

HARRIMAN IS BETTER LYLE SAYS

PHYSICIAN REITERATES ASSE-
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NATE IS IMPROVED.

New York, Sept. 8.—Edward H. Harriman is better. This statement is based on the assertion today of the two men closest to him outside of his immediate family. His medical adviser, Dr. William G. Lyle, said so twice. His spiritual adviser, the Rev. J. Holmes McGuinness, made the assertion in almost the same language, after visiting the sick man this afternoon. How far Mr. Harriman has improved, and the precise state of his health is still a matter of conjecture and the subject of alarming rumors. The official information from the Harriman residence today utterly failed to quiet the reports and there seems to be some ground for the persistent reports that he suffered a slight attack of indigestion and that Dr. Lyle's reassuring statement referred to his improvement from this second seizure. There is no doubt that Mr. Harriman's recent condition has been desperate. Evidence of this was furnished by the empty oxygen tanks that were sent down from Tower hill to be returned to the manufacturer.

That the attacks will be recurrent and that they must grow increasingly ominous is the general belief.

Dr. Lyle's first statement lulled conjecture only for a few hours. In the afternoon alarming rumors poured in to the newspaper men at Turner and Arden until 4 o'clock, when Dr. Lyle was again called on the telephone.

Is Better.

"It is said in New York that Mr. Harriman is dead," he was told. "Those reports are not true," replied Dr. Lyle. "Mr. Harriman is better today."

His assurances were qualified in the minds of many, however, by a visit paid to Arden house by Mrs. Mary Simonds, Mr. Harriman's sister, who lives in Center Valley, at the foot of the mountain. A week ago, when Mrs. Simonds was asked to affirm or deny a rumor that her brother was dying, she replied:

"If he were dying, do you think I should be sitting quietly here at my home?"

Tonight a member of the Simonds family was asked if the sister's visit indicated any change for the worse. The reply was:

"No, quite the contrary."

Denies Rumors.

Rev. J. Holmes McGuinness, rector of the Episcopal parish of which Mr. Harriman is a member, alarmed by the rumors, went to Arden house. He spent two hours with the family. Reluctant to discuss his visit, he yielded when told that an erroneous interpretation might be placed upon his call if followed by absolute silence.

"Well," he replied, "you can quote

me also as saying that Mr. Harriman is better."

It was learned on excellent authority tonight that Mr. Harriman has been in bed since Friday, too weak to be moved. Evidence is excellent that he is under the constant care of a corps of physicians and nurses and that he has a high fever.

It is believed that oxygen is kept always on hand, if it is not now being administered. The conclusion is that the official "improvement" may be freely construed as a change from a crisis to a state of grave danger.

An obstinate report from Wall street that Mr. Harriman was operated on yesterday for a cancerous growth was denied tonight by Superintendent Ford.

Mr. Harriman said tonight that a statement would be issued in New York by Judge Lovett. One of the assistants of Judge Lovett, in explaining his reticence, said tonight:

"We all realize that the failure to issue authoritative statements on Mr. Harriman's condition gives the rumor mongers and those wanting to swing the stock market an exceptional opportunity, but Judge Lovett sees difficulties which are not understood by outsiders. Mr. Harriman's illness is now like typhoid, where if we told the public at certain hours each day that his temperature was such and his respiration so and so, the course of his illness could be traced."

The judge feels that if he issued a statement pessimistic in tone and Mr. Harriman should get well he would be charged with misrepresentations.

On the other hand, if he issued an optimistic bulletin and Mr. Harriman grew worse he would be open to a charge of the same sort.

"As nobody can foresee the course of Mr. Harriman's malady, even for a single day, Judge Lovett feels that the wisest course is silence. It is regrettable that stock jobbers are commercializing Mr. Harriman's illness, but as matters now stand we see no way of preventing it."

Train Is Held.

Turner, N. Y., Sept. 8.—The 6:50 train on the Erie railroad was held at Jersey City for 10 minutes tonight until it was boarded by two men of professional appearance, carrying leather bags, like medical cases. A Harriman automobile was waiting at Arden when the express dashed through. It is believed that it must have been by mistake that it did not stop at Arden, for as soon as it had passed, the chauffeur scorching to Turner and picked up the strangers, shortly after the train had left there.

