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GENERAL MANAGER MILLIS IS RETICENT ABOUT PROJECT

Southern Pacific Official Returns Home From Trip to San Francisco.

HE CANNOT GIVE OUT STATEMENT NOW

Report That Question of Eugene or Gardiner Route Has Delayed It.

C. J. Millis, general manager of the Southern Pacific interests on Coos Bay, returned today from Portland where he has been for a few days since his return from California where he was in conference with Southern Pacific officials and attending to other business matters.

"I do not wish to make any statement now as I have no absolutely definite information to give," said Mr. Millis upon being questioned about the railroad. "However, things are looking mighty bright and all I can say is that reasonable patience on Coos Bay's part will be rewarded in reasonable time. Just when, I can't say."

Mr. Millis said that a Portland newspaper man had telephoned him about the railroad matters and possible Southern Pacific steamship line from Coos Bay to San Francisco and had possibly misunderstood him. Mr. Millis said that he was doing all in his power to advance Coos Bay's interest and in case the C. A. Smith company could not satisfactorily take care of the Coos Bay-San Francisco traffic, his company might enter that field.

Mr. Millis was met at Portland by Mrs. Millis and Miss Mable Clare Millis. Mrs. Millis returned here with him but Miss Millis remained in Portland for a short stay.

Prospects Are Bright.

Although Mr. Millis declined to give out a statement at this time, it is known that the Coos Bay project is now up to the chief engineer of the system and board of directors for final action.

It is further understood that the delay in the final action on the matter has been due to a question as to whether the Coos Bay line should be built via the Drain route or from Eugene via the route surveyed recently to Coos Bay. The latter survey had to be checked up and compared with the Drain route to determine which was the most advisable and this takes time.

It is known that vice-presidents Calvin and O'Brien have both recommended the Coos Bay project for immediate construction but the difference as to the route, as was learned when Vice-president Calvin visited Coos Bay last fall has probably delayed the matter slightly.

Whether the matter can be adjusted so as to start work this season or next will probably be determined soon and it is not unlikely that actual work can be started this year, whichever route is chosen.

USE DYNAMITE NEAR EL PASO

Two Wounded Insurrectos Caught After Blowing Up Mexican Barracks.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

EL PASO, Tex., Mar. 16.—Juarez spent a sleepless night expecting a rebel attack following the dynamiting last night of the federal barracks, but nothing further developed and today there are no signs of rebels in the surrounding country. Two of the rebel band who dynamited the barracks were captured after being wounded. The authorities claim none of the federals were killed.

SLAYS RIVAL IN ROSEBURG

Roy McClallen, Well-Known On Coos Bay, Kills Man Threatening Him.

Roy McClallen of Roseburg, who is well known in Marshfield having spent his summer vacations here for several years, was the principal in a fatal shooting affair there Monday night. The Roseburg Review gives the following particulars of the tragedy:

"Ben A. Mahan, a well-known local plumber, is dead and Roy McClallen, a prominent Roseburg native-born citizen, faces a charge of murder as the result of one of the most shocking tragedies that ever took place in this city. Underlying the affair is the affections of a woman that engendered deadly hatred between the two men, culminating late Monday night in McClallen shooting and killing Mahan on one of the principal business streets.

The shooting was either witnessed or heard by scores of people homebound from the Palace Theatre, just after the close of the Elks' minstrel performance, which McClallen and Mahan both attended. McClallen fired four shots at Mahan from a 25-caliber automatic derringer, about four inches long. The last shot, piercing Mahan's body, caused his death within less than 15 minutes afterwards. The end was wholly preceded by a period of unconsciousness, from which Mahan did not revive.

Immediately after the shooting, McClallen surrendered himself to Sheriff Quine and made a statement to the effect that he had acted in self-defense. He spent the remaining hours of the night in the county jail and until he was taken to the inquest begun by Coroner Jewett at the court house.

Rivals for Woman.

Mahan was 37 years of age and McClallen is a year or two younger. The woman in the case is Miss Lillian Speicher of Edenbowler, formerly bookkeeper at Mahan's plumbing establishment on Cass street. She was divorced in the Circuit Court here about a year ago from a man named Penn, to whom she was married at Grand Rapids, Mich. Mahan, who has also been divorced, is reported to have been engaged to the woman up to the time she resigned from his employ last December, when her acquaintance was formed by McClallen, who has lived apart from his own wife for several months past. Mrs. McClallen and their 12-year-old son reside in Portland. Miss Speicher was an eye witness to the killing of Mahan. She was being escorted home at the time by McClallen, who had accompanied her to the minstrel show.

