

# Iron County Register

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IRONTON, MISSOURI.

Russia has a larger proportion of blind people than any other European country. Two out of every thousand of her people are sightless.

A boy in Berlin only 13 years old has been convicted of the crime of lese majeste, and has been sentenced to three months' imprisonment.

London's places of entertainment would hold all the inhabitants of Missouri—about 3,120,000—and there would be several thousand vacant seats.

In Germany policemen on duty car stop children in the street in school hours and ask them why they are not at school. It is suggested in England that be made the law there.

The San Francisco police arrested the other day, three men and three women in what they were a shop lifting school. It had counters and shelves, and the women were being taught to steal.

Welding by electricity is brought to such perfection that welding apparatus can be carried to a railroad track and two rails joined as solidly as if they had come out of the rolling mill in one piece.

Money is scarce at Arisook, Me. now. A peck of potatoes is the smallest change. They used to pass for a nickel, but they are only worth a post age stamp now, and the mail carrier won't take them at that.

A Hungarian blacksmith recently sent, as a present to the emperor of Russia, a horseshoe, a pair of pliers, a file and a knife, all ingeniously nailed to a goose's egg, without the egg being broken. The emperor sent in return his photograph, a gold medal and 30 ducats.

According to the bureau of statistics of the department of commerce and labor, the world's coal production in 1907 reached the enormous total of \$64,000,000 long tons, of which the United States produced 319,000,000 tons, Great Britain 299,000,000, Germany 140,000,000, Austria-Hungary 99,000,000, and France 35,000,000.

But few people have any conception of Florida's extent. Jacksonville is about as far north of Miami as it is south of Charlotte, N. C.—about as far north of Key West as it is south of Danville, Va. Ignorance of the extent of Florida leads to many amusing mistakes. It takes over 24 hours to go from Pensacola to Miami. A land trip from one end of Florida to the other is as long as from the Ives to the Gulf.

With its 83,000,000 inhabitants in 1905, which are growing at the rate of 15,000,000 every decade now, the United States is the largest civilized country in the world except Russia. With its \$110,000,000,000 of property in 1905, as compared with \$25,000,000,000 for Great Britain and Ireland, \$50,000,000,000 for France, \$48,000,000,000 for Germany, and smaller figures for the rest of the countries, it is immeasurably the wealthiest of the world's nations.

Canned tomatoes and other red vegetables and fruits are often colored with eosin; preserved peas and beans, as is well known, have the green color fixed and accentuated by the use of a very objectionable substance, namely, sulphate of copper. Added red coloring matters are often found in wines. Preserved cherries are first bleached so as to become white, then colored a beautiful red, and many other objectionable practices of similar kinds are indulged in.

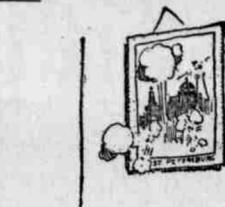
When Gen. Kuropatkin was a young man he was asked to undertake the editing of a military newspaper. He declined with the words, "Fighting battles is much less dangerous." Fighting battles may not really be less dangerous, but it is certainly less vexatious than conducting a newspaper in the czar's dominions. The editor must lay himself out to please, firstly, the imperial court; secondly, a dozen ministers of state, individually and collectively; thirdly, half a dozen censors, and fourthly, the public.

The length of time man has been known to inhabit the earth has been proved to be 8,000 years. A. M. Aeneas has issued the first volume of the history of his excavations at Abydos, the sacred residence of Osiris. Here he has found prehistoric tombs, and from their contents he knows that they date back 8,000 years. Fortunately for the explorer, the Egyptian so closely allied to death as a state so that they thought of life as a state of sleep, and he would have need of all the necessities and comforts to be used here, and these were entombed with his body.

One of the greatest battles in history occurred on October 18, 1813, at Leipzig, when Napoleon was defeated by the allied European armies. During the last few years funds have been collected all over the German fatherland in order to provide for means for the erection of an immense monument in commemoration of this great battle. This gigantic monument, which will be the greatest in the world, is now under construction, and it will be finished to be unveiled on the day of the 100th anniversary of the great battle.

