



MILLIONAIRES TO BE TRIED FOR FRAUD

Senator Clark and the Daly heirs face Prosecutions.

Government Will Fight for Vast Tracts of Land in Montana.

Six Suits are Already Filed and Other Actions Involving Millions Will Follow.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

HELENA, Mont., July 7.—Senator W. A. Clark; Margaret Daly of New York, administratrix of the estate of Marcus Daly; the Anaconda Mining Company and the Bitter Root Development Company must stand trial in the Federal courts for alleged irregularities in timber lands in Montana and Idaho, involving millions of dollars.

These prominent interests are not the only ones attacked. One hundred and two indictments have recently been found by Federal Grand Jurors against individuals accused of directing the scheme which, the Government declares, defrauded it of great amounts and violated the timber laws. All this has come about in the last few weeks.

For three years the Government has been trying to get the regular officers of the Department of Justice in Montana to prosecute the case with vigor. This has been all in vain and not until the appointment of special agents of the department, with a special assistant Attorney General to force the fight, has anything been done.

Since that time events have moved rapidly. Within the last few days six suits have been entered against the Daly interests. Senator Clark has been notified that he must fight for his land title and several of the other principals have been arrested.

It has been a notorious fact in Montana for years that thousands of acres of timber land have been entered and patents granted to employees of milling companies. These things have been known to not only the general public, but also to land-owners in the districts where the entries are made. In recent years, owing to the wholesale cutting of timber and the great extent of the land taken up in this way, good timber lands have been getting rapidly scarce.

DOG CAUSES ARREST OF MURDER SUSPECT

Dig St. Bernard the State's Silent Witness in a Colorado Trial.

DENVER, July 7.—In the trial of Thomas Howard, charged with the murder of Henry Ross in Globeville last Friday morning, a St. Bernard dog will be the chief witness for the State. Three men who saw Ross shot by a stranger swore before a coroner's jury last night that a St. Bernard dog peculiarly marked was standing by the murderer when he fired the fatal shot and trotted along after him when he ran.

A man whom the saloonkeeper did not know, but who has been since identified as John Howard, entered Carl Goeritz's saloon, accompanied by a St. Bernard dog peculiarly marked. Ross and three companions entered shortly afterward and invited Howard to drink. Howard departed a few minutes later. Ross and his companions left the saloon about 1 o'clock in the morning. As they walked past an alley they saw a man sitting on a fence. He fired without warning, the bullet striking Ross in the stomach and killing him. Then the stranger leaped over the fence and ran. A St. Bernard dog started out of the shadow and, bounding over the fence, followed him.

A dog of the kind described by the witnesses to the shooting was seen lying in Howard's yard, and its master was arrested and charged with the murder. No motive for the crime is known.

JAPANESE FISHERMEN PREPARE FOR A BATTLE

With Shotguns They Will Begin Work and Officers are Fearful of Trouble.

VANCOUVER, B. C., July 7.—The crisis in the salmon fishery strike at Stevenson is expected to occur at daylight to-morrow morning. The Japanese to the number of 2000 have decided to go out fishing in a body. They will carry shotguns and are well supplied with ammunition. The white fishermen's union have 300 patrol boats out and will turn back the Japanese or tow them back to the wharves if at all possible. The authorities are apprehensive of trouble.

FOREST FIRE DESTROYS MUCH VALUABLE TIMBER

Blaze is Spreading Rapidly and Threatens to Wipe Out a Colorado Mining Camp.

BUENA VISTA, Colo., July 7.—A forest fire southwest of here has destroyed many thousands of dollars' worth of valuable timber. The mining camp of Pine is in the path of the fire and is in danger of being wiped out. It is impossible to get any definite news from there to-night except that the fire is still burning and spreading rapidly.

TROOP TRAIN CRASHES INTO TWO ENGINES

Serious Railroad Wreck at Black Butte Summit.

One Man Killed and Several of the Passengers Injured.

Prompt Action of a Conductor Prevents the Loss of Many Lives.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

SISSON, July 7.—A disastrous wreck, causing one death and injury to several persons, occurred at Black Butte Summit, a sidetrack station eight miles north of this place, at 5 o'clock this morning, when the Shasta express on the way south collided with a northbound troop train.

On the latter was a battery of regular soldiers returning to their Eastern stations after service in China and the Philippine Islands. The southbound train had two engines and was coming up the hill at a good rate of speed. The engine in front was almost completely demolished, as was also the north-bound engine pulling the train-load of soldiers. The baggage car and a box car containing the effects of the soldiers were thrown on top of one of the engines. The baggage and property of the soldiers was badly broken. Much of it consisted of valuable articles gathered in China during the recent trouble.

