

GOOD EVENING. The Weather. Tonight, fair; Tuesday, fair; cooler; easterly wind.

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GAS EXPLOSION WRECKS LEITER'S MODEL MINE AT ZEIGLER, FIFTY-FOUR MINERS MEET DEATH IN BURNING COAL BEDS

MITCHELL IS FIRST

Then Hermann, Williamson and Others Will Be Put on Trial.

PROSECUTOR F. J. HENEY ANNOUNCES HIS PLAN

Will Insist on Prompt Disposing of Cases and Will See the Decks Cleared Before He Gets Away.

Francis J. Heney returned to Portland last evening, prepared to resume with vigor the prosecution of the land frauds. The first business that will engage his attention will be the renewal of the investigation by the federal grand jury, which is to convene tomorrow morning. Preparation is also to be made for the trial in June, when Senator John H. Mitchell, Congressman Hermann and Williamson and others who were indicted for complicity in the land frauds, will appear in Judge Bellinger's court to answer to the charges against them.

Senator Mitchell will be the first of the defendants to be placed on trial, and his life congressmen will follow. Dilatory tactics on the part of the defendants will be vigorously opposed, for Mr. Heney is determined to bring the cases to early trial.

A protracted conference was held by Mr. Heney today with W. J. Burns of the secret service, and T. B. Newhausen, and the final arrangements were made for the resumption of the investigation before the grand jury. Although none of the government officials will disclose their plans, it is believed that the transactions of the late Kelly lumber company will be the chief subject of the jury's inquiry, and important indictments are expected to result.

The life of the present grand jury expires with the end of this term of the district court, the last day being next Saturday. Rumors have been current that owing to the slowness of the trials and the impossibility of presenting all the evidence which the government has accumulated, another grand jury might be called immediately, to begin its sessions next week. These rumors appear to be without foundation.

"I think the public wants to see some convictions before many more indictments are returned," said Mr. Heney significantly this morning, and he added a plain intimation that he would not request the calling of another grand jury until after the June trials.

When asked this morning what case would be the first to be tried, Mr. Heney replied: "In view of the fact that Senator Mitchell is one of Oregon's two representatives in the upper house of congress, and of the great interest in the case which is felt by all the people of the state, who are directly concerned in the outcome of the charges against the senator who represents them, I consider it is due to the public as well as an early trial. His request for an early trial is in my opinion not only a reasonable one, but the people of Oregon have the right to expect that it will be granted. Furthermore Senator Mitchell's position as chairman of the senate committee on the land frauds makes it of the highest importance that, if innocent, he should return to Washington as soon as possible.

Oregon is entitled to her full representation in congress, and neither Senator Mitchell nor Congressman Williamson have taken any part in congressional proceedings since they were indicted. The interests of the state demand that this state of things should not continue any longer than can be helped. The people of Oregon are, therefore, concerned in having Senator Mitchell's case tried as early as possible.

"The congressmen ought to be tried next," Mr. Heney added. "The people have a right to know whether these peo-

SENATOR STEWART BEGINS LIFE ANEW

Washington, April 3.—Ex-United States Senator Stewart of Nevada is going to Tonopah to establish a law office. He is 74 years of age, but seems hale and hearty. He went to California when gold was discovered and began work with a pick and shovel. He accumulated a fortune and until recently has been regarded as a millionaire. His property, however,

MURDERER CONFESSES

John Coleman, Slayer of Edna Hoffman, Cuts Throat at Chehalis.

ADMITS KILLING WOMAN HERE LAST SATURDAY

Recognized by Charles Wakefield on Northbound Train at Chehalis, Is Taken into Custody and Attempts Life.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Chehalis, Wash., April 3.—John T. Coleman, who murdered Edna Hoffman in Portland Saturday night, was captured here this morning. Night Marshal George Simonds, assisted by Charles Wakefield, a Chehalis business man, made the capture. Although searched by four men, no dangerous weapons were found. A razor, however, was cleverly concealed in his shoe. On driving up in front of the courthouse Coleman alighted from the wagon and began slinking in his throat with the razor. Before he was secured he had gashed half a dozen times, severing his wind pipe and almost cutting the jugular vein, and was much weakened from loss of blood. When an effort was made to find the weapon he pointed to where he had thrown it in the grass. He was still conscious and, in reply to a query from the marshal, mumbled "yes" to a question as to whether he killed the woman in Portland. A sheet of paper was secured and he scrawled, "Send my clothes to Spokane." An attempt was also made to write his name, but it was illegible. The end of the razor had a piece out of the blade, but whether done when he cut his or the woman's throat is unknown.

