

LEOPOLD BETTER; ONLY TEMPORARY

Attitude of Public Toward Stricken King Leopold is One of Seemingly Studied Indifference.

BRUSSELS, Dec. 15.—The condition of King Leopold took a marked change for the worse this morning. The physicians who have been attending him were called into consultation.

BRUSSELS, Dec. 15.—Although King Leopold's condition is improving today, it was stated semi-officially that the improvement cannot be more than temporary. During the operating the surgeons found a sort of paralysis of the intestines which they stated eventually would necessitate another operation.

The attitude of the public toward the stricken king continues one of indifference. Little more than casual interest and curiosity is displayed concerning the reports from the monarch's bedside.

The former Crown Princess Stephanie, who is now the Countess Lony, is expected to arrive at the palace today. It is thought she will be received by her father, the king, from whom she has long been estranged.

FEW STRIKERS RETURN TO WORK IN BUTTE

BUTTE, Mont., Dec. 15.—As the result of a conference between representatives of the switchmen employed in the Butte yards, and W. M. Clark of Indianapolis, vice president of the Order of Railway Conductors, Robert McIntyre, of Los Angeles, vice president of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, forty strikers returned to work today. The Amalgamated Copper Company's local mines also resumed work today.

LUMBER MILL IS SOLD FOR \$850,000

Big Deal Made at Knappton—Logging Company Increases Holding.

ASTORIA, Or., Dec. 15.—P. J. Brix, owner of the Grays Bay Logging company, has purchased the Columbia mill at Knappton, built many years ago by the Simpson Lumber company. While the consideration has not been made public it is believed to have been in the neighborhood of \$100,000.

The mill will be operated continuously by its new owner, about 50,000 feet of timber being cut daily.

Brix is one of the largest producers of logs in the Columbia river district and owns thousands of acres of the finest timber in the world. He is now interested with a San Francisco firm that operates steam schooners and has lumber yards in that and other California cities.

MANY INJURED IN TRAIN WRECK

Train Hits Broken Rail—Two Sleepers and the Day Coach Are Completely Overtaken.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Dec. 15.—Twenty persons are reported to have been killed and probably 40 injured when passenger train No. 11 on the Southern railway, speeding southward at the rate of 35 miles an hour, plunged over a trestle and fell 25 feet into Reedy creek, four miles north of Greensboro, today.

The dead and injured were buried under three feet of water. The news was flashed to Greensboro only after Conductor George Cable, the hero of the wreck, had dragged himself nearly two miles to a station, though his legs had been broken in the crash.

Physicians and nurses with medical supplies were immediately put aboard a special train and rushed to the scene.

George Gould and his son, Jay Gould, were on the train, but escaped without injury.

The engineer and fireman are among the dead. It is feared that some of the victims were under the wreckage in the bottom of the creek. This this no accurate estimate of the number of the dead can now be made.

MONTEREY, CAL., DEC. 15.—Still suffering from the effects of a mysterious drug, Mrs. W. F. Cummings, who was found unconscious in the streets Monday night, is unable to tell her story.

Since the hour she was found, diamonds and other jewels valued at \$5,000 bound to her ankle and securities worth \$20,000 wrapped in a towel which she clutched to her breast. She has been powerless to furnish the authorities with a clue that might lead to the unraveling of the mystery.

MEDFORD WANTS TROLLEY BADLY

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"When a man comes along with the ability to command the capital to inaugurate big enterprises, I believe in giving him all the reasonable concessions possible," is another's opinion.

A third was of the opinion that whatever increased the taxable property of the city a good thing to have about. "The street railway must pay taxes," he said, "its presence will enhance the value of our property, that will increase the valuation. Increased valuation will bring the levy down; we will have a bigger territory to draw our supplies and trade from. A business man is shortsighted, it seems to me, who did not vote for the amendment."

ASHLAND OBJECTS TO FIFTY YEAR CLAUSE

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ther if the council persists in demanding changes.

