

## WOMAN SLAYS NOTED MAN TO PROTECT HER SISTER

Capt. J. Clayton Erb, Philadelphia Political Leader, Shot Dead.

SISTER-IN-LAW IS HELD FOR THE CRIME

Declares That She Shot Because He Was Beating Her Sister.

(By Associated Press.) PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Oct. 7.

The killing at his country home near here last night of Capt. J. Clayton Erb, a trusted lieutenant and confidential man of Israel W. Durham, formerly a leader of the local Republican organization has caused a sensation in this city. Erb was shot dead by his sister-in-law, Mrs. Katherine Beisel, in a quarrel over domestic affairs.

Capt. Erb and his wife had considerable trouble, each accusing the other of unbecoming conduct and the matter had reached the courts with a prospect that, sooner or later, divorce proceedings ultimately would be instituted by one or the other, but they continued to live at "Red Gables," the Erb country home.

Mrs. Beisel in jail stated she thought he was going to kill her, and that it was a case of who struck first and she fired at him six times, four bullets striking him.

A physician was sent for, but arrived when Erb was dead. Mrs. Beisel was staying at a nearby hotel and says she went to the house last night and heard angry words on the second floor. She went upstairs and found Erb beating his wife. She says Erb turned on her and that she shot him.

**HARRIMAN HAS SPINAL TROUBLE**  
BOSTON, Oct. 7.—Efforts are being made to learn exactly how serious is the spinal trouble for which E. H. Harriman, capitalist and railroad magnate, has been taking treatment for several months. Harriman refuses to discuss his ailment, and Dr. R. W. Lovett, of 234 Marlboro street, who is caring for the magnate, declares it would be unprofessional for him to discuss the patient's case.

### NOTED MEN INTERESTED.

Roosevelt, Taft and Bryan Wire Trans-Mississippi Congress. (By Associated Press.) SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Oct. 7.—President Roosevelt sent a telegram regretting his inability to attend the Trans-Mississippi Congress and expressing his appreciation of the work of the organization. A message from Bryan regretted the fact that he was unable to attend and expressed his sympathy with the purposes of the congress. Taft sent greetings and the hope that the congress will be productive of much good.

### GOT \$15,000 FOR OUTLIVING 64 GIRLS

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 5.—Mrs. Marguerite Castens, ninety-four years old, who received \$15,000 three years ago as the result of a unique compact entered into by sixty-five girls in a German convent school more than seventy years ago, died yesterday in this city. She is survived by six children, twenty-six grand-children and twelve great-grand-children. Seventy-five years ago Mrs. Castens was a pupil in a convent school near Stuttgart, Germany. The girls there agreed, just before they were graduated, to pay a certain number of marks a year into a Berlin bank, and the entire amount was to go to the last surviving member of the class.

Three years ago Mrs. Castens found herself the only one of the class remaining. She wrote to the bank, thinking that she would receive a few thousand dollars. What she got was in excess of \$15,000.

## CONDON IS SUSPENDED

Mayor Straw Will Have City Council Investigate Charges Against Officer.

Mayor E. E. Straw has announced that Nightwatchman Walter Condon has been suspended from duty and will remain suspended until a meeting of all of the members of the city council can be held to consider the charges made against Mr. Condon by a committee of citizens as a result of his treatment of Chas. Boyce and Wm. H. Barry, two traveling men, last Friday evening. Councilman Flanagan and Lockhart are now in San Francisco and probably will not return for about two weeks.

It is expected that the hearing before the city council will be an open one in which Mr. Condon and his friends will present their side of the case and the friends of Messrs. Barry and Boyce will present their side of the case. After hearing both sides, Mayor Straw, it is stated, expects to have the council decide the matter.

Mr. Condon's friends claim that he was sent for last Friday night by members of the Margaret Hees Company to take care of some individuals who were disturbing the show.

Manager Meade of the Margaret Hees Company, says that a member of the company did send for an officer but that the officer was not requested to arrest anyone. Mr. Meade says that the sending for an officer was merely a precautionary step, it being customary to have officers around all performances to see that there is no disturbance. Mr. Meade also says that he was on the stage at the time the fracas started and that he was not aware of any disturbance until he saw Nightwatchman Condon take hold of Boyce.

