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KNOCKED OUT

Missouri Void, According to

Decision of Court.

Rates Fixed by Legislature Held to

be Confiscatory and Unconstitu-

tional-Railroads Will Return

to Three Cent Fares.

Kansas City-Missouri's 2-cent pas-

senger and maximum freight laws

were nullified by a decision handed

down on Monday in the United

States district court by Judge Smith

McPherson. As a result, it is believ-

ed, there will be a quick return in

Missouri to 3-cent fares. Frank Hag-

erman, counsel for the eighteen com-

panies involved, declares the court's

ruling sounds the death knell of the

2-cent rate in every state in the

Judge McPherson held that both

the commodity and passenger laws

were confiscatory and unconstitu-

The state, on the other hand, de-

clared emphatically that Missouri's

fight for lower rates would continue.

Attorney-General Major said an ap-

peal would be taken, and that the

present legislature would be asked to

pass a new rate law that would stand

the tests of the court. Governor

Hadley made a similar statement at

PREPARING TARIFF BILL.

Measure Now in Hands of Printer,

Preparatory to Final Revision.

the duties on lumber and manufac-

tures of lumber is understood to be

one of the changes provided by the

new tariff bill which is being printed

preparatory to its final revision by

the Republican members of the house ways and means committee. Another

change, according to information

from reliable sources, is that hides

have been placed on the free list. There has been much contention over

During the hearings of the lumber

schedules the testimony was such as to cause the impression that lumber would be put on the free list. It was

said that the forests ofthe country

could only be conserved by admitting foreign lumber free of duty. It is

understood that Gifford Pinchot, chief forester, is preparing figures in a further effort to have kimber admit ted free.

AERONAUT'S ACCIDENT.

Drops Into Ocean off San Pedro and

Loses Life.

San Pedro, Cal.-While hundreds

watched his frantic efforts to control

a great gas bag which was swiftly

bearing him over the Pacific ocean

Monday afternoon, Lester Elkins, an

amateur aeronaut, 22 years old, soar-

ed with the balloon to a height of

more than 4,000 feet before he cut

loose his parachute and dropped into

the waters of the outer harbor to his

As the stiff wind, blowing off the

land, carried him out to sea, boatmen

hastily left the inner harbor in taunches to rescue him when he came

down, should he be unable to guide

the balloon back over the land, but

were unable to reach the place where

he fell, and his body has not been

Property Loss is Heavy.

the duties of these two articles.

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new ideas.

Up till 1900

TWISTER STRIKES ARKANSAS. Eight Dead and Scores Injured, While Little Rock, Ark.-Eight or more persons were killed, scores injured and an immense amount of property destroyed in a tornado which swept Arkansas late Monday. A St. Louis & Southwestern passenger train was blown from the tracks near Baucum, is said, while going at full speed. The entire town of Brinkley was

destroyed, according to reports from south, eight people being killed and others hurt.

After many of the buildings in Brinkley had collapsed the wreckage took fire. The blaze soon got beyond control, and almost the entire town was destroyed

death.

OF INTEREST TO WOOLGROWERS Duty on Wool Will Probably be Un-

changed. Washington.-The duty on wool will remain the same as it is in the Dingley law unless there is a change in the minds of members of the ways and means committee. At present no change is contemplated, but the committee has voted to put hides on the free list, leather duties will be re-duced to boots and shoes and other manufactured products of leather will be seriously cut. The sugar duty will not be changed.

TWO MEN ENTOMBED

From Three Sources, Starvation, Suffocation and Drowning. New Passenger and Freight Laws of

> Salt Lake City .-- George and Jerry Peterson, brothers, are entombed in St. Patrick's mine in Hughes canyon at the lower end of Big Cottonwood as a result of a cave-in of a tunnel of the mine Monday afternoon. Fifty to sixty determined men are desperately striving against time, to effect a rescue. To add to the pathos of the tragedy, each man has a wife, with a babe, waiting and watching outside the tunnel, tearfully praying for the success of the rescue party's efforts.

> The entombed men are threatened with death from three sides-starvasuffocation and drowning. tion. They have had nothing to eat since Monday noon, as all efforts to get food to them have proved futile. The only source of air they have through two two-inch pipes and this is reported to be falling. The men are immersed in from two to three feet of water, and to add to their terrors from death by either suffocation or stravation, or both, the water is said to be steadily rising, threatening

them with drowning. The men are imprisoned about 300 feet from the mouth of the tunnel.

WARDEN'S TURN NOW

Convict Bankers Find Discrepancy in Accounts of Penitentiary.

Pittsburg, Pa.-Convicted bankers, prisoners in the western penitentiary here, have discovered an apparent discrepancy of more than \$26,000 in the penitentiary accounts. The board of visitors of the penitentiary some time ago appointed Harry Reiber, former paying teller of the Farmers' Deposit National bank, and now a prisoner, to audit the books. Finding what he regarded as a discrepancy and being unwilling to assume all the responsibility, Reiber secured the tional bank, and B. F. Rhinehart, former cashier of the Farmers and Drov-National bank of Waynesburg Pa., both convicts. They agreed with him, it is said. The board of visitors is awaiting the return of Warden Johnson before taking any further

NEW CENSUS BILL.