These men would not say whether or not they were physicians. Mr. Harriman's friends have made an attempt to deny that during the last three days he has had other medical attendants than Dr. Lyle. One employe said that six physicians were at the house Sunday night. It is believed that the best specialists in the country are at the bedside. The lines about Tower hill were drawn closer tonight than at any time since Mr. Harriman's relapse.

They Are Barred.

Charles T. Ford, superintendent of the estate, sent out word that no more newspaper men would be given access to Dr. Lyle, either by written message

or by telephone. These precautions are not directed against the newspaper men so much as against a group of spies, sent here by Wall street interests. Several of these tried to mingle with the newspaper representatives this evening in an endeavor to learn what they knew, though such information would be of no use in the stock exchange.

More Rumors.

Arden, N. Y., Sept. 8.—Rumors that E. H. Harriman was in a critical condition gained renewed currency here shortly after 1 o'clock this morning. At the same time the brilliant arc light which has heretofore burned on Tower hill all night was suddenly extinguished. Repeated calls to the telephone exchange gained no response.

PHYSICIAN ARRESTED FOR CRIME

IS TAKEN INTO CUSTODY IN CON-
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YOUNG GIRL.

Detroit, Sept. 8.—Dr. George A. Pritch, a well-known practitioner of this city, was arrested tonight in connection with the death of Miss Mabel Millman of Ann Arbor, whose dismembered body was found in two sacks sunken in Ecorse creek.

The arrest of Dr. Pritch followed the return of Sheriff George Gaston from Ann Arbor. The sheriff looked through the records of the money order and registered letter departments at Ann Arbor in hope that the post-office records would show who had sent a registered letter containing money which Miss Millman received at her home just before leaving on her trip to Detroit three weeks ago.

"I am convinced that the girl was sent money by some man to have performed a surgical operation," said Sheriff Gaston. "This caused her to leave home and deceive her parents. This must have been unsuccessful and she died. Her body was then dismembered and thrown into Ecorse creek. The girl was prepared, in my opinion, to meet her fate and had aided in plans for secrecy should death follow."

It is not known whether or not the sheriff completed his investigations at Ann Arbor.

OFFICERS SEARCHING FOR MURDERER

REDOUBLE THEIR EFFORTS TO
FIND PERPETRATOR OF
TERRIBLE CRIME.

Detroit, Sept. 8.—Sheriff Gaston and the police of the entire state started in with redoubled energy today to run down the slayer of May Belle Millman, whose headless, armless and legless body was found in Ecorse creek Monday morning, and whose head and limbs were recovered yesterday.

A clew today was furnished by Ernest and William Bucholtz, farmers, who, a week ago Tuesday, when on their way to market at 2 o'clock in the morning, were passed by a motor car containing two men and a large burly bag. The bag was similar to that which contained the mutilated body, and the machine was headed towards Ecorse creek. Another clew is that a young woman answering Miss Millman's description was seen near Ecorse creek last week in company with a Detroit man, who formerly worked in Ann Arbor.

Dragging in Ecorse creek was continued today in the hope of finding some of the dead girl's clothing and the lower portion of the abdomen, which has not yet been recovered.

AMICABLY SETTLED.

Detroit, Sept. 8.—The Detroit News says this afternoon that "Ty" Cobb's trouble with the watchman of the Euclid hotel at Cleveland was amicably settled today by Manager Fred Avery of the Euclid hotel and President Naylor of the Detroit baseball club and that there will be no prosecution of Cobb.

FOREST FIRE RAGES.

Spokane, Wash., Sept. 8.—Another big forest fire is raging in the Coeur d'Alene national forest reserve, just north of Hayden lake, in Idaho. Fifteen men, led by Ranger Wilson, were sent out from Wallace today to fight the flames, which, it is feared, are beyond control. Another fire is reported in the forest along the Little North Fork river, near Wallace.

Health and Beauty Aid.

Cosmetics and lotions will not clear your complexion of pimples and blotches like Foley's Ointment Laxative, for indigestion, stomach and liver trouble and habitual constipation. Cleanses the system and is pleasant to take. Arden City Drug Co. (Geo. Freisheimer, proprietor).

MORE SERIOUS.