Wakefield's connection with the affair is interesting. He is a well-known Chehalis business man and the past week was in Portland on business. Thursday night he was in the Midway saloon on North Fourth street talking with J. Furey, the manager, when Coleman entered. Furey pointed him out to Wakefield as a bad actor recently from Spokane, who had threatened to kill a woman and Furey intimated that he was afraid of him. Wakefield stated, "Yesterday morning Wakefield saw Furey again and the latter again recalled the conversation, stating that the man he had pointed out was the murderer of Edna Hoffman. Furey had been warned by officers to arm himself and shoot Coleman on sight, as the latter was after him. Last night Wakefield boarded the train to return home and kept a lookout for Coleman. At Kalama Coleman entered the smoking car. Wakefield told the conductor and the latter told him the fellow had only 90 cents and he expected to put him off with Kalamo. After Wakefield's information he agreed that he would tell Coleman he could ride to Seattle, where he wanted to go. Coleman went to sleep, covering his face with his overcoat. It was impossible to wire the police at Chehalis until Winlock was reached and a message to Sheriff Urquhart reached here too late for the sheriff to reach the train.

(Journal Special Service.) Philadelphia, April 3.—Ebewitching Sophie Beck, the beautiful stenographer who fled the country with \$1,000,000 plunder of a get-rich-quick concern, is being anxiously searched for in all English seaport cities. She is supposed to be beating about the harbors near Liverpool endeavoring to reach London. A message received from Liverpool states "Suspicious yacht, mysterious men and woman on board, believed to be carried wanted in Philadelphia, outside Liverpool. Watching." The inspectors believe that Sophie Beck, her husband, Richard Graham, and a number of missing men who are responsible for the rise and fall of the Storey Cotton company and the Provident Investment bureau, are aboard a yacht from New York, bought by the Beck woman with the money of the dupe. She is thought to have planned the escape of her confederates, mapped out her own flight and gathered together the loot.

The street-faced girl became manager of the Storey company, which was, in its general working, an ordinary get-rich-quick concern. It pretended to deal in cotton, but never bought or sold a bale, even on margin. The Provident investment company pretended to deal in wheat. "Handsome Harry" Latimer, Stanley Francis, Frank Marin and Sophie Beck are believed to have plundered the public of upwards of \$5,000,000. Francis is now under arrest, but the real sensation was caused when it was found that the lovely Sophie and \$1,000,000 of assets were gone.

WALKS UNDER THE KNIFE

(Journal Special Service.) London, April 3.—It is announced today that the Prince of Wales has undergone a slight operation, the nature of which is not stated.



POLICE HUNTING SWINDLERS' QUEEN

Sweet Faced Sophie Beck Cruising in English Waters Aboard a Yacht. FLED WITH MILLION OF GET-RICH-QUICK ASSETS Romantic Story of Absconding Typewriter Who Successfully Gulled Public.

DEATH SUMMONS DR. H. W. CARDWELL

Eminent Physician and Brave Soldier Succumbs to Typhoid Fever—Repeated Attacks of Crip Weakened Him—Officers Speak Warmly of His Brilliant Record.

Dr. Herbert W. Cardwell died early this morning at his home at 306 North Twenty-fourth street of typhoid fever. He had been ill three weeks, but had been confined to his bed only a short time. Two attacks of the grip in the past winter left him very weak. Born and reared in this city, Dr. Cardwell was one of the best known as well as one of the most popular of local physicians. He was the son of one of Portland's best known pioneer families, Mr. and Mrs. Byron P. Cardwell. He was perhaps best known by the military record made in the Philippines during the Spanish and Filipino wars. He was considered by the officers, both regular and volunteers, who fought in the islands from '98 to '01, as being one of the very best, if not the best, field surgeon that followed the boys in blue through the jungles and across the morasses. Several times promoted for merit, his last recommendation was written by Gen. H. W. Lawton just before that famous warrior was killed. When the war with Spain was declared, Dr. Cardwell was serving as surgeon-general of the state with the rank of colonel on the staff of Governor W. P. Lord.