This and other matters will undoubtedly be thoroughly gone over when the council and mayor meet to investigate it.

Pending the investigation, Mayor Straw says he will not name any one to act in Mr. Condon's place. He said that might personally assist Officer Shupe and Marshal Carter. If he does this, Councilman Sacchi says he is in favor of having the Mayor paid extra.

### THE LAZIEST MAN IS FOUND.

Englishman Has Record of Seven Years of "Weariness." LONDON, Oct. 7.—Arthur Chilcott, 38 years old, a homeless laborer, is the laziest man in England.

When brought into the Kingston-Thames police court the other day, charged with refusing to perform his work in the Kingston workhouse, he wearily sat down and dropped his hat on the floor of the dock. He would not answer any question, but dropped into a dozing condition. After his sentence of three months' imprisonment with hard labor was read to him he ambled out of the dock.

The many imprisonments served by this lazy man include two of a year each. During the trial before the second, Chilcott seemed to sleep throughout the proceedings, hardly answering questions and recognizing such questions usually by a bored look and a yawn.

Only once did he display any energy. He was taken by mistake to an adjourned country quarter sessions. The judge had to discharge the prisoner to rectify the error. Chilcott, however, refused to leave his cell and walk away, until much time had been spent in persuading and assisting him.

Although the law has labeled him "rogue and vagabond," a medical man declares he suffers with "ergophobia," or fear of work, and this "malady" is consistent, according to this view, with physical competence.

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## WILL RUN MILL DOUBLE SHIFT

C. A. SMITH LUMBER AND MANUFACTURING COMPANY WILL OPERATE PLANT TWENTY HOURS PER DAY SOON.

The C. A. Smith Lumber and Manufacturing Company is completing arrangements to operate the mill on a double shift or about twenty hours out of each twenty-four. It is expected that the second force will be

put to work in about three weeks, or about November 1.

General Manager J. E. Oren confirmed this report today, but was not prepared to make any further statement. The lumber market has been improving considerably lately both as to price and demand.

Extensive preparations have to be made for working the mill on a double shift, extra men having to be secured for all departments and arrangements made for handling the logs and manufactured lumber.

## WANT TO BUY APPLES HERE

Eureka, Cal., Will Endeavor to Get Fruit Supply From This Section.

EUREKA, Cal., Oct. 7.—The Eureka Herald says: "President C. A. Monroe of the Monroe Cider and Vinegar Works of this city, said this morning that arrangements were being made for the shipment of cider and vinegar apples to Eureka from the Coos Bay section. Capt. Noren of the steamer Eureka of the North Pacific Steamship Company, which makes regular trips between this port and Coos Bay, has informed the agent of the North Pacific Company at Coos Bay and the shippers there are probably aware of what is offered here. If it is possible, Coos Bay apples will be brought to this city on every trip of the Eureka as long as the season lasts. It is said that heretofore the Coos Bay country has had no market for this kind of fruit, and there is every probability the northern fruit men will be eager to take advantage of an opportunity to dispose of the apples.

The Monroe Cider and Vinegar Works, which are located at the foot of 'E' street, opposite the warehouses of the North Pacific Steamship Company, will be put in operation for the first time in this city, at the end of three weeks. The manufacturing plant was moved from Ferndale several months ago, and the time since has been spent in establishing the plant in its new location and getting ready for the winter's work."

## START DREDGE ON THURSDAY

Craft Repaired and Is Being Steamed Up to Begin Actual Work Tomorrow.

The dredge Oregon has been repaired and is being steamed up this afternoon preparatory to starting dredging tomorrow. Unless something unexpected interferes, the dredging will continue steadily from now on.

Practically all of the pipe needed to carrying the dredgings to the shore and even about three-quarters of a mile from where the dredge is working has arrived.

As has been announced heretofore, the dredge will start in the lower Bay and cut down the recently formed shoals in the channel up to the head of the Bay and will then work back cutting the channel to the specified and depth width.

The hole caused by the piling was patched by running the dredge out on the mud flats. The contributions to the dredging fund are being collected today, the subscriptions having been made by notes payable on demand.

