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INCREASING HORROR OF FERNIE DISASTER

HERMANN TO BE TRIED THIS FALL

Former Congressman's Case Set for Trial in November. Indictments Against Others, Owing to Lack of Evidence, Dismissed.

Heny to Try Ex-Land Commissioner Who'll Be Tried Alone—Land Fraud Docket to Be Cleared Without Further Delay.

Ringer Hermann is to be tried in the United States court in November. Claude Thayer, Clarke E. Hadley, Maurice Leach, Walter J. Smith, Thomas Coates, John Tuttle, G. O. Nolan, all indicted September 2, 1905, for conspiracy to defraud the government of public lands, released from the charges against them by dismissal at the request of Francis J. Heny, Joseph Black and others, accused of conspiracy, dismissed because of insufficient indictment according to a decision of the court; Lly Stipp of Oregon City, released from one of the Midrum indictments. All other cases passed over until the November term of court.

This is the present status of the Oregon land fraud situation as established by the motions of Judge T. C. Becker in Judge Wolverson's court this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

At that hour Judge Becker appeared in court and asked that the Hermann case be set for trial at the November term of court. In making the request he read a telegram from S. B. Worth of Washington, D. C., counsel for Mr. Hermann, requesting that such action be taken. Mr. Worthington has been engaged in the Hyde-Diamond case in Washington and asked that the case be set over until he could have a short rest from the strain of the Washington trial.

Try Hermann Alone. This is the Blue Mountain case, and with the exception of Hermann and Williamson the other defendants, Franklin P. Mays, Willard N. Jones and George Sorrenson, have been convicted and their cases are now on appeal. In the case Hermann will be tried alone, so it is understood, as Williamson will not be placed on trial, because of his conviction in another case, which was reversed by the supreme court.

According to Judge Becker, Mr. Heny will be in Portland to try the Hermann case. Prior to its being taken up, however, Judge Becker will take up the trial of what is known as the Los Angeles case, in which Richard Jones, William H. Smith, David G. Goodwin and Lee R. Myers of Los Angeles were indicted.

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HARRIMAN READY TO START WEST

Railroad Magnate Declares His Oregon Trip Is Real Vacation.

Chicago, Aug. 3.—Guarded with the utmost secrecy, the Harriman special is being today at Evanson. Officials of the Harriman and Gould lines have given orders not to give out any information as to the movements of the special train which bears the great railroad magnate and his party. Edward H. Harriman remained in the train all night so as to avoid interviews. He was driven to the general headquarters of the Harriman lines this morning and held a long conference with Traffic Manager J. C. Stubbs and Julius Kruttschnitt, superintendent of maintenance for all the Harriman roads. Nothing could be learned of the outcome of the conference today. "This is not a business trip," said Mr. Harriman. "but a vacation. I am going to my ranch in Oregon and along the Pacific coast, where I have large interests. This is all the railroad magnate would say. It is not thought here that Harriman will have a bona fide vacation. The inauguration of an entirely new railway system in Pittsburgh to handle part of the vast tonnage held exclusively for years by the Pennsylvania system and the Vanderbilt lines, will involve a great amount of labor and generalship, now that Harriman has acquired a Pittsburgh terminal. Kruttschnitt will accompany his chief west.



The Town of Fernie, B. C., Destroyed All Except One Building.

STANDARD OIL'S FOE IN EUROPE

International Syndicate Expects to Put John D. Out of Business.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Basle, Switzerland, Aug. 3.—Reports received here today from representatives of the International Syndicate, which proposes to back the Standard Oil company all over Europe, state that the outlook is bright and that the product of the new concern will find a ready market as soon as an effort is made to push the trade. These reports come from every city in the continent. The syndicate managers are rapidly completing arrangements for an alliance with the great Russian oil firms. These firms, it is understood, have expressed a readiness to sell out at a reasonable price. Headquarters have been opened here with a staff made up of representatives of the three countries whose founders are interested in the new enterprise in Switzerland, Austria, and Germany.

RIDDER DECLARES HEARST DEAD ONE

German Editor Says Independence Party Will Cut No Figure.