The collision was caused by the engineer of the northbound train running past the sidetrack at Black Butte Summit. When the conductor saw that the train was being drawn past this track he pulled the bell rope. The speed was decreased and when the trains came together the one containing the soldiers was running at the rate of about ten miles an hour. This action of the conductor doubtless saved a great many lives.

The engineers and firemen of the southbound train stayed with their engines until just before the collision, when they jumped and saved themselves from injury. Henry Wentz, the engineer of the northbound train, was badly hurt and was taken to his home in Dunsuir.

Three men whose names are unknown were riding on the blind baggage. One was instantly killed, one has an arm and a leg broken, and the other escaped injury. A woman in the rear Pullman of the Shasta express, wife of the proprietor of the Ashland Hotel at Ashland, Or., was badly cut about the head. Several other passengers were slightly hurt.

NOTED PHILANTHROPIST ANSWERS DEATH'S CALL

Passing of the Original of Churchill's Mr. Brinsmade in St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, July 7.—James F. Yeatman, a well-known philanthropist, died to-day, aged 84 years. When the Civil War broke out Mr. Yeatman endeavored to maintain peace and labored earnestly to that end. His sympathies were with the Union, and when the war could no longer be avoided he became one of the Commissioners sent from here to explain the local status of affairs to President Lincoln.

In 1864 the Western Sanitary Commission was called into existence by General Fremont, and Mr. Yeatman was appointed president of the commission. The commission established hospital steamers, soldiers' homes and relief bureaus, and Mr. Yeatman's work won him the highest praise from members of all parties.

Although a slaveholder before the war, he devised the organization of the Freedmen's Bureau, and made an official report to Washington in which he advised the leasing of abandoned cotton plantations to the freedmen.

For many years he had not been actively engaged in business, but was identified with numerous charitable movements. Mr. Yeatman is believed to be the original of the character Mr. Brinsmade in Winston Churchill's novel "The Crisis." The philanthropist and the novelist were great friends.

GASOLINE TANK EXPLODES IN A COUNTRY HOUSE

President of Milwaukee Drydock Company Is Killed and His Coachman Is Dying.

MILWAUKEE, July 7.—As the result of the explosion of a gasoline tank in the cellar of the country house of William Fitzgerald, at Lake Nagawick, late Saturday night Fitzgerald was so badly burned that he died at noon to-day. His coachman, William Grunwald, is in a dying condition.

Fitzgerald was president of the Milwaukee Drydock Company and managing director of the American Shipbuilding Company. He was well known along the great lakes, and among business men of Milwaukee he commanded a prominent position.

Fitzgerald, followed by his coachman, was walking through a passageway leading to the cellar, trying to locate a leak in the gas plant. The coachman picked up a lighted candle from a table and had entered the cellar before hearing Fitzgerald's shout for him to go back.

Denies Bubonic Plague Story.

RIO DE JANEIRO, July 7.—There is no foundation for the rumor circulated in the United States that a bubonic plague scare exists in this city. Four cases of the disease have been reported, but all were brought from Oporto. The general sanitary condition of Rio de Janeiro is excellent.

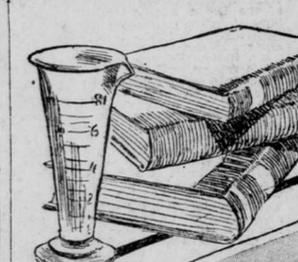
IN THE NIGHT STAGE BRINGS BODY OF LE CONTE FROM THE MOUNTAINS WHERE HE DIED

Escorted by His Daughter and a Faithful Friend the Remains Are Conveyed to the Shores of the Bay, the Scene of His Work.

THE body of the late Professor Joseph Le Conte, whose sudden death in the Yosemite Valley on Saturday morning brought grief to thousands, arrived at Oakland yesterday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock in charge of his daughter, Mrs. Davis, and Dr. E. R. Taylor, dean of the Hastings Law College, who were with the beloved teacher when the final summons called him from his sphere of usefulness.

The rough pine box containing the remains of the great educator had been brought from the Yosemite Valley by stage and train, and as simple had been the life of Professor Le Conte, so was the last journey from the mountains he loved to the bay shore, where for so many years he had lived and worked.

There will be public funeral services in honor of the memory of the late professor.



PROF. LE CONTE'S BERKELEY HOME



HOUSE WHERE PROFESSOR JOSEPH LE CONTE LIVED AND THE PLACE WHERE HE DIED.

signs of grief or mourning, for all felt that Professor Le Conte would not have desired a display of "trappings of woe" could he have been consulted.

At the home of President Wheeler the American flag flew at half-mast, but on the campus the flag was not displayed.

The widow of Professor Le Conte was informed yesterday morning of her loss and she bore the sad news with the fortitude becoming the lifelong helpmate of a noble man.

