

GOOD EVENING.

The Weather: Tonight and Friday, light rain or snow; westerly winds.

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SOUTHERN PACIFIC LIMITED ROBBED OF LARGE AMOUNT AND BANDITS ESCAPE

Remarkable Exploit of Desperadoes Whose Work Is Not Detected for an Hour or More.

Highwaymen Board Train Without Being Seen—Batter in Door of Car—Remove Wells-Fargo Strong Box While Not Guarded.

(Journal Special Service.) San Francisco, Jan. 21.—The Southern Pacific Sunset Limited westbound train was boarded by masked men near tunnel 7, a few miles from Paso Robles early this morning.

but express and railroad officials unite in asserting the loss is comparatively insignificant. Conservative estimates place the loss at about \$10,000, but as the express officials are the only persons who know the full extent of the robbery, its magnitude may never become public.

The first information of the holdup received by Supt. Aglar of the Southern Pacific came in a message sent by Conductor E. H. Meyers from King City, 40 miles west of San Luis Obispo.

The door was locked at San Luis Obispo after several thousand dollars in money and valuables had been placed in the safe. The train proceeded northward with express messengers in an adjoining car to the rear.

This is almost positive proof that the robbers boarded the train as it was proceeding slowly up grade. When the robbers entered the train they immediately began their work of breaking in the door, using long iron rods and hatchets.

The safe was blown open early this morning and made an immediate attempt to trace the robbers. It is believed they live in the vicinity. No arrests have been made up to noon.

Wells-Fargo officials will not give out the exact amount the robbers secured, but it is known to be large. Many valuable express packages were in the safe, as well as considerable coin.

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Woodburn burglars knew their game. Woodburn, Or., Jan. 21.—Austin & Pinner's store in this city was robbed last night of several overcoats, six pairs of shoes, trousers, sweaters, four suits of clothing, suspenders, socks and other goods, in all amounting to about \$150 worth.

Another scandal at Machen trial. Washington, D. C., Jan. 21.—The Machen trial was vivified this morning by the presentation to the court of three affidavits charging Postal Inspectors Mayer and Gregory with approaching and questioning witnesses in the waiting-room before being called to the stand.

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The picture shows former Congressman Edmund H. Driggs and how he spent his day's sentence of imprisonment after conviction in the postal fraud case.

A FACER FOR SCOTT. If Harvey Scott still entertains a lingering hope that the Mitchell organization may yet be induced to support him for United States senator in 1907, he will receive rather a hard jolt when the news reaches him at Washington of the action taken by that faction last evening.

The Republican Committee Vetoes His Senatorial Aspirations. By unanimous vote the committee adopted an address to the voters of Multnomah county, setting forth at length reasons why they should support the Mitchell faction in the coming struggle at the primaries and why the Simon Republicans should be cast into outer darkness.

Erickson's House Reopens in Face of District Attorney's Fiat. A. Erickson's gambling house at Second and Burnside streets was reopened at 10 o'clock this morning after being closed since 3 o'clock last Monday afternoon.

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DOWIE IS JEERED

San Francisco Audience Amused as "Prophet" Berates the People.

PROFIT TO "ELIJAH" Escapes to His Hotel and Will Leave the Bay City for Australia by Steamer Rather Than By Using Miracles.

(San Francisco Bureau of The Journal.) San Francisco, Jan. 21.—Elijah II was jeered till his whiskers stood on ends at last night's talk before a large local audience here.

Emptying Himself. After Elijah had emptied himself of fire and brimstone he breathed the purer breath of heaven and as his talk of Zion and the beautiful gates developed his theory of government, was outlined.

The Audience Laughed. At this juncture the audience laughed, and the brimstone came to the fore again. Dowie stormed and the audience laughed again.

GERMANS FEAR THE WARFARE OF TRADE. Berlin, Jan. 21.—The Central European Commercial league, whose purpose is to conduct the propaganda against Americanism and commercial invasion, was formally established this afternoon.

FIRE FOLLOWS AN AWFUL EXPLOSION. Marion, Ind., Jan. 21.—A terrific gas explosion occurred in the Hotel Sitz this morning, with the result that three persons were killed, three fatally and eight dangerously injured.

MARSHA BOWERS KILLED HUSBAND. San Francisco, Jan. 21.—Martha E. Bowers, on trial for murdering her husband by administering poison, was convicted by a jury last night of murder in the first degree.

LIEUT. MITCHELL GOES TO HOSPITAL. (Washington Bureau of The Journal.) Washington, D. C., Jan. 21.—Lieut. Hiram E. Mitchell, son of Senator Mitchell, who has been here for the past three weeks on leave, was today, after examination by the chief surgeon, U. S. A., ordered to the general hospital at Washington barracks for treatment on account of an injury to his leg received on his trip to Alaska.

WAR STILL IN DOUBT

News and Negotiations of Imperial Councils Hidden by a Veil.

RUSSIA'S NOTE IS DUE. St. Petersburg, Jan. 21.—Apart from the general acceptance by commercial circles of the belief that the danger of war has passed, there is nothing that visibly indicates a change in the situation.

White Czar is Believed to Be Striving for Peace There Crops Up Other Elements of Suspicion.

Exchange of Views. The foreign exchange of views between the foreign office, Viceroy Alexieff and Baron Derosen, the Russian minister to Japan, on the Japanese reply has not resulted in a definite decision.

RUSSIA'S FREE PROPOSALS. Berlin, Jan. 21.—The Lokel Anzeiger's St. Petersburg correspondent today wires that a well-known diplomat confirms the report that Russia is sending fresh proposals to Japan, which will probably result in negotiations being continued several weeks.

THE REPLY TODAY. London, Jan. 21.—The Paris correspondent of the Central News wires that semi-official advices were received from St. Petersburg that the Russian reply to Japan will reach Tokio today.

WOMAN ACCUSED OF POISONING MEETS HER FATE AT HANDS OF JURY AND RECEIVES VERDICT OF GUILTY—SENTENCE WILL BE LIFE IMPRISONMENT.

TO ELECT SENATORS DIRECT. Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 21.—A resolution favoring the election of Senators by a direct vote passed in the miners' convention this morning.