

TWO ARE ARRESTED AS ROBBERS

VICTOR KEIPS, AN INDIAN, AND JOHN DICK, A WHITE MAN, ARE IN JAIL.

Hamilton, Dec. 20.—Victor Keips, an Indian, and John Dick, two men employed on the extension to the big ditch, were brought to Hamilton last evening by Sheriff Will Ward on charges of two robberies. On Friday evening Ed Parker was held up by these alleged robbers near Whaley's hotel at Stevensville and relieved of his watch and \$6 in money. Not satisfied with these results, the holdup was repeated the following evening, the victim this time being Henry Segriss, who was also relieved of his watch. One of the assaults was seen from the door of the hotel and it is claimed that the robberies were so bold that both were seen by witnesses.

The two men were arrested later by Deputy Johnson Dougherty and Sheriff Ward was notified. The men were brought to Hamilton last evening and were arraigned before Judge Henry Myers this morning on direct information filed by County Attorney R. Lee McCulloch. They will be given a chance to plead later.

After the assault one of the watches was cached under the sidewalk, but was recovered later with the other watch. The money was not found on the person of either man.

NEW DISTRICT ATTORNEY.

Washington, Dec. 20.—President Taft sent to the senate today the nominations of the following United States district attorneys: Joseph E. Morrison, for the territory of Arizona; Robert T. Devlin, for the northern district of California; Arha S. Van Valkenberg, northern district of Missouri. The president also sent in the nomination of Croighton M. Foraker, to be United States marshal for New Mexico.

CARDINAL IS VERY ILL.

Rome, Dec. 20.—The condition of Cardinal Satolli, who is suffering from nephritis, was improved today, although still grave. Among the cable messages received from America was one in Latin from Archbishop Ireland. Cardinal Satolli was especially pleased at its receipt and exclaimed: "He is my staunchest friend there."

CHINESE PUBLISHER PUT UNDER ARREST

San Francisco, Dec. 20.—Tong King Chong, editor and publisher of the Chinese Free Press, secretary of the Chinese Society of Free Masons, the most powerful organization of Chinese in this country and right hand of Dr. Sze Yat Sen, a revolutionist for whose capture the Peikin government is said to have a standing offer of \$5,000, was arrested today on an indictment charging him with murder in connection with the feud between the Yee family and On Yick tong. He had been hiding for two months evading every effort of the police to find him, but was located today in a house in the residential portion of the city and removed to the city prison.

WANTS DIVORCE.

Hamilton, Dec. 20.—Ellen Rails filed suit today for a divorce from her husband, Albert Rails, on the ground of desertion. The couple is from Victor.

LAND IS WITHDRAWN BY THE DEPARTMENT

Washington, Dec. 20.—Announcement was made today that the department today of the withdrawal from entry of about 70,000 acres of public land in the west. In aid of proposed legislation affecting the disposal of phosphate lands, 1,320 acres have been withdrawn in Utah and 37,474 acres have been temporarily withdrawn in Colorado in aid of proposed legislation affecting petroleum deposits. In aid of legislation affecting the disposal of water power sites, Secretary Ballinger has withdrawn temporarily 3,669 acres in Idaho and 34,852 acres in California. For coal classification, approximately 28,183 acres have been withdrawn in Montana.

TO PREVENT FIGHT.

Gary, Ind., Dec. 20.—Mayor Knotts announced today that he would prevent the prize fight advertised to take place here tonight between John Coulton and Earl Denning.

COLD IN NEBRASKA.

Norfolk, Neb., Dec. 20.—The government thermometer here registered 15 degrees below zero this morning.

BOARDER ELOPES WITH WIFE

C. B. SPRAY AND MRS. ROBERT MONTGOMERY ARE ARRESTED IN HAMILTON.

Hamilton, Dec. 20.—C. B. Spray and Mrs. Robert Montgomery, late of Aberdeen, S. D., were arrested by Sheriff Ward late Saturday evening. Both parties came to this city recently with the two children of Mr. Montgomery and rented a house and have since been living as man and wife.

On Friday evening Robert Montgomery arrived in Hamilton and notified Sheriff Ward that he had traced his wife and his former boarder to this city. After they had left Aberdeen with the two children he traced them to Missoula. At that city he learned from Chief of Police Vesley that the couple had come into the Bitter Root valley.