The fearful loss of life through accidental and preventable causes which has darkened the record of the United States during the past few years seems to bear fruit slowly, if at all. In the adoption of safety devices and precautionary measures in theaters and on railway coaches and passenger steamers. Thus, after the awful lesson of the Iroquois theater in Chicago, and the furor which immediately followed, it appears that no less than ten theaters in that city, with a seating capacity of tens of thousands, are veritable fire-traps.

## GEN. KUROPATKIN RETIRES.



## A VACATION FOR NICHOLAS

Terrorists Promise Immunity From Bombs for a Month.

Intimate That a Little More Fresh Air Might Prove Beneficial to His Nerves.

St. Petersburg, March 17.—The terrorist leaders have sent a formal communication to Tsarke-Selo promising the czar immunity from bombs or other mediums of assassination for one month, pending the result of the receipt which he published some time ago, promising radical reforms.

The document intimates that a little vacation from the close confinement of his present quarters might prove beneficial to the emperor's nerves and temperament.

The people are looking forward expectantly to the promised reforms, and are taking advantage of the permission to petition the emperor's ministers and make their wants known.

The strike situation is much improved, and most of the men have returned to their labors, though the conditions in the agricultural districts are bad, the peasants confidently expecting a redistribution of the land.

## MUST SHOW CAUSE MARCH 31

Attachment for Contempt Issued by Judge Martin, at Jefferson City, Mo., for Col. Phelps.

Jefferson City, Mo., March 18.—Judge Martin, of the circuit court, issued attachment, Friday, for Col. W. H. Phelps, who failed to appear before the grand jury. He refused Thursday because of defective service of the subpoena, but said other evidence was given him to show that proper service was had. Judge Martin adjourned court to March 31, and instructed the sheriff to accept a bond of Col. Phelps when he arrested him to appear before him on that date to show cause why he should not be punished for contempt. Col. Phelps was here Friday, but left without being apprised of the issuance of the attachment.

## A POLICE GRAFTER SOAKED.

Police Superintendent Melvin H. Campbell of Allegheny City, Pa., Convicted of grafting.

Pittsburgh, Pa., March 17.—Police Superintendent Melvin H. Campbell of Allegheny was found guilty as indicted of accepting money under color of his office, to aid and abet in the maintenance of a house for the sale of liquor without license and for immoral purposes. His trial lasted three days, practically, and the jurors reached an agreement after less than two hours' consultation.

This is the first to be tried of 125 "graft" cases, which include three other Allegheny city officials and men and women charged with conducting illegal resorts.

## HE TACKLED THE WRONG MAN

A Plucky Iowa Operator Who Performs His Duty to Uncle Sam.

Iowa City, Ia.—March 17.—Clifford Brown, operator of the Rock Island railway at Oxford, was attacked by a highwayman while removing mail from a train. Brown overpowered his assailant and held him prisoner at revolver's point until officers came. The fellow gave his name as Larry Mangrove, of Iowa City, and is now in jail at Oxford.

Withdrawn From His Mission. Rome, March 16.—Owing to complaints which have been received here, the vatican has withdrawn from Mgr. Broderick, auxiliary bishop of Hanava, the mission entrusted to him to urge the American bishops to increase the collection of Peter's Pence.

To Represent Japanese Emperor. Berlin, March 16.—The emperor of Japan has designated Prince Arisuga to represent him at the wedding of Crown Prince Frederick William. He represented Japan at Queen Victoria's diamond jubilee.

Not Very Much Left. Monroe, Ill., March 16.—Fire here destroyed four residences, entailing a loss of \$10,000. The blaze is thought to have been of incendiary origin. Last week all stores in the town were burned.

Conscience Fund Swelled. Washington, March 16.—In an envelope bearing the postmark of Jersey City, the secretary of the treasury received a conscience contribution of \$12,000. An inclosed communication was signed "Sinner."

