

McBROOM DROWNED IN RIVER

Into Lillith Street Ford With Full Knowledge of the Danger.

BODY WAS FOUND AN HOUR AND A HALF LATER.

Unlucky Man Could Not Swim Put Up a Desperate Struggle Against the Swift Current— Was Drowned About the Ford This Morning, and Mentioned Not Being Able to Swim—A Well Known Popular Man.

McBroom, one of the delivery men employed by M. F. Castle, drowned this morning a short time before noon, while attempting to cross the river at the old stage at the end of Lillith street. Returning from North Side, McBroom was driving the wagon which the deliveries on the side of the river are made, completed his round a short time before noon. He drove into the stream from the north side, instead of being sound by the bridge, but the current was stronger than he anticipated and the wagon was swept off the track into deep water, drifted down the river, rolling and over as it went. After drifting down stream for nearly a mile the top was torn and the rig and the driver floated out of sight of the rapidly rising through on the banks. The body of the man was not seen until Monday, giving the people three days' vacation.

McBroom Well Known. McBroom is well known here, having raised here. He worked for the Oliver grocery house for a number of years and quit his position about a year ago to enter in the second-hand business in T. Gurdane. At the time of the fire on Court street, some six weeks ago, his shop was burned and the firm then located in the new Maloney building. A couple weeks ago McBroom sold his furniture in the pawn shop to his partner Monday last accepted a delivery as driver of a wagon for the Castle delivery firm. He was married man, having been married in this city about two years but has no children. He leaves his mother and father in the city, Mr. P. G. McBroom, being well known.

Wesley Matlock, who lives in the vicinity of the scene of the accident, happened to look out of the window just as the man drove into the river. He saw the wagon tip and horse and man and wagon go over and over in the rapid current. The whole rig held together some time, when the top was off and the driver and it went down the stream. Matlock could see McBroom struggling in the water. He rose to the surface several times, and she saw his hands above the surface. He was borne along striving to keep his head above water, floating on the top of the back which was floating by his side. As far as could be seen he was struggling for his life, and seemed to be fighting a desperate fight against the swift current. He floated out of the water with the top of the wagon. Castle, the proprietor of the delivery firm, was crossing the river or driving to wash the wagon or horse, and that the current would sweep the rig into deep water. As this morning McBroom had been in the river, and stated that he could not swim at all. Yet he was in the current a short time before being warned.

Finding of Body. A body was found about 1:30 p.m. at the bend of the river, opposite the Oliver place, three miles below the city. It had floated into the bend, and was brought up by Albert Humphrey, who saw it, and swam the river to it. The deceased was a member of the O. O. F. and of the Woodman, and had joined the Maccabees at the meeting before the Markey review of Wednesday night.

Policy in Maccabees. Mr. McBroom had just joined the Maccabees, in which he had taken out \$1,000 insurance. He had made his first payment on the insurance, and while the policy had not yet arrived from the head office, it is binding on the order and the amount will be paid.

PLUNGED TO DEATH. Three Persons Go Over Shoshone Falls, 210 Feet High. Boise, April 1.—Three persons plunged 210 feet to their death over the Shoshone falls of the Snake river last night. They were Miss Marie Willis, Samuel Graham and a man whose name is unknown. Miss Willis sometimes ran the ferry boat at this point. Last night she took the boat across in response to a call. On her return she found the guide ropes not working properly and put back. Graham and the other man seeing from the opposite side that there was trouble, took a skiff and crossed to the ferry boat. They took Miss Willis off and started back to the south bank. As the boat neared the shore it filled and went down, all three being lost. There is no trace of the bodies. They were doubtless swept over the falls.

WAR IN CONGRESS OVER STATE SOLDIERS' HOMES RECEIVING AND HANDLING THE INMATES' PENSIONS— THOSE MAINTAINING BARS MAY NOT RECEIVE NATIONAL AID—INQUIRY INTO WHETHER ANY ATTEMPT IS BEING MADE TO ENFORCE ANTI-TRUST LAW.

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WARRANT FOR CARDOZA. Steamship Purser Is Charged With Embezzlement. San Francisco, April 1.—A warrant was issued this morning charging James Cardoza with embezzlement. Cardoza is purser of the steamer State of California, Pacific Coast Steamship Company. It is claimed he sold \$5,000 worth of tickets and pocketed the proceeds.

