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MYSTERIOUS TALK ABOUT A NEW HEIR

Lawyer Says Child of Charles Fair Exists.

William Cannon Tells a Queer Tale to C. S. Neal.

Declares That Offspring of the Late Millionaire Is Known to Him.

A mysterious alleged heir to a portion of the estate of Charles L. Fair came to light yesterday.

Whether it be black or white, young or old, male or female, is even a matter of conjecture to the managers of and legitimate heirs to the estate.

William L. Cannon, an attorney, informed Charles S. Neal, manager of the estate, that he had a client who purported to be the putative child of the young millionaire who met death in France. Further than that he said nothing. What further action will be taken is shadowed in doubt. The attorney maintains a sphinx-like silence and will give no hint as to when he will be ready to proceed in an action, if, indeed, he ever will.

Cannon called at the office of the Fair estate yesterday and inquired for Hermann Oelrichs. He was referred to Manager Neal and at once stated his case. He said that he was convinced that his client was the offspring of Charles L. Fair and then ceased to impart information. He made no demands and made no threats, but soon left the office. The Fair heirs take no stock in the matter. They regard it as only another attempt to fleece the estate and will be prepared to meet any action that may be brought. Mr. Oelrichs, when interviewed, stated that he knew nothing more of the alleged heir than had been told him by his manager and that he had dismissed the matter from his mind.

Attorney Cannon said: "I have absolutely nothing for the public at present. I will neither affirm nor deny even that I was at the office of the Fair estate today. What I told them I will refuse to give for publication. I act in the relation of an attorney to a client. Whether there will be any litigation or not I cannot say. That is all."

COLONIAL SECRETARY THREATENS TO RESIGN

Chamberlain Says Defeat of the Education Bill Will Cause a Government Crisis.

BIRMINGHAM, Eng., Oct. 9.—The much-discussed conference of the Liberal Unionists, which was called by Colonial Secretary Chamberlain to formulate the attitude of the Birmingham Liberal Unionists toward the education bill, was held here to-day.

Chamberlain presided at the meeting and enunciated his views in a lengthy address. He acknowledged that the bill was not perfect, but said the Liberal Unionists must not split on that point. He said he had always been in favor of the Government providing only secular education, but rightly or wrongly, the majority of the country required that religious instruction of some kind be given. If the country could not get what it wanted from a Unionist Government it would not get it from the Radical Government which would follow the Government it might smash.

Chamberlain advised the Liberal Unionists to agree to differ on the complicated points, but to do nothing to assist the intrigues of those who would hand over Ireland to the home rulers, who would transfer South African problems to the discretion of the pro-Boers and who would leave imperial interests in the hands of little Englishmen and domestic reforms to the framers of the Newcastle programme.

The Colonial Secretary had several suggestions amending the educational bill so as to give safe and popular control. He said he could promise, however, that one thing was definitely certain, namely, that the bill would not be withdrawn. He said the Government could not withdraw it without a tremendous loss of prestige, and that the only logical alternative to the acceptance of the bill would be the expenditure necessary to replace the existing denominational schools.

In conclusion Chamberlain announced that if the Government was defeated on this bill it would resign. He warned his hearers to mark that and to remember the consequences.

An official report issued to the press of a private conference which followed Colonial Secretary Chamberlain's speech said that 26 persons attended the meeting. A prominent delegate upon leaving the conference said Chamberlain had completely dominated the meeting, that several speakers had said they would rather swallow the bill whole than embarrass the Government and that, in short, by the threat that the Government would resign in case the bill were defeated Chamberlain appeared to have played a trump card and to have stopped effectually any incipient revolt.

Fire Sweeps Through Lodging-House

NEW YORK, Oct. 9.—Fire early this morning at Park row and North street swept through a lodging-house in which 200 men were asleep. All the inmates escaped injury so far as known. The flames were got under control with a loss of not more than \$25,000.

MILITIAMEN HIDING AT NEW ORLEANS

Loth to Turn Out and Fight the Strikers.

Business Men Anxious to Avoid Further Bloodshed.

Governor Heard Hesitates About Calling Out the Troops.

NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 9.—The street car strike situation in this city is becoming graver every hour, though there was no violence of any note to-day. Governor Heard arrived to-night. He met the Mayor, Adjutant General Humle, General Glynn, Attorney General Gulon, Speaker of the House Sanders, Secretary Hestor of the Cotton Exchange and several members of his staff. After reviewing the situation he went at 9 o'clock to a meeting of the public safety committee in the Cotton Exchange, where he was closeted for several hours.

MILITIAMEN IN HIDING.
The Governor is being urged by the business men to endeavor to settle the trouble without a resort to troops.

Out of 1000 militiamen in the city at 6 o'clock to-night 700 had reported at the armories, or had been brought in by corporal's guards.