Spain's War Record. He at once volunteered to go to the front and was assigned to the Second Oregon, United States volunteers, arriving at Manila as assistant surgeon of the regiment with the rank of captain. Soon afterward he was promoted to surgeon with the rank of major, and was assigned to the staff of Gen. T. W. Anderson, who was in command of the first division of the eighth army corps. His work on the battle field was quickly noticed by various commanding officers. When General Lawton began his famous campaign, which ended with his death, he asked that Major Cardwell be assigned to his staff. General Lawton's request was granted. Later Dr. Cardwell was detached from his staff post-

NEW BOARD APPOINTED

President Names New Isthmian Commission to Dig Panama Canal.

BIG SALARIES GIVEN TO CHAIRMAN AND ENGINEER

Work is Divided into Three Departments, One Headed by Shont, One by Walker and One by Wallace.

(Journal Special Service.) Washington, D. C., April 3.—Secretary Taft this morning made public the personnel of the new Isthmian canal commission, as follows: Theodore F. Shonts, president of the Clover Leaf, chairman and member of the commission; Charles Magoon, law department of the war department, member "and governor of the canal zone; John Y. Wallace, now in charge of the engineering work on the canal zone, member and chief engineer. Other members are Rear Admiral Mordcaid T. Endicott, Brig.-Gen. Foster C. Elness, and Col. Oswald H. Ernst and Benjamin M. Harried, who was the only present member to be reappointed. Prof. William H. Burr, William Barclay Parsons, who are present members, will be appointed members of the consulting board of engineers. The salaries of the members will be \$7,500 per annum and traveling expenses. The chairman is to receive (Continued on Page Five.)

FIFTY MEN ENTOMBED WITHIN FIERY FURNACE

Force of Explosion at Zeigler Terrific. Timbers Thrown High in Air, Earth Cracked for Rods.

Smoke and Flames Rush From the Shaft Effectually Cutting Off Escape—Not Known Whether Disaster Is Accident or Plot.

(Journal Special Service.) Zeigler, Ill., April 3.—An explosion of gas occurred at Leiter's mine this morning at 6:45 o'clock, just after the men had been lowered to work in the lower levels. At least 54 men were entombed by the explosion, and small hopes are entertained that many of them are alive. One report states that 20 dead bodies have been recovered, and 18 injured men have been taken out. The explosion threw timbers, railroad ties and debris 300 feet into the air. The earth for rods from the mine is cracked as though by an earthquake. Smoke and flames rushed from the shaft and through the breakers. Only one man in the air shaft escaped, and the rescuers were kept back from the mouth of the shaft by the extreme heat. The escape at the mine is appalling. From the mouth of the shaft and tunnels jets of flame are shooting with dense volumes of smoke. It is evident that the coal beds are on fire, and the mine must be flooded before the flames can be extinguished. The dead number between 50 and 60 miners who are entombed in the shaft. They were employed on the day shift. But three are known to have escaped. Two of these are so badly injured that probably miners were rescued through the air shaft but terribly burned. Attempts to rescue the others are useless on account of the flames from the burning mine. All entrances to the underground works are blocked by debris. It is not thought possible that any of the entombed miners are alive. Smoke and flames from the cracks in the earth indicate that all that remains has been burned to death or suffocated. It is reported, though the report is not confirmed, that the disaster is the result of a plot among former workers. There is nothing, however, to show whether the disaster is the result of accident or plot. For nine months a strike has been in progress at the mine. During most of