Observance of Good Friday. New York, April 1.—Good Friday was observed in the metropolis by a rather general exodus of Gothamites for week-end visits out of town. The exchanges will remain closed until Monday, giving the people three days' vacation. Emperor Washed Their Feet. Vienna, April 1.—Emperor Joseph today performed the annual ceremony of washing the feet of 12 old men whose ages totaled 1,955 years.

OREGON SCORED BY CONGRESSMAN

REEDER OF KANSAS, ROASTS HERMANN AND WILLIAMSON. Says the Oregon Members Are Not Competent to Pass Upon Land Frauds—Oregon Has Gained Unsavory Reputation in the East, on Account of Land Frauds.

"Irrigation Bill" Reeder, congressman from the Sixth district of Kansas, mercilessly scored the Oregon delegation in the house yesterday, by saying that owing to the unscrupulous land office and land entry frauds coming from this state, the members of congress from Oregon were not competent to pass upon the justice or injustice of present land laws. He said the members were interested in maintaining the present timber and stone act by which the great mass of the public domain of the West is passing into the hands of the syndicates, either by being directly interested in acquiring land, or by agents for large timber interests.

Reeder made a strong plea for the repeal of the timber and stone act, and the desert land law, and the opposition coming from members of congress in the house from Oregon, was the cause of his attack on Williamson and Hermann. He said Oregon had gained the most unsavory record in the East, of any of the Western states, through land frauds.

Observed in Chicago. Chicago, Ill., April 1.—Good Friday was observed in Chicago with special services in the Catholic churches and in many of the Protestant churches. The board of trade, the stock exchange, banks and numerous business houses remained closed in observance of the day.

Million Dollar Fire. Montreal, April 1.—Fire this morning in the Board of Trade district destroyed the building occupied by Watson, Jack & Co., and six other firms. Loss, \$1,000,000. Max Josepha a prominent New York lawyer, disappeared three years ago. No trace of him could be found, he was legally declared dead and his family collected a heavy life insurance. Lately he was discovered alive and well in Australia.

SENATOR CLARK FIGHTS REPEAL

Insists That the Desert Land Law Must Stand, in Interests of Civilization.

"REPEAL WOULD STOP THE DEVELOPMENT OF WEST." War in Congress Over State Soldiers' Homes Receiving and Handling the Inmates' Pensions— Those Maintaining Bars May Not Receive National Aid—Inquiry Into Whether Any Attempt Is Being Made to Enforce Anti-Trust Law.

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Bars At Soldiers' Homes. The house is considering the sundry civil service bill. Bell, democrat, of California, offered an amendment to Crumpacker's amendment eliminating the provision that the pension money of soldier patients in the state and territorial homes be deducted from any appropriation granted the homes by congress, providing that those homes maintaining bars shall not receive national aid, thus preventing the house from holding pension money.

As to Anti-Trust Law. Washington, April 1.—Williams, democrat, floor leader in the house, introduced two resolutions today calling for information from the attorney-general as to whether he ever investigated the anthracite coal trust, and whether the anthracite coal carrying roads have violated the provisions of the anti-trust act; also, whether he has proceeded criminally against individuals and corporations adjudged by the recent merger decision to have violated the terms of the law.

After Bank Statements. Washington, April 1.—The comptroller of the currency this morning issued a call for a statement of the condition of the national banks at the close of business Monday, March 28th.

RESENTENCED. Habeas Corpus Was Denied the Chicago Car Barners. Chicago, April 1.—The car barners were this morning resentenced by Judge Kirsten, who met all the legal requirements concerning the alleged errors which caused the appeal to a writ of habeas corpus by Marx's counsel. There was no change in date of execution. The bandits appeared to be more cheerful.

Fighting in Bulgaria. Vienna, April 1.—Fierce fighting is reported near Kostur, in the Mostor district. Twelve Greeks and 20 Bulgarians were killed.

TRAIN ROBBED, MESSENGER MURDERED

Redding, Cal., April 1.—One hundred men, heavily armed, are scouring the woods along the river near Keswick and Redding, searching for the four train robbers who held up No. 15 last night and killed Messenger O'Neill and blew the express car to pieces. The men had horses staked east of Keswick bridge and mounted them after the robbery. Fireman Raymond was taking water when the hold-up occurred. He was compelled to get down and he with the two crews and one tramp, were lined up by the train. Brakeman Stone refused to line up and one of the robbers smashed him over the head with a rifle, giving him a bad wound. The robbers got no booty. The charge of dynamite destroyed everything. Pieces of paper and coin and pieces of paper money torn and twisted were picked up a great distance from the car. O'Neill was not given a chance for his life. As soon as the door was opened, he was killed. The passengers hid everything of value and were panic-stricken. A

GREAT SUFFERING AMONG MINERS

Evictions Constantly Being Made in the Colorado Coal District.

