



THIEF SECURES \$50,000 PACKAGE

Papers of Jos. Meyers of Salem Stolen.

CRIME TRACED TO THIS CITY

Belief That Express Office Was Robbed at Night.

VALUABLE NOTES GONE

Robbery Brings Again to Public Notice Troubles in Meyers Family. Sons' Fight to Prevent Father's Marriage Recalled.

HISTORY OF MEYERS CASE.

August 17—Joseph Meyers is arrested as he applies for marriage license at Courthouse. Charge is insanity, preferred by two older sons.

August 18—Hearing set for 2 P. M. same day and sanity commission appointed. At time appointed, case is continued by Judge Webster at request of sons until Friday, August 21.

August 19—Marriage license issued by County Clerk Fields and Meyers is married by Judge Morrow.

August 20—Sons ask for appointment of guardian in Marion County.

August 21—Meyers' valuable papers delivered to Wells-Fargo Express Company at Salem for transmission to him at Portland.

August 21—23—Package is stolen from express company in Portland Union Depot.

August 21—Three physicians on sanity commission testify strongly to Meyers' sanity and Judge Webster renders adjudication of sanity.

September 2—Attorneys for Joseph Meyers will file suit to collect notes given by his two sons and now missing with stolen express package.

SALEM, Or., Sept. 7.—(Special.)—A daring express robbery, in which a package containing notes and other valuable papers representing over \$50,000 belonging to Joseph Meyers, of this city, brings again to public notice the internal troubles of the Meyers family. It recalls the fight made by his sons to prevent his recent marriage in Portland to Mrs. Zenaida Du Rette, and to control the old man's fortune.

Upon the request of Mr. Meyers, J. H. Albert, president of the Capital National Bank, of Salem, forwarded the former's strong box to him at Portland, in care of the Portland Hotel. The package was entrusted to the Wells-Fargo Express Company here for transmission to Portland on the afternoon of August 21. It arrived in Portland that night at 11:30 o'clock.

Stolen From Express Company.

The package never reached Mr. Meyers at his Portland address, and it has just been learned that it was stolen from the express company on the night of August 21, or the early morning of August 22. The circumstances of the daring theft are such that it is believed that unknown persons entered the express office at the Portland Union Depot, where the package was left over night, and carried it away.

The strong box contained among other valuable packages and jewelry three notes executed by Henry W. and Milton L. Meyers to Joseph Meyers of a total value of \$50,000.

Notes of Large Value.

Two notes, of \$20,000 and \$30,000, were payable on demand. Another note, of \$30,000, was payable in ten years, with interest at 5 per cent. Since the disappearance of the papers, interest on the latter note has fallen due. Demands for payment have been refused by the sons unless a bond were given, as is usual in the case of missing instruments. This was furnished, it is said, signed not only by Joseph Meyers, but by J. H. Albert, president of the Capital National Bank, as well. This was deemed insufficient and a bond on real estate owned by Joseph Meyers was demanded. Believing this was an attempt to secure control of the remaining property of Mr. Meyers, the demand was refused.

Payment to Be Asked.

Suit will be filed here tomorrow to enforce payment at once of the three notes by the two sons, because of the alleged refusal to pay the interest.

The sensational sequel to the Meyers family quarrel has aroused the keenest interest locally, where the entire family is well known, Joseph Meyers having been a prominent merchant here for a quarter of a century.

Meyers Returns to Salem.

Mr. Meyers declines to give for publication his theory as to what became of the box or to discuss the affair in any way. He and his bride returned to Salem today and are staying at the Salem Hotel. Mr. Meyers is looking as happy as usual, and if he is worrying over the loss of the box, so valuable to him, he does not show it by the expression on his face.

He came to Salem presumably to defend himself against the guardianship proceedings brought by his sons, H. W. and M. L. Meyers. The case is set for hearing in the county court next Thursday, but it is reported that negotiations are in progress with a view to securing dismissal of the proceedings without having the case come to trial. All the sons

WOMAN REACHES SUMMIT OF PEAK

MISS PECK CLIMBS HUASCAN AT SECOND ATTEMPT.

Swiss Companion Frozen and Indian Miraculously Rescued on Peru's Lofly Volcano.

LIMA, Peru, Sept. 7.—Miss Annie S. Peck of Providence, R. I., the mountain climber, has succeeded, on her second attempt within a month, in reaching the summit of Mount Huascan. She calculated that the height of the summit is 25,000 feet.