## SUGAR KING FOUND DEAD.

The Passing Away of a Boston Millionaire Under Circumstances Embarassing to His Family.

New York, March 16.—Henry R. Reed, a millionaire sugar refiner of Boston, highly respected, a director in a half a dozen corporations, and senior member of the firm of Nash, Spaulding & Co., Broad street commission merchants, was found dead in his room at the Grand Union hotel, under circumstances that pointed at first to his possible murder, then to his suicide and last to death from natural causes.

There is even yet somewhat of mystery in the case, and the police are looking for a woman who accompanied him to the hotel and was registered as "Mrs. Reed." She was not Mrs. Reed. She disappeared from the hotel, whether after his death or before, it is not known.

The first known of Mr. Reed's death was when a chambermaid went to room No. 350. She entered with a pass key, and was startled to see Reed's body lying upon the bed. Dr. Drury, of Bellevue, who was called, refused to take the man to the hospital, saying that he had been dead several hours—probably eight.

The authorities profess to believe that Reed died of heart failure, despite the flat assertions of the family physician to the contrary. Several detectives have been assigned to the case. The chief efforts will be directed toward the solution of the mystery of the woman in black who posed as "Mrs. Reed."

## HEARING SET FOR MAY 22.

State Senators Frank H. Farris and Charles H. Smith, of Missouri, Held in \$5,000 Bonds by Judge Martin.

Jefferson City, Mo., March 17.—State Senators Frank H. Farris and Charles H. Smith, who were indicted by the Cole county grand jury on charges of bribery in connection with the defeat of the bill to repeal the statute prohibiting the use of alum in the manufacture of baking powder in the legislature of 1901, appeared before Judge Martin, and, waiving the reading of the indictments, gave bond in the sum of \$5,000 each. Judge Martin set the cases for hearing on May 22.

## HAS HAD A STRENUOUS TIME.

Tried by a School Board, Sues a Railway Company, and Now Tries Matrimony.

St. Louis, March 17.—Miss Olive E. A. Bennett, of Bridgetown, who resigned her position as teacher in a school at Pattonville, St. Louis county, last winter, after a disagreement with the school board, because she chastised unruly pupils, and who later sued the Suburban Street Railway Co. on account of alleged mistreatment by a conductor, and was awarded \$500, has been married to Walter L. Prouhet, of Pattonville.

## THEY JUST MISSED IT.

Earth Dropped Over One Hundred Feet Just After Two Passenger Trains Had Passed.

Joplin, Mo., March 18.—Over 100 passengers on the Kansas City Southern and Frisco trains had a narrow escape from plunging into a big cave at the P. and G. Mascot mine, one mile south of here. The cave-in occurred under the tracks of both railroads just a few moments after the passenger trains had passed. The ground, several hundred feet in diameter, dropped a distance of about 110 feet. Both roads are tied up.

Octogenarian Weds. Charleston, Ill., March 17.—B. B. Shinn, a wealthy farmer of Mattoon township, and Mrs. Elnea Peagan, of this city, were married here by Rev. Kemp, pastor of the First M. E. church. Mr. Shinn's age is 81; while the bride owns to 83 summers.

Marconi Takes a Wife. London, March 17.—The marriage of William Marconi, inventor of the wireless telegraph, and Lady Beatrice O'Brien was celebrated here in the Catholic church of St. George at noon Thursday.

Seat on 'Change Brings \$83,000. New York, March 17.—Two seats on the New York stock exchange have been sold for \$83,000 each. This is a new high-record price, exceeding the previous highest price, paid a few years ago, by \$500.

Prominent Mason's Sudden Death. Kane, Ill., March 17.—Charles Augustus Davis, 55, a prominent member of the Masonic order, was stricken with heart failure while on his way home from the meeting of his lodge, and died an hour and a half later.

## THE LONG AGONY IS ENDED

The Missouri Legislature Finally Succeeds in Electing a Senator.

Maj. William Warner, of Kansas City, the Eleventh-Hour Choice in Midst of Stormy Scenes.