Monterey, Mex., Sept. 8.—General Bernardo Reyes arrived here tonight. With his arrival the political situation grows more serious. He has gone to his home here and denies himself from receiving all callers. It is stated on the best authority that General Reyes has resigned his post as governor.

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PEARY DENOUNCES DR. COOK'S STORY

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through which he first reported his success by wireless.

Peary sent his message to the Associated Press, replying to an urgent request for an authoritative statement and some comment concerning Dr. Cook.

Has Supporters.

Dr. Cook as yet has supporters, both at home and abroad. Many of the continental scientists are marking time pending developments, while those who have formed no decided opinion in this country have assumed a similar stand.

Professor William H. Brewer of Yale, honorary president for life of the Arctic club of America, of which both Peary and Cook are members, telegraphed to New York today, saying:

"I believe both Cook and Peary have reached the pole."

Red Bay, Labrador, Sept. 8.—

Commander Robert E. Peary, homeward bound on the steamship Roosevelt, arrived today at Battle Harbor, just above the opening of the Strait of Belle Isle, and approximately 65 miles above this point. As the telegraph station at Chateau lay, 35 miles north-east of here, is closed, the Roosevelt's next stop likely will be here, although it was at first intended to stop at the former place.

At one time today the Roosevelt was reported at Blanc Sablon, southwest of here, and 100 miles from Battle Harbor, but latest advices tonight merely chronicle her arrival at Battle Harbor, with her exact itinerary thereafter in doubt.

Advices reaching here today say that the Roosevelt was sighted at Battle Harbor at 10 o'clock this morning. She is expected to stop here or to go on to Blanc Sablon tomorrow, whence, after a short call, she will proceed on her way to North Sydney, Cape Breton, about 475 miles to the southwest.

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Notice to Bidders.

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received at the office of the Denver & Rock Island Development company at DeBorgia, Missoula county, Montana, for sinking on the property of said company a double-compartment shaft not less than 250 feet deep, to be four by eight in clear, to be well timbered, and done subject to approval of manager in charge. Bids desired for doing all work, furnishing all material, mining company to furnish machinery for power, and for doing work, company to do all surface work, but contractor to furnish all powder, caps and fuse. Bids to be received up to 12 o'clock in September 10, 1909. Company reserves right to reject any and all bids.

DENVER & ROCK ISLAND DEVELOPMENT CO.
By J. L. PRIGGALL, Manager.
Dated this August 28, 1909.
Specifications may be seen at office of company, DeBorgia, Mont., and at F. L. Darbee's, 131 Higgins avenue; Louis Kennedy, 131 Higgins avenue.

Notice in Bankruptcy.

This is to give notice that in the district court of the United States for the district of Montana H. H. McVety of Missoula, Missoula county, Montana, has been duly adjudged a bankrupt upon his own petition.

That the payment of any debts and the delivery of any property belonging to such bankrupt, to him or for his use, and the transfer of any property by him, are forbidden by law.

That the first meeting of the creditors of said bankrupt, for the purpose of filing and proving claims, and to choose one or more trustees for the estate, and for examining the bankruptcy under oath, and for the transaction of such business as can lawfully come before said meeting, will be held at a court of bankruptcy to be held at rooms 21-23 Union Bank building, Helena, Mont., before S. A. Balliet, referee in bankruptcy, on the 18th day of September, 1909, at 10 o'clock a. m. Dated Helena, Mont., Sept. 7, 1909.

S. A. BALLIET,
Referee in Bankruptcy.

Public Sale.

Notice is hereby given that I will, on the 13th day of September, 1909, at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m., at the city pound, on Second street, in the city of Missoula, Mont., expose the following described stock at public auction to pay the pound fees and costs of keeping and sale, to wit:

One brown mare, branded with an R and heart on left hip.

Witness my hand this 8th day of September, 1909.

J. A. VEALEY, Chief of Police.

Testifies After Four Years.

Carlisle Center, N. Y., G. B. Burhans, writes: "About four years ago I wrote you that I had been entirely cured of kidney trouble by taking two bottles of Foley's Kidney Remedy, and after four years I am again pleased to state that I have never had any return of those symptoms, and I am evidently cured to stay cured." Foley's Kidney Remedy will do the same for you. GARDEN CITY DRUG CO. (Geo. Freisheimer, Proprietor).

Notice to Stockholders.