"To enlist capital for the building of electric roads is not an easy task. I was as fair to the city as it is possible to be and still be able to secure capital with which to build the roads."

FIEND'S SHRIEKS AWOKE SLEEPER

Man Who Had Slumbered 100 Hours Finally is Awakened by Man Frantic for Hop.

PHOENIX, Ariz., Dec. 15.—Prolonged shrieks of a morphia fiend in a room nearby roused Charles Nelson who has slumbered 100 hours, from his long sleep. Nelson soon afterward was able to talk and today seems to be recovering.

The doctors who previously diagnosed his case as the African sleeping sickness, are now inclined to look upon Nelson as the victim of "unconscious hypnotism."

From the few words dragged out of him it was learned that Nelson was a sailor as published and he has never been out of Arizona since the arrival from Sweden. He came to this territory five years ago and has been in the employ of Nel Petersen, a wealthy Tempe farmer, ever since.

The man was removed from the county jail yesterday and was taken to a sanitarium outside the city on orders from Petersen.

Soon after Nelson began his sleep, the doctors made a microscopic examination of his blood. Disorganisms, similar to those carried by the Tsetse fly, was discovered and it was concluded that he was afflicted with the "sleeping sickness" which always ends in death.

County Physician Tafel believes that Nelson is suffering from pressure on the brain. This has been known to produce a condition which is known as unconscious hypnotism.

MARRIED FOLKS CLUB WILL DANCE THIS EVENING

The Married Folks' Dancing Club, which gave some very enjoyable parties last winter, will re-organize tomorrow night at Angle opera house where their first dance for this season will be given. The club will probably be named the Juvenile Dancing Club. Hazelrigg's full orchestra will furnish the music and refreshments will be served. All those signing the roll as members are requested to be present at 8:30 sharp.

Some of the members are Dr. F. C. Page, W. I. Vawter, F. W. Hollis, L. E. Wakeman, F. E. Merrick, John S. Orth, Dr. J. M. Keene, A. A. Davis, P. J. Neff, W. F. Turner, A. S. Rosenbaum, James Campbell, Sam Richardson, H. C. Kentner, Walter Kentner, Horace Nicholson, W. G. Aldenhagen, H. C. Stoddard, Prof. O'Garra, Judge Purdin and many others to the number of fifty couple.

R. G. Smith of Josephine, is in this city on professional business.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will apply to the city council of the city of Medford, Oregon, at its next meeting for a license to sell spirituous, vinous and malt liquors, in quantities less than a gallon, for a period of six months, at its place of business at lots 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9, in block 20, in the city of Medford, Oregon.

Dated December 8, 1909. HOTEL NASH COMPANY.

BALL MAGNATES STILL MIXING IT

Naming of President Probably Will Not Take Place Until Late in the Afternoon.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Owing to the failure of the National league magnates, who are in session here, to get down to the business at hand, the election of a new president probably will not be reached until late today. The result of the election cannot be predicted, and the magnates apparently are as much at sea as the fans who are awaiting their decision.

Stanley Robison of St. Louis, who is said to hold the deciding vote, has not yet made known his position. The New York, Brooklyn, Philadelphia and Chicago clubs, it is generally supposed, will cast their votes for John M. Ward, Acting President John A. Heydler who has served as temporary head of the league since the death of Harry Pulliam, commands the votes of Pittsburgh, Boston and Cincinnati. Should Robison cast his ballot for Heydler a deadlock will result and a compromise candidate will be necessary.

UNEARTHED BODY OF BABE IN HIS BACKYARD

PASADENA, Cal., Dec. 15.—The body of an infant unearthed by Rev. J. W. Reef of Howard Place, while digging a hole in his backyard to plant a tree puzzles the police here today and an officer has been detailed to discover its identity if possible.

Rev. Reef had dug down two feet when his spade struck against a small box. He opened the box and discovered the body of a baby which had been dead for over a year. On the body was the remains of a floral wreath.

The infant was taken to a local undertaker's parlors and the police and the coroner notified.

