

CONFESSES NUMEROUS ROBBERIES

Charles Chiffen Said to Be an Oklahoma Cowboy Is Caught With the Goods—Suspected of Being Drug Store Bandit.

WOMAN GAVE HIM AWAY

Also Suspected of Being the Murderer of Night Watchman Mayer, Who Was Killed in a Pistol Duel at Santa Clara March 14—Woman Says He Remained in Hiding Four Days After the Man Was Killed.

San Jose, Calif., March 31.—Charles Chiffen, said to be an Oklahoma cowboy, who is in jail here to-day, has confessed to a number of robberies, according to the police. The detective Ray Starbird, and other witnesses are said to have heard the confession.

According to his alleged confession he robbed a lumber yard at San Jose on the night of February 28, a saloon and a jewelry shop at San Jose on March 23. He also confessed, it is alleged, robberies at San Francisco, previous to coming here.

The officers assert that they have evidence which tends to connect Chiffen with the shooting of Night Watchman George Whyback, who was killed in a pistol duel with a man at Santa Clara, on the night of March 14.

Chiffen was questioned closely in regard to the shooting. Throughout the questioning he remained non-committal in re-

gard to his actions on that night. He admitted only that he was in Santa Clara. Chiffen asked a number of hypothetical questions in connection with the Whyback shooting, and he wanted to know just what penalty was attached to the crime.

He laid particular stress on the fact that the slaying of Whyback might have been done in self-defense. In such a case he wished to ascertain if a man could be convicted of murder in any degree or of manslaughter.

The prisoner was betrayed into the hands of the police by a young woman who gave the name of Alma Bell. She told the police that she feared he might kill her on account of her knowledge of his burglaries. According to her story, Chiffen remained hidden in his rooms in a local hotel for four days, subsequent to the discovery of the watchman's dead body.

When Chiffen was arrested he was packing his grip to leave town. Among his effects, the police say, was found a quantity of jewelry, which he had stolen at Meridian Corners, a dark lantern and a revolver.

He evinced no surprise when told he was in custody and asked no questions. When confronted by witnesses, the police say, he readily admitted the robberies. As the man was in San Francisco when the city was being terrorized by the drugstore bandit, the police in San Francisco have been asked to compare Chiffen's description with that of the San Francisco desperado who has not been caught.

Will Rush Walter's Trial.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]
New York, March 31.—That the case of Albert Walters, charged with the murder of Ruth Wheeler, whose mutilated body was found in his apartments, will be rushed, was indicated today when Judge Mulqueen refused to grant a ten-days' delay asked by the defense. He granted only one day's continuance, and the prisoner will be arraigned and pleadings entered tomorrow. At that time the trial date will be set.

The district attorney is anxious to have the case called as speedily as possible, and it is expected that the trial will commence within two weeks.

The district attorney is busily sifting the evidence that has come to his hands in connection with the case and it is expected that he will make an effort to bring out further evidence that will connect the murderer with the "white slave" traffic, which the authorities have been making efforts to stamp out.

400,000 GO ON STRIKE TOMORROW

Coal Miners in the Territory from Pennsylvania to Oklahoma Decide to Strike, and Will Go Out April 1.

MILLION AND A HALF A DAY

Loss in Wages Alone Will Reach This Vast Sum as Miners Earn Now From \$3.50 to \$4.00 Per Day—Labor Leaders Say That at the Best the Strike Cannot Be Settled Outside of a Month—Coal Prices Rise.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]
St. Louis, Mo., March 31.—Four hundred thousand coal miners, including almost every man in the district between Western Pennsylvania and the Oklahoma fields, will strike tomorrow, compelling idleness in 2,000 mines, according to a declaration today of A. J. Moorshead, president of the Illinois coal operators' association.

Moorshead stated that every mine in Illinois would be closed, pending an adjustment of the wage scale. The miners demand a wage increase that will enable them to earn from \$4 to \$4.50 per day. At present they earn from \$3.50 to \$4.

