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163 VICTIMS OF DEATH DEALING COAL MINES

SNELL CALLS RECALL BLUFF

Will Ask Injunction Restraining Calling of Special Election—Says He Is Prepared to Carry Matter to Supreme Court—Is Only Move to Shut Off City Improvements.

Mayor R. N. Snell of Ashland, whose recall is being asked by some 239 petitioners for the heinous crime of being a progressive citizen and official, spent Thursday in Medford on his way to Jacksonville to meet his attorney, A. E. Reames, and prepare to go into court asking an injunction to restrain the city officials from ordering a special election for the purpose of recalling him. The matter will be carried to the supreme court, if necessary, Mayor Snell asking nothing better than to be faced in court.

Is Progressive.

The move to recall Mayor Snell grew out of his constant efforts along progressive lines to secure civic improvements for Ashland. He has been opposed on all sides, and when he was successful in each in-

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ASHLANDERS CELEBRATE

Fully 500 Attend Banquet of Commercial Club Celebrating Passing of 400 Membership Mark—Many Attend From Medford—A Most Pleasing Time Is Had.

Fully five hundred men and women sat down to bountifully laden tables in the assembly hall of the new natatorium at Ashland Wednesday at the annual banquet of the Ashland Commercial club, celebrating the passing of the 400 mark in Commercial club membership. The tables were tastefully decorated with cut flowers, a choice menu was served, delightful music was rendered by the Ashland band and orators entertained with patriotic speeches. Mention of the proposed new state of Siskiyou brought forth great applause.

It was the largest affair of the kind yet attempted in Southern Oregon, and its success speaks volumes for the enterprise and energy of the Ashland Commercial club. Judge C. R. Watson, president of the club, pre-

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ATMOSPHERE SAID TO BE AT FAULT

John Mitchell Suggests Features Which Should Be Demanded in All Mines to Prevent Such Tragedies as Have Happened of Late.

A revision of the reports today shows the following totals of loss of life in coal mines during the past four days:
Seventy-five are dead as the result of the explosion in the Colorado Fuel and Iron company's mine at Primero, Col.
Sixty-three miners are dead at Las Esperanzas, Mexico, as the result of the explosion in the Paulau mine late yesterday.
Thirty are known to be dead in the White mine at Browder, Ky.
A total of one hundred and sixty-three deaths.
And while rescue parties are frantically endeavoring to reach men thought to be buried alive in these three mines, other parties are making an effort to recover the 200 bodies in the ill-fated St. Paul mine at Cherry, Ill., where over 300 men lost their lives late in November, 1909.

NEW YORK, Feb. 3.—John Mitchell, former president of the United Mine Workers, and one of the foremost mining authorities in the world, today declared his belief that the changeable atmospheric conditions usually prevalent at this time of the year, are responsible to a large extent for the three great mine disasters in America this week, which up to today have cost the lives of 168 men.

Mitchell explained that cold air entering the workings meets the warmer air from the depths of the mine and in the contact tends to create dangerous explosive gas.
"Most mine disasters could be averted if all the men were compelled to serve an apprenticeship of three years and certain regulations were strictly enforced," declared Mitchell.
He suggested that the following features should be demanded under the strictest regulations:
Proper ventilation for the workings.
Emergency escape shafts.
Sounding pipes, through which liquid food could be poured in case of men being entombed.

Telephone systems which would make it possible to communicate with the lower workings of a mine after an explosion.

Compartment built throughout the mines in order to provide places of refuge for imprisoned miners in case of disaster.

With these provisions for meeting emergencies, and with trained miners capable through experience and training of accepting the responsibilities placed upon them, Mitchell said that a great majority of the lives sacrificed could have been saved.

MEXICO CITY, Mex., Feb. 3.—According to estimates made today, 63 miners lost their lives and between 30 and 40 were seriously injured by the explosion that wrecked the Paulau mine at Los Esperanzas late yesterday.
Fifty-two bodies have been recovered from the third level of shaft No. 3, where the explosion occurred. Rescuers today are exploring the lower levels, where it is feared other bodies may be found.

BANKS MAKE BIG STRIDES

Statements Called for by Comptroller of Currency Show That Deposits Have Increased During Past Year Over \$600,000, or 48 Per Cent—Great Strides Are Made.

BANK DEPOSITS.
January, 1905 ... \$ 609,498
January, 1906 ... 726,971
January, 1907 ... 1,084,634
January, 1908 ... 1,254,489
January, 1909 ... 1,261,431
January, 1910 ... 1,863,568
Increase during 1909, \$602,137.
Percent increase, 48.

