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REPORT MILLER AND LUX HOLDINGS HAVE BEEN SOLD

Extensive Holdings In Oregon and California Bring $20,000,000.

GERMAN-AMERICAN SYNDICATE PURCHASER

Great Ranches, Oil Lands and San Francisco Butcher Monopoly.

(By Associated Press.)

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 21.—The extensive holdings of Miller and Lux in Oregon and California are reported to have been disposed of for $20,000,000 of which $1,000,000 was paid down. The properties were purchased by several German-Americans, headed by Liggett and Meyers, former wholesale tobacco dealers of St. Louis. Adolph Busch, the brewer, is said to be interested to the extent of one million.

The lands include 145,000 acres in California of which 30,000 acres are oil lands and 250,000 acres in Oregon. There are 120,000 head of cattle and 20,000 horses.

The deal includes a virtual monopoly of the butcher business in San Francisco, which, it is rumored, will pass to some eastern firm.

The lands are to be colonized rapidly as possible, it is asserted.

STORY IS DENIED.

Miller and Lux Office Says Report is Untrue.

(By Associated Press.)

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 21.—At the office of Miller & Lux, it was stated that the reported sale of their property is unfounded.

LOST LEG BUT CAUGHT BOYS

Old Farmer Sellick Vastly Surprises Four Youngsters Robbing His Apple Trees.

GREENWICH, Conn., Nov. 21.—Old Nathan Sellick, a Banksville farmer, caught four boys who were robbing his apple orchard, although he lost a leg doing it.

Sellick lost the leg at the battle of Antietam originally, but he walks as well and runs faster than most men of his age on a stump of a leg made of an oak stick. Charles Johnson, twelve years old; Luke Smith, twelve; Arthur Forbush, thirteen, and Sammy Wells, fourteen, were up in one of Sellick's apple trees, shaking the fine fruit to the ground when he espied them. He was close to the tree before the youngsters saw him; they slid to the ground and ran in a bunch.

Sellick chased after them with surprising alacrity and was at their heals when his peg-leg went in a hole and snapped short off. He fell and, raging and swearing, rolled over and over. Seeing his predicament the boys halted, approached him closely and taunted him, eating his apples under his very nose.

An inspiration came to Sellick. He made a one-footed jump to a hickory sapling and in a twinkling pulled out his knife and cut it close to the ground. In another moment he had strapped the sappling to the stump of his leg with the straps that had held his peg-leg. Before the astonished boys could run far he had caught Wells. Then drawing his knife the farmer threatened most frightful punishment to Wells unless the other boys surrendered.

Wells, badly scared, begged them to give themselves up, and so they did. The agile and wily farmer led the boys to their parents, who promised to punish them and did.

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BLAME WATER COMPANY NOW

San Francisco People Sue It For Millions Lost In Great Fire.

(By Associated Press.)

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 21.—Suit was filed in the United States Circuit Court today by Henry S. Ripley to whom a large number of claims have been assigned against the Spring Valley Water Company to recover the value of the property lost in the great fire on April 18, 1906. Other suits for claims aggregating $17,000,000 will be filed. It is alleged that the company did not properly operate its water mains and located them insecurely on poor foundations and that the mains were defective.

SEVERE STORM ALONG COAST

Rough Weather Prevents Several Vessels Sailing—M. F. Plant In Today.

One of the worst southwest gales of the season has been sweeping along the coast for the past twenty-four hours and in consequence a number of vessels that were to have sailed today will remain in port until tomorrow. The M. F. Plant and the Czarina crossed in from San Francisco this morning although the bar was very rough.,

The Breakwater which was to have sailed for Portland at 8 o'clock this morning returned after making the run to the lower bay. She will sail at 8 o'clock Sunday morning if the weather improves. Captain Magenn said that the seas were the worst he has seen in some time.

The Nann Smith, Redondo and several other vessels are waiting in the lower bay for better weather.

The M. F. Plant brought a large number of passengers and about six hundred tons of freight. She made good time up, running with the gale. The seas were pretty choppy at times.

Plant's Passenger List.

The incoming passengers on the M. F. Plant included the following:

Miss Ida Jeffries, Mrs. Amundsen, Jno Preuss, Theo. Bradley, Mrs. H. L. Williams, Mrs. A. Henschel, Jno. R. Smith, Mrs. Smith, P. Mirrasoul, Mrs. Mirrasoul, E. H. Duncan, A. Hawkins, Mrs. Hawkins, Emily Brown, Mrs. P. A. Hollister, H. Nasburg, W. C. Bickford, Mrs. E. T. Walker, Mrs. W. R. Ward, G. M. Schlunger, G. M. McNelly, R. S. Wight, I. Straub, N. Nelson, E. Cooper, C. S. Hubbard, C. Pierson, and twenty steerage.

