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BAKER CITY MUST HANG ARMSTRONG

The State Supreme Court Affirms Judgment of Lower Court in Noted Case of Murderer.

Execution Will Be Under the Old Law and Carried Out the Old Way.

THE SHERIFF MUST EXECUTE

Hanging Must Be in the County Where Crime Was Committed—History of Murder of Miss Ensminger.

Salem, Oct. 19.—The supreme court today affirmed the decision of the lower court in convicting Pleas Armstrong of the murder of Miss Ensminger at North Powder last Christmas. Armstrong was a schoolteacher of good repute in the community. Armstrong had been paying attention to her a year or more and it was because his suit was not as successful as he liked that he decided to slay her. He had played the violin for the dance on the fatal evening. Quitting his violin, he repaired to the front gate and lay in wait for his victim. When she appeared he arose from the darkness and shot her down. There was strong talk of lynching him. Armstrong will not be hanged in the penitentiary under the new law, as his trial and conviction took place before the present law was in effect. He will have to be executed in the old way at the county jail yard at Baker City.

MITCHELL IN COLORADO.

Pueblo, Oct. 19.—President John Mitchell, of the United Mine Workers of America, is expected to reach Colorado today to make a personal investigation of coal miners in district No. 15, embracing Colorado, Utah, Wyoming and New Mexico. On his recommendation rests the decision of whether or not there will be a strike throughout the district. Prominent officials of the mine workers in the district state that they have no intimation of what President Mitchell will advise. It is expected that he will visit all of the principal mining camps in the district before holding a final conference with the leading officials of the various unions.

INCENDIARY FIRE.

Logansport, Oct. 19.—Fire supposed to be of incendiary origin this morning destroyed five business blocks and the railroad station, besides damaging several other buildings at Galveston, Ind. The loss is estimated at \$75,000. The telegraph operator at the station reported the fire and asked for help while the station was burning. He was driven away by the flames and the wires were burned, cutting off all communication. The fire department here and at Kokomo loaded apparatus on relief trains and sent it to Galveston, which is a town of 12,000 people, 12 miles from here. At 3 o'clock the fire was under control.

NAME WILL BE CHANGED.

New York, Oct. 19.—In the course of a sermon delivered in Calvary Protestant Episcopal Church, the Right Rev. Cameron Mann, Protestant Episcopal Missionary of North Dakota, has declared that while there are diverse opinions in the church regarding change of its name, "there are few who do not wish her to become American in the truest meaning of the word."

Bishop Mann is in the east to raise \$10,000 to carry on his work in North Dakota this winter, and incidentally to secure 20 more young clergymen for his missionary fields.

COSSACKS CHASE CHUNCHUS.

St. Petersburg, 19.—A telegram from Port Arthur says that the town of Bodone, on the Sunguchi river has been surprised by Chunchus and that a detachment of Cossacks has been sent to occupy it.

COLOMBIA'S MODEST DEMAND

Would Hold Us Up for \$25,000, 000 for Canal.

New York, Oct. 19.—Jesualdo Enrique Aroniegas of the Colombian diplomatic service has arrived in this city on his way to Washington with special dispatches containing instructions for Dr. Thomas Herran, the Colombian minister, concerning the Panama Canal treaty. He also is the bearer of the text of the amendments to the treaty made by the senate of Colombia and President Marroquin. The only condition on which the

Colombian government is now prepared to conclude the pending treaty, he said, is the payment of \$25,000,000 by the United States for the advantages it would receive and an agreement to let the territory remain as a part of Colombia.

"There are just as strong advocates of the construction of the canal in my country as in the United States," he said. "In fact, everybody understands that it would be of some material benefit to us and that the relations into which it would bring us with such a great country as the United States would be of great use to a small country, such as ours. The people want it, have wanted it for a long time and know that they will get it some day."

"However, there is a pretty general feeling that the United States will gain a great deal more out of this canal than we not only in the long run, but from the very start, so it is argued that while we should not exactly drive a sharp bargain we should look out for our own interests. You cannot blame anybody for doing that."

"Should the United States refuse to accept our terms, we shall simply wait until she gets ready. We should gain by waiting, since she is at the present time willing to pay the French Company something like \$40,000,000 for their franchise. That expires in six years, and reverts, of course, to us. But in waiting we should not consider the offers of any other country to build the canal, since we feel that the United States is about the only one which would stick to its treaty after it made one."

