

SHERIFF SINGLER AND YOUNG BANDIT BOTH SLAIN IN DUEL WITH REVOLVERS

WITH BULLET THROUGH LUNG SHERIFF LINGERS UNTIL MORNING BANDIT'S DEATH INSTANTANEOUS

When Sheriff Appeared at Door of Fugitive's Cabin, Was Greeted With Bullet—Empties Revolver in Reply, all six Shots Finding their Mark

Death Occurs at 8:35 O'clock This Morning at Hospital Where Sheriff Was Brought After Shooting.

August D. Singler, sheriff of Jackson county, died at the Sacred Heart hospital at 8:35 a. m. today as the result of a desperate revolver duel with Lester Jones, a 19-year-old desperado, about dusk Tuesday evening on the old DeRoboan ranch near Jacksonville. Jones was killed by the sheriff after a bullet had ploughed through his chest from side to side, puncturing both lungs. Singler was rushed to the hospital, but medical skill could not save his life. He died of an internal hemorrhage.

The shooting affray occurred between 6 and 7 o'clock Tuesday evening. Singler had been advised of Jones' return from California, where he fled last fall following an attempt to arrest him by Marshal Jones of Jacksonville, during which he held a gun on the marshal until he got away. Taking George Launspach with him to point out the cabin in which Jones lived, the sheriff started after his man.

Makes Arrest Alone. On approaching the cabin Launspach remained at the foot of the hill and Singler approached the cabin alone. On hearing it he saw Jones cooking his supper. Walking up the steps, with his gun drawn, the sheriff opened the door with his left hand. As he did so Jones shot. This bullet struck Singler just under the left armpit, ploughed through both lungs and was checked by his ribs on the right side. Singler then opened fire, emptying his gun.

Each of the six shots took effect. One struck Jones on the right cheek about an inch below the eye and came out about an inch in front of the right ear. One struck him on the top of the head, ploughing through the scalp. One struck under the left arm and tore through his side, coming out under the left shoulder blade. One struck the muscle in the left arm, entered his body and emerged about six inches below the left shoulder blade. Two entered the body on the right side. In the meantime Jones fired two more shots. One struck a knuckle on the right hand. The third shot was evidently fired as Jones was falling, as it entered the stove and spun around in it. Singler then turned and walked down the hill nearly a hundred yards, when he reeled and fell. Launspach rushed to his aid, made him as comfortable

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HUNTINGTON SECURES TROLLEY MONOPOLY

LOS ANGELES, Cal., April 23.—By the consummation of a gigantic deal announced today, Henry E. Huntington of Los Angeles has assumed control of the Pacific and Power company, a \$40,000,000 concern. He has purchased the entire holdings of Allan G. Balch and W. G. Kerckhoff, who have taken over Huntington's interest in the Southern California Gas and Midway Gas companies.

The houses of Kaspar E. Cohn and A. Haas of San Francisco will be associated with Kerckhoff and Balch in their new venture.

Huntington, it is understood, will continue the development of power rights and plans for distribution of power in and around Los Angeles.

County Court Will Meet Thursday in Special Session and Choose Successor to Singler—Brother Will be Choice of Officials.

Col. George P. Mims Offers to Serve and Turn Salary Over to Mrs. Singler—New Law Aid to Her.

Late this afternoon, William Singler, brother of the slain sheriff, in a consultation with County Judge Tou Velle and County Commissioner Leever, agreed to accept the appointment as sheriff, upon the understanding that he assist in the care of his brother's family and look after their welfare, a responsibility which he cheerfully agreed to assume. As soon as Commissioner Smith can be reached, the appointment will be made.

The county court will meet in special session Thursday for the purpose of appointing a successor to August D. Singler, sheriff, who died at the Sacred Heart hospital this morning as the result of a revolver duel with Lester Jones Tuesday night. The choice of the court will not be known until Commissioner Smith, who is on upper Rogue river can reach the county seat and confer with Commissioner Leever and County Judge F. L. Ton Velle, but it is probable that Commissioner Smith will agree to the naming of William Singler.