The shooting took place on Jackson street, a half block north of the Palace Theatre and, singularly enough, in front of the office of the Commercial Abstract Company, by whom McClallen was employed. Mahan was armed with a 32-caliber automatic revolver, but whether he attempted to draw it is a question not yet determined.

Said He Had to Do It.

One of the first men to reach the scene of the shooting was Sheriff Quine, to whom McClallen tendered his pistol. "I had to do it," said McClallen. "It was just a case of which one could draw first. He has been carrying a gun for me for a long time. You'll find it on him."

Searching the clothing of the dead man, Sheriff Quine found Mahan's revolver in a hip pocket. There was a loaded cartridge in the breach. McClallen complained to District Attorney Brown some time ago that

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ENGLISH GOVERNMENT FAVORS IDEA CLAIMS THAT MEXICO WILL GRANT REFORMS FOR PEACE

House of Commons Cheers Approval of President Taft's Suggestion For New Alliance.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

LONDON, England, Mar. 16.—Sir Edward Grey's indorsement of President Taft's arbitration suggestion was seconded with cheers in the House of Commons today by A. J. Balfour, leader of the opposition, who in the course of a speech declared

ed he saw no difficulty in the way of carrying out such an arrangement between this country and the United States.

Efforts were made in the House of Commons today to ascertain the views of the Japanese government on Taft's suggestion but Sir Edward Grey declined to reveal them. He admitted the government at Tokio had been made aware of the British government's views on the subject but he said to lay the Japanese answer on the table of the House would be premature.

FEAR ANOTHER LOST IN BAY

Report That Johnson of North Bend Was With John Aronquist.

According to reports in circulation here today, a man named Johnson of North Bend disappeared at the same time that John Aronquist, the harbor light tender, who is supposed to have been drowned a week ago. It was impossible to confirm the report today or ascertain exactly who Johnson was. Matt Jutstrom stated that he had been informed that Johnson was a chum of Aronquist and was with the latter the afternoon that Aronquist disappeared. Johnson was said to live in a shack on the waterfront in North Bend. He is supposed to have started out with Aronquist in the boat and as he has not been seen since it is believed that he met the same fate that Aronquist undoubtedly did.

HOT ROW OVER R. A. BALLINGER

Spokane Bar Association Rejects Resolutions Indorsing Him.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

SPOKANE, Wash., Mar. 16.—Resolutions indorsing the record of R. A. Ballinger as Secretary of the interior were introduced at a meeting of the Spokane Bar Association last night. A heated discussion arose which for a time threatened to disrupt the association. The resolutions were not adopted. A new set of resolutions will be introduced next week. Members of the association declared the association is plainly divided into standpaters, democrats and insurgents, and that when the new resolutions are introduced they will be voted down by the democrats and insurgents who claim a majority.

CLUES FUTILE IN PORTLAND

No Arrests Made Yet For Fiendish Murder in Rose City Yesterday.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 16.—Although a dozen detectives have been at work since noon yesterday on some tangible clues to lead to the arrest of the murderer of little Barbara Holzman, the five-year-old girl whose ravished and fiendishly murdered body was found in an apartment of a Russell street lodging house yesterday, their quest has been unsuccessful. Apparently the authorities are no nearer a solution of the mystery than they were yesterday soon after the body was discovered. A number of persons have come forward with more or less vague information but so far nothing of a really tangible character has developed.

Not even the description of the alleged murderer furnished by Mrs. Bertha Nelson, proprietor of the lodging house, has been of much help to the detectives. They are deeply puzzled on account of the method of the man in enticing the little girl to the room and opinion is divided whether the little one was overpowered on the street or elsewhere and carried to the apartment or whether she was lured to the room by promises and then assaulted and killed. The whole affair furnishes a mystery that probably will tax the most expert detectives of the local department for some time to come.

EXTRA COPIES.

The Times printed a few extra copies of last night's paper with the railway train showing Coos Bay products. Better send a few copies to your Eastern friends. For sale at the office.

Read The Times Want Ads.

SAN FRANCISCO \$100,000 FIRE

Conflagration Starting From Oil Damages Auto Firms.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Mar. 16.—An explosion of automobile fuel oil at C. F. Splittorf's Magneto store early today caused a fire that spread to five other automobile supply houses on Van Ness avenue. The damaged is estimated at \$100,000.

FIRE IN PENSACOLA.

Big Hotel at Florida Resort Is Burned.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

MOBILE, Ala., Mar. 16.—Fire today destroyed nine buildings including the Southern hotel at Pensacola, Fla., doing damage estimated at \$150,000.

