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Will Leaves \$3,000,000 to Be **Divided Among His Three** Daughters.

LEOPOLD'S WEALTH

FIGHT IS ON FOR

FORTUNE IS NOT KNOWN

Large Part Turned Over to Baroness Vaughan and Her Children and Stock Company Formed to Forestall Raids by Princesses.

BRUSSELS, Dec. 17.-The filing of King Leopold's will today shows that he All's Leopoid's will today shows that he divided \$3,000,000 between his three daugh-ters. Princess Louise, Princess Stephanie and Princess Clementine. This practical disinheritance of his children signalizes the beginning of a gigantic legal battle to obtain the King's wealth, similar to that which ensued on the death of their mother, Queen Henrietts.

mother, Queen Henrietta. The exact amount of Leopold's fortune probably never will be revealed. Henry Winer, the King's friend and confidential legal adviser, told the Associated Press today that Leopold turned over a large portion of it to the Baroness Vaughan and her children and created a stock company of his estates to forestall a pos-sible raid upon it by the Frincessee Louise and Stephanic or their creditors.

## Rght of Succession Safe.

Senator Winer said that later perhaps large portions of the estate would be given to Belgium. The Princess-Clement-tine, aside from bequests she will re-ceive, is provided for by a special income

ceive, is provided for by a special income from Congo property. Investigation shows that the right of successualon to the throne of the child of King Leopold by the Baroness Vaughan is not worthy of serious atten-tion. It is pointed out by Sanator Winer that if there were only a religious cere-mony, laws of the kingdom would pre-vent the accession of the child of such a ution. The Senator, however, does not believe there was even a religious mar-riage.

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#### First Legal Steps Taken.

Under the Belgian law a parent is not permitted to bequeath nave parties not ter of his belongings away from his children, and reports are current tonight that counsel for Frincess Louise has made the first move toward a legal con-

test. The Court of First Instance granted an injunction tonight, sought by the Baron-ess Vaughan, restraining the authorities from affixing seals on her residence. The action of Frincess Louise in attempting to have the seals affixed is due to her belief that valuable property belonging to King Leopold is in the villa of the farcness.

Baconess. The Socialist organ, the Peuple, vio-lenthy attacks the King's memory be-cause he repulsed his daughters and admitted his mistress to his bedside. The paper discusses the reported mor-ganatic marriage of the King and Baroness Vaughan, and asks whether the children of this union, since the Vatican has confirmed the marriage, will hold prelensions to the throne. This point appears to be settled by the constitution, the assertion being made by prominent statesmon that the children will have no rights, but it is understood they will inherit a great part of the King's immense fortune. Public Not to See Face.

## Public Not to See Face.

The satire kingdom of Belgium mourne its departed ruler, Leopold II. Courts, recheols and theaters are closed, Parlia-ment and the Municipal Council have ad-journed and flags are at half must in overy city, town and village of the king-dom.



Suit Startles.

SINCE ALBER

SELGIUM

Against Defendants-Land Office May Be Involved.

DENVER, Dec. 17.—Sensational testi-mony was given in the Federal Court here today by witnesses from Iowa in the suit to recover coal lands in Routt County, Colorado, that had been ob-tained, it is alleged, by means of dum-my entries and in other alleged fraud-ulent ways. At the conclusion of to-darks heaviews. Lowis Lowis amounced dient ways. At the conclusion of to-day's hearings, Judge Lewis announced that a prima facie case already had been made against " a part of" the de-fendants, and that all motions for non-suits would be overruled. The suit is directed gainst the offi-cers and directors of the Union Land Company.

ompany.

N. G. Koser, a farmer of Iowa City, Ia., declared that Frank McDonough, secretary, an attorney for the defend-ant company, said to him:

ant company, said to him: "Unless we get those thousands of acres of coal land into the hands of innocent purchasers for the benefit of the Union Land Company we will not only lose the whole thing, but we are going to get into litigation with the Government and you stockholders of the company may have to go to the penitentiary with the officers. The fil-ings have been irregular, and we must cover up." over up.

Koser said he had been lured into the deal in 1902, but did not suspect its raudulent nature until two years ago. "The promoters told us they had obof any insurance of his deceased wife and would not state why he left her.