GREAT NORTHERN INVOLVED

Dynamiters Are Trying to Levy Blackmail Against It.

Helena, Oct. 19.—According to well authenticated reports, the Northern Pacific Railway Company is not alone in its troubles with the dynamiters though it has so far been the only sufferer. For several days there has been a number of Great Northern secret service men at Helena and vicinity and it has developed that their mission is to try and locate the person who has sent the company a letter levying blackmail. Just when the letter was received by the Great Northern no one in authority will say or who it was addressed to, but it is known that such a letter has been received. The letter was mailed at Caspade and it demanded the payment of \$15,000. The railroad company was commanded to fly a signal if it acceded to the demand, and was given until Tuesday evening, October 20, to comply. If it did not then the amount of the blackmail would be raised to \$30,000 and to show that business was meant, dynamite would be used on the rails. Instead of displaying the signals the railway company has sent its detectives to Montana to try and ferret out the writer of the letter.

SHORTAGE IS HEAVY ONE.

New York, Oct. 19.—Rev. John P. Peters of St. Michaels Protestant Episcopal church, has announced that the defalcation of church funds by Henry T. Edison, treasurer of the parish, who killed Mrs. Fannie Pullen and committed suicide several months ago amounted to \$53,000. Of this amount \$10,000, the rector stated, had been returned to the church by the wife of Mr. Edison in making over to the church two life insurance policies. A part of the remainder will fall upon a bank through its liability in connection with the forgeries.

SPANISH CLAIMS SETTLED.

Caracas, Oct. 19.—The mixed commission which is hearing the Spanish claims against Venezuela has closed its session. Of the total amount of claims presented before the commission, \$394,954 were awarded, \$305,355 were withdrawn and \$31,004 were refused. Considering the Spanish population of Venezuela, amounting to 40,000 persons, the total of claims presented to this commission is considered to have been small.

COAST BOYS' STRANGE ACTION.

New York, Oct. 19.—Harry Clayton, 18 years old, and claiming San Francisco as his home, has fallen into the hands of the police here. He is charged with having annoyed women patrons of the Holland house and Waldorf-Astoria by singing and calling to them through the open windows of the dining room. Clayton refuses to explain his conduct. The hotel detectives assert he has been going through similar performances along Fifth avenue for several days.

REPORT IS DENIED.

New York, Oct. 19.—Hilma Paasha telegraphs, says a Herald dispatch from Salonica, that the leader of the insurrectionary band killed in a recent engagement near Forina, was Styhen Petroff, not Boris Saroff. Petroff was the soul of the insurrection.

REFUSE TO PAY TAXES.

New York, Oct. 19.—Attempts to collect taxes in the south have resulted, says a Times dispatch from Tangier, in several tribes driving out the governors and destroying and burning the official residences. The army remains inactive.

BANKS ARE FORCED TO THE WALL

Mexico City Institution Fails and Branches Through This Country Also Close Their Doors.

Financial Panic Now in Baltimore, Where Two Concerns Have Failed.

LIABILITIES ARE VERY GREAT

Said to Exceed \$10,000,000—Failures Due to Poor Investments in Railway Stocks.

New York, Oct. 19.—Assistant District Attorney Miner today began an investigation into the affairs of the International Bank & Trust Company, a concern incorporated under the laws of Delaware, with a capitalization of \$12,000,000. Thus far \$100,000 in stock had been issued. The company did business principally in Mexico, where it has seven branches.

WANT RECEIVER NAMED.

Dover, Oct. 19.—An effort is being made by the stockholders of the International Bank & Trust Company of America opposed to the selection of Don Jacinto Patters by the Mexican court as receiver to find Chancellor Nicholson, who is on a pleasure trip off Delaware Breakwater, and have him appoint a receiver to go to Mexico to take charge of the company's assets.

SEATTLE BRANCH CLOSED.

Seattle, Oct. 19.—On account of the failure in Mexico City of the International Bank & Trust Company of America, the Seattle branch of that bank closed its doors today and is in charge of a receiver. The assets of the local bank are given at \$57,000 and the liabilities at \$95,000.

FRISCO BANK ALSO CLOSES.

San Francisco, Oct. 19.—As a result of the failure in Mexico of the International Bank & Trust Company of America, the branch of that bank in this city did not open for business today. The local branch was opened last August.