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the Missoula Mercantile company will be held at their office in the city of Missoula, Montana, the 12th day of September, 1909, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of electing trustees for the ensuing year and such other business as may come before the meeting. C. H. M'LEOD, President.

Bids for Fire Hose.

Sealed bids for supplying the fire department of the city of Missoula, Mont., with two thousand (2,000) feet of 2 1/2-inch fire hose will be received by the undersigned up to noon the 20th day of September, 1909.

Samples and prices and a certified check to the value of 5 per cent of the amount bid, payable to the mayor of said city, must accompany all bids. The city council reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

J. S. KEMP, City Clerk.
By SAMUEL BELLEW, Deputy.

Notice of Sale.

SALE OF TIMBER. Missoula, Mont., September 7, 1909.—Sealed bids, marked outside "Bid timber sale application, August 25, 1909, Lolo," and addressed to Elers Koch, forest supervisor, Missoula, Mont., will be received up to and including the 7th day of October, 1909, for all the merchantable dead timber standing and down, and all the live timber marked for cutting by the forest officers, located on an area to be designated by the forest officers in the north half of the south-west quarter of section 8, township 11 north, range 23 west, 3d P. M., within the Lolo national forest, Montana, estimated to be 200,000 feet B. M. log scale, more or less, of yellow pine, western larch and Douglas fir. No bid of less than \$450 per thousand feet B. M. will be considered, and a deposit of \$500 must be sent to the Western Montana National Bank, U. S. depository, at Missoula, Mont., to accompany each bid submitted to the supervisor. Timber upon valid claims is exempt from sale. The right to reject any and all bids is reserved. For further information and regulations address the undersigned.

ELERS KOCH,
Forest Supervisor.

Notice to Contractors.

Sealed bids, plans and specifications will be received at the office of the county clerk and recorder of Missoula county, Montana, up to 10 o'clock a. m. September 10, 1909, for the construction of a combination bridge across the Missoula river near West-fall Spur, on the Coeur d'Alene branch of the Northern Pacific railroad, said bridge to consist of two spans of 200 feet each with a 16-foot roadway covered with three-inch plank, floor of bridge to be 10 feet above high water mark of 1908; trust timber to be Oregon fir, the balance to be native species; center pier to be tubular or crib; end piers to be crib or piles; all wood material for use of cribs and piles; also filling of piers with rock, to be furnished by the county of Missoula. A certified check of 10 per cent will be required to accompany the bid. The board reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

By D. T. CURRAN, Chairman.
F. W. KUPHAL, County Clerk.

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Secretary.



FALL AND WINTER Modes Are Being Shown by D. J. DONOHUE CO.

The house of Donohue Co. maintains close relationship with all prominent eastern designers and manufacturers, thereby gaining the advantage of distinction, refinement, exclusiveness and superior qualities in all lines.

No man or woman within a radius of one hundred miles of Missoula, who wants to feel that his or her wearing apparel is right in every particular, can afford to buy before looking through our various departments.

Our claim to pre-eminence in style supremacy was never so deserving or more forcefully impressed upon the public than in these authentic modes gathered from the nation's greatest producing sources. 'Tis the most comprehensive showing ever displayed in any one establishment in western Montana.

Advertising Missoula

The Electric Sign Is Indorsed by Visitors

THEY WILL GO BACK TO THEIR HOMES AND TALK ABOUT IT

LOTS OF IT.—They stood at the Florence corner one night and looked up the avenue along the lengthy line of illuminated signs. There were four of them and they were strangers in the city; they talked enthusiastically of some of the things they had seen here and were particularly interested in the electric signs. "I'll bet you," said one of them, "that there is more electric power represented in those signs on that one street than is used in our whole city at home." Wherever he came from, that young man is the sort of visitor that Missoula likes to have. He is representative of the people, as a whole, who are registering. And it is worth while to have this sort of fellows stop with us, if it is only for a day. They learn something about us and they like us and go away with good words on their tongues for Missoula and her people. There can be no mistake made in the proper treatment of the strangers who are with us this summer. It is to the lasting credit of the people of the city, especially of the hotel men, that visitors are going home well pleased.

Electric Lighting and Electric Advertising Boosts the City

as a whole as well as the progressive merchant who uses it liberally.

What About Your Sign?

MISSOULA LIGHT & WATER CO.