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COLUMBIA READY TO INVADE VENEZUELA MEN WEEP AS TAYLOR TELLS OF NIGHT RIDERS' CRUELTIES

RELATIVES ON BAIL OF SCHMITZ P HIM OUT OF PRISON

(United Press Leased Wire.)
San Francisco, Dec. 19.—Eugene Schmitz, former mayor of San Francisco, today was released on \$5000 bail, furnished by relatives, following the refusal of the court to examine as to his financial condition. Those who went on bail for Schmitz were women relatives of his, including his wife, and his former boss' lawyer, Thomas J. McLaughlin, of Shasta county, made a motion to have the case continued until January 2, and it was a dis-

SPECULATE ON TAFT'S CABINET OVER TWO POSSIBLE VAGANCIES

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Washington, D. C., Dec. 19.—Much speculation is indulged in today regarding the probable choice of an attorney-general by President-elect William H. Taft, following the official announcement that Senator Philander C. Knox, of Philadelphia, is to be the new secretary of state. An authentic list of those being considered for attorney-general, follows: Frank G. Kellogg, "chief trust buster"; Charles G. Nagies, of St. Louis, prominent attorney and politician; Henry M. Hoyt, of Ohio, solicitor-general of the United States, and college mate of Taft at Yale; George W.

ROBBING BANKS IN AN AUTO ARE TERRORIZING NEBRASKA

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 19.—Robbers, believed to be the "automobile desperadoes," who have been terrorizing the state, blew the safe in the State Bank at Ceresco, 20 miles north of here early today, and escaped with \$3000 in currency. If they are the same thieves who robbed the banks at Keene and Gibbon, they have secured nearly \$10,000 in 24 hours. Only three robbers were engaged in the looting of the Ceresco bank this morning, though six were seen in their automobile as they left Gibbon yesterday. The three men at Ceresco stole a livery rig, with which they left the

DYNAMITER IS GIVEN THE LIMIT MRS. MARTIN GETS LIFE TERM

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Oakland, Cal., Dec. 19.—Mrs. Isabella Martin, convicted of dynamiting the home of Judge Ogden, in this city, was sentenced to life imprisonment today by Superior Judge Wells. The crime for which Mrs. Martin will spend the rest of her days in the penitentiary was committed on March 19, 1907. Mrs. Martin did not place the dynamite under the judge's house herself, but she issued the orders to her son, "Baby John" Martin, a lad just in his teens. The boy testified at the trial that his reputed mother held him under her influence, and compelled him to do her bidding, not only in the case of the dynamiting of the Ogden home, but in several other outrages, involving the use of high explosives. The blowing up of the Ogden home last year was a mystery until "Baby John" was caught trying to poison the people of Weaverville, Trinity county. After his arrest, he broke down and confessed that not only the poisoning, but several dynamiting outrages, including the Ogden affair, had been perpetrated by him at his mother's command. The boy's confession was the first light that had been thrown on the mystery of the Ogden explosion, and it quickly led to other sensational disclosures, which revealed that the lad was a prodigy of criminal cunning. The defense in the recent trial made the argument that the boy, and not the woman, was the real criminal, and evidence was introduced with the hope of proving to the jury that the child was morally perverted. The prosecution, however, established its case too clearly, showing that Mrs. Martin exerted an almost hypnotic influence over the boy, and by threats of dire bodily injury compelled him to carry out her plots for revenge on people whom she disliked. Mrs. Martin was convicted in six minutes by a jury in Judge William Wells' court last Tuesday. Today her attorneys made motions for an examination of their client on the question of her sanity. This was denied by Judge Wells, as was a motion for a new trial. Mrs. Martin took her sentence with composure, having evidently steeled herself for the inevitable. Mrs. Martin's grievance against Judge Ogden dated from the time, several years ago, when she was engaged in a lawsuit, one of the many in which she was continually involved. In this particular case she formed the impression that Judge Ogden was biased against her, and had used his position to work successfully against her interests. Threatening letters were received afterwards by the judge, but, at that time, he paid little attention to them. These letters played an important part in the recent trial.