ALL PROMINENT UNION MEN BEING DEPORTED. Military and Civil Authorities May Clash Over the Possession of President Moyer—Governor Peabody and His Troops Refuse to Recognize a Writ of Habeas Corpus— Thirteen Thousand Coal Miners Have Gone on Strike in Iowa.

Trinidad, Col., April 1.—Fully a dozen influential men among the strikers of Las Animas county have been deported in the last three days, by order of Major Hill, commanding. Wholesale evictions of strikers along Gray creek will begin immediately. The military are refusing to allow those already evicted to settle in other parts of the county. Penniless men and families are compelled to walk 100 miles to reach points where they can get assistance. Many evictions are reported in other camps, and much suffering has ensued.

Moyer's Release Ordered. Grand Junction, Col., April 1.—Judge Stevens last night granted the application for the release under habeas corpus of Moyer. General Bell and Captain Wells are directed to produce Moyer on April 11. Will Not Recognize Habeas Corpus. Denver, Col., April 1.—General Bell, commanding the state troops at Telluride this morning telephoned Chief of Police Armstrong to detail detectives to watch every movement of Secretary-Treasurer Heywood of the Western Federation of Miners, under arrest on a warrant issued by the local court, charging desertion of the American flag.

Coal Miners Out in Iowa. Des Moines, Ia., April 1.—Thirteen thousand five hundred miners in the state went on strike this morning on account of a proposed reduction in the scale. Every mine in the state is closed.

The scale committee met this morning and perfunctorily announced the result of the disagreement to the operators, who now claim they will reopen only on the open shop principle. They have 1,900,000 tons of coal on hand, the men have \$80,000 in the treasury and there is

every prospect of a long and bitter fight against a reduction of the scale.

PROGRESS OF BOTKIN CASE. Defendant Insists Upon Trial by Present Jury. San Francisco, April 1.—Despite revelations of an alleged attempt to fix the Botkin jury the trial proceeded today, Mrs. Botkin having ignored the advice of her counsel, and insisted upon a verdict from the present jury.

When the court convened, Attorney Knight for the defense, arose and announced that his client refused to be bound by the motion made yesterday that the jury be discharged. Accordingly the counsel withdrew the motion. The court, addressing the prisoner, asked her if she had anything to say in the matter. Mrs. Botkin arose and in well modulated tones, said: "Your honor, in opposition to the advice of my attorneys, I want a verdict from this jury." The court then declared there was nothing else to do but go on with the case, and the jury was brought into the court room.

Transcript of evidence given in the first trial by Lizzie Livernash, a newspaper reporter, was read. It is an interview Mrs. Botkin gave her when a prisoner, when she said she was "Glad Dunning went away, as she had to support him." When told she was suspected of poisoning she went into hysterics, she cried: "Why did not I spare the mother of the child and let the father die." Mrs. Botkin, according to Miss Livernash's story, said a San Francisco woman would be suspected at once, and if Dunning learned she was suspected he would blow his brains out. Mrs. Botkin admitted to Miss Livernash she lived a gay life and enjoyed all the pleasures of the world, and would do anything to satisfy her desires, but would not stoop to murder. The police are without a clew to the identity of the alleged briber. The description of Juror Goetje and the detective who trailed him, differ.

BOMBARDED PORT ARTHUR MARCH 30

Japanese Pushing the Advantage Gained in the Battle of Chong Ju.

GREAT SUFFERING OF THE COSSACK CAVALRY. Viceroy Alexieff Has Arrived at Port Arthur — Sixteen Correspondents Accompany a Japanese Movement Which is Believed to Be a Portent of Important Happenings Soon — Niu Chwang Now Closed in Fact as Well as By Proclamation.

London, April 1.—The Central News correspondent at Tokio says Admiral Togo attacked Port Arthur Wednesday night. No details are received, but it is understood an attack would be made for the purpose of taking soundings to ascertain the effects of the last attack.

Off for the Front. Tokio, April 1.—Sixteen newspaper men, mostly British and American, left this morning for Moji, leaving here on the sixth Japanese fast transport. Their destination is a secret. It is the first party to be freed, and is considered significant of a big land movement about ready, or to be inaugurated. A big crowd at Shimbashi station cheered the correspondents' departure. Marquis Ito returned from Korea today and immediately had an audience with the emperor. It is believed the visit will result in furthering the cordiality between the Korean and Japanese courts.

