

MAY BREAK KING LEOPOLD'S WILL

NEW RULER IS TO CHANGE PLANS IN CONGO

Prince Albert Said to Have Bitterly Opposed Leopold's Methods in Congo Free State—Funeral Wednesday.

BRUSSELS, Dec. 18.—The baroness Vaughan quietly left Brussels for Paris today, presumably to consult her lawyers concerning the contest which it is stated the late King Leopold's daughters will institute immediately after the king's funeral on Wednesday in an effort to break his will.

The baroness departed secretly apparently to avoid a hostile public demonstration. She announced that she would return in a few days.

There is much speculation today as to whether the baroness will attend the king's funeral on Wednesday. The king's daughter have announced that if she is permitted to be present they will be absent themselves.

Was Voluntary.

It is rumored today that the sudden departure of the baroness was involuntary. The authorities, however, deny having issued orders to her to leave the city.

One of the first acts of Prince Albert on his accession to the Belgian throne to succeed his uncle, the late King Leopold, will be to enact sweeping changes in the administration of affairs in the Congo, according to semi-official reports today.

Albert a Reformer.

Prince Albert is said always to have been bitterly opposed to the brutal methods of the late king in dealing with his African subjects, and it is understood that the reforms he proposes will be far reaching. It is understood that he will discharge the officials who have been misruling the Congo and replace them with men in order to reverse the policy that has prevailed during Leopold's reign.

Contest Will.

The contest of Leopold's will, which will be instituted by his daughters, probably will be based upon the fact that the late king's marriage to Baroness Vaughan, to whom he is said to have left the greater part of his fortune, was only a religious ceremony. The Belgian law necessitates a civil marriage, in accord with the church rites. The fact that the marriage was performed in Italy instead of in Belgium is believed to be of importance to the proposed contest.

Tremendous Estate.

Various estimates have been made concerning the amount of money left by Leopold. One hundred million is considered by many to approximate the correct figures. With the exception of the \$3,000,000 the king bequeathed to his daughters, it is rumored that the remainder of his fortune was left to the baroness. Lawyers assert that she would have little difficulty to establish her claim to the properties of the late king outside Belgium, including his holdings in the Congo region and in America.

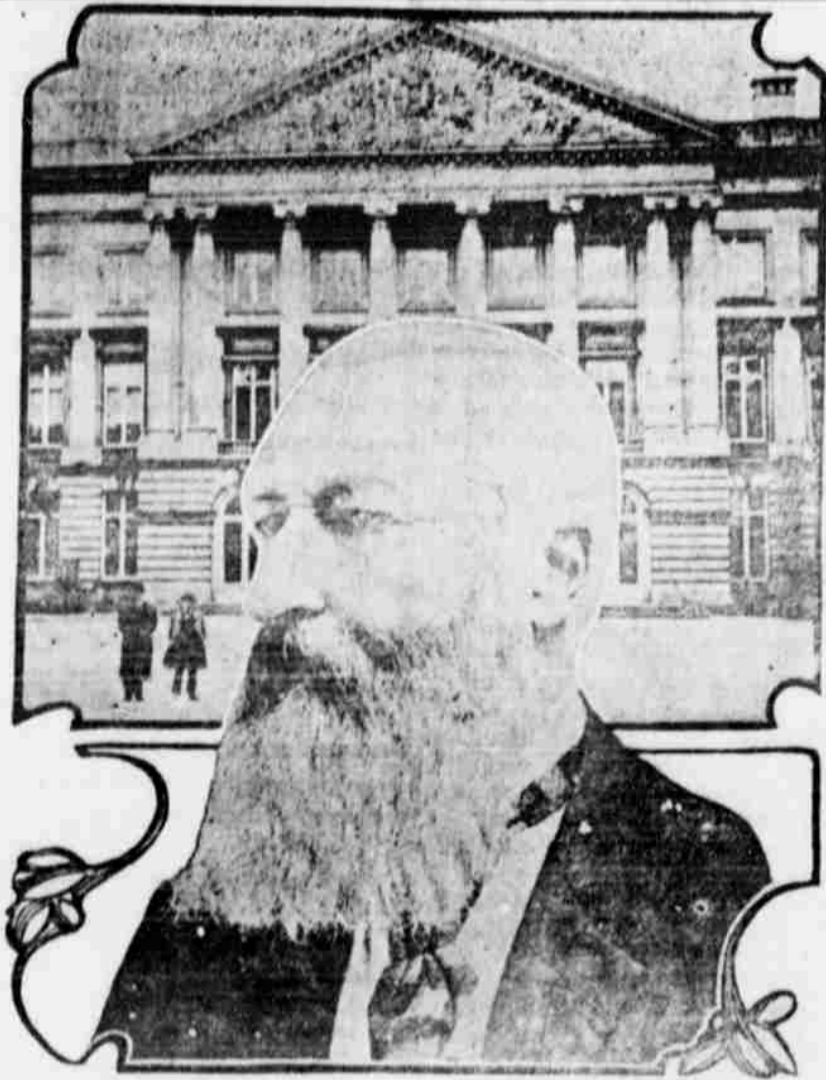
The body of the dead king was moved to the royal palace late this afternoon. Accompanying it was the Princess Louise, who during the lifetime of her father was denied permission to enter Brussels.