Jefferson City, Mo., March 20.—Amid scenes of the wildest disorder, Maj. William Warner, of Kansas City, was elected United States senator from Missouri Saturday afternoon.

The end came on the sixty-seventh ballot. Until almost the last moment there seemed no prospect of an agreement between the Niedringhaus and Kerens factions.



The New Senator From Missouri. His Home Is In Kansas City.

Finally Kerens appeared on the floor and announced his withdrawal in Warner's favor.

The spectators cheered wildly when Kerens walked down the aisle. His face was wreathed in smiles, and he bowed to right and left as he passed along.

It was so near the hour of adjournment that the democrats sought to prevent an election. In an attempt to move forward the clock hands the clock itself was smashed. A fight followed. An appeal for order by a democrat was followed by an effort to drag the speaker from his rostrum.

When order was restored the democrats began changing their votes with long explanations calculated to gain time.

The sixty-sixth ballot resulted: Cockrell, 83; Warner, 67; Kerens, 19; Niedringhaus, 5; Peck, 1.

The decisive vote was: Warner ..... 91  
Cockrell ..... 83  
Niedringhaus ..... 1

## BAD WRECK ON ERIE ROAD.

Twelve Persons Injured, Two Probably Fatally, in a Wreck Near Winfield, Mich.

Hammond, Mich., March 20.—Erie railroad train No. 7, known as Pacific express, while running at the rate of 60 miles an hour, near Winfield station, Sunday morning, plunged down a 20-foot embankment, injuring 12 people, two of whom may die. The wreck was caused by the auxiliary reservoirs under the engine cab dropping into a switch frog which caught the front trucks of the tender. The engine remained on the track, but six cars toppled over and rolled down the embankment. Engineer Walnitz and Fireman Gorman remained at their posts and escaped injury.

The seriously injured: Mrs. H. Cairo, Chicago, internally; may die.

Morton Schradig, Chicago; badly hurt about head.

C. H. Williams, baggage man, Marlinton, O.; scalp cut and internal injuries.

Jos. Mogack, Everett, Minn., spine injured, internally hurt; may die.

John Swanson, Hegewisch, Ill.; right arm torn.

In the two passenger coaches were 27 passengers, many of whom had narrow escapes from death.

## RAN INTO BURNING BRIDGE.

Four Trains on a Missouri Pacific Passenger Train Injured, the Passengers Escaped.

Salina, Kas., March 20.—Missouri Pacific passenger train No. 34 ran into a burning bridge three miles west of here, Sunday, wrecking the engine and baggage car and injuring four trainmen.

The passengers were shaken up, but all escaped injury. The engineer had no intimation of danger until the engine struck the bridge. It is believed the fire was of incendiary origin, as it burned during a rain storm and the timbers had been thoroughly soaked with rain for the past three days.

Snow Blockades in Colorado. Victor, Col., March 20.—Railway service on steam and electric lines throughout the Cripple Creek district is practically blocked, the result of a storm. The storm still continues with unabated fury. The snow is nearly two feet deep on the level.

Stepped in Front of Fast Mail. Centerville, Ill., March 20.—C. C. Green, an Illinois Central fireman, whose home was at Champaign, was killed in the yards here when he stepped in front of the fast mail train. He leaves a widow and two children.

Earthquake Shocks in Italy. New York, March 20.—Repeated earthquake shocks are reported at Naples by the Herald correspondent. The tremors were felt in many other cities and towns, where in some instances the inhabitants were in a panic. No serious damage is reported.

Lived With Broken Back. St. Louis, March 20.—Ante Zupic, of 1610 Market street, died at the city hospital, after surviving the ordinarily immediately fatal injury of a severed spinal chord three weeks.

## THE PACT IS CARRIED OUT

Denver, Col., March 18.—The bargain made by leaders of the opposing republican factions of Colorado to take the governor's chair from Alva Adams and to seat Lieut.-Gov. Jesse H. McDonald, after permitting James H. Peabody to hold it for one day, was carried to a conclusion Friday afternoon.