A Swiss companion of Miss Peck had a foot and both hands frozen, which caused gangrene to set in, and an Indian guide was miraculously saved from death after falling 1000 feet down a ravine.

This last attempt of Miss Peck to reach the summit was begun on August 25. Two weeks previously she climbed the mountain to a height of 25,000 feet, but was compelled to return to the lowlands on account of the illness of one of her guides.

ENDS GRIEF IN OCEAN WAVE

Mrs. Neumann, Brooding Over Son's Death, Leaps From Steamer.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 7.—Brooding over the death of her son, Ensign Neumann, who was killed in a turret explosion on the battleship Georgia, while on the target range off Boston last fall, it is believed, caused Mrs. Eliza D. Neumann to jump from the deck of the Pacific mail steamer City of Sydney on the night of September 1 when the steamer was a few hours out from Acapulco. Mrs. Neumann, who was the widow of the late Paul Neumann, of this city, for many years legal adviser to the late King Kalakaua, of Hawaii, was rescued about 11 o'clock at night. The steamer was turned back over its course, but no trace of the missing woman was found.

A daughter, Mrs. H. Focke, of Honolulu, who came here on the steamer Mongolia several days ago, was at the dock today when the City of Sydney arrived, expecting to meet her mother. Mrs. Neumann is said to have been despondent ever since the death of her son.

FALLS FROM A WINDOW

Carpenter, While in Drunken Stupor, Sustains Serious Injuries.

Upton O. Hinkel, 47 years of age, a carpenter, who lives in a lodging house at 212 Alder street, was probably fatally injured shortly before 1 o'clock this morning by falling out of the window of his room while in a drunken stupor. He fell from a rear window in the second floor to the ground, a distance of about 12 feet, and struck on his back. He received injuries to his spine, which paralyzed his body from his waist down. He was discovered by Patrolman Barrow, who heard his calls for help. Dr. Ziegler, the city physician, was summoned, and upon ascertaining the seriousness of the man's condition, had him removed to St. Vincent's Hospital, where a more thorough examination revealed the fact that his hopes for recovery are slight.

STEER CLEAR OF CO-EDS

Drastic Rule for Male Students of Nevada School of Mines.

RENO, Sept. 7.—(Special.)—Under classroom of the Mackay School of Mines will not be permitted to accompany co-eds to campus affairs unless such functions are purely social, according to this semester's rules, which were posted by the graduate students today. The freshmen and sophomores will be barred from the dormitory dining-halls unless they go without feminine companions, and even a short chat on the floor of the gymnasium or in the lobby of the recitation buildings will be prohibited.

The girl students in the University of Nevada and the State Normal School were first informed of the drastic rule at dinner this evening.

BOY SAVES LIFE OF SISTER

Five-Year-Old Lad Catches Her by Hair When She Falls Into River.

SOUTH BEND, Wash., Sept. 7.—(Special.)—John Henry, aged about 5 years, proved himself a little hero yesterday, when, by holding his sister, Julia, aged 8, above the water by the hair, he saved her from drowning in the river.

The two children went out in a rowboat when by some means the girl fell from the craft. The little fellow caught hold of his sister by the hair as she came to the surface and supported her until some people, who were attracted by his cries, arrived on the scene and took the girl from the water.

John was almost exhausted when help arrived but the little girl did not appear any the worse for her experience.

FALLS HEIR TO MILLIONS

German Carpenter Succeeds to Estates of Russian Adventurer.

BERLIN, Sept. 7.—Friedrich Schlegel, a carpenter of Spindelfoh, Upper Palatinate, has been notified through the Bavarian legation at St. Petersburg that he is heir to \$5,700,000 in cash and to several estates in Russia, the property of a certain German soldier of fortune named Schmidt.

The latter was in the Russian service during the Crimean War and was promoted to a General. He was married to a rich Countess. His heir won the iron cross in the Franco-Prussian War.

PRIMARY LAW TO HAVE FIRST TEST

Washington Fight Has Unique Features.

JONES LIKELY FOR SENATOR

Local Option Makes Governorship Doubtful.

