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ROJESTVENSKY'S SQUADRON SAILS FROM MADAGASCAR.

THERE'S NO LONGER ANY DOUBT

Wife of Admiral Receives News That Ships Left March 19.

Second Pacific Squadron Now Anchored Off Jibuti—Governor of the Island of Sakhalin, Fearing Attack, Petitions Government.

ST. PETERSBURG, April 3.—A letter from Admiral Rojestvensky to his wife indicates that the departure of the second Pacific squadron from Madagascar waters is final, and it is now on its way to Vladivostok. The admiral wrote that the sailing of the squadron was fixed for March 19. The admiral admitted knowledge of this determination. It is understood that the rendezvous will be with Nebogoff's division.

Jibuti, French Somaliland, April 3.—The Russian second Pacific squadron, commanded by Admiral Nebogoff, which sailed from Suaz March 26, anchored off this port today.

ST. PETERSBURG, April 3.—Owing to the likelihood of military operations against the island, the governor of the Island of Sakhalin asks that additional soldiers of Mercey be sent there.

PROMISE BITTER CONTEST.

Smiths Not Going Back to New York Without Putting Up Strenuous Battle.

CINCINNATI, April 3.—The contest by J. Morgan Smith and his wife, relatives of Nan Patterson, against extradition, and the fight against the New York detectives, will go hand in hand. This was indicated by the proceedings in court today. Attorney Shay, for the defense, asked for time to prepare an answer. The court granted until Wednesday, when the habeas corpus proceedings will be disposed of. Shay was asked what he intended to do about the letters of Smith's taken by the detectives and sent to New York. He replied that action would be taken against the officers.

CUTS HIS THROAT

MURDERER COLEMAN USES SAME RAZOR ON HIMSELF HE DID ON VICTIM.

Captured at Centralia, He Draws Blade Across Neck at Very Door of Sheriff's Office—He Has a Chance of Living, Say Physicians.

CHEHALIS, Wash., April 3.—John T. Coleman, murderer of Edna Hoffman, the notorious Portland woman, whose throat was cut late Saturday night in a quarrel in her apartments over the Palm saloon in Portland, drew the same razor with which he killed the woman from his shoe at the Lewis county sheriff's office door this morning, slashed his throat several times. Coleman, in custody of Night Marshal George Symonds and Charles Wakefield, both of Chehalis, reached the door of the sheriff's office at 6 o'clock this morning. The would-be suicide severed his windpipe, but missed his jugular vein, and doctors say he has a slight chance for life. He threw the razor into the street, and sank down with blood streaming from several wounds. He was hastily carried to the hospital and doctors called. In Coleman's pockets were found papers giving his place of residence as Ferguson, B. C. He had a free mi-

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ner's license for British Columbia, dated May 31, 1904. He also carried a revenue tax receipt from F. C. Campbell, revenue officer at Ferguson, and cards from the Vendome and Royal hotels of Portland.

Wm. asked by Sheriff Urquhart if he was the man who murdered Edna Hoffman, he nodded his head. Just after he cut his throat he scribbled on a piece of paper: "Send my clothes to Spokane," and something else that was illegible.

Coleman was caught on the north-bound passenger at Centralia about 3 o'clock this morning by Symonds and Wakefield. Wakefield had been in Portland, and on Saturday Coleman was pointed out to him as a dangerous man. He read the account of the Hoffman murder and suspected that the murderer. On his way home last night he saw Coleman get on the train at Kalama, and notified the conductor, who told him Coleman had bought a ticket for Kelso. He remained on the train at Kelso, and the conductor let him ride, wiring Sheriff Urquhart to meet the train and arrest him. The telegram was delivered to Night Marshal Symonds too late to notify the sheriff. Symonds boarded the train himself, and with Wakefield's assistance captured the man, who made no resistance. No weapons were found on him, and he was brought over in a rig from Centralia.

Coleman was taken to Portland tonight.

A-HUNTING GOES

STRENUOUS TEDDY PUTS BEHIND CARES OF OFFICE FOR TWO MONTHS.

President Leaves Washington for Trip to Wilds of Colorado—Expects to Hunt Big Game and Supply Camp With Fresh Meat Daily.

WASHINGTON, April 3.—With cheers and good wishes resounding at the Pennsylvania depot, the president at 9:05 a. m. today, on a special train, started a trip through the south. Among those at the station were many friends of the president, including Postmaster General Cortelyou and Secretary Metcalf of the department of commerce and labor.

The special train consisted of three cars, the president's private car Rocklee, the Pullman sleeper Forest and the combination baggage and buffet car Viceroy. Attached to the train, to be run as far as Baltimore as a buffer, was a day coach. The train was hand-somely fitted and contains every known appliance to insure the comfort and safety of the passengers.

The train was scheduled to leave at 9 o'clock, but it was a minute after that hour when the president arrived at the station. He had been delayed at the white house for a few minutes in signing some important papers. Even after he boarded his car some papers were handed to him for his signature. It was just five minutes after the scheduled time of departure when the train drew out of the station.