A joint conference of representatives of all miners and operators will be held in Chicago next Monday. Moorshead does not believe a settlement will be reached at that time. Thirty days must elapse, he said before the contending parties can formulate a compromise. He

declared that there is no way to avoid the impending strike.

Coal Prices Advance.
Chicago, March 31.—A sharp advance in the price of coal is predicted here today by dealers as a result of the walkout of the miners in the bituminous coal districts pending a new agreement. It is expected, however, that the coal-strike will be settled within a month.

Calls for Suspension of Work.
Indianapolis, Ind., March 31.—President Lewis of the United Mine Workers of America, today declared a suspension of work by the miners in the Eastern coal fields. The suspension will last for a period of not to exceed 30 days.

Lewis predicts that 250,000 of the 500,000 members of the organization will be affected by the suspension. The suspension of work will last until a new agreement is signed between the mine operators and the miners.

4,000 Go Out in Texas.

Dallas, Tex., March 31.—Without waiting the arrival of formal orders to strike, 4,000 coal miners in Palo Pinto county walked from the mines today.

Thinks Operators Will Yield.
Columbus, O., March 31.—President Green of the Ohio Mine Workers today predicted that 40,000 Ohio miners who will quit work tomorrow will be back at the mines within a week.

Green declared that he did not expect any great difficulty in securing a satisfactory agreement from the operators.

Mine Operators Meet.
Pittsburg, Pa., March 31.—A call for a meeting of the mine operators tomorrow was issued this afternoon. The meeting is for the purpose of arranging a conference with the leaders of the mine workers. The strike tomorrow will affect 40,000 men.

Miners Are Well Fixed.
Springfield, Ill., March 31.—The miners of Illinois will go into the fight against their employers tomorrow to secure better working conditions, with a plentiful supply of money.

The local union has \$700,000 in its strike fund. As a coincidence, it is commented on here that the strike will be called tomorrow, which is also a holiday set apart by the miners to celebrate the enactment of the "eight-hours a day" law.

LAVA IS FLOWING TO THE SEA

Catania Is Celebrating Its Escape From Destruction With Ringing of Church Bells and Religious Processions.

LAVA FLOW 100 FEET DEEP

Railroad at the Base of the Mountain Is in the Path of the Lava Stream, and Unless the Eruption Ceases Soon It Will Be Destroyed—Peasants Have Re-entered Abandoned Towns to Save as Much of Their Effects as Possible.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]
Naples, March 31.—The mountain villages of Borello and Belpassa have been left to their fate, according to advices from Catania today. The flow of lava from 35 craters of the giant mountain of Aetna has widened in its progress down the southern slope of the volcano. Soldiers have abandoned the towns permitting the inhabitants to re-enter them to remove everything of value that could be carried to safety.

Other towns on the mountain side, which have partially been burned by the solidifying lava, have been depopulated for several days and the soldiers are preventing the peasants from re-entering them because of danger.

Intervening hills have checked the flow of lava toward Catania, according to reports and the lava is now flowing toward the coast.

The lava is estimated to be 100 feet deep in places.

Largest Stream Diverted.
Catania, March 31.—Bells of the cathedral, the monasteries and churches of Catania are ringing to-day while joyous processions of devotees fill the streets in thanksgiving for deliverance of the city from the peril of Mount Aetna's lava streams.

The civil authorities today announced that the largest stream had been diverted from Catania by a range of low hills and that it is flowing to the sea.

Even the sorrow stricken thousands from the mountain towns issued from the refugees to join the demonstration. Persons who have been permitted to visit the territory through which the lava is flowing describe the moving mass as an impressive sight. They declare that in many places the lava has filled deep ravines, then taken up its onward flow.

The railroad on the eastern side of the mountain's base is in the path of the approaching flow and unless the eruption soon ceases, will be destroyed.

