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MADAME ZOLA MAY SURVIVE—A REPORT THAT THERE ARE INDICATIONS OF SUICIDE.

These Reports Are, However, Disproved Later—Details of the Terrible Accident.

Paris, Sept. 29, 3:01 p. m.—Emile Zola, the novelist, who was born in Paris April 2, 1840, died this morning.

Zola was asphyxiated by fumes from a stove, the pipes of which were found to have been out of order.

Details of the Tragedy. Zola returned to his Paris home from his country house at Medan last night.

The stove burned badly but Zola and his wife retired at 10 o'clock last night, and the servants not hearing any movement in the parlor this morning, entered the bedroom at 9:30 and found Madame Zola lying on the bed, insensible.

The rumor circulated regarding Zola's supposed suicide from poison was based on the fact that ejections from his stomach were found on the floor, but the doctors say they came from Zola's dog, which was also in the bedroom and which did not suffer from asphyxiation.

Zola died in the positions already described. Zola will evidently be buried by a choking sensation, tried to rise and was overcome by the fumes which apparently escaped from the defective stove.

The doctor who attended the victims is quoted as saying in an interview published this afternoon that the plate of the stove was still warm and that the ejections came from a dog.

A DULUTH MURDER

Brennan, Shot by Masked Robbers, Believed to Be Dying.

Duluth, Minn., Sept. 29.—Brennan, who was shot by two masked robbers in the saloon of George Mariette at midnight last night, is believed to be dying.

YOUNG HARRY JORDAN DEAD

Sloux Falls Boy Dies of Injuries Received in a Football Game.

Sloux Falls, S. D., Sept. 29.—Harry Jordan of Sloux Falls is dead from injuries received in a football game here last Thursday.

THE LAURA BIGGAS CASE.

Freehold, N. J., Sept. 29.—Lawyer Samuel W. Patterson of Asbury Park, N. J., has here to-day demanded another complaint against former Justice Samuel Stanton, of Hoboken, accusing him of perjury in connection with the Bennett-Biggas conspiracy case.

POLITICAL WAR IN PORTO RICO.

San Juan, Porto Rico, Sept. 29.—A number of republicans yesterday evening attacked a federal meeting at Cayey. Five persons were badly wounded. Charges will be preferred against the police for inaction.

REBELS JUST LOOK ON.

Washington, Sept. 29.—The navy department is advised of the receipt of a cable dispatch from Vice Consul Ehrman at Panama which states that the trains are running regularly over the Panama railroad and no disturbance is apprehended.

ALGER IS IT, AD INTERIM

Gov. Bliss of Michigan Tenders Him the Senatorial Appointment by Telegraph.

Gen. Alger Sees His Way Clear to Accept the Responsibility at Once.

The Tender Was Made Saturday and the Appointment Is Accepted To-day.

Detroit, Sept. 29.—General R. A. Alger, former secretary of war, to-day formally accepted Governor Bliss' tender of the senatorial appointment as United States senator from Michigan.

Alger's Friends Released. Washington, Sept. 29.—General Russell A. Alger, who was held in Washington, where he is not only personally popular, but has a large number of friends, is being released.

CALL MONEY AT 35

The Stock Market Is Demoralized at the Close Over the High Rates.

High Prices Crumble Away Rapidly—The Close Was Panicky.

New York, Sept. 29.—At the close of to-day's stock market call money was quoted at 35 per cent. This is the highest figure reached for call money this year.

HER MASTER OF THE HORSE

A Report That Queen Maria Christina, Alfonso's Mother, Marries Him.

London, Sept. 29.—A special dispatch from Madrid is reported that Queen Maria Christina, mother of King Alfonso, married her master of the horse, Count de la Escosura while in Austria recently.

FATE WAS ON HIS TRAIL

A Vienna Banker, Long Sought For by the Police, Found in an Almshouse.

New York, Sept. 29.—Ending his days as an inmate of the almshouse on Blackwell Island there has been identified in Adolph Boedesch, says the Times, a one-time banker of Vienna whom the Austrian police have been hunting for years.

The identification was made by a city detective, but it is not likely that Boedesch will be deported for his alleged crime.

NO SECESSION

The Australian Commonwealth Not Prepared to Go to Pieces Easily.

London, Sept. 29.—Although ominous reports have for some time past been received from Queensland, and Premier Robert Phillip now openly advocating the secession of that state from the federal union, the constitution cannot be unmade with the ease that the premier of Queensland imagines.

TYPHOID AT YOKOHAMA.

Yokohama, Japan, Sept. 29.—A severe typhoid epidemic is sweeping over Yokohama to-day. Several cases have been reported. It is feared that there have been many fatalities among the fishermen.

HILL FOR THE GOLD STANDARD

The N. Y. Democrats Now Threshing Over an Ancient Issue—Trust and Tariff Planks.

Meat and Coal Trust Specifically Denounced—Tariff Revision Advocated.

Federal Interference and Control of the Great Monopolies Are Called For.

Saratoga, N. Y., Sept. 29.—The arrival of former Senator Hill, Chairman Frank Campbell of the state committee, William Sulzer, Senator McArren and other leaders to-day, gave rise to discussion over

C. WEIDENFELD AS INTERVENOR

He Wants to Break Into the Peter Power Case Against the Merger.