TOOTH WEIGHS TEN POUNDS.

Delicate Molar of Mastodon Unearthed In Indiana.

MOROCCO, Ind., Nov. 21.—Lewis Guthrie of Colfax township, while digging a ditch unearthed several bones of a mastodon, including a tooth that was nine inches long and five inches wide and weighed very nearly ten pounds.

The tooth is in an almost perfect state of preservation, and is said to be the finest speciment ever unearthed in this section. The bones were found at a depth of four feet.

HENEY IS BETTER.

Wounded Frisco Attorney Continues To Improve.

(By Associated Press.)

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 21.—Francis J. Heney's condition continues to improve.

PRINT PAPER WORTH WEIGHT IN GOLD

Famine Confronts Publishers Because of Lack of Rain In Paper Mill Districts Throughout the Country.

(By Associated Press.)

MILWAUKEE, Nov. 21.—The Evening Wisconsin-Union, in a special from Appleton, Wis., says "Unless altogether abnormal conditions prevail practically throughout the United States between now and the first of next year, this country within six weeks will face a print paper famine, according to the best judgment of the largest paper manufacturers in Wisconsin. Conditions in the print paper industry it is reported, never before have been so dubious as at present, and it is said that the constantly depleting water power of the streams throughout the paper making districts, both east and west, are adding daily to the threatening aspect. Several weeks ago, manufacturers were declaring that lack of rain would soon make wood pulp worth its weight in gold. Today they declare even for its weight in gold, wood pulp in a few weeks more will not be obtainable.

TWO DROWNED BY AUTOMOBILE

Chicago Merrymakers Thrown Into River and Some Lose Lives.

(By Associated Press.)

CHICAGO, Nov. 21.—An automobile speeding near the Torrence avenue bridge swerved from its course and plunged over the embankment and struck the platform fifteen feet from the shore, the occupants being shot like from a catapult into the water. The merrymakers were four chauffeurs and four young women. Joseph Meyer and Margaret Atkins were drowned. The others were rescued by the bridge tender and three companions who plunged into the water and assisted the unfortunates ashore.

FOUR TRACK MEN KILLED

Put Car On Wrong Track and Are Run Down By Fast Train.

(By Associated Press.)

CHICAGO, Nov. 21.—Four track laborers on a hand-car were run down by a Chicago Burlington & Quincy passenger train, between Highland and LaGrange, Ill., and killed them. Five other were injured. The laborers put the car on the wrong track.

Y M C A TO HOLD MEETING SUNDAY

W. A. Reid Will Deliver An Address at I. O. O. F. Hall Tomorrow Afternoon.

W. A. Reid, Army Secretary of the Y. M. C. A. in Alaska, will address a meeting at the I. O. O. F. hall Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The meeting was arranged by the local committee appointed a year or so ago to further the Y. M. C. A. here with a view of ultimately organizing one in Marshfield.

Mr. Reid is an able speaker and by special request tomorrow will speak on "In His Steps," the famous story of Chas. M. Sheldon's. In addition to his address, illustrated songs and music will add to the program.

The meeting will be for both men and women.

YALE MAY LOSE.

Harvard Winning Great Football Game Today.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Nov. 21.—The score at the end of first half, Harvard 4; Yale 0.

CHICKENS on sale at the ANONA Cash Grocery.

MYSTERY IN OREGON CRIME

Portland Police Can't Find Well Dressed Stranger Suspected of Murder.

(By Associated Press.)

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 21.—The police are at a loss for a clue to the murder of M. C. Rassmussesn, the watchman on the steamer Washington, who is believed to have been killed Wednesday, but whose body was not discovered until Thursday night. Robbery was the motive and a well dressed stranger who visited the vessel Wednesday is suspected of the crime. The description of the stranger is so meager that it does not afford a very good clue to the police to work upon.

MINERS AT RED LODGE KILLED

Large Number Entombed In Montana Mine By Explosion Today.

(By Associated Press.)

BILLINGS, Mont., Nov. 21. — A dispatch from Red Lodge, Mont., says an explosion of fire damp occurred in the east side mine this morning killing a number of miners. Three bodies have been recovered. Unverified report says forty were imprisoned or killed.

SAILORS CAN'T ENTER MANILA

Rear Admiral Sperry Denies Them Shore Leave On Account of Cholera.

(By Associated Press.)

MANILA, P. I., Nov. 21.—Rear Admiral Sperry in a letter to Gov. General Smith says he has decided not to grant the men of the Atlantic battleship fleet leave of absence during the stay of the ships at Manila Bay. The decision is on the advice of the medical officers of the fleet as well as his own convictions. The action is the result of the recent outbreak of cholera and to the fact that many cases have been reported of dead or moribund, indicating they are concealed. No cases have been reported to the health department for some time. The position of Admiral Sperry is bitterly resented here and Smith has communicated the entire matter to Washington and it is expected that President Roosevelt will pass finally upon the matter.