In fulfillment of the agreement which he made before the general assembly, which decided the gubernatorial contest in his favor, Gov. James H. Peabody resigned the office in which he was inaugurated late Thursday afternoon. His resignation, of which W. S. Boynton, of Colorado Springs, had been custodian since Wednesday, when it was written, was filed in the office of the secretary of state at 4:20 p. m., Friday. James Cowie, secretary of state, immediately certified Gov. Peabody's resignation, and Lieut.-Gov. McDonald was then sworn in as governor by Chief Justice Gabert. There was no further ceremony. Gov. Adams was ousted and Gov. Peabody installed by the general assembly about five o'clock Thursday afternoon, and Gov. McDonald was sworn in before 5 p. m. Friday. Thus in a space of less than 24 hours Colorado has had three governors.

Gov. Peabody transacted practically no business of state while in the office of governor. He received many callers, who urged him not to resign, and also many messages of the same import by telegraph and telephone. To all these he replied that he did not care to hold the chair. He said that he was tired of the worry and excitement of his contest, and wished to go back to his bank in Canyon City.

## PIPE LINE STRIKES A SNAG.

Board of Supervisors Refuses Oil Trust Permission to Lay Pipes Across Highways.

Peoria, Ill., March 17.—The Prairie Oil and Gas Co., Kansas branch of the Standard Oil Co., has been refused permission to lay their pipe line it is constructing from Kansas to Indiana, across certain highways, by the board of supervisors in this county.

Members of the board declined to be moved by the arguments of Attorney Charles P. Thurston, who spoke in the interests of the trust, and urged that permission be granted. The supervisors assert that authority lies with the highway commissioners of the territory affected.

Should the trust find it impossible to remove this legal obstacle it will mean that work on the pipe line must stop at once.

## THEY GET THEIR MONEY BACK

Subscribers to the Inauguration Guarantee Fund Will Have Their Money Refunded.

Washington, March 16.—At what will probably be the last meeting of the inaugural committee, the report of Chairman Glover, of the finance committee, was submitted. It showed that after all the expenses of the inaugural committee, amounting to about \$82,000, are paid, there will be a surplus of \$65,000, out of which will be returned to the subscribers the guarantee fund of \$62,350. There were 190,000 visitors in the city on March 4, which is 35,000 greater than the crowd at the last McKinley inauguration, and between 20,000 and 25,000 greater than at the first Cleveland inauguration.

## HIS VOICE IS FOR PEACE.

Prince Mestcherysky, a Prominent Russian Reactionary, Counsels Conclusion of Peace.

St. Petersburg, March 17.—Prince Mestcherysky, in an article in the Grashdanin, advises the government to promptly conclude peace, and says: "I feel we have the heroic strength to confess defeat before the world. Better conditions will be obtainable now than later when Vladivostok and Sakhalin have fallen into the hands of the Japanese, and the conclusion of peace will prove the salvation of the country by averting internal shipwreck."

These words from such an influential reactionary as Prince Mestcherysky have caused a sensation.

The Water Tank Collapsed. Slater, Mo., March 17.—The 50,000-gallon city water tank, which was at an elevation of 75 feet, collapsed, partially wrecking the large stone barn of L. A. Smith & Son, the Y. M. C. A. building and the city light and water plant. The city is without water and light.

Notice to Illinois State Banks. Springfield, Ill., March 18.—The auditor of public accounts has issued a notice to state banks directing them to send in a statement as to their condition on the morning of March 15.

Wants Damages for Wounded Heart. St. Louis, March 18.—Mrs. Mary Carter has filed suit for \$300,000 damages against Joseph B. Bakewell, a real estate man, alleging breach of promise.

Pioneer Missouri Editor. Columbia, Mo., March 18.—Col. William F. Switzer, the oldest Missouri editor living, celebrated his eighty-sixth birthday here. He came to this state from Kentucky, and assumed charge of the Columbia (Mo.) Statesman in 1849.

Betrayed Girl Kills Herself. Unionville, Mo., March 18.—After giving birth to a male infant, Eva Miller, daughter of a farmer, committed suicide by taking strychnine. She refused to reveal the name of her betrayer.

