Execution.

Mount Brison, France, Dec. 1.—The most horrible of scenes that has been chronicled in civilized ages, attended the scenes at the guillotining of "Ribollet," the notorious bandit murderer, which took place in this city today.

Long before the execution hour arrived the mob was so great that the soldiers had to be called for the purpose of clearing the streets. When the soldiers attempted to execute the order a pitched battle ensued, the mob yielding their clubs and knives with telling effect and several persons are reported to have been seriously injured.

Around the gullotine which was erected on a platform some eight feet square and twelve feet high, and where the notorious bandit expiated his awful crimes and where his bloody career was brought to an end, hundreds of men and women pressed, those on the outskirts of the great throng pressing those on the inside close up to the scaffolding. When the great knife descended the crowd surged closer and the blood of the victim spurted in a perfect shower over the heads of the spectators below.

The crowd howled in frenzied glee when several fashionably dressed women, who had wormed their way close to the block, were spattered with the blood of the victim.

REUF'S STUNT A FAILURE

COURT WILL HIMSELF STUDY THE PRISONER'S HEALTH.

Subterfuge to Get Out of Prison Has Not Been Very Successful.

San Francisco, Dec. 1.—When the application of Abraham Ruef for bail came up for hearing today before Judge Cabanis the court refused to accept the certificate made by the physicians selected by Ruef to report upon his condition. Judge Cabanis announced that he would appoint three physicians to examine Ruef and make a report as to whether his incarceration in the county jail, pending his appeal is endangering his life or not, as is claimed by Ruef's attorneys.

NOTED CASE FINALLY OVER

Final and decisive defeat has finally been meted out to the Frederick F. Metzler case, the squatter who claimed prior rights when Alton B. O'Brien filed on a parcel of land in the now famous 4-41 district in Wallowa county. Land Attorney J. T. Williamson this morning received official notice from the department of the interior that the O'Brien claim stands, and a patent will be issued to him. This decision comes after a legal battle which continued a year ago last September. Metzler was a liar then and Metzler was a squatter. The local land office

heard the testimony which required eight days in the taking, and then ruled that O'Brien had the right to the land, Metzler not being a bona fide squatter. Metzler appealed to the commissioner of the general land office but lost; then he appealed to the secretary of the interior and lost once more; then he appealed for a writ of review, and today it became known that he has lost in that move. He has the option of appealing to the supreme court of the United States, which is not plausible.

This case was the first to be heard following the filing subsequent to the well known lineup which lasted thirty days in this city.

Another case which has been in favor of the timberman so far is that of Peter Larsen against Chester A. Foreman. Larsen has carried his case up to the commissioner of the general land office in the fight for possession but he has lost there too, according to information received by his attorney today, J. T. Williamson.

GIRL KILLED ACCIDENTLY

MOTHER INSANE WITH GRIEF AT THE ACCIDENT.

Girl was Instantly Killed at Ritzville Washington, Today.

Ritzville, Wash. Dec. 1.—Mrs. Jacob Peters of Warden, a small town near here, is prostrated and insane from grief today following the accidental killing of her six year old daughter.

While drawing a comb through her hair as she stood before the mirror the mother accidentally dislodged a gun hanging on the wall. The gun struck the floor, exploding, the bullet ploughing its way through the child's heart.

COURT MEETS FOR MONTH

PAYING OF ROUTINE BILLS OCCUPIES MOST OF TIME.

Little Matters Outside of Usual Business for the Court.

Practically the entire session of the county court today was occupied with the regular monthly routine of bills. The only matters on the docket, outside of one road petition and a petition by the Grande Ronde Reservoir Company for a right of way for a canal along certain untraveled streets in Homestead addition to the City of La Grande.

CORPORATION TAX TALKED

Washington, Dec. 1.—The carrying out of the new law imposing a tax on corporations is said to be the subject of a conference between President Taft and a delegation from the Illinois Manufacturers' Association today. Senator Cullom is expected to be present for the meeting.

It is said that the manufacturers intend to ask the president to recommend an amendment to the law in a special message to Congress some time this winter.

FIND WOMAN REALLY DIED

FACE WAS FLUSHED WHEN COFFIN WAS CLOSED UP.

With the Husband's Consent Tillamook Citizens Exhume body During The Night—Now Satisfied.

Tillamook, Ore. Dec. 1.—Mrs. L. A. Holdridge a victim of the recent Argo wreck was not buried alive as was claimed yesterday. This fact was made certain this morning when several representative citizens of Tillamook visited the grave at 2 o'clock this morning and by the light of candles and lanterns exhumed the body and two doctors present examined the corpse for any signs of life.

At the funeral yesterday many comments were made of the natural appearance of the woman. Her cheeks were flushed and ears and neck were highly colored and in fact the corpse gave every indication of still having life.

Last night the people congregated on the streets and excitement ran exceedingly high. The coroner, living at Bay City, was appealed to for permission to exhume the body, and although he was positive that the woman was dead when the certificate was issued, he communicated with the husband and after receiving his consent he gave the requested permission with the proviso that two surgeons must be present.

This morning at 2 o'clock a committee of prominent citizens visited the cemetery and exhumed the body. The first test made by the surgeons was the use of carbolic acid which failed to discolor the flesh, showing that life was extinct. Then an incision was made without results. The surgeons pronounced the woman as being dead beyond all possibility of a doubt. When the woman was exhumed from the grave the body was so life-like that many of the bystanders exclaimed aloud in their wonderment.

COOK SEEN IN MAINE CITIES

FRIENDS BELIEVE HE WILL BE ON HAND IN TIME.