Colonel George P. Mims of Seven Oaks today offered to serve during the 21 months of Singler's term and turn the salary over to Mrs. Singler. It is not believed that this will be necessary however as the dependent mother's pension law which was passed by the recent legislature, will provide \$62 a month for her support. Singler also left \$1000 life insurance in the Woodmen and it is believed he had a policy for a like amount in an old line company.

A number of other names have been suggested to the court. The appointment will be made Thursday in order that the county will have a sheriff as soon as possible.

By order of County Judge Tou Velle the flag on the court house was placed at half mast today.

FIVE DIE WHEN MINE CAGE FALLS OVER 2000 FEET

BUTTE, Mont., April 23.—Five miners were killed and nine injured here today by the falling of two cages in the Leonard Copper mine when a cylinder head of the hoisting engine blew out. Some of the injured will probably die.

Samuel Lawrence, Nicholas Treglow, F. J. Pascoe, Andrew Bartell and Frank Warner.

The Leonard mine is the property of the Amalgamated Copper company. The accident occurred when William Peters, who was running the hoist, lost control of the engine. One cage carrying four miners was just leaving the top. It dropped 2000 feet to a dump pile. All of the occupants were killed. The other cage, containing nine men, dropped 800 feet, injuring all of its occupants.

After the cages dropped the engine started running wild, scattering iron about and wrecking the engine house. Nick Treglow was killed by a piece of flying iron.

UNIQUE CAMPAIGN CARD USED BY THE LATE SHERIFF SINGLER



August D. Singler and Family.

JAPAN DENIES WARLIKE THREATS OF RETALIATION

WASHINGTON, April 23.—Even though California passes an anti-alien land law aimed directly at the Japanese, Japan will not attempt any warlike retaliation.

This declaration was voiced here today by Baron Chinda, the Japanese ambassador to the United States. Baron Chinda declared the better classes in Japan were trying to quiet jingo talk by the lower classes, and that war between the two nations was out of the question. The ambassador asserted he had not seen President Wilson for a week but expected to pay tomorrow his customary courtesy call on Secretary of State Bryan.

It also was emphatically denied at the white house today that Japan had voiced any war threat. Secretary Tansley characterized as "baseless" reports that Baron Chinda had informed the president that Japan was unable to control the people, who would force the nation into war if the California land bill were passed. It was denied that the Japanese ambassador had seen the president yesterday.

PROGRESS MADE IN CAMPAIGN FOR IRRIGATION

Much progress was reported today by the committee in charge of the campaign to secure contracts covering enough acreage to assure the valley of a high line irrigation ditch which will place 55,000 acres of land under irrigation. Automobiles have been kept on the road carrying business men to call upon the landowners but very few refusals have been received.

The campaign is being directed by an executive committee with J. C. Brown acting as secretary and director of the campaign. The systematic campaign is netting good results.

MOTHERS' PENSION BILL PASSED IN CALIFORNIA

SACRAMENTO, Cal., April 23.—The board of control mother's pension bill, under whose provisions the parents of half orphans will be encouraged to keep children at home instead of at institutions, was passed by the assembly last night 49 to 8. It allows state aid of \$6.25 a month for dependent half orphans cared for at home, this amount to be supplemented by \$6.25 from the county.

The slight opposition was directed not against the principle of the measure, but against the provisions which will exclude the children of non-citizens and those who have not lived in the state three years from the benefits of the law.

BRYAN PLANS FOR WORLD PEACE BY A NEW SYSTEM

WASHINGTON, April 23.—At a conference with Secretary of State Bryan here today the senate committee on foreign relations, voiced its approval of the general features of a plan suggested by Bryan for securing world peace through a new system providing for the judicial settlement of international disputes. After the conference, Secretary Bryan said:

"The details of the plan will be published after I have reported it to the president. Nothing has been published yet giving any adequate idea of the proposal which the senators have just approved. The Japanese situation was not discussed.

"Among other things, I recommended the leasing and purchase of American embassy buildings as rapidly as practicable." It is understood that Secretary Bryan's plan contemplates the investigation of disputes by a commission, such commission to have one year's time to study the problem, with which it may be confronted, during which period neither nation may take any steps toward war.

GENERAL DEBATE ON TARIFF BILL BEGUN IN HOUSE

WASHINGTON, April 23.—The house began today a general debate on the tariff bill. It was expected that open discussion would conclude Monday, when consideration under the five minute rule will begin.