TROUBLE IS BREWING IN FINLAND

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]
St. Petersburg, March 31.—More trouble with the Finns is expected by Government officials today, following

the introduction of the Russo-Finnish bill in the Douma yesterday.

The bill gives the Douma authority over the affairs of Finland. It is almost certain that the passage of the bill will result in further disturbances in Finland.

Ever since Finland came under the to merge Finland with Russia, and protection of Russia by treaty, there has been a constant fight on the part of the Finns to retain their treaty rights to home rule.

The introduction of the bill in the Douma is considered by the Finns as another step on the part of Russia to wipe out the last thread of independence she possesses.

Montavilla Wants a Depot.
An answer has been filed with the railroad commission by the railroad company in the case of Geo. L. Hibbard against the Oregon Railroad & Navigation company.

This suit was instituted by Hibbard on behalf of the people of Montavilla and has for its object the compelling of the company to provide the people of that place with a depot. Hibbard in his complaint says that the people of the town purchased three acres near the company's track and gave it to the company on condition that it would build a spur and a depot, but that it has failed to build the depot. The company's answer is in the form of a general denial.

Testimony Is Against Defendants.
Watseka, Ill., March 31.—Mrs. O. F. Albrecht testified in the Saylor murder case today. She declared that on the night of the killing she saw a revolver in the pocket of John Grunden, one of the defendants in case.

Her testimony strengthened the contention of the state that Grunden, Mrs. J. B. Saylor, wife of the dead banker, and Dr. William Miller all took part in the affray.

She declared that when she saw them shortly after the tragedy, Grunden's shirt and Mrs. Saylor's waists were blood stained.

THE JUDGE JOLTED ATTORNEY

Hammond, Ind., March 31.—Martin Solkdt is making a badly swollen jaw today, and Judge H. F. Kaske has a big lump on the back of his right hand, in addition to a reputation for the healthiest punch of any one on the Indiana bench.

Solkdt disregarded the judge's order that he refrain from coaching a witness in a trial yesterday. There was no balliff in the court room. About the fourth time, Solkdt framed the witness answer, Judge Kaske walked slowly to the offender's side and planted a full right swing somewhere on the jawbone, beneath the left ear.

Solkdt went over for the count.

Kaske later explained that he considered it unnecessary to have Solkdt arrested for contempt of court. Solkdt was equally willing to pass up a chance of legal redress.

BABY IS BURNED TO DEATH

Medford, March 31.—Through the carelessness of an older sister, Lucie, the 2-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Weeks, of Trail, near the summit of the Cascades, west of this city, was burned to death Sunday night, according to a report reaching here today.

The parents of the two girls were both absent from home when the tragedy occurred. Late in the afternoon the elder sister lighted a lamp, and placed it upon the floor. Later, while she was absent, the little one toddled to it, and accidentally upset it. Her clothing was a mass of flames before the elder sister could render any aid.

MOORE'S FATE RESTS WITH JURY

Trial of the President of the Oregon Trust and Savings Bank, Now Defunct, Was Submitted this Morning.

CASE IS OF WIDE INTEREST

The Charge Against Moore Is That He Allowed the Bank to Receive Deposits When He Knew That It Was Insolvent—Several Others Are Indicted in Connection With the Matter, All of Them Prominent in Portland.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]
Portland, Ore., March 31.—With the completion of the argument of District Attorney Cameron, the case against W. H. Moore, president of the defunct Oregon Trust and Savings Bank, who has been on trial here for the last two weeks on an indictment charging that he accepted deposits with a knowledge that the bank was insolvent, was placed in the hands of the jury shortly before noon today. A verdict is expected to be returned late this afternoon.

The last witness for the prosecution was Mrs. D. C. Watts, wife of a drug clerk, who testified that she had taken Minnie Mitchell to the bank to make the deposit on which the indictment against Moore is based. The prosecution aimed by her testimony to contradict Moore, who, in his examination, denied being in the bank and witnessing the transaction between the clerk and Miss Mitchell.