The squads had to exercise a great deal of patience to refrain from resenting the attacks and jeers of the crowds on the streets. At every point they were greeted with derisive epithets by the crowds of men and boys. One militiaman rode around the city on a horse and was attacked several times by boys with stones.

Many of the soldiers do not want to go on this service and are hiding. They say they have friends and relatives among the strikers and they do not want to be called upon to shoot them.

TWO MEN ARE BEATEN

The New Orleans Railway Company made no attempt to run cars to-day. The strikers and their sympathizers massed at Canal and Galvez streets to the number of 200 and waited patiently all day for the first car to come out.

Toward evening William Connors and John Lynch, walking along Canal street, asked some one to direct them to the car barn. The strikers took them for non-union men and beat them badly. A patrol wagon came along and the men were rescued after the police used their clubs.

Everything now hinges on the course adopted by the Governor. There is a demand from some quarters that he proceed immediately to put the troops on the streets and quell the strikers, while on the other hand the business element as a rule want to see an effort made to settle the trouble without bloodshed.

EXECUTORS MAY ACCEPT OFFER TO COMPROMISE

Strong Efforts Are Being Made to Settle the Stratton Estate Litigation.

COLORADO SPRINGS, Oct. 9.—A compromise between the warring executors and administrators of the Stratton estate is looked for as a result of a conference which has been going on between the attorneys of the contending factions. In this the attorneys for the son, I. Harry Stratton, are taking a part and it is believed that his claim will be adjusted at the same time.

The hearing on the matter of the legality of the appointment of the administrators by County Judge Orr two weeks ago came up in the District Court at 11 o'clock before Judge W. P. Seeds, but a postponement was taken. Judge A. T. Gunnell, representing I. Harry Stratton; Judge Ira Harris, for the administrators, and Attorney Henry McAllister Jr., for the executors, immediately went into a conference, which lasted three hours.

It was reported semi-officially that a conclusion had been reached for the present administrators to resign, which would do away with the proceedings on the writ of certiorari in the District Court and would permit County Judge Orr to reappoint new administrators with a free hand should it become necessary to do so in the future. The report also states that the son's offer to compromise for \$1,000,000 may be accepted by the executors, who could then be left to carry out the provisions of the will.

TETHERINGTON REFUSES TO DISCUSS THE SHOOTING

Salt Lake Police Find a Witness Who Throws Considerable Light on the Mystery.

SALT LAKE, Oct. 9.—A witness to the shooting of Robert W. Tetherington of Sacramento, Cal., Tuesday night has been discovered in the person of Bertha Platt, a young girl who lives near the scene of the shooting. She says she saw Tetherington quarreling with two men, whom he had been in conversation with earlier in the day. While the quarrel was going on a fourth man joined the party, and a moment later he was seen to draw a revolver and fire. The men then walked rapidly away, leaving Tetherington on the ground. The police have seven suspects under arrest. Tetherington's condition to-day is reported as very favorable. He still absolutely refuses to discuss the shooting.

BIG STEAL CONCOCTED BY YOUTHS

Four Mexicans Rob Copete Mine in Mexico.

Spurious "Boletos" Are Issued by the Wholesale.

Thirty Thousand Dollars Is Cleaned Up by Daring Culprits.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

EL PASO, Texas, Oct. 9.—A big steal aggregating \$30,000 was discovered in the cashier's office of the Copete mine of the Cananea Consolidated Mining Company, at Cananea, Sonora, recently and the result is that four young Mexicans in that office are languishing in jail.

T. W. Smith, a brother of J. A. Smith of this city, arrived here and gives the following account of the systematic robbery carried on by the shrewd young operators:

The Cananea Company has a system of paying its men that is really a banking system. Each employee is given a pass book called a "cartero," in which he is credited with his work from day to day. The men are paid off once a month, and they can draw orders, called "boletos," on the company's store agent. Their accounts in their "carteros," the "boletos," are payable to bearer. It seems that there was no system of checking up these "boletos" against the books of the timekeepers and so these four young men conceived the bold plan of issuing "boletos" promiscuously and selling them, which they did at the ruling rate of 90 cents on the dollar. Four thousand dollars has been traced against them, but it is believed that they have gotten the best of the company to the amount of about \$30,000. The discovery of the frauds was made by checking these "boletos" against the checkbook, which contained a correct list of the employees. The "boletos" showed only a lot of dummies.

LARGE MINING DEAL IN SHASTA COUNTY

Famous Bully Hill Property Is Sold for Something Like One Million Dollars.

REDDING, Oct. 9.—The most important mining sale that has ever been consummated in Shasta County was made this morning and by it the Mount Shasta Mines Company becomes the owner of the famous Bully Hill mines, smelter and property of Delamar and also of Delamar's interests in San Bernardino County.

