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Fortunately the automatic temperature indicators in the bunkers worked perfectly, and each fire was quickly suppressed by taking out as much coal as possible and then sending streams of steam upon the rest.

It is stated in the report that the fires were caused by spontaneous combustion, induced by the quality of the coal with which the Olympia was stored. There was no danger at any time, and no damage resulted. The report is made by Captain Reed, commander of the Olympia.

OF INTEREST TO THE COAST. Congressman Hartman Favors the Application of the Montana Mineral Lands Act to California.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 11.—Representative Hartman of Montana said to a CALL correspondent to-day that he favored applying the Montana-Idaho mineral lands act to California, and if he was appointed on the Public Lands Committee, as he hoped to be, would urge this legislation.

"Representative Caminetti worked hard for this act," said Mr. Hartman, "but was defeated through the efforts of Senators Stewart and Mitchell and influences brought to bear by the Southern Pacific Railroad. The Montana-Idaho act has proven to be just what our miners needed to protect mineral lands against the ravages of the Northern Pacific, and the same act applied to California would perform a like service for her miners against the Southern Pacific."

HEARNE ON THE RACK.

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CASE OF THE STATE. The Prosecution Outlines the Evidence Against the Doctor.

STORY OF THE ALLEGED CRIME. The Prisoner Accused of Slaying an Old Man That He Might Marry His Widow.

BOWLING GREEN, Mo., Dec. 11.—The actual trial of Dr. Joseph C. Hearne for the murder of Amos J. Stillwell began to-day. Many ladies were in attendance in the crowded courtroom when the trial opened at 10 o'clock.

When the jury was sworn Attorney Dryden for the defense announced that with a few exceptions, on which he thought the State's attorneys could agree, he would like all witnesses excluded during the taking of the testimony. The list of witnesses for whom subpoenas have been returned was read. Colonel Dryden insisted that the State disclose all witnesses it expected to call. The prosecution refused to do this. The court withheld a ruling until those additional witnesses should be called and declared that the State must take upon itself the responsibility of having this testimony admitted. The State's attorneys, apparently being afraid to take chances, asked for time to consult. At 11:30 court adjourned until 1:30 p. m. to give them this opportunity.

When court met after luncheon, H. Clay Heather, prosecuting attorney of Marion County, said that rather than jeopardize the State's case by leaving any possible opening for a reversal by the Supreme Court he had prepared a list of all witnesses who had been subpoenaed by the State. The list was handed to the lawyers for the defense. He then read to the jury the indictment against Dr. Hearne charging him and Mrs. Hearne with having murdered Amos J. Stillwell on December 23, 1889. While it was being read, Mrs. Hearne and her two stepdaughters entered.

Mr. Heather next made the opening statement to the jury. He said that it would be necessary for the State, in order to secure a conviction under the indictment, to prove first that Amos J. Stillwell was murdered, and then that Dr. Hearne was the murderer. The State would rely wholly on circumstantial evidence.

Mr. Heather reviewed the case, beginning with the trip East made by Dr. Stillwell when he first met and married the woman who is now Fannie C. Hearne. He was then over 50 years of age and she was a girl of 22. He brought her to Hannibal and installed her in his home, and she was recognized at once as the leader of a swagging set. In Hannibal at that time was Joseph C. Hearne, a doctor, married. As time went by Dr. Hearne's wife died and Mrs. Stillwell grew tired of being an old man's darling. She said frequently to intimate friends that she wished she had a young husband, a strong young man like Dr. Hearne. Dr. Hearne heard this, and began paying her attentions so marked as to be commented upon freely. Their relations were discovered by the aged husband. Mrs. Stillwell told her friends that Dr. Hearne had hypnotized her so she could not give him up.

Their relations grew so scandalous that the story crept into the papers, and then came the murder at midnight, after Mr. and Mrs. Stillwell had returned from a ward party.

Mr. Heather detailed the events following the discovery of the murder. His description of the finding of the body of the murdered millionaire, with his head cleft to the shoulders by a swinging blow of an ax, was graphic, and during its recital there was a silence that was intense in the courtroom. Dr. Hearne leaned back in his chair, with one arm thrown over the back, listening to every word, but with no sign of particular interest. Mrs. Hearne bent forward and lost not a word. Her eyes watched the jury and looked up and down the two rows of faces, but not a muscle of her body moved. The fixed frown never relaxed and the lips were never opened. It was almost painful to see that unchangeable look of concentrated thought that sat on her face.

All of the love affairs of Mrs. Hearne will be fully told at this trial. Her petition for divorce, which was filed in California in 1894, will be in evidence. She was divorced from Dr. Hearne on August 10, and they were remarried on September 22, 1894.

The petition in the divorce case had laid bare the domestic infelicity of the two. She claimed that Hearne never gave her a dollar, but lived on her money; that he beat her cruelly and threatened to kill her; that he tore her clothes off, cursed her habitually, wished her dead and caged her in a room for hours at a time.

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A Trust to Aid Farmers. OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 11.—The largest trust ever formed in Nebraska is being formed by leading capitalists of Chicago and Omaha. It will be capitalized for

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