Man of Cook's Description Is Seen in Maine Sanatorium.

New York, Dec. 1.—Friends of Dr. Cook are growing confident in their belief that the physician has sought seclusion somewhere in New England and will not reappear in this city until the Copenhagen University committee have made public the results of their review of his polar records. A report from Well's Depot, Maine, is to the effect that a man answering to the description of Dr. Cook has entered the Pine Valley sanatorium in that city.

BUDGET IS SURE DOOM

London, Dec. 1.—The feeling here today prevails that by the rejection of the war budget, the house of lords have sealed their own doom. Parliament went into session early today for the purpose of dissolution. Premier Aisquith conferred with the

King today. The King, will, it is expected call the privy council together to draw up an order prolonging the session of parliament and which will probably be sent to the house of commons tomorrow or Friday.

The financial situation is one of chaotic condition. Until the new parliament has time to assemble the authorities will not attempt to collect the taxes under the old law. All attention is now being directed toward the election in which the people will pass upon the action of the Lords in refusing to pass the budget as sent up from the house of commons.

King Edward today consented to act as an arbitrator of the differences which have arisen over the Alsop claims between the United States and Chile.

OPEN BIDS FOR FIGHT

MILL WILL PROBABLY GO TO THE PACIFIC COAST.

Moving Picture Per Cent Cuts Lots Of Ice in Closing Deal.

Hoboken, Dec. 1.—When the bids for the world's championship battle between Jeffries and Johnson, were opened this afternoon it was found that all promoters had deposited at least \$5,000. In some instances the promoters had deposited as high as \$10,000 as a good faith guarantee of their completing their part of the contract provided the mill is pulled off.

The following proposition were being led out and are now under consideration by Manager Tom McCarty.

Pacific Athletic Club, of Los Angeles California, ten percent of the gross receipts with 60 per cent of the moving picture receipts, or a guarantee purse of \$110,000 with 50 per cent of the moving picture receipts.

Rickard & Gleason offered a guaranteed purse of \$101,000, 60 per cent of the moving picture receipts. In this bid it was undecided by the bidders as to just where they would want the fight to be pulled off, except either in California, Nevada or Utah.

Gleason & Coffroth, stipulating that the fight be held July 4th, 1910 at Coloma, Ocean View or San Francisco, offer \$125,000 for all privileges with a deposit of \$30,000, a purse of \$75,000 and 66 2-3 per cent of the moving picture receipts, or 80 per cent of the gross receipts.

Eddie Graney of the Tuxedo Club of San Francisco, offered 80 per cent of the gross receipts, a guarantee of \$75,000, or 10 per cent of the picture receipts with a guarantee of \$70,000 and \$20,000 in addition to pay for a third interest in the pictures; or 90 per cent of the gross receipts and the entire receipts from the pictures. He refused to post any guarantee and stipulated that the fight must come off within five miles of San Francisco.

It may be some days before the decision as to whose bid will be accepted will be determined as there are several things to be taken into consideration outside of the amount of the guarantee.

Ship Disabled.

South Bend, Wash. Dec. 1.—The gunboat Pinceton, en route from Puget Sound Navy Yard to the waters of Nicaragua to assist in the protection of American interests, is lying at anchor in the lower bay as the result of being disabled off the coast on Monday night. Just what is the matter of the warship is a secret as the officers will give out no information.

Chink to San Quintin.

San Francisco, Dec. 1.—In the custody of Sargent George McMahon, Louis Willis, a young Chinese boy was taken to San Quintin today to expiate the penalty of murdering his step mother near San Luis Obispo.

TRAINMEN MAY JOIN WITH SWITCHMEN IN A GENERAL TIIEUP OF LINES

Condition Serious Throughout Entire Northwest Where Strike Has Actually Started

LOCALLY, HAS NO RELATIONS

St. Paul, Dec. 1.—It is reported today that the leaders of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, which has a membership of several thousand, are now contemplating joining the strike of the dissatisfied switchmen, whose present strike has resulted in the tying up of all freight traffic on more than a dozen roads that penetrate the Northern states, the Mississippi Valley and the Northwest. Reports from Missoula and other Montana points indicate that the members of the Brotherhood in that state favor a walkout, as things have not been to their liking for some time and they now consider this an excellent opportunity to affiliate with the switchmen in their movement. Should this movement take place it means the complete demoralization of the traffic of the entire North and Northwest. A meeting of the Missoula branch of that organization has been called to discuss the matter. The situation in this city is apparently unchanged. Each side in the controversy is claiming to have the upper hand and is anticipating victory.

Portland, Dec. 1.—Portland switchmen are on their job today and traffic is undelayed. The switchmen in Portland do not belong to the switchmen's union that has called the strike on the Northern Pacific and the Great Northern.

Portland Escapes It.

St. Paul, Dec. 1.—At five of the local headquarters of the lines affected by the strike today it is announced that many of the old time employees remain loyal and are working at the head of men that have been transferred from other departments of the service and they claim to be fortified against further trouble. One lone freight train left St. Paul today.

Old Timers Loyal.

Throughout this section of the country no freight is being moved, station agents refusing to accept consignments for forwarding. This action is taken on the orders of the general freight agent and is done for the purpose of preventing a congestion of large quantities of freight in the city which cannot at present be handled.

Passenger traffic has not as yet become affected with the exception of slow movement of the trains in the terminal yards, on account of the inexperienced help necessarily being used in the handling of the trains.

The local situation is in no way affected by the strike.

The La Grande switchmen are affiliated with the Portland switchmen and word has been received from Portland to the effect that the O. R. & N. lines are in no way involved.



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