LOVER WAS UNFAITHFUL SO GIRL ATTEMPTS LIFE

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 15.—Julia Wald, a pretty sixteen-year-old girl of this city lies at the Emergency Hospital with a bullet hole through her lung, the result, it is declared, of an attempt to end her life in the Coast Line Depot of the Southern Pacific last night.

The girl is said to have fired the shot because she believed the end had come to the first romance in her life, and Harry W. Taylor, a United Railroad employe, her sweetheart, had forgotten her.

In a note she left for Taylor, she wrote: "Good bye, dear. I am going to end my life because I think we can never marry."

The only explanation she has given for firing the shot, according to the authorities was "I was afraid Harry didn't love me."

Although the 38-calibre bullet pierced the lung it is thought the girl will recover.

Robert G. Smith of Grants Pass is spending a few days in Medford on professional business.

AWFUL CRIMES NEGROES' WORK

Burn Woman in Bed—Throw Man Into Tub of Boiling Water—Guarded by Sheriff.

OSCEOLA, Ark., Dec. 15.—The sheriff and a large force of deputies are on duty here today guarding the jail, ready to repulse a mob which is marching from Shawnee with the announced intention of lynching six negroes held here upon charges of barbaric cruelties.

It is alleged that the negroes had an organized gang for the purpose of attacking white people. Among their alleged victims was a Mrs. Cummings, who was wrapped in a feather bed which was ignited after her house had been robbed.

One white man was dipped into the icy waters of the Mississippi river and thrown into a big tub of boiling water.

The six negroes incarcerated here are alleged to have been responsible for more depredations. The sheriff has announced his intention to fight if necessary to keep the mob away from the jail.

CALIFORNIA FOLLOWS OREGON WITH DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE

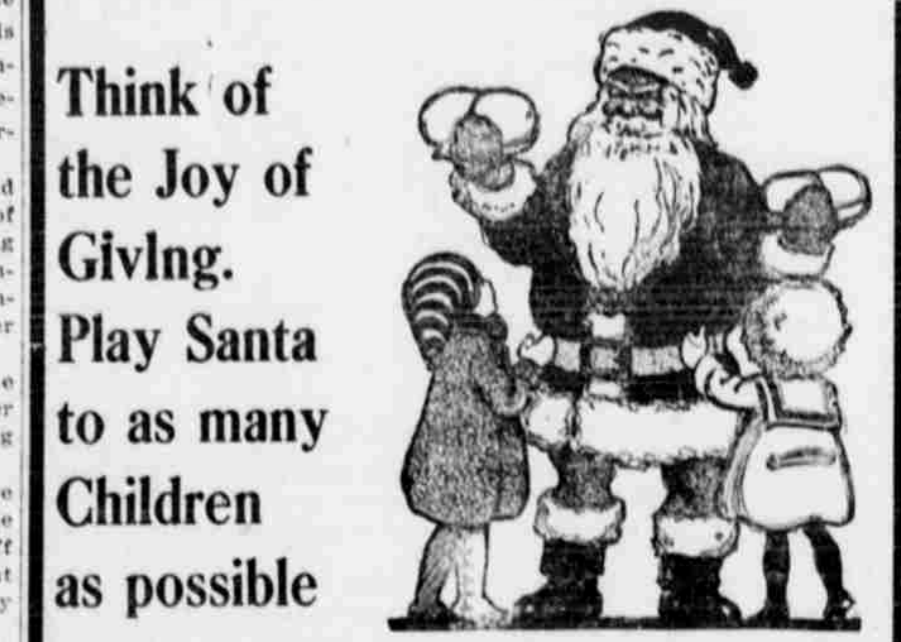
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 15.—The California Development Board, formed by the consolidation of the California Promotion Committee, the State Board of Trade and the Merchants' Produce Association, will take over the work of its component societies on January 1, 1910, according to a statement issued today by the executive committee of the California Promotion Committee. An executive committee of the organization which will complete the work of amalgamating the various commercial organizations of the city, has been named.



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