COSGROVE SECOND CHOICE

Even Division Among Mead, McBride and Cosgrove for First Choice Expected—Root Only Supreme Judge in Doubt.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Sept. 7.—(Special.)—Tomorrow will give the state of Washington its first test of the new direct primary law, which in its second choice, nonpartisan judiciary, and free for all candidacy features is unique.

With no precedent under the workings of such a law for guidance, the most astute of politicians are wary about expressing predictions as to the result. Conservative and unbiased opinion predominates that Wesley L. Jones will be the preference of a plurality of voters for the United States Senate. Recent developments and apparent gains by Senator Ankeny in the last few weeks, however, indicate that the contest may be close.

Local Option Causes Doubt.

There exists a more or less definite opinion here that the Governorship will not go to a second-choice candidate. Were it not for the local option issue, Governor A. E. Mead would be considered an almost certain leader in the first choice voting and the probable winner. But it is doubtful if local option sentiment is so strong in this state that it will turn conservative local optionists against their personal choice among the other candidates. The local option vote is likely to be divided while the saloon vote bears every evidence of being solid for McBride. The liquor element will expend every effort in getting voters to the polls, actuated not wholly by desire to win the gubernatorial contest, but also by a wish to elect legislative favorable candidates.

Cosgrove on Second Choice.

With the second-choice provision operative, indications point to S. G. Cosgrove as the probable winner of the contest. This prediction is based on the theory that the first choice vote will be fairly evenly divided among Cosgrove, Mead and McBride, with Cosgrove getting a greater percentage of the second-choice votes than either of the other two. Adams is still considered a possibility on second choice, but his chances rest on the theory that persons who vote first choice for Mead, McBride or Cosgrove will not as a rule cast their second-choice votes for either of the other leading candidates.

Because of probability of the anti-saloon faction being able to control the local option forces in general, it is likely that McBride will be the leader on first-choice voting.

On the remainder of the ticket, opinion predominates that J. H. Schively will win the nomination for Insurance Commissioner.

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PREACHES HOPE TO SOCIAL OUTCASTS

REFORMED THIEF DELIVERS REMARKABLE SERMON.

Rich Man's Son Who Sounded Depths of Sin Tells Story of Regeneration.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Sept. 7.—(Special.)—Standing reverently before a group of mission workers and several hundred social outcasts in the slums last night, Leonard Mordant, son of a wealthy Eastern family, graduate of Yale law school, ex-convict and now a convert to Christianity, celebrated his fourth anniversary of freedom from crime with a remarkable sermon. In simple words he told of his regeneration, and the fetsam and fetam of humanity, the derelicts who stemmed the tide for a moment to listen, lingered until he was through, many weeping as if their hearts were broken.

Falling to the lowest levels of degradation, Mordant sought to hide himself by coming West. In his extremity he became a highway robber. He was caught, convicted, and sent to the penitentiary. He later became a deputy sheriff, reformed, and now spends his time and money assisting unfortunate who are as he was.

MILL AND LUMBER ON FIRE

Plant of Bailey Company Near Ellsworth Appears to Be Doomed.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Sept. 7.—(Special.)—The Bailey Lumber Company's mill, about seven miles northeast of Vancouver, and about two miles north of Ellsworth, is in flames. As there is no fire protection the entire mill, with the lumber stacked in the yards, appears doomed.

George G. Bailey, president of the company, values the mill at \$15,000. The lumber in the yards, which probably will be consumed before the flames have burned themselves out, is worth about \$10,000.

Mr. Bailey says that the insurance on the property is \$500,000. Until four or five days ago it was \$10,000. At that time \$200 of the insurance ran out and had not been renewed.

It is not known how the fire started, but it is thought that it was due to an overheated furnace.

DOOMED TO DIE AS REBEL

Cornell Man Taken After Desperate Fight With Honduran Troops.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 7.—Passengers on the steamer City of Sydney, which arrived here today from Panama and Central American ports, brought the news that Captain Lee Cannon, a graduate of Cornell, who is said to be one of the leaders in the Honduran revolution, was captured and has been sentenced to death.

According to the reports heard by the passengers, Cannon killed 15 men in his last stand, but was finally captured.

SCORNS BEING LIONIZED

Toistol's Only Objection to Edict Is Stimulated Sympathy.

YASNAYA POLIANA, Sept. 7.—Count Leo Toistol, speaking of the encyclical issued against him by the Holy Synod at St. Petersburg, asking all believers not to participate in the celebrations in honor of his 90th birthday, says that the encyclical displeases him only in the fact that it increases a "temporary and partly artificially stimulated sympathy toward him."