LADIES ONLY are invited to a free illustrated health talk by Dr. George M. Hyland of Portland, in TAYLOR'S HALL, NORTH BEND, Friday, October 9, at 2:30 p. m.

Steamer BREAKWATER sails from Coos Bay for Portland SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, at 10 A. M.

LEE EDWARDS invites all his old friends to call at O. K. Barber shop.

## NAME MEN TO HELP MEETING

Committees Appointed For Republican Campaign Work Here.

Judge C. A. Sehlbrede today named the committees to aid in making the Republican meeting here about October 15th, which will be addressed by Congressman W. R. Ellis of Pendleton a success. Mr. Ellis is an able speaker, and it is expected that he will be heard by one of the largest audiences that has ever turned out for a political gathering here.

The committees named by Judge Sehlbrede are as follows:

Reception—C. A. Sehlbrede, State Central committeeman of Coos county; Dr. E. Mings, precinct committeeman of North Bend; F. K. Gettins, precinct committeeman of South Marshfield; A. H. Derbyshire, precinct committeeman of North Bend; Pat. Hennessy, precinct committeeman of Libby; M. L. Tower, precinct committeeman of Empire.

Finance—Dr. E. Mings, Dr. J. T. McCormac, J. W. Bennett, F. S. Dow and W. S. McFarland.

Hall and Music—J. S. Coke, W. B. Curtis, E. A. Anderson, Dr. C. W. Tower, J. W. Butler, and C. J. Mills. Entertainment—C. A. Sehlbrede, I. S. Smith, D. L. Rood, Henry Sengstacken, L. D. Kinney, Geo. Watkins, E. L. C. Farrin, J. M. Blake, W. U. Douglas, W. R. Haines, L. J. Simpson, H. C. Diers, Peter Loggie, J. H. Guery, Col. Brigham, L. A. Liljequist and M. C. Maloney.

## MINER HURT IN EXPLOSION

Wm. J. Escott Severely Injured By Blast in Libby Mine Yesterday.

Wm. J. Escott, a well-known Marshfield man, was badly hurt in the Libby mine late yesterday by the unexpected explosion of a blast. No bones were broken but his head and face were severely lacerated by the flying debris. He was unconscious for a time. Today he is resting easy and Drs. Ingram and Mings who were called at the time of the accident do not anticipate any serious developments.

Mr. Escott had set two blasts and gone back to wait for the explosion. He heard two explosions and thought they were his blasts and started back. As he neared the place, an explosion followed and he was struck by the flying chunks. He remembers no more details of the accident.

He was immediately brought to his home in this city where he is being cared for.

It is believed that Mr. Escott heard a blast in another chamber of the mine and mistook it for one of his own.

While the wounds to his head and face and other bruises are very painful and will lay him up for some time he and his friends think that he escaped mighty lucky.

TO ARRIVE THURSDAY, an elegant line of LADIES' SUITS for a few days only, come early and get your choice. S. LANDO.

CHICKEN FEED at Haines.

## AUSTRIA GRABS TWO MORE PROVINCES OF EUROPE

## SPECIAL BONDS ORDERED SOLD

City Council Authorizes First Issue Under the Eddy Bonding Act Here.

The Marshfield city council last evening ordered the sale of about \$16,000 worth of special improvement bonds to pay for several street improvements that have recently been made. The bonds are to be issued under what is known as the Eddy bonding act. The bonds are issued on application of various property owners liable for portions for the costs of the various improvements and are really a first mortgage against the property on which they are issued. They bear interest at six per cent and are issued for a term of ten years, being paid off on the partial payment plan. The bonds will be dated November 1, but it is expected that they will be sold prior to that date.

The ordinance providing for their sale specifies that they shall not be sold for less than par and accrued interest and that any premium paid for them shall be turned into the general fund of the city. As soon as the bonds are sold, the contractors on the various jobs will be paid in full for their work.

### Discuss Street Work.

D. L. Rood appeared before the council last night and urged that the city put a concrete top on the crushed rock paving on Second street, between Cedar and Myrtle streets. He said that he and the other property owners intended to make the same kind of an improvement that F. P. Norton has made in his part of the street and they desired the city to do so along the block which the city purchased a year ago. The council was divided in opinion as to whether the big fill made a year ago was thoroughly settled. It was finally decided that the city engineer and street committee should investigate it. If they decided that the fill is not settled sufficiently to put the hard paving on top, the other property owners along the block will not be permitted to put in the concrete. Permission was given the property owners along the solid portion of the street to use concrete.