Overconfident Japanese. St. Petersburg, April 1.—Viceroy Alexieff arrived at Port Arthur from Mukden Thursday and was received by Admiral Makarov and other officials. The party visited the ships and harbor and inspected the repairs in progress on the vessels damaged during the bombardment. They also visited the torpedo boat destroyer Stihl, which distinguished itself in the last battle.

Professor Yuzovitch, the Russian teacher at Tokio University, has arrived and testifies to the kindness of the Japanese. The students followed him to the station and entreated him to remain. At that time the Japanese public believed Port Arthur would fall in 48 hours and the Jap army capture Moscow in a fortnight, thus bringing the czar to terms.

Japanese Victory. Tokio, April 1.—The Japanese troops in advance of the main body are pushing the advantage gained in the battle of Chong Ju, according to private advices received here. After dislodging the Russians at Chong Ju, the Japanese rested 12 hours, when they marched on Young Chun, 25 miles. After a brief engagement the Russians retreated to Unsan, 80 miles northeast. It is said the Russian Cossack cavalry in the vicinity of Wiju is in great distress, using telegraph poles for fuel, while acres are dying for lack of food.

Russian Victory. St. Petersburg, April 1.—Semi-official news from Lia Yang credits the first encounter in Northern Korea as being a victory for the Russian army, the enemy's losses being ten times those of the Russians, according to Korean reports. The Japanese buried 50, while 150 were wounded. They were removed with the help of 500 Koreans to the headquarters of the Japanese main force. Throughout the China war the Japanese never showed themselves so distracted.

Russia Has Her Way. Niu Chwang, April 1.—United States Consul Miller today proclaimed his acquiescence to Russian martial law. The gunboat Helens leaves tomorrow, as soon as 11 merchantmen now here are loaded, the port will be closed. The work of fortifying proceeds rapidly.

Last Obstacle Removed. Paris, April 1.—The civil tribunal today decided in favor of the defendant in the case of Colombia against the Panama Canal Company. This removes all legal obstacles to transfer of the canal to the United States.

WOODMEN OF THE WORLD TO RALLY

CLOSING OF SUCCESSFUL MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN. Banquet and Literary and Musical Program April 9—A Large Class of Recruits Will Be Initiated on That Date—Program Below in Full.

The official program of the celebration which is to mark the close of the "Greatest Campaign" of the Woodmen of the World, and which celebration is to be held on Saturday evening, April 9, is in the hands of the printers and will in a short time be given to those so fortunate as to be entitled to them. The campaign which has been waged for some time has been productive of great things for the order in this city, and the evening of its close will be a fitting celebration for the time. A large class of new members will be admitted into the order just before, and in the evening at the lodge hall a meeting will be held, at which some of the most prominent members and workers of the order will be present and speak. The program will be as follows: Quartet—"The Flag Without a Stain," Akers, Howard, Rader and Lundell. Address—C. V. Cooper, of Portland, the head banker of the Pacific Jurisdiction. "La Tipica Polka"—Scott and Owenhouse. Address—W. C. Hawley, of Salem, head manager of Pacific Jurisdiction. Duet, selected—Jones and Owen. "The Butte Rag"—Scott and Owenhouse. After the program at the lodge hall, the members will adjourn to the Hotel Bickers, where an elaborate banquet will be served. The good things of which it is to be composed being expressed in the following menu: Salads—Shrimp and potato, mayonnaise dressing. Relishes—Radishes, dill pickles and Queen olives. Soup—Olympia oyster stew. Entrees—Chicken filets, champagne sauce; cold boiled ham and sliced chicken. Roasts—Stuffed turkey, oyster dressing, mashed potatoes. Desert—Blanc mangle, currant jelly, ice cream, assorted cakes, candy, nuts and fruits in season. Drinks—Coffee, whipped cream, chocolate and tea.

San Francisco, April 1.—Advices received at the local offices of the Wells-Fargo company, indicate that O'Neill was killed while resisting the entrance of the robbers to his car. Masked men had ordered him to surrender and it appears had blown open the door. He refused and one of them leveled a gun and fired. The bullet entered O'Neill's body under the right armpit. He died instantly. The body will be brought here for burial. Superintendent Barstow, of the Wells-Fargo company, says the robbers did not get much booty. At the maximum they could not have taken more than \$1,500. It is thought O. Colford, O'Neill's helper, was in the baggage car at the time of the robbery.