While Crumpacker Approves, He Does Not Believe Taft Will Sign.

congress

Representative Crumpacker of Indiana, chairman of the census committee of the last house, and author of the bill disapproved, approves the new measure. He believes it will not meet with the approval of the special session of congress, nor will it receive the signature of President Taft.

Trailing Murderer by His Peculiar Shoes.

Nogales, Ariz.-Excitement is still running high here over the murder of Don Luis Proto, the millionaire rancher, who was shot and killed from ambush in Sonora. Officers are scouring the country for the murderer, and it is believed to be certain that he will be captured. The fact that the slayer wore a peculiar make of shoes has enabled the posse to track him many miles with ease. Proto was shot twice. The Mexican driver says that they were driving along the road when the first shot from the roadside brought down one of the horses. Proto leaped out of the wagon and was shot down.

A DOUBLE MURDER

Investigation Disproves Report of

Duel Between Two Portland Men. Portland, Ore .- An autopsy on the hodies of Oscar Hiett and George Dale, who were found dead on a duck preserve on Columbia slough on Monday, develops that the men did not kill each other in a duel, but were murdered. The investigations of phy sicians revealed beyond a possibility of doubt that neither man moved after the inflicting of the wounds which caused death

Impersonated Dead Bankers.

Denver, Colo.-Officers of the Amer ican Bankers' association have just discovered that real live "ghosts" walked at the annual convention of the association which was held in Denver last November. It has been found that the names of at least a dozen bankers in various parts of the country, who have been dead for a number of years, were assumed by unknown persons, who registered at the convention, answered to roll calls, voted on resolutions and accepted the hospitality of the bankers of Den-

ALIVE IN A UTAH MINE BLOODY CRUTCH

Cripple Stands in Shadow of the Gallows for Murder Committed for a Few Cents.

Web of Circumstantial Evidence Be ing Wove Around Alleged Murderer of Salt Lake Painter Who Was Beaten and Strangled to Death.

Salt Lake City.-A bloody crutch may prove the important clue which will bring to the gallows the murderer of John C. Burnett, the painter who was beaten and strangled to death in a rooming house in this city, the crime evidently having been committed with he purpose of robbery, the murderer, however, securing less than \$5 after committing one of the most revolting orimes in the history of the

In Hugh Meyers, the one-legged man, arrested a few hours after the discovery of the mutilated body of John C. Barnett, the police believe they have the real murderer of the unfortunate painter and paper hanger who was lured to his death for a few dollars.

Gradually a web of circumstantial evidence is being woven around Meyers, and as the meshes are being drawn tighter there seems little likelihood of the escape of Meyers from the direct accusation of being the actual murderer, or at least an accom-

The most importance piece of evidence so far obtained, and which so strongly incriminates Meyers, is his crutch. It developed Saturday that the crutch exactly fits into the wounds upon the head and hands of the murdered man and fits so perfectthe responsibility, Reiber secured the ly as to leave no room for doubt in assistance of William Montgomery. It is minds of the police that the former cashier of the Aliegheny National bank and R. F. Philipper (continued in the country). he death-dealing blows.

In addition, several other important bits of evidence, all tending to fasten the crime on Meyers, were secured. In the running down of the evidence the detectives proved con-clusively that the story told by Meyers in connection with the incidents of the night of the murder was false in many respects, that he had betrayed his own falsehoods in telling conflicting stories. Equally important was the result of an analysis Washington—The passage of a new census bill during the special session, to take the place of the measure ye. toed by President Roosevelt, is con-fidently predicted by its friends in congress been torn off, was also found in a toilet room in the Mambino saloon, and the officers are positive that the shirt belonged to Meyers.

FAIRBANKS IN PRIVATE LIFE.

Returns to Indianapolis After Twelve Years of Public Life.

Indianapolis.-After twelve years of public life, former Vice President Fairbanks returned to his home here Sunday from Washington. Mr. and Mrs. Fairbanks received many friends at their home Sunday. Concerning the new administration, Mr. Fairbanks said: "The new administration starts with every assurance of success. The president was wise in calling congress in extra session at the earliest practcable date, so that tariff revision might be speedily effected.

"It is quite natural that there should be more or less hesitancy in the business world until the uncertainty as to what will be done with the various schedules is definitely put to rest. When revision is accomplished, if it is done on proper lines, it will tend to give stability to industry and trade and will result in the improvement of business conditions. Such improvement will probably be gradual, yet it will be certain."

NEGRO BURNED AT STAKE.

Punishment Meted Out to Black Fiend by Texans.

Rockwell, Tex.-After having been identified by Mrs. Arthur McKinney as the negro who attacked her Friday morning, Anderson Ellis was taken from the Rockwell county jail here, tied to an iron stake driven into tha earth, and was burned to death in the presence of about a thousand persons.

Earlier in the evening, Will Clark, negro, was shot and killed when his father, Andrew Clark, refused to allow a posse to search his premises, on the assumption that Ellis was con-

The burning occurred in the public

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