MINES CLOSE OWING TO COAL SHORTAGE

Switchmen's Strike Still is Felt in Montana—Strike Breakers Are Threatened.

BUTTE, Mont., Dec. 18.—The Boston and Montana mines of the Amalgamated Copper company are idle again today because of the coal shortage resulting from the coal blockade during the switchmen's strike. Three thousand men are in enforced idleness.

A party of strikebreakers sent yesterday from Missoula to Wallace, Idaho, to work in the yards there, were threatened with death by dynamite by the strikers. They returned to Missoula late last evening. Many strikebreakers at Missoula are reported to have joined the strikers.



LEOPOLD, LATE KING OF BELGIUM.

ATTELL RROVES WEALTHY GIRL CLEVER BOXER SUED BY SAILOR

But He Failed to Get Decision of Webster and His Rights Are Still Very Clouded. Former Marine in Navy Brings Suit Against Wealthy Girl for \$25,000 for Breach of Promise.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 18.—The respective claims of Monte Attell of San Francisco and Danny Webster of Los Angeles to lay claim to the world's bantam weight championship are as clouded today as they were before the men met at Dreamland pavilion last evening.

At the end of 20 rounds of an interesting milling as the local fans have seen for many a day, Referee Jack Welsh proclaimed a draw. Although the decision was hooted by a few rabid Webster partisans, it was accepted generally as the only possible verdict.

Attell clearly outboxed the man from Los Angeles, and landed five blows to one by his opponent. Webster's unches, however, did more damage, and he scored the only knockdown of the fight.

In the opening round Webster reached Attell's chin with a heavy over-hand right, and the little Hebrew tumbled to the canvas. Although Danny worked viciously to finish his man during the first period, Attell came back strong, and when the boys faced each other for the next round he had recuperated.

Last night's battle was the third meeting of Webster and Attell. Webster earned a hairline newspaper decision over Monte in a ten-round go in Los Angeles recently and on another occasion the men fought ten rounds to a draw in the same city.

The fans are clamoring for another meeting between the pair, and it is thought probable that one of the local promoters will sign them for an early New Year date.

J. F. Rau was at Jacksonville on a business trip Saturday.

OKLAHOMA HELD IN GRIP OF SNOWSTORM

Telegraph Wires Snap and Snow Blocks Traffic on Railroad.

FORT WORTH, Tex., Dec. 18.—Western Oklahoma is in the grip of a snowstorm and cold wave that has sent the mercury scurrying to several degrees below zero. Telegraph wires have been snapped in many places and the snow has drifted deep on railroad tracks, partially blocking traffic.

The new Armory at the Oregon Agricultural College is nearing completion. It is the largest building of its kind in the west. A regulation sized football field can be laid out under its roof.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 18.—A story of a sailor and a banker's daughter, love at first sight and subsequent intentional breaches of discipline on the part of the seaman on board ship that led to an agreeable dishonorable discharge is told in a suit filed here and made public today.

Russel A. Clark, once one of Uncle Sam's marines, has brought action against Miss Grace Vedder, daughter of W. H. Vedder, former mayor of Pasadena and a wealthy banker of that city, to recover \$25,000 for alleged breach of promise.

Clark alleges that he met Miss Vedder at Santa Barbara when he was a sailor aboard the United States steamship Minnesota, the American fleet then on its trip around the world, stopped at the southern California port in May, 1908, and during a few hours of shore leave granted Clark he says he met the girl, proposed and was accepted. Miss Vedder gave her promise, the complaint reads, under the condition of the marine's retirement of the navy. When the world's cruise was over Clark says he managed intentionally to fracture a law or two governing the conduct of marines thus managing to secure his discharge.

But after he had hurried to Los Angeles to claim his bride he declares he met with a reception far from cordial and was told that Miss Vedder's father had intervened and refused his consent to the marriage. Miss Vedder withdrew her promise, he says, and later the banker informed him that she was to marry another man.

The former marine alleges in his prayer for \$25,000 heart balm that he has several letters from Miss Vedder in which she renews her declarations.

MANSLAUGHTER CHARGE FOLLOWS AUTO ACCIDENT

VALLEJO, Cal., Dec. 18.—A charge of involuntary manslaughter was placed today against D. P. Fullerton, division superintendent of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company who was arrested yesterday after his automobile had run down and fatally injured Charles H. Dunlap of this city.

Fullerton, accompanied by three others, was driving his machine through Vallejo at what is said to have been a lively clip, when he struck Dunlap, knocking him into the pavement and passing completely over him. The injured man died last evening. Fullerton was immediately taken into custody. Today he was admitted to bail in the amount of \$2000, furnished by William Decarter, district manager of the telephone company.

A good deal of today's really important news is to be found in the ad.

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