A score of set speeches, mostly made for home consumption, comprised today's discussion. Chairman Underwood, of the ways and means committee and majority leader in the house expects to speak at length but extemporaneously in explaining the bill. The republicans and progressives will divide half of the time allotted for debate.

Five minutes after the house met Congressman Underwood moved that it go into committee of the whole to consider the tariff bill, closing general debate Monday. Congressman Moore of Pennsylvania objected. The galleries were packed.

In his opening speech Underwood charged that the republicans had broken faith with the people by passing the Payne tariff law in 1910.

TOP OF MOUNTAIN BLOWN OVER VILLAGE

FLORENCE, Italy, April 23.—Throwing hundreds of tons of dirt and rocks into the valley below and destroying many gardens, orchards and fields, the crest of Mount Roccheto, dominating this place, fell off. There were no fatalities.

MONTENEGRINS WIN SCUTARI BY LONG SIEGE

All Day and Night Attack Followed by Surrender of Turkish Forces After Several Sorties had Been Repulsed with Great Loss of Life.

Forty-Eight Hour Bombardment Concludes Spectacular Siege by Which Montenegro Defied all Europe.

BELGRADE, April 23.—The capture of Scutari by Montenegrin troops was marked by enthusiastic demonstrations here today. Business was at a standstill practically all day.

CETTINJE, April 23.—Following a fierce attack on Scutari last night by Montenegrins, which lasted throughout the night, early today the Turkish commander capitulated. Losses on both sides were heavy, several sorties by the Turks having been repulsed by the attacking army with great loss to both sides. The surrender followed a heavy bombardment, interspersed with attacks by which the Montenegrins captured line by line the Turkish defenses.

CETTINJE, April 23.—The Montenegrin forces made a fierce attack on Scutari last night, according to an official report. The engagement lasted all night. The Montenegrins captured two lines of posts on the west and east fronts. Early today the Turks attempted counter attacks but were repulsed. The Montenegrin loss was heavy and the fall of Scutari is imminent.

VIENNA, April 23.—Cettinje reports here today say that the Montenegrin bombardment of Scutari continues unabated. Premier Venizelos of Greece today wrote Bulgaria, Montenegro and Serbia suggesting that the allies meet to decide upon what demands they shall make when they meet representatives of the powers.

CHARLES O. KING SUED FOR \$10,000

MARSHFIELD, Ore., April 23.—Mrs. Iva M. Wells, of North Bend, has started suit for \$10,000 for breach of promise against Charles O. King. The defendant is a member of the firm of Gorst & King, who conduct an auto line between Marshfield and North Bend. Mr. King came here last year from Medford. Mrs. Wells is a milliner and alleges that King promised to marry her on a certain date, then asked for a postponement. When the next marriage date came King refused to be married at all and now Mrs. Wells wants damages in the sum named.

FEMALE JOYRIDERS PAY \$100 FINES

VENICE, Cal., April 23.—One hundred dollars is the sum Miss Anna Baker and Miss Amelia Baker have contributed today to the Venice town treasury in payment for a wild automobile ride through its streets while the pair battled tigers with Motorcycle Policemen Rennerts, who had leaped from his machine to the running board of their car. After spending several hours in the Venice jail the women were released when they offered as bail diamonds valued at several hundred dollars. They told Justice Reupie that they had drank seven bottles of beer, and later paid \$75 and \$25 fines for speeding.

BRYAN SENT TO AID CALIFORNIA FIX LAND LAW

President Asks if Secretary of State Will be Welcomed to Discuss Alien Land Measure With Governor and Legislature of Golden State.

Legislature Wires Invitation and it is Expected Amicable Agreement Will Be Reached, Avoiding Complication

STATE CAPITOL, Sacramento, Cal., April 23.—At 12:30 o'clock the California assembly ordered the chief clerk to transmit to President Wilson by telegraph the resolution adopted by that body by a vote of 59 to 11 inviting Secretary of State Bryan to consult with the lawmakers on the form in which the proposed anti-alien land law shall be couched.