In the party besides the president were Secretary Loeb, General S. B. M. Young, Dr. Alexander Lambert, Lieutenant G. R. Fortesque, one of the president's aides; M. C. Lata and J. L. McGrew, stenographers to the president; H. A. Stachmeyer, photographer, and representatives of the newspaper press associations.

The trip is being primarily made to enable the president to attend the reunion of his old regiment, the Rough Riders, which is to be held at San Antonio, Tex., next Friday, and to hunt big game in Oklahoma and Colorado. Incidentally the president will deliver notable addresses at several places en route. His first important stop will be made at Louisville, Ky., tomorrow morning, where he will be the guest of the city for a few hours. He will go directly to St. Louis, and thence via the Missouri, Kansas and Texas rail to San Antonio, stopping at several places en route, among them Sherman and Dallas, Tex.

After leaving San Antonio the president will go to Oklahoma for a wolf hunt, and will proceed thence to Colorado to hunt big game in the mountains. Unless it should be necessary on account of unforeseen circumstances to curtail the trip the president will be absent from Washington at least two months. Definite plans for the trip months. Definite plans for the trip months. Definite plans for the trip months.

LEGAL MILL IS IN OPERATION

STATE GRAND JURY IS EMPANELLED BY CIRCUIT COURT.

IMPORTANT WORK IS OUTLINED

Will Delve Into Fraudulent Land Transactions for Many Years Past.

Will Also Inquire Into Cause of Tracy-Merrill Penitentiary Outbreak of Two Years Ago, Responsibility for Which Rests Upon Shoulders of Convicts.

STATE GRAND JURY.
John A. Smith, Aumsville, farmer.
N. Miller, Woodburn, laborer.
W. H. Grabenhorst, Liberty, farmer.
G. W. Needham, Salem, barber.
F. J. Weid, Jefferson, farmer.
Wm. Kraus, Aurora, farmer.
Andrew Cond, Macleay, hop-grower.

The first department of the state circuit court convened, in regular April term of court yesterday morning at 9 o'clock, and proceeded straight to business with the appointment of R. C. Hawley of this city, as bailiff. This session promises to be the most eventful one that has been held here in years. The most important feature is the empanelling of a grand jury, the first one to be called in more than two years, which was drawn at 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon by Clerk Roland.

The grand jury, which is expected to investigate some very important cases, is composed of five farmers, one barber and one hop-growing man as follows: John A. Smith, Aumsville, farmer; N. Miller, Woodburn, laborer; W. H. Grabenhorst, Liberty, farmer; G. W. Needham, Salem, barber; F. J. Weid, Jefferson, farmer; Wm. Kraus, Aurora, farmer, and Andrew Cond, Macleay, hop-grower.

After being sworn in, Judge Burnett gave them brief instructions as to what their duty would consist of. The grand jurors adjourned to another room with District Attorney McNary and Sheriff Culver, for a brief consultation when an adjournment was had until 9 o'clock this morning, when, it is understood, the Pater land fraud case will be taken up. As the grand jurors are sworn to secrecy as to what comes before them, very little will be known as to what is being done until they will have completed their work and returned indictments against the parties investigated.

The grand jury will be called upon to investigate many matters of prime importance to the public at large, including the alleged fraudulent transaction of S. A. D. Pater with the state in past years, as well as other prominent men in the public eye in the same connection and the investigation of the circumstances leading up to the Tracy-Merrill penitentiary outbreak which occurred on June 9, 1902, the responsibility for which follows a request made by Harry Wright, doing time in the Walla Walla prison, and Charlie Monte, at present incarcerated in the Oregon penitentiary under sentence for grand larceny.

Of the two principal cases mentioned perhaps the most sensational in character is that of the investigation of the notorious Tracy-Merrill outbreak as a result of which three guards, Frank Ferrill, S. R. T. Jones and B. T. Tiffany gave up their lives. The responsibility for this desperate deed rests upon the shoulders of the two convicts Harry Wright and Charlie Monte, who are now serving sentences under the name of H. C. Mutchbar and W. Bennet, respectively, they being suspected of having furnished the two convicts with the arms and ammunition with which to carry out to effect their previously arranged plans of escape. This will subject them to the charge of murder in the first degree in the light of accessories before the fact and, it is understood, that this will be the charge with which they entered against them if the evidence is such that will warrant the grand jury in finding indictments against them. District Attorney McNary, who has the investigation in charge, as well as Sheriff Culver and Deputy Sheriff Minto, will not disclose any of the evidence at hand in the case, but they assert they have sufficient evidence with which to secure a conviction from parties who were with Wright and Monte both before and at the time when they are supposed to have put the guns in the prison shops where they were later found by Tracy and Merrill, and know all details in connection with the crime. This case promises some sensational developments.

As to the Pater land transactions, especially the case of February 3, when he attempted to gain possession of 3200 acres of school land by means of false applications made by nine local parties, the officers say they have the evidence well in hand and that all witnesses have been duly subpoenaed to appear before the grand jury some time this week. In this case it is claimed that Pater has laid himself liable to the charge of conspiracy to defraud the state of lands, Basil Wagner, who has not been in the city for several weeks, to the charge of the subornation of perjury for securing the grand jury to make application for the land, and each of the nine applicants, who were compelled to make false affidavits to the applications, to the charge of perjury. It is also rumored that the land fraud investigation will not stop with the Pater case cited but will be extended to include the manipulations of Pater and others in state lands, in which fraud others have been figured, for a period in several years back. As the state statistics limit the prosecution of offenses

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FEARFUL EXPLOSION AT LEITER MINES IN ILLINOIS.