Receives Bibee and Register Dresser, of Portland Office, Retire Today

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# Twill Be a Wonderful Day in Books, Today

dont. Didder the constitution affairs of the nation are in the control of the Cabinet until Prince Albert takes the oath of succession, next Thursday, the day after the function of his uncle.

succession, next Thursday, the day after "he functai of his uncle." An efficial decree issued today lauds king Leopold's career and declarce his creation of the Congo Independent State was unique in history. "Posterity will judge Leopold a great King with a grand reign." It says The body of Leopold remains in the mortousry chapel of "The Palmis." To-morrow night it will be removed to the palace in fitnessels. The face of the dead refer will not be exposed to public view.

LOUISE STARTS FOR BRUSSELS

Princess Hopes for Reconciliation

#### With Sisters at King's Bier.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17 .- The sulcidal mania of Ocey Snead is apparently the PARIS. Dec. 18 .- A dispatch to the mania of Ocey Snead is apparently the defense relied upon by the three mem-bers of the Wardlaw family, arrested in connection with her mysterious death. Despite the fact that prison bars now hold all the women members of the family in which the bathtub victim lived when she was either slowly grieving herself to death over the disappearance of her husband, as Mrs. Caroline B. Martin, her mother, insists, or being systematically starved Matin from Budapest says that Princess Louise left Budapest for Brussels at 1 o'clock this (Saturday) morning. Prior to departure, the correspondent says, access Louise made the following statement to him;

Never can I console myself over the "Never can I console myself over the thought that the King died without his children being able to suy a last fare-well. I know this regret is shared by the whole family. I leave here with the sincers here of seeing all our family dis-sensions disappear around the her of the King. I am ready to do all I can to effect a reconclitation with my sisters."

LEOPOLD TOO BIG FOR STAGE

Opposition Organ Sums Up Charac-

### teristics of Dead King. .

BRUSSELS, Dec. 17.—The Derniere House one of the stanchest organs that opposed his polley in the Congo, says: "Leopold was of a race that made Caesars and he had all the necessary qualities and fulls. There was lacking only a grant theater for his operations, which modest Beigtum did not afford. "The whole life was a struggle to at-tain in the world the position to which his nature and ambitions aspired. He was intelligent, but his was the intelli-sence of the potentiale, regarding his aims and emds. He was a leader of men, but not of the people." BRUSSELS, Dec. 17-The Derniere ut not of the people

#### Prince Near-Guest of Hill.

SEATTLE, Dec. 17 .- Prince Albert, of um, who will succeed King Leo-was to have been the guest of el Hill, of this city, son-in-law of Belgium. Samuel Hill, of this city, son-in-law of Jamos J. Hill, during a visit to the Maska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition, and the \$250,000 Hill mansion in this city

the \$250,000 Hill mansion in this city was especially designed for the enter-tainment of the Prince. The illness of King Leopoid pre-vonted the journey. Prince Albert is sonerary president of the International Soud Roads Association and is taking a deep interest in the next international meeting, to be held in Brussels.

"The promoters told us they had on-tained the land from the entrymen and in an inregular way," Koster added, S. K. Stevenson, an attorney of Iowa City, caused a sensation by declaring that two of the defendants had been advised by a "minor official" at the Land Office in Washington to change

the name of the company and "bury deep to help the fraud."

SUICIDE, SAYS DEFENSE

MRS. SNEAD STARVED TO DEATH IS MOTHER'S STORY.

Three Women Accused of Murder

Occupy Separate Cells in Tombs Prison.

airs, main shead, who was taken into custody late yesterday, main-tained reficence in her cell in the Tombs Prison, where she spent the night, and a statement from her, was hardly expected until her arraignment, which has been set for tomorrow. hardly expected until her arraignment, which has been set for tomorrow. The three sisters, the mother and two aunts of Mrs. Occy Snead, the bathtub victim, are in separate cells in the Tombs, charged with the mur-der of Mrs. Snead at East Orange, and there only remain at large, the aged grandmother of the murdored young wo-man, who is 3 years old, and her hus-band. The charge of murder is brought by the authorities of East Orange. N. J., and Mrs. Mastin, mother of the dead woman, is charged with being a party with Miss Wardiaw, her sister, is renting the vacant house in East Orange where the tragedy occurred and the fead body of the victim was found in the bathtub. The mother. Mrs. Caroline W. Martin,

found in the bathtub. The mother, Mrs. Caroline W. Martin, owing to her extreme weakness, was saved the humiliation of being measured and photographed, but Mrs. Mary Snead, one of the three sisters, was measured ac

one of the three sinters, was measured ac-cording to the Bertillon system and pho-tographed for the police gallery. "I am here," volunteered Mrs. Martin today, "as the result of a conspiracy on the nart of millionairce who want what little property I have left. Every news-paper in New York is subsidized by these millionairce, who are persecuting me. The shock and injustice of my arrest have en-feebled an old woman. If that is what

France's Action Complicates Cana dian-American Relations.