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TWENTY LIVES ARE LOST IN EXPLOSION IN BROOKLYN TODAY

Gas Main Blows Up and Buries Gang of Workmen, Cremating Some Alive.

HERO'S FUTILE EFFORT FATAL

Samuel Trout Burned to Death While Trying to Rescue Woman.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Nov. 21.—Twenty men were victims of an explosion of a gas main on Gold and Front streets in Brooklyn. The explosion tore the street to pieces and the men who were working in an excavation for a big sewer were buried in the debris and are believed to have smothered or been burned to death in the fire that followed the explosion.

Samuel Trout who lived near the scene lost his life in attempting to save a woman who was passing through Gold street and fell into the trench. Trout was caught in the flames and roasted alive. The woman was saved by a boy.

The force of the explosion was felt for a great distance and shook down into the fifty-foot pit where the men were working hundreds of tons of earth. Those not instantly killed were drowned by the great volume of water which poured in on them from the breaking of the water mains or smothered by the escaping gas. One woman and three children who were passing at the time were killed.

FORT SCOTT BANK CLOSED

President Says Malicious Reports Spread By Enemies Caused Run.

(By Associated Press.)

FORT SCOTT, Kan., Nov. 21. — The First National Bank of Fort Scott closed its doors following run during which depositors withdrew $56,000. President Honaday says malicious reports spread by enemies were responsible and that the assets will exceed the liabilities which are $127,000, and that depositors will be paid in full. J. D. Bradley has been appointed receiver by the comptroller of currency at Washington.

WELL KNOWN PIONEER DEAD

Spencer D. Butler Succumbs at California Soldiers' Home.

Spencer D. Butler, a well known pioneer of Coos Bay and who took up a claim on the east side of the bay in 1868 where Cooston now stands, died at the California Soldier's Home at Los Angeles Thursday. The news of his death reached his son, W. S. Butler, of North Bend, last evening, the telegram having been delayed in transmission owing to the wires being down between here and Roseburg.

No details of his death have been secured. Mr. Butler did not know that his father had even been unwell and the news came as a great shock to him. The particulars are expected in a letter which will reach here in a day or two.

Spencer D. Butler was seventy-one years old. He had served in the war and came west, locating on Coos Bay in 1868. He lived here until fifteen or twenty years ago when he moved to California. He visited here several times since his departure, his last visit being about three years ago when he spent the summer with his son in North Bend. Mrs. Butler died many years ago and is buried here. Besides W. S. Butler of North Bend, four other children, Mrs. Olive Wells of Los Angeles, Mrs. Rubo Johnson of Santa Ana, Charles Butler, of Bakersfield and Willis Butler, of Huntington, survive. Capt. C. H. Butler of Coquille is a brother of the deceased.

W. S. Butler has wired to have the body sent here for interment if possible.

"MAY I BE STRUCK IF I LIE"

And a Bolt Hit Witness, Who Rose to His Feet and Confessed.

PARIS, Nov. 21.—A dramatic incident occurred in the palace of justice at Beziers in the middle of a thunderstorm recently. A witness whose veracity had been questioned by the judge lifted his hand and exclaimed: "May I be struck by lightning if I am not telling the truth!"

The words were hardly out of his mouth before lightning struck the building and the witness fell on the floor in an agony of fear. He was unhurt, and, rising to his feet, he confessed himself guilty of the crime of which he had just accused another man.

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RED SPECIAL TO BE PROBED

Federation of Labor Thinks Enemies Financed Socialists' Campaign.

Gompers is Reelected.

(By Associated Press.)

DENVER, Nov. 21.—Gompers was reelected president of the American Federation of Labor with but one dissenting vote.

(By Associated Press.)

DENVER, Nov. 21.—The consideration of President Gompers' report was resumed on the recommendation of the committee on the subject "Legislation and Political Action," which caused a long debate. The recommendation that any member of the executive council who does not agree with any action of the executive committee should resign was adopted without debate.

After some discussion of the question "Who is Financing the Red Special" train in which Debs made his presidential campaign, a resolution was offered calling for the appointment of a committee to investigate the books of the Socialist party and ascertain where the funds were obtained, the charge having been made that it was financed by the forces opposed to labor.

KILLS A BEAR WITH A CLUB.

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa., Nov. 21.—George Smith, a lumber jobber, whose operation is in the Black Forest, ran into a black bear as the latter was rummaging for chestnuts. Smith was without a weapon, but he tackled the bear with a club and killed it.

Bruin weighed 125 pounds. Five bears have been killed in the Black Forest within a week.

Bought a job lot of APPLES, for sale cheap while they last.—Anona Cash Grocery.

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