DEAD ESTIMATED THIRTY-FOUR

Accumulation of Gas Over Sunday Cause of the Disasterous Accident.

Shock Experienced Distance of Twelve Miles—Shaft and Its Entrance Destroyed—Rescue Work Is Slow Owing to Attending Dangers of Damp.

BENTON, Ill., April 3.—Some fifty miners were entombed today in Joseph Leiter's mine at Zeigler by a terrific explosion of gas and it is probable that thirty or forty of the buried men are dead. Thus far fifteen bodies have been found. The explosion was due to the fact that the Leiter mines were not worked on Sunday, thus allowing the gas to accumulate in the lower workings.

When between thirty-five and forty miners had descended into the mine today to resume work a terrific explosion blew the timbers about the mouth of the mine high into the air. One of the steel cages was blown to the surface from the bottom of the 500-foot shaft. The shock of the explosion was felt at Benton, twelve miles distant. One miner was killed and four severely injured at the mouth of the shaft in which the explosion occurred. The work of rescue began at once by the miners who were arriving at the time when the explosion took place, but the main shaft was so badly wrecked that the rescue work had to be carried on through the air shafts.

This hindered the work of aiding the entombed men to such an extent that when darkness fell tonight only three bodies and one injured man had been brought to the surface. These bodies were found forty feet from the bottom of the air shaft. Work of rescue is made very difficult and dangerous by the foulness of the air in the mine. Only two bodies were found that show any marks of the explosion, death in the other cases evidently has resulted from asphyxiation.

A committee of union miners from Duquern and other neighboring mining towns, headed by District President Morris, hastened to Zeigler soon after the explosion occurred and offered their aid. The bodies of the dead are so blackened they cannot at once be identified. There was much excitement among the miners when the accident became known, because there had been a strike of long duration and many conflicts had occurred between the strikers and the non-union miners. An all day investigation tends to show that the catastrophe was due to the accidental explosion of the accumulated gas.

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SCHOOL BOARD MAKES AWARD

CONTRACT FOR NEW CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL IS LET.

GOES TO WELCH & MAURER

Building Will Cost \$42,150 and Will Be Constructed of New Berg Brick.

Action as to Letting Contract for Heating Plant Deferred to Next Meeting—Work Will Be Rushed on Construction and Will Begin at Once

Pursuant to adjournment on last Saturday evening the board of school directors met at the city hall last evening for the purpose of resuming consideration of the bids for the construction of the new central school building and the installation of a heating plant. As predicted in The Statesman of Sunday, it was finally decided to award the building contract to Messrs. Welch & Maurer of this city for \$42,150, the building to be constructed of Newberg pressed brick, and the awarding of the contract for the installation of the heating plant was postponed until next Saturday evening. It is probable, however, that the board will decide upon the McPherson hot air fan system, which will cost \$5400, as they all appear to be inclined to favor it. The total cost of the building, including furnishings, etc., will probably aggregate \$50,000.

LABOR UNREST

TROUBLE BREWING AMONG LABORERS IN WARSAW AND GENERAL STRIKE IMMINENT.

Fear of Big Walk-out Experienced on Every Hand—Strikers Are Growing Bold—Fire on Police—Arms Turned Over to Authorities.

WARSAW, April 3.—The increasing unrest in labor circles is notable and well informed men are of the opinion that another general strike is imminent. A large manufacturer in the neighboring town refused a big contract last week because, after confering with the leaders among his workmen, he was convinced that all his employes would walk out within a month in spite of the manufacturer's assurance that the employes would profit equally with himself by remaining to complete the contract.

Attacks on policemen are becoming more frequent. Two officers were wounded tonight, one of them being shot, another stabbed. The assailants escaped. The governor-general has prohibited the carrying of firearms. All the arms in the possession of gun dealers were handed over to the custody of the authorities.

FRANCE KEEPS UP THINKING.

Doesn't Like William's Moroccan Speech, and More She Thinks About It Worse It Grows.

PARIS, April 3.—The Morocco incident is daily making a deeper impression. While calmness continues to prevail, there is a growing sense of uneasiness among the French people.

THREE MILLS IN SHARON

SOUTH SHARON, Pa., April 3.—Jack Blackburn of Philadelphia, knocked out Dick Fitzpatrick of Chicago, in the second round of a 12-round bout tonight. Jack Young of Newcastle, and Paul Moore of Pittsburg, went ten rounds to a draw. The preliminary between Charles Presley and John Matti was also a draw.

PROMINENT ATTORNEY INDIOTED

WASHINGTON, April 3.—The federal grand jury today reported an indictment against Andrew A. Lipscomb, a prominent attorney of this city, in connection with the alleged embezzlement of \$16,000 from the Washington Beneficial Endowment Association.

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