ABRUZZI TO WED KATHERINE ELKINS

Duke Defies Mother; Is True to Love.

WILL MARRY NEXT JANUARY

Last Appeal to Queen Margherita Fruitless.

SHE FEARS CRITICISM

Abruzzi Sends Brother to Plead With Mother and Vows He Will Marry Miss Elkins or Remain Bachelor.

ROME, Sept. 7.—The Milan Unione, a clerical paper, publishes an article to the effect that the Duke of Abruzzi will probably soon go to the United States to make definite arrangements for his marriage with Miss Katherine Elkins, daughter of United States Senator Stephen B. Elkins, of West Virginia, and that the ceremony may take place on January 25, the Duke's birthday.

According to the Unione, the Count of Turin, a few days ago visited Dowager Queen Margherita at Grosvenor, where she is spending the summer, and attempted to overcome her opposition to the marriage of his brother, the Duke of the Abruzzi, to Miss Elkins.

Dowager Queen Opposes Match.

It had been the intention of the Duke to have the marriage ceremony take place in December if the opposition of the royal family could be removed, but during the recent celebration of the silver wedding of the Duke and Duchess of Genoa, at which all the Savoy princes were present, opposition on the part of the Queen appeared stronger than ever. She said, however, that time might bring a change in her opinion, and after waiting a reasonable period the Count of Turin sought her at her country home.

In espousing the cause of his brother, the Count declared to the Dowager Queen that the Duke was steadfast in his love for Miss Elkins, and if he broke his engagement to her it would be impossible for him to form an alliance with anyone else. He added that Miss Elkins possessed all the qualifications necessary to fit her to enter the house of Savoy, and that while she is not of royal blood, she was in keeping with the family traditions, as the late Prince Amedeo, Duke of Aosta, married a lady of recent nobility, who sat on the throne of Spain for five years. The Count added also that, as the Duke is now 35 years old, it would not be proper for him to delay marriage much longer.

Queen Feels American Critics.

Queen Margherita said that her views on the question had not changed and she refused to give her consent to the marriage. She objected to such an alliance also because she believed many Americans thought that the Duke of the Abruzzi had sought marriage with Miss Elkins when he found the American girl would come into a large estate.

The Count declared that the Duke was ready to marry Miss Elkins, even without the Queen's consent, and left for Spezia to inform his brother of the failure of his mission.

FLAMES THREATEN FIVE SMALL CITIES

MESABA FOREST FIRES FANNED INTO RENEWED FURY.

Village of Snowball Wiped Out. Inhabitants Barely Escape With Lives.

DULUTH, Minn., Sept. 7.—The Mesaba range tonight is threatened with a new outbreak of the fire which swept away Chisholm Saturday and wiped out thousands of acres of standing timber. After a day of quiet the flames, which died down Sunday, were fanned into renewed fury again today and are sweeping on toward Hibbing, Buhl and Nashauk from the south.

Snowball, 100 inhabitants, was destroyed this afternoon by a fire that came upon it suddenly. The people had no opportunity to fight the flames and fled in terror. Snowball is about two miles from Nashauk.

Brooklyn, a small suburb of Hibbing, is threatened by fire. Buhl and Nashauk, which were threatened with destruction Saturday are again in danger. The citizens are fighting the flames desperately. Aurora is surrounded by fires and the citizens are fighting them.

Mitchell, a small town about one mile south of Hibbing, was threatened with destruction all day today and was saved only by the efforts of the inhabitants and the employees of the Duluth, Mesaba & Northern Railroad, whose roundhouse is situated there. Several hundred men are still guarding the place. The pine timber which surrounds Mitchell has been almost all consumed.

Between Nashauk and Hibbing, a region 25 miles long, the forests are one continuous front of flames. From Hibbing it is an appalling sight and big clouds of smoke have been pouring over the threatened city all day, hiding the sun.

BEATS AEROPLANE RECORD

Leon de la Grange Exceeds Own Performance of Sunday.

PARIS, Sept. 7.—Leon de la Grange, president of the Aviation Club of France, today beat his world's aeroplane record made yesterday. He circled the field at Issy 18 times at an average height of 13 feet and remained in the air 31 minutes.