FIRE IN LOS ANGELES.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Mar. 16.—Fire damaged the stocks of the J. R. Lane Dry Goods Company and the millinery firm of Hins & Landt early today to the amount of \$50,000.

FIRE AT HARVARD.

Students in Exclusive Dormitory Barely Escape.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Mar. 16.—Randolph Hall, one of the most exclusive of the Harvard dormitories was badly damaged by fire at an early hour this morning. One student was rescued unconscious. Many other were awakened barely in time to escape the flames. The loss is estimated at \$35,000.

LEAVE TODAY ON ALLIANCE

Steamship In From Eureka and Sails This Afternoon For Portland.

The Alliance sailed from here for Portland this afternoon. She carried a large number from here and these with the Eureka passengers filled every berth on the vessel.

The Alliance brought A. Bordeaux, J. L. Bowman, J. H. Brokorm and G. Henk in from Eureka. Among those sailing for Portland on her were the members of the Kelley Musical Comedy company. The passenger list follows:

A. B. Snyder, D. E. Stone, Fred Koenke, Chas. Demming, C. W. Myer, Harry Smith, Mrs. F. H. Bernell, Bessie Haynes, F. R. Haynes, Mrs. F. R. Haynes, Chas. Larson, G. W. Hollister, F. C. Billings, W. B. Charlsworth, Mable Stanley, Amy Jenckson, Gladys Stevenson, Catherine Gibson, Violet Fisher, Madeline Mathews, M. J. Kelly, Dick Mack, Harry Hallam, Joe Nathan, Mrs. F. Hallan, Mrs. M. J. Kelly, Geo. Murray, C. B. Haywood, Mr. C. Wicks, Mrs. C. Wicks, G. P. Storey, J. H. Featherstone, E. W. Kammerer, Mrs. Lewis Knapp, Mr. Lewis Knapp, Orree Knapp, Mrs. C. Brooks, Martin Brooks, Chas. Brooks, Geo. Mintzer, J. A. Marnner, John Dunney, E. Hoben, Arthur Drain, Argo Congo, D. Molvemer.

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Negotiations Between Senor Limantour and Senors Madero End.

DIAZ'S ADVISER HAS STARTED FOR CAPITAL

Expect That Leading Insurrectionists Will Now Aid Government.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

NEW YORK, N. Y., Mar. 16.—The sudden departure from New York of Senor Limantour last night after a week of conferences and negotiations, the precise nature of which hitherto was not clear, is now explained by the understanding that he has succeeded in effecting a tentative plan by which substantial reforms are expected to be immediately put in force by the Mexican government and the leading insurrectionists being satisfied, are to aid in restoring peace.

The presence here of Senor Madero, father of the provisional president, together with his three sons, brothers of the provisional president, and the fact that Limantour and the senors Madero have been in conference while important messages have been going back and forth between Limantour and persons in Mexico City, add significance to the situation. Word from Mexico City is that President Diaz has assured the stoppage of certain of Limantour's suggestions for reform. Senor Limantour carries with him to Mexico City a full expression of the demands of insurrectionists which it is hoped will be acceptable to the Mexican government and be made a basis of peace.

REBELS ARE RETREATING.

Mexican Federal Troops Follow Them Southward.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

DOUGLAS, Ariz., Mar. 16.—The main body of rebels which has been in this district, is retreating southward and as they are mounted and the federals are on foot, there is no chance that the government forces will overtake them.

NO SIGNS OF TROUBLE.

Expected Battle Near Douglas Doesn't Materialize.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

DOUGLAS, Ariz., Mar. 16.—Although there was every indication last night that a battle would occur today between the federals and rebels, there are no signs of the rebels today.

NOTICE IS RECEIVED.

Americans Warned by Mexico Against Young Rebels.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Mar. 16.—Formal notice of the action of the Mexican congress in carrying out the recommendation of President Diaz for the suspension of the constitutional guarantees were received at the Mexican embassy today. The action is given full publicity as a warning to Americans who may be tempted to cast their lot with the Insurrectos.

SPALDING BASEBALL goods at THE GUNNERY.

BIDS WANTED.

Sealed bids will be received by the undersigned trustee up to 12 o'clock noon, March 18, 1911, for all or any portion of the grocery stock and fixtures of the North Bend Mercantile Co., formerly in business at North Bend. Right to reject any or all bids reserved.

For information apply to W. P. MURPHY, Trustee, Marshfield, Oregon.