W. B. Ryder, accountant for the Mount Shasta people, gave out the news to-night and it has been the sole absorbing topic of conversation among mining men and people generally. The price is not mentioned but it is in the neighborhood of a million dollars, which is the largest sum ever paid for a mining property in Northern California. Delamar bought the property for something like \$200,000. For several weeks the deal has been pending. The Mount Shasta people were more anxious to buy than Delamar was to sell. The mine is a bonanza, some of the product being solid copper and a system of chiseling is necessary to extract it. It has yielded big profits for Delamar and unless offered he would not listen to any proposition to sell. The Mount Shasta people have heretofore acquired several adjoining claims, some of which they claim are as unmined as themselves. They also own the famous Mount Shasta mine near Shasta, on which they are now putting extensive machinery. The company will enlarge and improve the Delamar smelter and intend to connect the two mines with an electric road.

OREGON SHORT LINE AMENDS ITS ARTICLES

Action Is Taken to Conform With the Purpose of the Union Pacific Railway.

SALT LAKE, Oct. 9.—At a special meeting of the stockholders of the Oregon Short Line Railway Company held here to-day an amendment to the articles of association was adopted which empowers the company to construct or acquire by purchase, lease or otherwise and to maintain and operate ferries, ferry-boats, steamboats, steamships, warehouses and other property appurtenant to the business of ferries or navigation. Also to engage generally in the business of transportation upon the navigable waters of the United States or other countries and upon the high seas, and to purchase or otherwise acquire and guarantee the capital stock and other obligations of any company having power to engage in such business or engaged therein.

This action is taken, it is said, in order to conform with the purpose of the Union Pacific Railway Company, which controls the Oregon Short Line, to try for the carrying trade between the Pacific Coast and Japan, China and the Far East.

Peasant Uprising in Russia

Berlin, Oct. 9.—Another peasant uprising has broken out in the Government of Pottava, Russia. According to news sent across the border to the Socialist organ, the Vorwärts, fierce conflicts are taking place between the peasants and the local forces, which are now being reinforced. Many persons are reported to have been killed or wounded.

GRAVE CLOSURES OVER MRS. WIGGER AND MYSTERY REMAINS UNSOLVED

Evidence Points to the Young Wife's Suicide, but There Are Theories of Accident or Crime.

MRS. MAUDE WIGGER'S tragic death at San Mateo last Monday is still wrapped in mystery. The county officials are completely baffled, and as yet have not discovered a single fact pointing at all convincingly to an explanation of the tragedy. While some are inclined to the suicide theory, not a single circumstance of the last hours of the unfortunate young wife has been related that warrants fixing that ignominy upon her. She was given burial yesterday in Cypress Lawn Cemetery, and Coroner James Crowe asserts that he will devote his entire energy to the case. The inquest will be held next Wednesday.



Mrs. MAUDE WIGGER



WOMAN WHOSE MYSTERIOUS DEATH FROM POISON IN SAN MATEO CAUSED EXCITEMENT AND INVESTIGATION BY THE AUTHORITIES, AND A VIEW OF THE HOUSE WHEREIN SHE DIED.

SAN MATEO, Oct. 9.—Mrs. Maude Wigger of San Mateo was given burial to-day. The Episcopal service was read over her casket and she was laid beneath the green sward of Cypress Lawn Cemetery. The mystery that clings about her tragic death is as deep as ever. Not a single clue has been discovered that promises to lead to a solution, and no one who is willing to do so can advance more than an opinion as to the source of the blow that struck her down in her youth.

This much alone is known: The young wife died in most terrible agony, and neither before nor during her death throes did she say or do anything to fasten the shame of suicide upon her memory. An autopsy twelve hours later disclosed the presence in her stomach of strychnine. How the poison was obtained, in what form it was taken or by what means it was administered—these are unanswered, and the San Mateo County officials confess themselves completely at fault.

Some things that set the tongues of gossips wagging with imputations of foul play have been explained, and with the swing of the pendulum many of the neighbors have adopted the theory of suicide. The husband, Henry Wigger, now says that on three previous occasions she made attempts upon her life, twice by poison and once by hanging. The last attempt, he claims, was about a year ago, when she tried to hang herself. Her physician, Dr. W. L. Norris, says she was subject to attacks of melancholia. That is the sum of the evidence pointing to suicide. Not another trifle has been produced to show that the woman took her own life.

CLOSING OF SOCIALIST CLUB CAUSES A RIOT

Five of the Mob Are Killed by the Civil Guard and Several Are Wounded.