Not Dismayed by Failure. Roosevelt, Okla., March 18.—Washington Askey, a wealthy farmer near here, attempted suicide by hanging himself, but the rope broke. He then shot himself through the head, death being instantaneous.

Want an Expert to Examine. Terre Haute, Ind., March 18.—The grand jury reported that it could not get evidence upon which to base indictments for alleged county graft, and recommended that experts examine the records.

## THE HOLOCAUST AT BROCTON, MASS.

Scores of Human Lives Lost by Explosion and Fire.

## MANY OTHERS WERE INJURED

Destruction of the Grover Shoe Factory and Other Property by a Boiler Explosion, Followed by Fire.

Brockton, Mass., March 21.—The explosion of a 150 horsepower boiler in B. B. Grover & Co.'s large four-story frame shoe factory in the Campello district, Monday morning, killing scores of employees, injured half a hundred others and destroyed property valued at \$250,000.

At 8:30 Monday night the charred fragments of 43 bodies lay in the morgue and 114 additional operatives had not been accounted for.

The Dead and Missing. Of those missing, the police expect that quite a number will report. The death list is estimated at from 50 to 75.

The entire Grover factory was reduced to ashes within an hour after the explosion; the three-story brick across the street owned by Charles H. Dahlborg and five dwellings were burned and several small structures damaged. The search of the ruins was in progress the entire afternoon, and was continued through the night.

## Without Moment's Warning.

The explosion, which was followed by such a sacrifice of life and entailed appalling instances of human suffering, occurred shortly after the operatives had settled down to work for the day and without warning. Suddenly the air vibrated with the roar of an explosion. At the same moment the large wooden frame of the factory, a four-story structure, quivered, and then the rear portion of it collapsed. This section of the great building had been transformed into a mass of iron and wood wreckage, in the midst of which human beings were pinioned. In another moment fire had broken out in the debris, and death by fire and suffocation became the fate of scores of the operatives.

The Course of the Boiler. When the boiler exploded it passed upward almost perpendicularly, tearing a passage as it went, killing many on the way. After rising high in the air, it descended half the distance, and then swinging northward, cut its way like some huge projectile through a dwelling house 50 feet away, and pierced another dwelling further along.

Scenes of horror followed the wrenching apart of the factory building. In the rear of the factory the three upper floors, weighted as they were with heavy machinery, collapsed with a crash that was heard for blocks. Men and women working in departments of this section, who were busy at their machines, had time but to turn in an attempt to flee after the first dull roar when the flooring sank beneath them and they were carried to the ground floor, crushed and bruised amid the mass of debris.

Partic-Stricken Operatives. In the sections of the factory which remained standing the operatives were panic stricken as they sought escape. Many fled down the stairways and through the street; others ran to the windows, the fire escapes in many cases having been torn away by the explosion. In desperation many jumped from second and third-story windows to the ground and were dangerously injured. The crush on the stairways resulted in numerous minor injuries.

Many Met Instant Death. Instant death was the fate of many who went down with the floors that collapsed. A large number of men and women were working near the supports were alive after the floors and walls fell. From these unfortunate thrilling cries of agony and terror went up. Almost all had been caught between broken timbers, light-colored wooden wreckage and heavy pieces of machinery. A few persons succeeded in extricating themselves from the wreckage, but more were roasted to death.

Beginning of the Search. Not until afternoon was it possible to begin a search of the factory ruins. Several charred and headless bodies were recovered near the boiler pit and the bones of others were found.

Mayor Edward H. Keith personally superintended the search. Treasurer G. O. Emerson of the Grover company estimated the loss on the factory at \$200,000, and the loss on the other burned structures was placed at about \$50,000.

The Grover factory, machinery and stock were insured for \$200,000.

At midnight a list of \$33 missing was given out by the Campello police station. There is good reason to believe that all were killed, as every effort has been made to locate them.