The year ending January, 1909, is the most prosperous ever experienced by local banking institutions. During those twelve months the number of banks in Medford has been increased to four, two have doubled their capital stock and deposits have grown

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GROUND PIG MISSES, TOO

M. Bellinger, Whose Birthday Falls on the Same Day, Tells of Years of Watching Actions of Noted Weather Prophet Who Hits It About as Often as He Misses.

"The ground hog is up to the standard of the ordinary weather prophet, and I have closely followed his career for the past 77 years," said M. Bellinger this morning. "My birthday happened to fall on groundhog day and hence I have always taken an interest in the youngster. According to the old story, Mr. Groundhog on yesterday found his hole again in a hurry, for if he didn't see his own shadow he's blind. According to him we are due for six weeks more of rainy weather, but today is somewhat of a reflection.

"The groundhog, I have observed, hits it some years and misses it on others. By some little study I could give some figures, but it is about up and tuck with him as with other wiseacres who foretell the weather. One thing is certain. He can't tell

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PARIS POLICE SHOOT LOOTERS

Two Members of Pillaging Band Killed by Police When Found Looting House in Flood District—Several Clashes Between Soldiers and Looters Reported.

PARIS, Feb. 3.—Two members of a gang of pillagers were shot and killed by the police, who discovered them looting an abandoned house in the flood district.

The officers pursued the looters to the banks of the river, firing when they attempted to escape. The bodies of the looters were lost beneath the thin ice that skims the face of the Seine.

At St. Cloud the police entered into a running fight with a mob that was trying to lynch several pillagers. The thieves were rescued and the mob dispersed.

A police sergeant was severely wounded at Courbevoie shortly after noon in a battle with river pirates, none of whom was captured. Several clashes between the soldiers and pillagers were reported.

BATTLING NELSON GOES INTO CAMP

Putting Things Right Today to Start Training for His Battle With Wolgast on February 22.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 3.—Batling Nelson went out to Millet's training quarters at Colma today and set things in shape. Tomorrow he will take his paraphernalia to the camp and remain there until called upon to fight.

The Battler is more determined than ever to force Wolgast to put up a \$5000 side bet, and when the little fighters meet in Promoter Hester's office tonight to arrange the final details a warm session is promised.

"This boy has been talking too much about our 10-round meeting in Los Angeles," said Nelson, "and has stated so often that he whipped me that he is actually beginning to believe it himself. I admitted at the conclusion of the fight that he made a good showing, and I still admit it, but he didn't whip me then, and he isn't going to whip me on Washington's birthday.

"I'll be ready with my \$5000 tonight, and Wolgast will have to come through or acknowledge himself to be a four-flusher. If he is so sure he can whip me I can see no reason why he should hesitate to make his bluff good."

Broker to Jail.

BOSTON, Mass., Feb. 3.—Charles S. Cummings, formerly a prominent broker, was sentenced today to serve from five to eight years in state's prison upon conviction on the charge of larceny and uttering forged checks.

DENOUNCED TAFT; DYING AS RESULT

Professor of Sociology is So Badly Beaten That He Is Not Expected to Live.

CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 3.—Because he denounced President Taft for dismissing Chief Forester Gifford Pinchot from the forest service, Stanley Flydrichowicz, former professor of philology and philosophy of the University of Vienna, is dying here today.

The former professor has been in America for several months studying sociological conditions. He entered a saloon today and ordered a glass of beer. While waiting for the beverage, he began an argument on the action of the president in dismissing Pinchot.

Flydrichowicz contended that the president had done wrong in ousting Pinchot and criticized the chief executive in a vigorous manner.

Robert McCall and John Herold are alleged to have taken exception to the former professor's remarks, and a fight followed. They are accused of beating the president's critic so badly that he cannot recover from his injuries.

Both are under arrest. It is alleged that they attacked Flydrichowicz with chairs and knocked him to the floor. The sociologist was unconscious when the police arrived.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 3.—While waiting for a huge silken bag to become inflated with gas so that he could make an ascension, C. A. Farrar was overcome by the carbon monoxide and was found dead today.

GAS FRANCHISE SIDE TRACKED

Will Await Return of Mayor and Councilman Welch Before Receiving Attention on Part of City Dads.

Elmer C. Johnson's application for a franchise to construct a gas plant for cooking purposes in the city of Medford was sidetracked Wednesday afternoon by the city dads sitting as a committee of the whole, until such time as Mayor W. H. Canon and Councilman Welch return from Southern California, where they are investigating pavements. The city dads decided to allow the matter to rest until it can obtain the attention of the full membership.

As far as can now be determined, the matter will be allowed to go to a vote of the people, Mr. Johnson agreeing to pay all of the costs of a special election.