GIBRALTAR, Oct. 9.—The compulsory closing this afternoon of a Socialist club within the Spanish lines resulted in a riot in which five of the rioters were killed and several wounded. The mob fired upon the civil guard, who were temporarily driven back, but who returned the fire of the rioters and scattered their assailants. The mob afterward attacked the house of the Mayor and other dwellings, but it was finally dispersed. A battalion of infantry and a squadron of cavalry have arrived here from San Roque.

Missouri Miners End Strike

KANSAS CITY, Oct. 9.—As a result of a conference here to-day between the United Mine Workers of Missouri and the mine operators practically all of the 100 striking miners of Missouri will resume work to-morrow. A new wage scale for the ensuing year was agreed upon, and it is believed that all of the miners and operators in Missouri who have failed to agree on a scale for 1903 will soon arrive at a settlement.

OPPOSE SUICIDE THEORY

The evidence that may be set down in the other column more than cancels to many minds all that has been advanced by Mrs. Wigger's friends who are so anxious to prove her a suicide. In the first place, she was a woman of sunny, brave disposition. Her sisters deny that she ever attempted suicide and spurn the idea that she killed herself. Mrs. Wigger was engaged in the housewife occupation of counting her laundry at 8:40 o'clock Monday morning when Mrs. Herbst sent for her to come and stay with her while Mrs. Herbst's friend, Mrs. B. A. Norris of Oakland, who had come down to San Mateo to keep her company for a time, should take her daughter to school. Mrs. Wigger promptly responded, going to Mrs. Herbst's home in happy spirits. She had seen her husband go away to his work and had hidden him "good-by" in playful mood. She said no farewell to her child, whom she loved with all a mother's tenderness.

BITE OF A PET CAT MAY CAUSE HER DEATH

Daughter of a Prominent Sebastopol Resident Meets With a Serious Mishap.

SANTA ROSA, Oct. 9.—Mrs. Marie Dinnever of Sebastopol is in a critical condition as a result of a cat bite. She had a pet feline which had been poisoned, and she was very anxious to save its life. In attempting to give the animal oil to counteract the effects of the poison she was bitten severely.

No attention was paid to the bite at first, but in a day or so Mrs. Dinnever's arm began to pain her and a physician was called, but as yet nothing has helped the member. Mrs. Dinnever is a daughter of Mrs. A. Bonnardel, one of the most prominent and largest property owners of Sebastopol.

THREE MEN ARE KILLED AND ONE FATALLY INJURED

Serious Shooting Affray Is the Sequel of a Murder Committed in Oklahoma.

EL DORADO, O. T., Oct. 9.—Three men were killed, one fatally injured and two others less seriously wounded in a shooting affray on the street here this afternoon. The dead:

T. M. DEERING, Constable.
HOM PARNELL, farmer.
WALTER PARNELL, farmer.

The wounded: Guy E. Tucker, City Marshal, shot six times and will die; Dr. Hillon, wounds not serious; Jim Earnell, not serious.

The shooting is the sequel to the killing here September 18 by Deering of Robert Mullins, which followed a wedding.

STRIKER SHOT BY A SOLDIER

Refuses to Obey an Order to Halt and Is Immediately Fired Upon.

SHOTS TRUSTEES AND PUPILS

WINNEPEG, Man., Oct. 9.—At Altona, a small town near the North Dakota line, J. J. Toews, a school teacher, had some trouble with the school trustees and, meeting them on the road while going to school, drew a revolver and shot A. Rempel, J. Hiebert and H. Kehler. Toews then returned to the schoolhouse and shot three pupils, two of them daughters of Kehler and the other a daughter of Rempel. He then turned the revolver upon himself and will die. Rempel, Hiebert and two of the girls are also fatally wounded.

BLOCKADE OF THE PORTS TO BE DECLARED EFFECTIVE

Armed Government Steamers Are to Cruise Off St. Marc, Gonaves and Port de Paix.

PORT AU PRINCE, Hayti, Oct. 9.—The provisional government definitely announced to-day that General Nord, the War Minister, has occupied the town of Limbe, but news to the effect that the general had occupied Limbe was published September 27.

The blockade of the ports of St. Marc, Gonaves and Port de Paix, held by the Firmists, will be declared effective October 12, when three armed Government steamers, the Nouvelle Volodroque, Mantel and Grande Riviere, will be off those ports.

The Government army is still at Wilhamston and Mireballs. There has been no serious fighting up to the present.

Death Ends His Futile Search

MARYSVILLE, Oct. 9.—While searching for a long-lost son George F. Smith found death instead. He arrived here yesterday and told his sad story, saying that his boy had been traced to Yuba County and that he felt his dreary search was fast drawing to an end. It was, but not as he anticipated. In the afternoon his lifeless body was found in a room at a hotel, death having been caused by an overdose of laudanum. Smith was a miner, about 60 years of age and had lived in various sections of California.