(United Press Leased Wire.) San Francisco, Aug. 3.—Herman Ridder, editor of the New York Herald-Zeitung, has arrived in this city from Portland on a tour of the Pacific coast. Referring to the political outlook in California, Ridder said: "I know protection is popular in California, because the people here desire protection from the competition of Italy in fruits and of Italy, France and Germany in wines, and we do not expect to capture this state for Bryan. "I do not believe the new independence party, of which W. R. Hearst is the inspiration, will cut any important factor when the party will return east by way of Yosemite and other points of scenic interest.

RABIES MENACES TWELVE MARINES

All the Way From Panama for Pasteur Treatment at Washington.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Washington, Aug. 3.—Twelve United States marines, facing a graver danger than they could ever have to face in the fortunes of war, marched into the naval medical school hospital here today to take the Pasteur treatment for hydrophobia. Each man had been bitten by a mad dog in Panama and had been told that his only chance to live was to get the Pasteur treatment in the United States as soon as possible. The twelve arrived in New York on the Panama liner "Finian" yesterday morning after a hurried voyage from the zone. Following out the doctor's orders, each man had been vaccinated as mentioned during the trip and the men drilled every day. On their arrival they were shipped up to the Twenty-third street ferry and left for Washington. Major G. H. Russell, one of the victims of the dog bite, was yesterday morning of the grim expedition. Sergeant C. A. Pennington, under whose command the men had been in Panama, gave the marching orders. The privates in the expedition were A. Hobday, H. Bligh, W. N. MacFarland, L. C. Clark, G. B. Baxter, Thomas Yopp, W. E. Cooper, Oscar Anderson, Charles G. and W. R. Horton. All are big fellows and in the prime of life.

LOSS IS IN THE MILLIONS

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But 14 residences and one business house, isolated from the fire's path, remain.

One wall rears above the ruins, the flames having razed the buildings and eaten their contents in two hours.

Between 700 and 800 families are homeless and destitute. The property loss will reach \$8,000,000 in the city proper, while the destruction of commercial timber in the burned and burning area of 200 square miles will reach a staggering figure.

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Elk River Falls. In This Canyon the Fire Is Raging.

ESTIMATES BY RAILROADS

Reports From Winnipeg, Not Yet Verified, State That Loss of Life Will Be Between Four Hundred and Seven Hundred and Fifty.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Winnipeg, Man., Aug. 3.—Reports received over railroad wires from points near the great Crows Nest valley fire today indicate that the flames are still roaring over the country and damage probably will be greater than was expected last night. It is estimated here that the full amount of the loss in the whole burned area will be about \$2,500,000. The loss of life is variously estimated at from 400 to 700. The suffering from destitution is distressing. Thousands are without food and shelter and many are said to have been cut off from hope of aid. Acting Mayor Harvey called a meeting of the board of control this morning and already subscriptions to the relief fund are rolling in. This city will send supplies and blankets and everything that can be transported to the scene for the aid of the sufferers. Reports from all the cities in this section say that relief funds are being raised and that subscriptions are coming in rapidly.

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NEGRO HOLDUP SHOTS VICTIM

San Francisco, Aug. 3.—Detectives today failed to find any trace of the negro thief who has been operating in the wholesale district for some time and who last night shot Thomas Waters, a bartender, twice when he resisted an attempt to hold him up.

The negro pointed on his victim from behind a warehouse and demanded his money. A scuffle ensued, and the thief shot Waters twice in the stomach and ran. A Brown stevedore heard the shots and ran to the prostrate man. Waters was removed to the Central Emergency hospital, where doctors say today that he has little chance to live.

REVOLUTIONISTS PUT POISON IN WELLS

(United Press Leased Wire.) Los Angeles, Aug. 3.—Travelers who are here from Mexico today tell of an attempt to exterminate the entire population of the town of Mexicalm, near the border, by poisoning the water supply. Most of the dogs in the town died from the poison and several persons who drank the water had narrow escapes from death. Poison was also found in cisterns at the homes of leading citizens.

Revolutionists are suspected of the crime and President Diaz has ordered the arrest of a number of suspects. The force of rurales has been greatly increased and every effort is being made to fix positively the identity of the poisoners.

Residence Is Burned. (Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Eugene, Or., Aug. 3.—The residence of Shan Collins, Springfield, was destroyed at an early hour Sunday morning. The loss is about \$2,500, with partial insurance.