ACCUSED ALONE ARE UNMOVED RELATES HANGING OF RANKIN

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Union, Tenn., Dec. 19.—The eight prisoners at the bar were today persons who did not betray any emotion, when Colonel Taylor related the story of the killing of Captain Rankin by the "night riders." Tears streamed down the face of the judge, and the attorneys for the defense turned their faces away to hide their feelings. The greater part of the audience was weeping, and many of the women present sobbed audibly. Colonel Taylor related the details of his experience on that memorable occasion. He told how he was awakened at dead of night, marched by his captors half a mile from his home and brought to a deserted spot. En route, said he, individuals in the mob tormented him. They demanded to know how much Rankin and Taylor paid Judge Cooper for the Reelfoot Lake decision. The leader of the mob appeared to be in a frenzy. Taylor testified that he said: "Gentlemen, I'm 62, and have lived the better part of my life. I am not afraid of death. Kill me, but save the life of Captain Rankin; he's younger." Taylor continued: "They threw the end of a rope over the branch of a tree, and tied the other end around the neck of Rankin. Then they pulled him up. As his feet left the ground he cried, 'Oh, gentlemen, don't do that, don't do that; you're killing me; you're killing me.'" Here Colonel Taylor collapsed.

DUTCH READY TO LAND ON FIRST CHANCE IN VENEZUELA

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Paris, France, Dec. 19.—Columbia is preparing to invade Venezuela, according to private dispatches received here today. The Colombian government is massing troops along the Venezuelan frontier in such points of vantage as to secure the success of an invasion, which could be started upon a moment's notice. It is reported that the Colombians believe the present crisis in Venezuela offers them a great opportunity for conquest. The Dutch foreign office today gave out a statement that advises received by the officials indicate that the Venezuelan trouble may be settled without actual warfare. It is admitted that there is still a strong possibility of grave complications, but it is pointed out that the internal conditions in Venezuela are such as to permit only submission by the government to Holland's demands. Holland believes now that Venezuela, being threatened with war from without and revolution from within must accede to any demands that are made. The Hague, Dec. 19.—The warships Holland are plying the Venezuelan waters ready to aid the revolutionists who have risen against President Cipriano Castro whenever the movement promises success, according to an official announcement made at the foreign office today. The first important movement on the part of the revolutionists will bring to their aid the men of the Dutch ships who are awaiting a pretext to land upon Venezuelan soil and insure the overthrow of the dictator. The revolutionary movement

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KILLS BROHTER THINKING HIM DEER

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Butte, Mont., Dec. 19.—The victim of a bullet fired by his brother, who mistook him for a deer, R. A. Taylor, a prominent rancher, today is dead at his home in Northern Montana. Taylor and his brother, Leland B. Taylor, were hunting near Troy, when they became separated. A few moments later Leland heard the bushes rustle, and, thinking he saw a deer, fired. He thought he had missed his quarry, and returned home, and, after some waiting for the missing man to return, Taylor headed a searching party to find his brother. Bleeding to death and freezing, the rancher was found, but died before the farm house was reached.

PORTUGUESE MINISTERS TO RESIGN OFFICES

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Lisbon, Dec. 19.—Premier Ferrerado Amoral today announced the intention of the present cabinet ministers to resign tomorrow. The minister reached this decision after two days of violent discussion. Their decision, according to the king's friends, is the result of the belief that the ministry was responsible for the revolutionary troubles of the kingdom.

NO CLEW TO MEN WHO BLEW UP CAR

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Stockton, Cal., Dec. 19.—The local peace officers and Santa Fe railroad detectives are still at sea regarding the identity of the unknown party or parties who blew up the Santa Fe caboose in this city last night. While it is supposed that the work was that of hobos, who were seeking revenge on trainmen, no clues have been obtained.

city, but they deserted it about 15 miles out of town.

James Boyle, of Ceresco, was passing the bank at the time of the robbery. The look-out held him up, and, at the point of a revolver, forced him to go into the bank. There he was gagged and bound to a chair.

When the cashier opened the bank today, the robbery was first learned through the discovery of Boyle still securely fastened to the chair, and hardly able to breathe.

A heavily armed posse of officers is in pursuit of the robbers, and they say they are confident of catching the desperadoes before night. There is a belief, however, that the robbers were met by their fellows in the automobile, at the point where the rig was deserted, and that they are now far away.

The operations of the bank robbers have terrorized all the smaller banks of the state, and extra guards are being placed on duty in banks in all the smaller towns.

Prof. W. Ray, of Silverton, is in on business today.