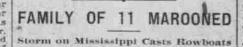
TARIFF WAR THREATENED

OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 17 .- The action f the French Chamber of Deputies in threatening to increase greatly the

tariff rates that apply to American ag-ricultural implements, has served to inject a new element of uneasiness into the Canadian-American tariff relations, as viewed on this side of the line. Canadian tract with France and

as, viewed on this side of the line. Canada's treaty with France, now needing only the last formal, ratifica-tion, gives Canada an advantage of 40 per cent off the French tariff rates that would apply to agricultural imple-ments from the United States.<sup>\*</sup> On a binder this would amount to \$3.20, on a mower \$3.86, on a reaper \$4.82, on a horse rake \$1.93. These figures apply as the French

horse rake \$1.93. These figures apply as the French tariff stands, without the latest in-crease in maximum. Press dispatches indicate that the change in the rates that will apply to America will operate to increase greatly the duty on Ameri-can imniements. an implements.



on Island in Midstream.

Mrs. Caroline B. Martin, her mother, insists, or being systematically starved and mentally influenced into a state of helplessness, as is one of the police theories, the mystery of the affair seemed today little nearer actual solu-tion than when the first discoveries were made. Mrs. Mary Snead, who was- taken into control, has vastarday mails ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 17.-Levi Frank his wife and nime children were brought in an exhausted condition to this city yesterday from a point several miles up the Mississippi River. In the recent big blumard the three open rowboats in

the Mississippi River. In the recent big blumard the three open rowboats, in which they had fought their way for 400 miles down the Father of Waters, were stranded on an island in midstream. Frank braved the crush of the river ice, endured the privations of cold and hum-ger and struggled in valu for days to swim through the chill currents of the Mississippi to secure help for his 12-year-old daughter Leila, who now lies in the city hospital at Minneapolis with typhoid fever. Frank was coming to St. Faul to get work. get work

STRIKE CONGESTS TRAFFIC Eberhart Says Conditions Far From

Normal, Due to Switchmen Strike.

SF. PAUL, Dec. M.-Governor Eberhart said today that conditions in the switch-men's strike appear to be improved, though not normal. It was his opinion that, even were the strike declared off immediately, conditions could not be made normal probably for more than a month, on account of the freight conges-tion."

## and Charles B. Merrick Becomes Successor to Dresser.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Wash OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Wash-Inston. Dec. 17.-J. C. Ardrey today was recommended by Senator Bourne for ap-pointment as Receiver at the Portland Land Office. to succeed George W. Bibes, whose term expires tomorrow. Bourne is desirous of having the nomi-nation made Monday, so Ardrey can be confirmed before recess and take office January 1

January 1. Mr. Ardrey resides at Milwaukle and is

All, arency resides at Minwaukle and is numbered among the warm supporters of Senator Bourne. For seven years he was postmaster at La Grande and he also served in a similar capacity at Arlington. More recently he has been engaged in the

nusic trade. The terms of A. S. Dresser and G. W.

The terms of A. S. Dresser and G. W. Bibee. Register and Receiver, respective-ly, of the local Land Office, expire to-day and it is expected that the appoint-ment of their successors will be con-firmed promptly by the Senate. Charles B. Merrick, of this city, has already been formally appointed as Register of the Portland Land Office. These positions are known as maximum offices and pay \$3000 annually. Locally it had been suspected that the Receivership of the local Land Office

Locally it had been suspected that the Receivership of the local Land Office might go to J. Frank Sinnott, of this city. It is possible Mr. Sinnott may be cared for elsewhere by appointment as United States Marshal, but all depends on the number of equally active partisans who are being considered by Boyrne. So far as the Marshalship is concerned, however, neither Bourne nor his friends here in Portland will give out any inking as to who these candidates are. Having decided on appointees for the

Having decided on appointees for the four Land Office positions available in the Portland and the Roseburg office, Senator Bourne has only two additional Federal plums to dispense at this time-Inited States Marshal and Collector of Internal Revenue



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