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SMOTHERED TO DEATH IN PORTLAND JAIL CELL

Dec. 26.—An unidentified man was found dead in a cell of the city prison today. He had been smothered. With eleven other unfortunates who were arrested and last night the deceased was crowded into a cell to contain four prisoners. The air and the drunken condition of the men was such that the prisoners knew what was transpiring in their cell. The body was found at daylight this morning. There has been great complaint of the overcrowded condition of the jail. Last night eighty prisoners were confined in for thirty-five men. The man was later identified as Robert Burns, a young steam

MURKIN JURY COULD NOT AGREE

Dec. 26.—The jury in the murder of his father, James J. Hargis, was unable to reach a verdict and was discharged. The case will be retried in a few days.

PRESIDENT CANNOT PARDON GOMPERS YET

Washington, Dec. 26.—The official statement from the White House in regard to presidential interference in the Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison case, who are under sentence of imprisonment, is that the matter is still before the courts no matter what the president's opinion may be.

AND THAT'S NO DREAM.



—Detroit Tribune.

COTTAGE GROVE PEOPLE PLAN NEW COUNTY UNIT

Cottage Grove men will probably present to the next legislature the proposition to form a new county, with Cottage Grove as the county seat. Business men of Cottage Grove want the help of Eugene influence, and purpose to arrange an amicable agreement between Cottage Grove and Eugene business men. Not only is a part of Lane county wanted, but a big slice of Douglas county is coveted by the agitators. From Lane county the new division would take the Bohemia district. The boundary line would cross the Middle Fork of the Willamette, coming down near Goshen, and then running west to the present limits of the county. Thus Blue River would still remain a part of Lane county. In Douglas county that part of the Bohemia mining district which has so long been a matter of dispute between Douglas and Lane, and the Yoncalla and Drain districts and western part of Douglas are desired. By this division Gardiner would be included in the new county.

The people who have discussed the new move believe that a division is inevitable, if not during the coming year at least in less than four years. They think that both the people at Roseburg and here in Eugene would readily give up a part of their counties to them. The only difficulty they seem to apprehend is the location of the new boundaries.

Rather than fight for the division, as the people of Hood River did, they wish to conciliate both Douglas and Lane county people, and for that matter have broached the matter to a number of Eugene people.

With the help of the representatives of Lane county and Douglas county they think the division can easily be made in the next legislature, and that there will be no need to attempt the initiative.

The great betterment that is expected is in the administration of the district affected. It is said that with a smaller executive district much better roads would be built in all three districts and that greater attention would be paid to the vital interests of the district.

The name for the new county has not yet been decided upon, but in case such a new unit is formed it would probably be Bohemia.

SHOWERS SAYS WEATHER REPORT
Oregon and Washington—Occasional rain in west; fair in the east tonight and Sunday. Colder in the east. Southerly winds. Idaho—Fair tonight and Sunday; colder tonight.

and he cannot take action to pardon or to express any opinion on the merits of the case.



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PITCHED BATTLES IN MOUNTAINS OF KENTUCKY

Kentucky Feuds Rivalled by Mining Troubles for Bloodshed

Lexington, Ky., Dec. 26.—The excitement is intense today at Stearns and Whitley, where two pitched battles occurred yesterday between deputy United States marshals and min-



WILLIAM L. WARD.
Member of the Republican national committee from New York state and high in the councils of the leaders of the Republican party. His home is in Westchester county.

MANY KILLED IN CIVIL STRIFE IN OLD MOSCOW

Death List Will Include Chief of Secret Political Police of Russian Government

Moscow, Dec. 26.—Baron Cotte, chief of the secret political police was killed and Colonel Muraki was wounded in a fierce encounter today with revolutionists, who were entrenched in a suburban village.

During the fight several policemen were killed and many others wounded. Troops were summoned and a regular battle ensued, artillery being employed to bombard the villa before the revolutionists were subdued. The occurrence is the most serious since December 1905. The losses



FRANK B. BRANDEGEE.
Senator Brandegee of Connecticut, who has held his seat since 1905 as successor to the late Orville H. Platt, has declared his desire to retain the seat for the coming full term.

GOVERNOR MEAD ON REFUSAL OF EXTRADITION

Says New Jersey Detectives Were Not in Fit Condition to Receive Prisoner

Newark, N. J., Dec. 26.—Governor Fort today made public a long letter from Governor Mead of the state of Washington, explaining why he did not honor the requisition for Elliott



COUNT VON BERNSTORFF.
Count Julius Heinrich von Bernstorff, the new German ambassador to the United States, resembles his predecessor, the late Baron Speck von Sternburg. In having an American wife, The Countess von Bernstorff was formerly Miss Jeanne Luckeneyer of New York.

A. Archer, who was wanted in this city on a charge of forgery amounting to \$70,000. Besides declaring there was no evidence except the requisition itself. Mead wrote that Detective Godfrey, of Newark, had no other evidence and that Detective Tolt, of Newark, was in no condition to submit any if he had it.

In defending the state of Washington from the allegation that it had become a "haven for criminals," Mr Mead wrote that "It has not been necessary to call upon national guard of the state to enforce the laws since I was governor, neither has there been a lynching or any general demonstration against the supremacy of the law."

ers connected with the strikers there. A posse in the mountains today is searching for the dead and wounded. Officer Ryan, who became separated from his companions during the fight yesterday, is still wandering in the mountains, if not captured or killed by strikers. Berry Simpson, who owns a hotel in which the fight occurred, escaped into the mountains and is being protected there. It is thought, by friends, he is alleged to be the leader of the strikers. The hotel was destroyed and it is believed five men were burned to death. The men killed in yesterday's battle are: Officer Mullins and Miner Richard Ross. Ten miners were wounded in the two fights.

HAMPTON BROS. WHERE CASH BEATS CREDIT