CRISIS IN BALTIMORE.

Baltimore, Oct. 19.—This has been a day of marked excitement and subdued anxiety in the financial circles of Baltimore.

The day began with the announcement of the failure of the Maryland Trust Company, and except to a few the news came as a bolt out of a clear

sky. The suspension of the Union Trust Company, which happened at a late hour in the day, might have created a panic had it occurred earlier. Allan McLane, third vice-president of the Maryland Trust Company, was appointed receiver of that institution. Miles White, Jr., first vice-president of the Union Trust Company, was appointed receiver of that institution. Mr. McLane gave a bond in the sum of \$2,000,000 and Mr. White in the sum of \$1,000,000.

The total liabilities of the two companies exceed \$10,000,000. The cause of the Maryland Trust Company's failure was due to the investment of the assets of the company in the Vera Cruz & Pacific, which could not be marketed. The Union Trust Company failed because of a run on its banking department, but the real troubles of the company had their origin in the organization of the South & Western railroad in Virginia, with contemplated capitalization of about \$11,000,000.

The Vera Cruz & Pacific railway runs across the isthmus of Tehuantepec and establishes a new transcontinental route connecting the Atlantic and Pacific sides. The building of the road was slow work on account of the difficulties found in the construction of railroads through tropical country. The plans of the railway company contemplated employment of its line as part of a transcontinental route from North Atlantic seaboard ports to San Francisco. It is announced that the Japanese government has guaranteed to establish a subsidized line of steamers from Salina Cruz to Japan.

USED FUNDS OF THE BANK

Speculating Cashier's Action Results in Arrest.

Chicago, Oct. 19.—A dispatch to the Tribune from Princeton, Wis., says: J. E. Liemer, cashier of the Princeton State Bank, has been arrested today and taken to Danforth by Sheriff Ogilvie, where he is now in jail. State Bank Examiner Marcus G. Bergh last night stated that Liemer had confessed that forgeries to the amount of \$60,000 existed.

The Princeton State Bank is closed and the Montello State Bank, of which Liemer is vice-president, has been ordered by the state officials not to open its doors for business today. Speculation in grain, Liemer says, was the cause. J. E. Liemer came here as cashier of the Princeton bank eight years ago and the examiners believe that the forgeries have covered a period of six years.

It is said by persons who are familiar with the affairs of the Princeton banks that the depositors will be practically paid off in full with the money now on hand.

State Senator E. D. Morse is president of the Princeton bank.

MAY EMIGRATE TO AMERICA.

Sofia, Oct. 19.—One class of Bulgarian reservists, to the number of 5,000 men, is to be disbanded. It is reported here that a lively agitation is on foot to induce the Macedonian refugees to emigrate to the United States.

CANADIANS WOULD NOT SIGN PAPER

Wax Wrath When Majority of Boundary Tribunal Reaches Decision in the Alaskan Matter.

Leave the Room Before Other Signatures Had Been Attached to the Treaty.

BAD IMPRESSION CREATED

No Hope That Angry Commissioners Will Reconsider Their Action and Join Majority.

London, Oct. 19.—The draft of the decision reached by the Alaskan boundary commission was signed by a majority of the commissioners this evening. Messrs. Alesworth and Jette, the Canadian commissioners refusing to sign. The signatories were Lord Chief Justice Alverstone, Senator Lodge, Senator Turner and Secretary Root, the American commissioners. They constituted a majority and ensured finality. Messrs. Alesworth and Jette carried their outspoken disapproval of the decision to the point of refusing to sign even that section of the decision giving Portland canal to Canada and they emphasized their attitude by walking out of the room before the signatures of the others had been affixed.

The only thing now remaining to be done at this session is that a majority of the tribunal complete and sign the map which minutely determines the course of the boundary. The refusal of Messrs. Alesworth and Jette to coincide in Lord Alverstone's view was known to only a few persons here tonight, but at the foreign office and in high government circles it has created a painful impression. There is no hope expressed that the Canadian commissioners will reconsider their attitude and sign the engrossed copy of the decision which will stand as the international record of the tribunal's finding.

COMMISSION'S WORK DONE.

New York, Oct. 19.—The Alfred Mosley Commission of Inquiry from Great Britain to investigate the educational methods of the United States has finished its labors in New York, and the members have separated to meet in Washington Tuesday. President Roosevelt will receive the members at a special function Wednesday.

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