Miss Caroline Le Conte broke the news of her father's death to her mother. Mrs. Le Conte has been in frail health for some time and her relatives and friends feared to tell her of Professor Le Conte's death on Saturday. She was informed then that he was ill, but she realized that added news was to come later. When Miss Le Conte told her mother yesterday that Professor Le Conte was dead the widow bowed her head and silently murmured a prayer. The bereaved wife and the daughter were left alone in their sorrow by the many loving friends gathered in the house.

Mrs. Davis, daughter of Professor Le Conte, and Dr. Taylor rode beside the driver of the stage coach on the long drive from Camp Curry in the Yosemite to Raymond. The start was made at 5 p. m. The stage company had supplied a special stage, and relays of horses were on hand at various points. Instructions were given to bring the stage and its precious burden into Raymond on time to connect with the train for Oakland.

Night Trip From Valley.

As the sun went down on Saturday evening behind the mighty crags of the Yosemite, the special stage bearing the body of Professor Le Conte was hurried along the mountain roads. Wreaths of oak, pine, fir and other forest leaves were fastened to the rough casket. They were the tributes of affection from many graduates and students of the university who were in the valley. The wind sang a requiem over the body of the man who had loved every inch of the marvelous garden.

Wheeler Half-Masts Flag.

President Wheeler and Julian Le Conte accompanied the body of Professor Le Conte to an undertaking parlor in Oakland and then proceeded to their respective homes. The body remained at the parlors of the undertaker last night and will be taken to the family home to-day.

PRISONERS UNTIL BOER WAR ENDS

Americans Captured by British Will Not Be Released.

London Declines to Comply With Request of This Government.

Holds That Foreigners Who Aided the Patriots Have Lost Their Nationality.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

CALL BUREAU, 1406 G STREET, N. W., WASHINGTON, July 7.—Americans fighting in the Boer armies who were made prisoners by the British will have to endure their captivity until the close of the South African war. Great Britain has declined to comply with the request of this Government to release an American now confined on the island of Ceylon, and this declination probably will prove a bar to further representations by the State Department on behalf of Americans captured as belligerents in South Africa.

The test case was that of a naturalized American named Morgan, who claims a residence in Virginia. Sir Alfred Milner, British High Commissioner in South Africa, disapproves of the release of foreigners who fought with the Boers. He has announced that a person who served as a belligerent with the Boer forces loses his nationality and must be treated as an enemy. This view is concurred in by the legal officers of the State Department.

The department is satisfied from the investigation made by American Consuls and British authorities that the reports that the British are ill-treating their prisoners are without foundation. The only hardship that the Americans captured in South Africa will have to undergo will be that of confinement until hostilities cease.

In order to obtain a prompt settlement of claims filed by American citizens for personal and property damages sustained in South Africa as a result of the operations of British troops the State Department has officially requested all claimants to submit memorials setting forth the facts in connection with their claims, which will be transmitted through Ambassador Choate to the British Claims Commission, now sitting in London. The department is in receipt of complaints from numerous persons claiming American nationality, but the records are not complete and in many cases the citizenship of the claimants is not established. The claims which submit estimates of the damage suffered amount to several hundred thousand dollars. The department does not see how it will be possible to obtain a settlement of claims arising out of damages following upon the acts of the Boer Government, as that Government ceases to exist. In the case of claims to mining rights it is possible that the British Government may allow the claimants the privilege of recourse to the civil courts when they shall have been established.

ALLEGED BOER ATROCITIES.

British Correspondent Declares That Wounded Are Put to Death.

LONDON, July 8.—The Daily Mail gives sensational prominence this morning to mail advices from Vlakfontein, which attribute to the Boers inhuman atrocities that the censor would not allow to be described by cable.

"A couple of Boers," says the Daily Mail's correspondent, "who were armed with Martini, walked around among the dead and dying. Some they turned over to see if they were dead. If it were otherwise, then one or the other of the Boers shot them as they would shoot an ox. I saw four killed in this way. One youngster pleaded for his life. I heard him say: 'Oh, Christ, don't! and then, bang! went the rifle. That is what happened.'"

The Daily Mail protests vigorously against the suppression by the censor of such details.

BELIEVED WAR HAD ENDED.

Boers Lay Down Their Arms Under a Misapprehension.

PRETORIA, July 7.—Blockhouses are being erected and everything possible being done for the protection of traffic on the railway to Pietersburg, but the difficulty is enormous owing to the fact that the line runs between mountains, with thick brush on either side, affording excellent cover for the Boers.

Lately the Boers surrendering in this district were driven to the border. They were afraid to enter their own territory. When they surrendered they said they thought they were the only ones still fighting. They showed surprise upon finding the war was continued in other parts of the country.

An enormous number of cattle and sheep are trekking from the south to the Government farms near Pretoria.