### Delay In Pay.

Contractor D. W. Small, who completed the grading of Flanagan street three weeks ago, was present to urge early payment for his work. It was explained that the Southern Pacific which pays a big portion of the cost of the improvement is slow owing to the "red tape" the bill has to go through and the delay in issuing the special bonds under the Eddy bonding act.

### Reject One Bill.

After Councilman Sacchi had insisted on all of the current bills being read before being allowed, Mayor Straw last night compelled the councilmen to personally inspect each bill. The inspection resulted in a bill for \$2.65 by W. P. Murphy for hauling dirt away from in front of his residence being rejected. The other bills were allowed. The amount was \$1,782.81.

There was a question about the salary warrants for the two night-watchmen. The warrants were made out for \$75 per month, the salary allowed them before the raise. The ordinance providing for the advance was looked up and it was found that it was passed August 4, and that the increased salaries should begin September 4, so that Nightwatchman Condon and Shupe will receive almost \$90 each for their work last month.

### Routine Work.

City Attorney Farrin was instructed to have the teamsters' license ordinance ready for adoption at the next session. It is proposed to charge a license fee for all kinds of vehicles but the amounts have not been fixed.

Lundbeck and Holm were given

Turkey and Servia Enter Protest to Signers of Berlin Treaty.

CRETANS WANT TO UNITE WITH GREECE

Islanders Plan Coup d'Etat As Result of Outbreak In Bulgarian.

(By Associated Press.) BELGRADE, Servia, Oct. 7.—The government has addressed an energetic note to the signatories of the Berlin treaty against Austria-Hungary's breach of the provisions of the treaty in seizing the occupied provinces of Bosnia and Herzegovina. This step, it is contended here, will prove fatal to the future of Servia.

WILL JOIN GREECE. Cretans Plan Coup d'Etat On Turkey. CANANEA, Island of Crete, Oct. 7.—The Cretans, emboldened by the developments in Bulgaria, are preparing a coup d'etat in favor of union with Greece.

ATHENS, Greece, Oct. 7.—Dispatches from Cananea announce that the people of Crete have proclaimed the union of that island with Greece.

### TURKEY ENTERS PROTEST.

Doesn't Want Austria to Gobble Up Territory.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Turkey, Oct. 7.—The council of ministers has decided to protest against the annexation of the province of Bosnia and Herzegovina by Austria-Hungary through the Austrian embassy here.

### TO PLACE BIBLE IN ALL HOTEL ROOMS

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Oct. 7.—An organized movement to place a Bible in the rooms of every hotel in the United States was formulated at the Grand Avenue Methodist church. C. T. Bowers of Lincoln, Neb., national field secretary of the Gideons which includes 3,000 traveling men, said: "We are not asking outside aid. We may be compelled to go slowly and equip one city at a time, but what we have begun we will finish. The time is not far distant when a young man or woman, tired and discouraged, instead of going to their room to sit and brood, may be able to gain strength and courage from the Bible."

### MACK NOT ILL.

Democratic Chairman Able to Be Up and Around.

(By Associated Press.) CHICAGO, Oct. 7.—Chairman Mack of the Democratic National committee who was reported to have suffered a nervous collapse last night, was on duty as usual today.

An extension of thirty days on their contract for improving 'B,' Seventh streets, and Prospect avenue. They stated that they were unable to secure lumber to finish the work as early as was expected.

A. H. Stutsman acting for himself and Mrs. Fannie Hazard requested that the city vacate that portion of Sixth street adjoining the old cemetery. He stated that the street stopped at the cemetery and having no exit from that end, that portion of it was never used and that, as he and Mrs. Hazard owned the adjoining property, they wished it vacated.

The council ordered that \$1,230, that had been collected from Sixth street, 'C' street and Prospect avenue property owners be transferred to the general fund. This was the amount collected in excess of the cost of the improvements on those streets and will reimburse the city for the engineering expense.

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