Sheriff Ward arrested the two and they were arraigned before Justice of the Peace White Saturday evening and bound over to the district court. They will be tried before Judge Henry L. Myers tomorrow at 10 a. m.

The two children, aged 8 and 12, were turned over to the sheriff last evening but were later taken in charge by the father. The children attended the public schools of this city under the name of Spray. Since his arrival in this city Spray has been employed at the lumber mill of the A. C. M. Co. Montgomery is a railroad man of Aberdeen and at the time of the elopement of his wife Spray was a boarder in his home.

MONDELL CHAMPION OF BALLINGER

MAKES ADDRESS IN BEHALF OF STATE CONTROL OF WATER POWER SITES.

Washington, Dec. 20.—Scouting the idea that there is a water power trust and defending Secretary Ballinger against some of the adverse criticism of his administration of land laws, Representative Mondell of Wyoming spoke today in favor of state, as opposed to federal, control of the development of the water power, particularly on the non-navigable streams. He declared the federal government has no constitutional authority to exercise control over the waters of non-navigable streams for any purpose. The attempt to establish such federal control he said was an effort to take control from the people, who now exercise it through the states, and lodge it with the federal bureau.

Calling attention to the fact that Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, Idaho, Utah, Oregon, Washington, California, Nevada and Arizona and New Mexico contain half the available water power of the United States, he said the phantom of a water power monopoly in that region, which certain persons had attempted to conjure up, was indescribably grotesque and ridiculous.

Mr. Mondell spoke of the influence of certain "powerful" bureaus of the federal government in building up and fostering "superficial" public sentiment. He referred to what he termed the loose talk about "giving away power of incalculable value; squandering the water power of the public domain," etc.

After Representative Mondell's address Chairman Mann of the committee on interstate and foreign commerce, defended his bill on federal control of water and power sites against what he termed was "unwarranted construction of its language by Mr. Mondell."

A colloquy ensued between the two, in which Mr. Mann exhibited considerable impatience and finally exclaimed: "Anybody on earth excepting the gentleman from Wyoming can see the meaning of my bill. The trouble is that he is so wrought up over this subject that the action of any member from east of the Rocky mountains in introducing a bill having a bearing on it is like waving a red flag at a bull."

AIRSHIP WRECKED.

Cologne, Germany, Dec. 20.—A hurricane tore off the great doors of the balloon garage today and tossed the dirigible balloon housed therein about like a giant football. The dirigible was badly wrecked.

LURTON CONFIRMED.

Washington, Dec. 20.—Judge Horace H. Lurton was today confirmed by the senate as associate justice of the United States supreme court. No opposition appeared.

FORMER CHIEF DEAD.

Salt Lake City, Dec. 20.—Thomas D. Pitt, a former chief of police in this city, died today after a long illness.

SCHEMES OF TRUST TO BE PROBED

STATE AND FEDERAL OFFICIALS TO TAKE A HAND IN INVESTIGATIONS.

New York, Dec. 20.—Following the united action taken by representatives of 12,000 independent companies in the convention of the Independent Telephone association at Chicago last week, plans to prevent the communication monopoly that is threatened by the new billion dollar wire trust were perfected in this city last week. Declaring that the court record in Cleveland now showed that the Bell combination had already attempted to stifle competition by absorbing the long distance wires that the independent companies had built up for their subscribers in Ohio, Indiana and Missouri, leaders in this movement are confident that state and federal authorities will at once take steps to halt all such schemes of the wire trust as being in restraint of trade. The claims of the three million people who depend on independent telephone service in this country, as well as the rights of those who have \$400,000,000 of their savings invested in their home exchanges, will be urged upon the public prosecutors in every locality where the telephone trust is threatening to absorb its rivals, it is promised.

To follow down to their sources in Wall street the recent attempts of the wire trust to trade money for monopoly is the immediate plan of the investigators who are looking out for the independent interests. Backed by a billion dollars and schooled in schemes for acquisition through financial maneuvers, it is believed that the heads of the new wire merger are now preparing to grasp by secret purchase all independent systems which might interfere with their practical control of all the telephone and telegraph wires in the country. Evidence of all such dealing through the big financial houses of Wall street will be sought for immediate presentation to the government authorities in the localities affected.