As de la Grange's aeroplane approached the ground, while making its first round of the field, three minutes was deducted, making the official time 28 minutes.

M. de la Grange carried 30 litres of fuel essence in the machine's tank, but was forced to discontinue his flight because of all it was exhausted, owing to interference of the lubricating oil with the sparking apparatus of the motor. M. de la Grange is confident that he will be able to remain in the air an hour before the end of the week.

SNELL WANTS LAND BACK

Moves to Set Aside Deeds Father Gave to Mabel McNamara.

BLOOMINGTON, Ill., Sept. 7.—(Special.)—An amendment to the bill of Richard Snell, asking that deeds of his father to land in this county and state which he made out to Mabel Snell McNamara be set aside, was filed in the Dewitt County Circuit Court today. The amendment is more specific than the original bill in alleging the machinations of Mabel Snell McNamara in her efforts to secure the property from Colonel Tom Snell.

No attempt will be made to set aside the deeds to Mrs. McNamara of property which she has already transferred to her husband.

FOUR DEAD IN EMBERS

Incendiary Destroys Factory and Cremates Nightworkers.

NEW YORK, Sept. 7.—Four persons, believed to be members of a group of employees working overtime, were burned to death tonight in a fire, supposedly incendiary, which destroyed a seven-story factory building on Water street. The bodies, burned beyond recognition, were found after the fire had been extinguished.

Incident to the fire were rescued of nearly a score of workers who were removed from the fifth floor by means of ladders after the flames had cut off their escape, and the collapse of the sixth floor, carrying with it and slightly injuring two firemen.

The financial loss is \$100,000.

BEST ALL-AROUND ATHLETE

Brodemus Wins Honors at Amateur Athletic Meet.

NEW YORK, Sept. 7.—J. Brodemus, of Princeton, with a point score of 5895, won the open all-around athletic championship of the A. A. U. at Celtic Park today. This was a creditable performance, although it is far behind that of Martin J. Sheridan, of the Irish-American Athletic Club, who won the title on July 4 last year with a record total of 7130½ points.

In all there were several contestants for the honor. T. J. Mahoney, N. Y. A. C., finished second with 5321, and E. H. Clark, Boston Athletic Association, third, with 5155.

ANOTHER FAMINE IN CHINA

Floods Destroy Rice Crop Between River and Great Wall.

PEKING, Sept. 7.—A famine is threatened in the region between the river and the great wall, as a result of the floods which are destroying the rice crops.

CRANK WITH GUN AFTER ROOSEVELT

Captured on Road to Sagamore Hill.

RESISTS SEIZURE OF WEAPON

Pretended Detective Wants to Catch Yeggmen.

WAS INMATE OF ASYLUM

John Coughlin Advances on President's House to Ask Troops for Rescue of Boston From Hands of Yeggmen.

OYSTER BAY, N. Y., Sept. 7.—A crank armed with an antiquated bulldog revolver was caught near the President's house today by the secret service guards. The man described himself as John Coughlin, a detective, and, when stopped by the secret service men, presented a card upon which were inscribed his name and the word "officer." He said that he had come to ask the President to order 10,000 troops to catch yeggmen, who had been terrorizing Boston.

Coughlin is supposed to have reached Oyster Bay on the 12:15 train. He walked three miles to Sagamore Hill. The road leading to the President's house forks at the tennis courts, 300 yards from the house, and forms a loop about the President's home. The two guards, who are on duty in the daytime stand at either end of the house and their view commands both roads.

Wants Army to Fight Yeggmen.

One of the rules for visitors at Sagamore Hill is that no one shall come on foot; so when Secret Service Agent Adams caught sight of Coughlin toiling up the hill road, he guessed that something was wrong and motioned for the man to go back. Coughlin kept right on. Adams ran down the road to meet him. Coughlin produced his card and explained in the most casual way that he had come to confer with the President concerning the recent outrages by yeggmen in Boston and to lead back such troops as the President saw fit to order out.

Moves for Revolver—Disarmed.

The secret service men tried to explain that the President was not seeing visitors at the moment, hoping to get him quietly out of the grounds. Coughlin hesitated a moment and then said his hand toward the back pocket of his trousers. Adams grappled with him without further parley. Coughlin struggled for a moment, but he is a slight-built man and Adams had no difficulty in holding him until Agent

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