The Case Was About to Be Dismissed To-day When Weidenfeld's Attorneys Appeared.

Power Is Now Wholly Out of It, but the End Seems Far Off.

Another trick of legal legerdemain was played this morning in the case of Peter Power against the Northern Pacific railway company to prevent the Northern Securities merger from being realized. The

FEARFUL WORK BY GRAVE ROBBERS

Negroes and Doctors in Indianapolis Are Arrested for Wholesale Body Snatching.

Upwards of 100 Graves Have Been Robbed by the Ghouls in the Last Three Months.

The Revelations Are Not Only Astonishing, but Horrifying—One Cemetery Cleaned Out.

Indianapolis, Sept. 29.—Seven negroes were arrested to-day on warrants charging them with robbing graves in the cemeteries about Indianapolis. Warrants were also issued to-day for Dr. Joseph

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THE MAN FOR THE PLACE

We know a man who would like to act as receiver for the coal companies, if they are really looking for one.

famous "disappearing plaintiff" vanished so completely that not one of his original half dozen attorneys was visible when a local hearing of the case was begun at 10 o'clock in the United States district court before Judge Amidon of Fargo. But Power, the unseen, was transformed into Camille Weidenfeld, of New York, formerly of Lawson & Weidenfeld, stock brokers. Appearing through his attorneys, Mr. Weidenfeld sought leave to file a petition in intervention and secure relief similar to that which was desired by Power.

Whether such intervention will be permitted will probably be decided by Judge Amidon at the adjourned hearing this afternoon.

The hearing was held in Judge Lechner's chambers at the federal building. No public attention was attracted by proceedings that may prove of far-reaching import. Only the judge, the attorneys, court officers and two newspaper men were present. C. W. Bunn of the Northern Pacific company and F. B. Kellogg, the St. Paul attorney, appeared, as before the defendant, Mr. Weidenfeld, the attorneys, court officers and two newspaper men were present.

C. Alexander, the demonstrator of anatomy in the Central College of Physicians and Surgeons, in which two stolen bodies were found about ten days ago; Dr. Wilson, an interne in the college, and George Haymaker, the white janitor of the college.

Rufus Cantrell, one of the negroes, made a complete confession and implicated the others. He said Dr. Alexander arranged the negroes on several of the grave-robbing expeditions.

The police say the operations were on a larger scale than any gang ever carried on before in the state. Upwards of 100 graves, it is said, have been robbed by the ghouls during the last three months.

The detectives say the negroes were armed with shotguns and equipped with horses and wagons with which to do the work. The bodies were sold to different colleges which opened their winter terms within the last week.

The revelations are not only astounding but horrifying. They say that a complete investigation will probably show that even the graves in Crown Hill were desecrated by the ghouls. Cantrell said that he and the other negroes visited Mount Jackson cemetery almost every time any one was buried in the place.

"We pretty near cleaned that place out," he said. "I don't believe that we have missed anybody that has been planted there since July."

Cantrell said there were some graves that were not disturbed because the flowers and other articles on top were arranged in such a way that the ghouls did not feel confident of restoring them to their former appearance.

When the negroes were brought into court all weakened and confessed that they were members of an organized gang of ghouls. Mount Jackson, a cemetery just across the river, west of the city, has been practically emptied by the grave robbers.

"Rufus" was the password at the medical college and when it was uttered by the returning ghouls, the doors of the college would always be opened without questioning. The statement that Crown Hill, one of the best guarded cemeteries in the United States, has been invaded by the grave robbers has caused indignation.

One of the ghouls said it usually took about twenty-five minutes to rob a grave. The law in Indiana is very strict and provides for effective punishment of ghouls by long imprisonment.

The negroes under arrest are: Walter Daniels, Sol. Brady, Sam Martin, Garfield Colcker, William Jones, Rufus Cantrell and Isaac Donnell. All live in Indianapolis.

FACES A CONDITION

Ottumwa's Water Supply to Be Cut Off if Officials Do Not Make Contract.

Ottumwa, Iowa, Sept. 29.—The water supply company to-day made a demand on the city officials to make a temporary contract with it or it would shut off the supply Wednesday night. The franchise expired at midnight. The council promptly declines to do so, and this means that Ottumwa will be without fire protection within three days.

Mr. Boutelle Argues. After informing the court that a complete brief would be submitted later, Mr. (Continued on Second Page.)

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DISASTROUS CROSS EXAMINATION.

Cross examined the witness was asked what places Norbeck had visited with the inspection party. He replied one on Fifth street and three or four on Third avenue.

"The answer was unexpected and highly damaging. It aroused Mr. Welch at once and he made vigorous efforts to break down this testimony. Question and answer fell thick and fast but, although Wirtensohn became slightly rattled, he stuck to his story."

"It might possibly have been someone else who told you to go with Cohen, might it not?" demanded the attorney.

"No, sir. I remember right, I told them I got it from the chief at headquarters."

"I don't remember that I did. I might have," "Didn't you tell Ernest Wheelock that?"

"No, sir." "Didn't you tell Mrs. Ames that and haven't you told her so right along, ever since this indictment was returned?"

"I don't remember to have said so." "No, sir." "That's all"; and the attorney for the defense leaned back in his chair.

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