This testimony in rebuttal was objected to by attorneys for the defense on the ground that the testimony should have been brought out in the chief testimony of the case, and as later introduced was merely cumulative.

This objection was sustained by Judge Bronaugh.

Today's session of court was occupied by arguments of the attorneys for both sides.

J. B. Tamisie Is Dead.

Mr. J. B. Tamisie, of Hillsboro, died this morning at his home in that city. He has been a resident of Oregon since 1876. He was born in Syracuse, N. Y., in 1833. Mr. Tamisie's wife died the 14th of last December, and since that time he has cared little for this life, and has seemed to be waiting to join her.

Mr. Tamisie leaves the following sons and daughters: Dr. A. E. Tamisie, of this city; J. H. V. H. Dr. J. C. and Dr. G. W. Tamisie, all of Portland; Dr. J. P. Tamisie, of Hillsboro, and Mrs. Wm. Rielling and Miss Marie Tamisie, both of Hillsboro.

The funeral notice will be announced later, but burial will probably be in Hillsboro.

Married a Few of Them.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]
Hoboken, N. J., March 31.—Emil Karl Van Mueller, known as the "marrying count," who was arrested at Los Angeles, and charged with bigamy, and brought here, was found guilty today, and sentenced to eight years at hard labor in the penitentiary.

Mueller was charged with having married twenty or more women. He admitted having married "one or two."

Sensational Bargain Giving

Here's a great opportunity for you to buy stylish wearing apparel for your spring outfit in the following departments: Dress Goods and Silks, Ladies' Coats, Ladies' Suits, Millinery, Dress Trimmings, Kid Gloves, Lace, Embroideries, Fancy Neckwear and hundreds of other goods suitable for spring wear. We are slicing the prices down to make fast selling and quick sales.

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Millin-
ery Now
on Sale**

The greatest line of swell creations that was ever shown in Salem. Come to our store and look through and you will say so. Salem's busy millinery shop is the place that sells the Hats. Come here for bargains in Millinery. Pretty hats like picture now selling for

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and Silks**

The greatest showing in Salem of this season's newest weaves and shades. If you want variety, style, quality and low prices, come to the Chicago Store. We can please you. Sale prices, yard

25c, 35c, 49c, 65c and up

**1910
Newest
Spring
Suits
Now on
Sale
Stylish
GARMENTS
Like the
Picture
Now Selling
at Small
Prices**

We are giving the greatest values we ever gave and doing the greatest business we ever done in Ladies' Suits and Coats. Why shouldn't we? Look at the prices. We sell high class garments at

\$7.50, \$8.50, \$10.50, \$12.50 and up

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SALEM, OREGON "The Store That Saves You Money"

BIG COMPANY SWALLOWS THE LITTLE ONE

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]
Salt Lake City, March 31.—G. C. Taylor, manager of the Pacific district of the American Express Company, announced today that the American had absorbed the Pacific Express Company.

In the near future, Mr. Taylor said, the American Express Company would put on solid through express trains from New York, Chicago and Eastern points to Denver, Salt Lake City and Ogden.

The new trains will cut down the running time between the cities for express, and will make certain transfers that have heretofore been made, unnecessary in handling through business between East and West.

Big Find of Opium.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]
Vancouver, B. C., March 31.—Smuggled opium worth about \$2500 was seized late yesterday by customs officials on board the Blue Funnel liner Titan, now docked here.

There was something over 100 five-ounce tins of the "dope" hidden away, partly in barrels of ship's supplies, and partly in coal in the hold. This is one of the largest quantities that smugglers have ever attempted to bring into this port at one time.

HER ANNUAL VISIT.



GEE, IT'S HARD TO DECIDE WHAT TO BE!



—Gudwin in Pittsburg Press.

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—Carter in New York American.