MINERS MEET NEXT IN "SHOW-ME" STATE

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Feb. 3.—The selection of St. Louis, Mo., today for the next meeting place of the United Mine Workers of America ended a tumultuous session of the convention here at 3 o'clock this morning. The clashes of the closing session were caused by the airing of grievances of individuals against officers of the various unions and, although in most cases the disputes concerned trivial matters

HERMANN TELLS OF HIS VIEW

And How He Interpreted the Forest Reserve Law—Attorneys Battle Over Admission of Hitchcock Testimony.

PORTLAND, Or., Feb. 3.—Today the attorneys for the prosecution and defense in the trial of Binger Hermann are battling over the introduction of the testimony of former secretary of the Interior Hitchcock, now dead, or some statements made by him in that testimony given at Washington which will still further, if admitted, tend to discredit the testimony given by Hermann on both his direct and cross-examination.

Most of the morning session today was taken up by a verbal struggle between Heney and Hermann over Hermann's interpretation of the forest reserve law and the power of the president to exclude or include different sections of privately owned land within the outside boundaries of any proposed reserve at will. Heney pressed Hermann for his interpretation for the meaning of the law or of his belief in the power of the president in establishing the boundaries or withdrawals by proclamation under the reserve law of 1891.

Hermann explained that in his belief a reserve could be created by the proclamation of the outside boundaries and the inclusion of all public and unclaimed land within these boundaries as being within the reserve, to the exclusion of all privately owned or claimed lands. In this

MAY MAKE PEARY REAR ADMIRAL

Congress Has Under Consideration Bill to Promote Arctic Explorer and Place Him Upon Retired List—Would Be the First Honor of Its Kind.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 3.—To make Commander Robert E. Peary a rear-admiral and place him upon the retired list, in recognition of his discovery of the north pole when he planted the Stars and Stripes, was proposed in a bill introduced by Senator Hale of Maine.

The bill, being submitted by the senator from Peary's state, is understood to have received in advance

the favorable comment of a large number of congressmen.

The measure would empower the president to promote Peary and place him on the retired list by an executive order.

Such a course has been under discussion for some time, and if it is carried through will be the first time such an honor has been paid by this government for exploration work.

WANTS ROOSEVELT TO TRY FOR SOUTH POLE

Commander Robert E. Peary Says T. R. Would Be Ideal Leader in an Antarctic Expedition.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—A jump from the torrid to the frigid zone was suggested for Theodore Roosevelt by Commander Robert E. Peary. In an interview the polar explorer suggested that Colonel Roosevelt would make an ideal leader for the Ant-Artic expedition which the Peary Arctic club has proposed to undertake, providing the National Geographical society share in the venture.

Peary's ship, the "Roosevelt," in which he made his voyage to the north pole, would be placed at the disposal of its famous namesake.

FAVORABLE REPORT ON HIGH PRICE RESOLUTION

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—The senate finance committee today reported favorably Senator Lodge's resolution providing for an investigation into the cost of living by a special committee of five senators. The resolution then was referred to the committee on contingent expense so that the funds necessary for the investigation might be provided.

way, Hermann claimed, a reserve could be created and the private holdings still included, even though they were entirely surrounded by the forest lands to gain access to the outside domain. All claims or holdings excluded, Hermann held, could thus be exempted from the operation of the land act and could not be used for base in making selections without the reserve.

TO DECIDE ON PLACE FOR FIGHT IN WEEK

Gleason Announces That He Will Positively State Location for Big Fight Within Week.

SOPANE, Wash., Feb. 3.—Promoter Jack Gleason of San Francisco this afternoon announced that within a week from today he positively would name the place of meeting for the Jeffries-Johnson fight.

"Tex Rickard promised me at the Knickerbocker hotel in New York that I could name the meetin place, and Sam Berger will bear me out in this. I leave tonight for San Francisco and upon my arrival there will immediately arrange for a meeting with Rickard and we will take steps on the place for the fight. San Francisco will undoubtedly be named. The public is demanding that Rickard and myself get down to business, and I am satisfied that after I have had a talk with the Nevada that everything will be settled satisfactorily."

When Sam Berger was asked if he was present when Rickard agreed to allow Gleason to name the city in which the fight was to be held, Manager Berger said:

"Yes, Rickard did promise to let Gleason name the meeting place of the fight, for I was present when he said positively that Gleason could name the city."

STERN JUSTICE WILL HEAR JOHNSON CASE

NEW YORK, Feb. 3.—Justice Goff the sternest justice in New York, will preside at the trial of Jack Johnson on charges preferred against him