WASHINGTON, April 23.—President Wilson today telegraphed Governor Johnson at Sacramento and the legislative leaders of California asking whether it would be acceptable for Secretary of State Bryan to visit Sacramento to take counsel with the governor and legislative members and cooperate in framing an anti-alien law which would meet the views of California and still would not interfere with national treaties.

President Wilson's telegram to Governor Johnson was sent in duplicate to the president of the senate and the speaker of the California assembly, except for the first sentence. The Johnson message said: "Thank you for your patriotic telegram. We find it so difficult from this distance to understand fully the situation with regard to the sentiment and the circumstances which lie back of the pending proposition concerning the ownership of land in the state of California that I venture to inquire whether it will be agreeable to you and to the legislature to have the secretary of state visit Sacramento for the purpose of consulting with you and the members of the legislature."

Apparently the executive offices are doubtful as to how the Californians would receive Secretary Bryan. Governor Johnson and the leaders of the California legislature have been insisting that the federal government keep its hands off, but the president has decided that the issues are too grave to permit him to view the situation longer from such a distance. If the Californians decide they do not want Secretary Bryan to come to Sacramento, the president will consider some other method of getting first-hand information as to the situation there.

TRADING VERY DULL ON STOCK EXCHANGE

NEW YORK, April 23.—Trading on the stock exchange was very dull today. New Haven dropped two points. The traders were held back by the uncertain situation in California as to land legislation, and also by the tariff situation. The market closed dull. Bonds were irregular.

PRESIDENT TO TALK POLITICAL APPOINTMENTS

WASHINGTON, April 23.—President Wilson will occupy the president's room at the capitol tomorrow long enough to consult twenty-five senators regarding federal appointments in their respective states, according to an announcement at the white house today. He may also discuss the tariff with them.

CEMENT PLANT TO BE LOCATED AT GOLD HILL

Analysis of Lime Deposits There Show Superior Article—Contract for Erection let Leigh Hunt Engineering Company of Kansas City.

Burch Elected President of Company—\$500,000 to be Spent on Plant and \$100,000 put in Operating Fund.

The recently organized Portland Beaver Cement company will locate its plant at Gold Hill, analysis of the lime deposits showing that the lime is superior in quality and extent of deposit to that of other localities investigated.

Immediate construction of a big cement plant, to be located at Gold Hill, where a great hydro-electric power plant is to be erected, is the purpose of the officers of the new organization. This plant, with an initial capacity of 1000 barrels, is to be hurried through to the operation stage, as is stated that sufficient funds for the plant have been secured. A contract has been let for erection to the Leigh Hunt Engineering company, of Kansas City. The secretary of the engineering company is now at Gold Hill with officers of the Portland Beaver company perfecting details for the commencement of construction.

Officers Are Elected. Officers chosen for the new company are: J. C. Burch, president; William Schrupp, vice president; C. S. Woody, secretary-treasurer, with Burch, Schrupp, Woody, L. H. Adams and John Gochorn, members of the board of directors. The officers are experienced cement men, say the company promoters, and have years of practical work to guide them. The capital of the company is fixed at \$600,000, of which \$500,000 is to be spent on the plant, and \$100,000 put in the operating fund. President Burch resigned his position with the Iowa-Portland Cement company to come to Oregon to aid in this work and become the Oregon concern's head. Half of the capital for the plant has been secured in the east on the condition that the other half be provided by Oregon people.

New Power Service. Power for the big enterprise is to be furnished by the Rogue River Public Service corporation, which has acquired the old plant of the Oregon Water & Power company and plans to erect an additional power plant of great size.

By locating in the heart of the southern Oregon country, the company backers intend to profit by the high transportation rates to that region, as they are unaffected by water competition. This company will have a margin of at least \$1 a barrel over the California product, and believes that the enormous development of the southern Oregon country will afford a great growing market for the product.

EXPLOSION WRECKS ANTHRACITE MINE

PITTSBURG, Pa., April 23.—Several fatalities are reported, and nearly 100 miners are believed to be penned in as the result of an explosion today which wrecked entries 12 and 13 of the Cincinnati mine of the Monongahela Consolidated Coal company, at Courtney, Pa., fifty miles south of here. News of the disaster was received here this afternoon. The company admits that the explosion occurred. It is stated that ten miners were taken from the mine and there is hope of rescuing the remainder of the entombed men.