5:30 O'CLOCK EDITION OF THE JOURNAL

Will continue to be issued and reports of the baseball games in other cities, together with all the latest sporting and general news will be published. Tomorrow at San Francisco the game will be San Francisco vs. Portland. At Los Angeles the game will be Los Angeles vs. Oakland. The Spectra sporting features and news up to 5:30 o'clock in every issue of the Journal 5:30 o'clock Extra! Watch for it Today

CASTRO REFUSES DUTCH MAILS

Cruiser Gelderland Reports Not Having Been Able to Send Mail Ashore.

Willemsstad, Aug. 3.—Following the arrival here of the Dutch cruiser Gelderland from La Guayra, Venezuela, it is feared that President Castro is preparing to make a show of armed force, and news of an outbreak is hourly expected. An officer of the cruiser reports that he was refused permission to land a marine at La Guayra with mail bags and communications for the German minister at Caracas, who is representing the Dutch interests.

At the latter place, according to reports received here, the talk of armed resistance is regarded as improbable, the government claiming that it had the fullest justification for the dismissal of M. De Rues, the Dutch minister, and that the affair will be settled by diplomacy when all the facts are known. This view is not shared by the officials here, and it is confidently believed that Castro is planning for war.

It is claimed by Venezuela that De Rues wrote a letter with the deliberate intention that it should be published, in which he charged Castro with the employment of a dictator and a ruler to the country's interests. The letter was circulated to discourage anyone from coming to Venezuela to seek employment until Castro changed his policies.

STEVENSON HOME RELIGIOUS HOUSE

Mrs. Sullivan Buys It for Sisters of Carmel—Her Daughter a Member.

(United Press Leased Wire.) San Francisco, Aug. 3.—Not a little surprise was occasioned today by the announcement that the home of Mrs. Robert Louis Stevenson, widow of the late author, Bolteman and inconveniently situated to be used as a home for Sisters of Carmel.

Robert Louis Stevenson never lived in the house. It was built by his widow after his death in Samoa, and is filled with relics given the author by the Samoans. One of the rooms is papered with tapestry given Stevenson by the king of Samoa.

The Stevenson home was purchased several weeks ago by Miss Eugenie Peyton and it was thought she would occupy it. She transferred it to Mrs. Alice Pielan Sullivan, wife of Francis F. Sullivan. Mrs. Sullivan has leased the property to Rev. Father Riordan, archbishop of San Francisco, for the use of the Sisters of Carmel. Mrs. Sullivan's daughter, Ada Sullivan, renounced the world a year ago and became a Carmelite sister in Boston. It is thought the home will later be given to the order.

JEALOUS MAN SHOTS RIVAL'S TOES OFF

Los Angeles, Aug. 3.—Officers are searching the foothills near Calabas today for Charles Garcia, who yesterday shot off Desiderado Olivera's toes because Inez Ballardo smilingly promised to get that young man a glass of water. Olivera was the hero at Calabas yesterday when he valiantly fought the flames which threatened the schoolhouse with destruction. Miss Ballardo and Garcia, who were sweethearts, were shot off their feet.

After the fire was out Olivera paused at the Ballardo home and asked the girl, who was seated on the porch with Garcia, for a glass of water. She smiled and entered the house to comply with his request. As soon as she was gone, Olivera fired a shot at Garcia, who knew what he wanted around there, and then fired a shotgun at his feet.

FARMHOUSE DESTROYED

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Portland, Or., Aug. 3.—The farmhouse of one Cook, who lives about seven miles south of Pilot Rock, was destroyed by fire last night, with the contents. The loss was estimated at \$1,500. Mrs. Cook was severely hurt about the face and arms in trying to escape some of the contents of the house.

CARMAN MURDERED BY TRIO OF YOUNG TACOMA HOLDUPS

(United Press Leased Wire.) Tacoma, Aug. 3.—Frank E. Brown, 28 years old, a motorman on the P. street car line, was murdered at 12:12 o'clock this morning as he was ready to start the car back to the barn from the end of the line. Brown and Conductor G. E. Wagner sat down in the car when they reached the end of the line. Wagner counted his money as three young men came in. One of them got off and the conductor arose and went back to attend for Wagner. As he was climbing the stairs he got up and started for the front vestibule. He had just reached the door when the conductor heard a shot. The front end of the car in another moment the train was pulled off and as he fell from the car he was struck in his face and he was dead. The bodies were found in the car and a woman from the conductor's money as three young men came in.