Vested with all the powers and authority of the supreme court of Missouri, a commissioner has been appointed by the court at the request of Attorney General Major to take testimony in this probing of Wall street's connection with the recent activities of the telephone trust. Within the next few weeks it is predicted that through this and other procedures, which are now pending, the officers and backers of the new wire trust will be subjected to a searching and grilling as was witnessed here when Hadley came from Missouri to begin the fight against the oil trust.

"The many millions of Americans who have built up and are using the independent telephone exchanges to afford some competition against the telephone trust may be assured that every effort will be made to protect their interests," said E. H. Moulton, president of the Independent Telephone association, in this city today. "We believe the law of our land can and will be invoked to guard competing companies from being secretly assimilated by a monopolistic interest with a billion dollars at its back. Through our association, which is made up of the independent home companies scattered over the country, we propose to fight this subtle aggression by the wire trust, which is ready to offer money for the monopoly and gain over every telephone and telegraph user in this country."

INVESTIGATION SURE NOW

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ality. Mr. Ballinger is impatient of delay and is said to have urged that a resolution providing for a congressional investigation be presented in the senate tomorrow. It is understood that he has been overruled on that point and that the exceedingly complex task of determining the form of inquiry will be thrashed out between now and the re-convening of congress on January 4.

This whole subject gives promise of heated discussion among members of both houses of congress and it is unlikely that the investigation will at length be put in the hands of a joint special committee representing both. Ordinarily an investigation of this character would fall to the committee on public lands in one house or the other. Those committees are made up, however, largely of men from western states who have in one way and another taken sides in the controversy and whose interests might be regarded as possibly interfering with an unbiased judgment. One thing appears certain—the investigation, whatever makes it, must be relentless and everybody seems agreed that it must be absolutely public; it is admitted that anything in the nature of "star chamber" proceedings would not satisfy anyone.

Searchlights.

The entire department of the interior, so far as it concerns public lands and mineral and water rights, it is agreed, must be hared to the searchlights from the time Mr. Ballinger was commissioned general of the land office under the Roosevelt administration, down to the present moment. The position of Mr. Ballinger and his friends goes beyond any question of personal controversy and they and those who voice the attitude of the administration disavow any desire to "convict somebody else" as a means of vindicating the secretary of the interior.

For instance, it is positively declared that the interests of the department of agriculture and its forest service, of which Gifford Pinchot is chief, will be recognized as having an important stake in this business, since much of this unhappy controversy has concerned matters in which the forest service was more or less directly involved.

COOK IS IN EUROPE BROTHER SAYS

RELATIVE OF EXPLORER DECLARES HE HAS RECEIVED LETTER FROM HIM.

New York, Dec. 20.—The disappearance of Dr. Frederick A. Cook is likely to cost him dearly. The committee of the Explorers' club, which for more than two months has been investigating Dr. Cook's reputed ascent of Mt. McKinley in 1906, has completed the examination. H. Marshall Saville, chairman, does not deny that the report will be unfavorable. The doctor promised last October to appear before the committee whenever needed to explain points that might need clearing up. He did not appear and when Professor Saville was asked tonight if the doctor's action had in any way embarrassed the committee, he said: "You may judge that for yourself. We did not expect Dr. Cook to come before us. We extended the invitation to him as a matter of fairness and he did not avail himself of it."

The report will be made public Friday. Dr. Frederick A. Cook is in Europe, according to an announcement made here early today on the authorization of William L. Cook of Brooklyn, the explorer's brother. William L. Cook says he received a letter from his brother yesterday stating that Dr. Cook left New York on the Caronia and arrived at Naples on December 10th.

Dr. Cook is now in Christiansand, Norway, his brother adds, and probably will go to Copenhagen this week to appear before the committee of scientists now examining his data. The explorer sailed without adopting a disguise, it is said, but his presence on board the steamship did not become known to anyone of those who were on the lookout for him either on this side or in Europe. He was suffering from a nervous breakdown from the time of his departure his brother continues, but in the letter just received he says that he has recovered his health.



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