Trying to Shake Off Gout. Princeton, N. J., March 21.—Ex-President Cleveland, accompanied by Dr. Bryant, of New York, left here Monday, in his private car for a three weeks' trip to Florida. Mr. Cleveland recently suffered a severe attack of gout and is taking a pleasure trip to recuperate.

Lying at Point of Death. Janesville, Wis., March 21.—Dr. J. E. Whiting, formerly surgeon general county officers to collect collateral inheritance tax. This order lets at least a hundred attorneys out of fees.

Extra Session of Congress. Des Moines, Ia., March 21.—Senator Allison is authority for the statement that President Roosevelt will call congress in extra session October 1, two months in advance of the regular session, for the purpose of considering the railroad-rate question.

Severe Blizzard in Nebraska. Norfolk, Neb., March 21.—A severe blizzard struck the Rosebud reservation Monday. Some parts of the reservation report eight inches of snow. The temperature is not severe.

## ST. LOUIS MURDER MYSTERY

Mrs. Page, Rooming-House Keeper and Clairvoyant, Murdered.

She Was Found Strangled to Death in Her Room, With Evidence of Robbery Present.

St. Louis, March 21.—Mrs. Mary Page, a spiritualist and clairvoyant, was mysteriously murdered Sunday night in her room, 2211 Market street. The body was found at 7:30 a. m., by Michael Church, who has been accustomed to performing chores for Mrs. Page.

The murder of Mrs. Page was conducted so quietly that Mr. and Mrs. James Lewis, who occupied a room adjoining that where the crime was committed, heard nothing to arouse their suspicions.

Mrs. Page was strangled to death, and the method is on a par with the work of the Strangers of Paris.

When found the hands of the dead woman were bound behind her, and her ankles were bound with a strong cord.

A strong towel was bound over her mouth, and was drawn as tight as the efforts of a powerful man could draw it. The towel was spread out, so that it covered her nostrils as well, and it was absolutely impossible for her to have drawn a breath after the cloth was fastened on her head.

There are finger prints on her throat, showing that after binding and gagging her she was choked, so as to expedite death.

Robbery was evidently the motive, for the room was thoroughly ransacked, and the valuables and money that the woman was supposed to possess are missing.

The police are at sea, but are using the dragnet in the hope of getting some clew to the identity of the murderer.

Patrick Condon, said by the police to be an ex-convict, with a record of murder, has been arrested on suspicion.

## FOLK VETOE THREE BILLS.

Missouri's Governor Has Already Found Three Bills That Do Not Meet His Approval.

Jefferson City, Mo., March 21.—Gov. Folk has vetoed three bills passed by the Forty-third general assembly. The first was Buchanan's reform school bill, which requires the state to pay all the expense of maintaining inmates of the reform schools. The governor's reason for vetoing this bill is that in attempting to amend the statute it struck out the misdemeanor clause, thereby leaving 250 boys unprovided for.

The second was the bill providing that a diploma issued by any school in the state in which certain designated subjects are taught shall entitle the holder to a teacher's certificate. The governor's avowed reason for not approving this was that it is dangerous and arbitrary in its provisions.

The other was the bill which provides for a circuit court at Independence, Jackson county. This bill was vetoed because the governor says there is no necessity for the establishment of this circuit at Independence.

## FORCED TO GIVE UP THE GOLD

Bank Messenger Held Up and Robbed of Ten Thousand Dollars Near Point Richmond, Cal.

Berkeley, Cal., March 21.—J. E. Daly, an Oakland liveryman, who was acting as a messenger for the Central bank of Oakland, was held up and robbed of \$10,000 while on his way to the Standard Oil refinery at Point Richmond.

There were two highwaymen, one of whom was tall and the other short and stout. Both carried revolvers, but only the taller of the men wore a mask. The short man had a heavy black beard.

The robbery took place at a point on the roadway between Stege and Point Richmond. The highwaymen jumped out of a clump of brush at the side of the road, and at once covered Daly and former Deputy Sheriff Al Roach, who was riding with him. At the point of revolvers, Daly and Roach were compelled to jump from the buggy and give up the sack of gold.