IMPORTANT WORK BEFORE THE PRESBYTERIAN SYNOD

MEXICO CITY, July 7.—The Presbyterian Synod is well attended. The purpose is to organize a Mexican synod which will have direct charge of the work in Mexico. There are in Mexico about 100 Presbyterian missions, with not less than 5000 communicants. Those missions are under the direction of the Foreign Missionary Boards of the Northern and Southern Presbyterian churches. Many of the missions in Mexico have become self-supporting and it is proposed to place them on an independent footing. The boards of the church in the North will withdraw their superintending power, but will continue their substantial support to the weaker missions of the country.

GIRL DROWNS IN TORRENT AT YOSEMITE

The Treacherous Rapids Whirl Frail Boat to Disaster.

Young Man Strives in Vain to Save the Life of a Companion.

No Trace Can Be Found of the Body of the River Victim.

YOSEMITE, July 7.—The body of Miss Sadie Schaffer, one of the waitresses of the Sentinel Hotel, lies in the rapids of the Merced River, near El Capitan bridge.

At about 2:30 o'clock this afternoon a party of three, consisting of Miss Schaffer, Miss Sadie Young and John Van Campen, left the Sentinel Hotel for a ride in Van Campen's boat. This is a frail craft and canvas-covered. When pitching it into the stream they were warned of the treacherous waters of the Merced, but they jokingly bade their friends good-by.

At about 4 o'clock they reached the commencement of the rapids above the El Capitan bridge. There they landed, Miss Young going ashore. Miss Schaffer and Van Campen, however, concluded to continue through the rapids. A short distance below that point Van Campen saw that they could not do this with safety and so pulled toward the shore, catching hold of a root.

At this moment Miss Schaffer, in a spirit of fearlessness, took one of the oars and shoved the boat again into the stream, saying that they would shoot the rapids anyway, at the same time dropping the oar into the water. In a moment the boat became unmanageable and upset, throwing the young lady out on one side and Van Campen on the other. For a moment both held to the upturned boat. Then the boy caught the girl's hand and floated down with the current 100 or more feet. Then they struck a large bowlder and became separated, both going under the water. When Van Campen came to the surface he could find no trace of the girl.

Two men were on the riverside a short distance below, but they did not see the girl's body float by. Her hat was found about half a mile below the scene of the accident. A large force of men dredged the river, but at dark they abandoned the search. It will be resumed again in the morning by Guardian Stevens and a force of men. The young lady was an expert swimmer. Her parents are dead. She has a sister living in Oklahoma Territory.

COMBINATION FORMED TO HANDLE COAL OUTPUT

Pennsylvania Railroad and Vanderbilt and Morgan Interests Control Every Avenue of Transportation.

PHILADELPHIA, July 7.—The North American to-morrow will publish a story to the effect that the entire coal transportation east of the Mississippi River will be divided among the railroads controlled by the Pennsylvania Railroad, the Vanderbilt and the Morgan interests. The Pennsylvania and Vanderbilt lines will carry all the coal produced in the bituminous regions, while the Morgan roads will control the entire anthracite transportation. This combination, the article goes on to say, will bring about the consolidation of all the bituminous interests north of Tennessee and east of the Mississippi.

The work of consolidation has been going on for a year, and every avenue of transportation of coal is in control of these three interests. Among the bituminous group are the Pittsburg Coal Company, the Illinois Coal Company, the latter representing all the coal properties in Illinois and Indiana, and the Fairmount Coal Company of West Virginia. The total capitalization of the bituminous interests is estimated at \$240,000,000.

FINDS HUSBAND'S BODY DANGLING IN DOORWAY

Wife of a School Janitor at Watsonville Makes a Startling Discovery.

WATSONVILLE, July 7.—James Neilson, a janitor of the Watsonville Grammar School, committed suicide yesterday evening by hanging himself with a piece of baling rope. The act was committed in the school building. Neilson left home some time during the afternoon. As he did not return home at the usual time, his wife started in search of him. She went to the schoolhouse and upon entering the building through the rear door was horrified by coming in contact with the lifeless body of her husband, which was suspended from the transom of the door.

From the position in which the body was found it was evident that Neilson had squatted down until his hands had almost touched the floor. Death was caused by strangulation. His domestic life was not unhappy and the deed is thought to have been due to excessive use of liquor.

RIFLE THE POCKETS OF ABANDONED CORPSE

LOS ANGELES, July 7.—An unknown man was struck by a train of tank cars on the Buena Vista street bridge this morning. His skull was fractured and he died in a few minutes after the accident. Employees of the Southern Pacific placed his body on a quilt and summoned the coroner. The dead man was then left alone and when the coroner arrived he found his pockets turned inside out and rifled. Nothing was found upon him by which he could be identified. He has the appearance of a laboring man, and a police officer says he has seen him at work on the Salt Lake road's new bridge near Elysian Park.