this time the union men have been camped some distance from the mine, which is operated mostly by non-strikebreakers. On account of the effectiveness of the boycott, Leiter recently announced his intention of abandoning the mine, and the men had been notified accordingly. It is estimated that Joe Leiter, son of the late Chicago millionaire, has spent \$2,000,000 in fighting the United Mine Workers of America. At a cost of \$1,500,000 he built the model mining town of Zeigler, stocked it, guarded it with an armed force, mounted rapid-fire guns and ran live electric wires around the stockade. The union miners and their families were evicted from the town and their places taken by negroes from Alabama. The stockade encloses 114 square miles, and Leiter has ruled it as the feudal baron in medieval days ruled his castles. All the miners caught in today's explosion are employees of Leiter, and all the persons now living in Zeigler are employees or members of the families of Leiter on the payroll of Joseph Leiter. Opposed to Leiter are 16,000 union miners in southern Illinois fields. Leiter declared that he will permit no dictation from the union, nor would he entertain about the wages to be paid, and insisted on making his own scale of wages and employing whom he pleased. Before a spade was struck to earth, or a nail driven home, Zeigler existed on paper as it is today. Streets were laid out, sites located for stores, churches, company offices and dwellings for miners. Shafts were sunk and everything ready for the season of real mining to begin last July. On July 1, Leiter announced to the miners his proposed scale. It was 15 cents lower than the union scale for Williamson county, which is the lowest in the state. The miners were idle the next day and Leiter immediately ousted all union men from the town.

GRAND JURY CHOSEN TO INVESTIGATE FRAUDS

(Journal Special Service.) Salem, Or., April 3.—The Marion county grand jury called to investigate the frauds in the school lands of Oregon was drawn today, the following being chosen: William Kraus, farmer; G. W. Needham, barber; John A. Smith, farmer; N. Miller, laborer; Andrew Cone, hop grower; F. J. Wood, farmer; W. H. Grabenhorn, farmer.

LEGAL BATTLE OVER SMITH'S EXTRADITION

Part of Papers for Removal Lost Necessitating Postponement of Case. (Journal Special Service.) Cincinnati, April 3.—The legal battle for the extradition of J. Morgan Smith and his wife to New York in connection with the Nan Patterson case was begun in Judge Spiegel's court this morning, with arguments on the habeas corpus writ returnable today. Attorney Shoy represented the Smiths, while County Prosecutor Rullison and Assistant District Attorney Gargan of New York argued against the issuance of the writ. Prosecutor Rullison declared that he felt certain there was no chance for the Smiths to escape extradition. The prisoners looked worn and tired when they entered the court. Judge Spiegel continued the case until Wednesday at 2 o'clock p. m. on the statement of Prosecutor Rullison that it was necessary, as part of the extradition papers had been lost between Columbus and Cincinnati. The prisoners were returned to jail. There is no doubt that a strenuous effort will be made to prevent the Smiths from being taken to New York. The letters which are said to incriminate Nan Patterson are still kept secret.

MORE TURKISH TROOPS WILL GARRISON CRETE

(Journal Special Service.) Constantinople, April 3.—Owing to disturbances in Crete, the powers are sending reinforcements to join the garrison which has been established there.

POPE'S INQUIRY

(Journal Special Service.) London, April 3.—The Catholic Herald states that the pope has appointed a commission of prelates to proceed to America and report on the status of Polish Catholics in that country.

SPURNS TITLES TO WED A PARSON

(Journal Special Service.) Boston, April 3.—An heiress to \$10,000,000, Miss Dorothea Bayles, the daughter of Frederick S. Bayles, the late cotton king of Rhode Island, has spurned two Italian noblemen for the love of Rev. Frederick B. Hill, assistant pastor of the Congregational church, in which the Bayles family holds a membership. The wedding is to be in June, and it is said that in addition to bringing dowry to the Italian, the ceremony will bring heart pang to two New York men of wealth, who were fascinated by Miss Bayles' wit and beauty last summer in Europe. Two years ago Miss Bayles told her father of her love for the young preacher. Her father was supposed to have Bayles, however, because the girl had been abroad on the continent. The girl went to Europe with her father, and the wedding was postponed. The wedding is to be in June, and it is said that in addition to bringing dowry to the Italian, the ceremony will bring heart pang to two New York men of



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