

LEAVES BANK TO KILL SELF

Idaho Miner Withdraws His Funds and Then Fires a Bullet Into His Brain

FRIENDS ARE MYSTIFIED

No Cause Can Be Assigned for the Tragic Act as the Man Had Plenty of Money

Special Dispatch to The Call. BOISE, Idaho, May 9.—George Wingart, for many years a prominent resident of Halley, where he conducted a hotel, shot himself through the head this afternoon on the railroad bridge and fell from the structure into the river. No trace of his body has been found. His friends are dumfounded by his action and are unable to advance any theory whatever that would explain why he took his own life.

RESERVOIR BUILDERS LIABLE FOR DAMAGES

Colorado Judge Overrules a Demurrer in a Case Involving Thousands of Dollars.

DENVER, May 9.—In the litigation arising from the breaking of the Cheeseman dam above Buffalo Park several years ago Judge Johnson in the District Court to-day overruled the demurrer of the Denver Union Water Company, defendant, pleading that the break was caused by the act of God; that the company had not been proven guilty of negligence in building or maintaining the dam, and that it should be held immune from any judgment.

TWELVE TONS OF GOLD MELTED TO MAKE COIN

Philadelphia Mint Wins a Record and Will Turn Out a Dozen Millions.

PHILADELPHIA, May 9.—Twelve tons of virgin gold were to-day reduced to a molten state at the United States Mint here. At the same time the coinage department began the work of converting the mass into golden eagles. To-morrow twelve more tons will be melted and within the next few days about \$12,000,000 will be coined. Most of the gold came from New York in bullion.

DEATH COMES TO FOUR PEOPLE FORDING RIVER

Kansas Man Loses Wife and Three Children by Wagon Upsetting.

MILAN, Kans., May 9.—While fording the Chickasaw River, one mile north of here, a wagon containing W. Hanlon, wife and five children, was overturned. The woman and three children were drowned. Mr. Hanlon rescued two children after several hours' effort.

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DESOLATION APPARENT IN NATIONAL CAPITOL

Visitors From Interior Listen to Echoes Which Sound Throughout Silent Halls, While Members of Commissions Prepare for Future Reports

BY S. W. WALL.

WASHINGTON, May 9.—The scene on Capitol Hill to-day bears the same relation to the scene at the same place this day of last week as does the scene on Market street of a Saturday night to the scene on the same thoroughfare early of a Sunday morning. While no wild weeds are allowed to gather at the gates, the Capitol halls are desolate. The perennial visitor and sight-seer wanders down the long corridors and listens in a subdued and listless way to the drone of the guide as he explains the frescoes on the wall. The peculiar acoustic properties of the Hall of Fame—which is "one of the sights" of the capital—are tested by the passing stranger under conditions that, for such a purpose, leave nothing to be desired. For the passing stranger is alone, his voice is the only voice to be heard, and he may show what interest he feels in the strange tricks the echoes play without fear of the smile of the accustomed throng.

Indeed the acoustic properties of the whole building may be tested now, for the echo of the occasional footstep goes hurrying down the corridors as though eager to fill them with the multiplied sounds of yesterday or to do what they can to rob them of the depressing silence of to-day. Down in the musty shadows of the ground floor there is the rattling and trundling of boxes as porters pack away books and papers. In the committee rooms, the galleries and both the chambers of Congress the house cleaner is at work, and out in the sunshine, in the surrounding grounds, is the man with the mower.

STATESMEN HAVE GONE. Where are the statesmen of yesterday? They have gone back to the States, that is all. Nothing has happened to them—but they do not know what may happen. The Congress is dissipated—they have scattered over the face of the land.

Great heaps of papers are piled up in the House document room—representative in great measure of the bills that did not pass. For most of them it was never intended that they should pass—that is by the leaders. Those who introduced them of course may have had great hopes, and this is largely a matter of experience. Those who have had much experience have little hope.

Congress having fixed a day for adjournment, the struggle to secure passage of pet measures that had been in steady progress since the opening day had taken on the character of a stampede and congestion followed. That is to say, there is every appearance of congestion, and those who made the struggle believed there would be a congestion. But from the time the hour for adjournment is fixed there are those who know how every intervening hour is to be employed—who are to have the floor and for how long, what bills are to be allowed to make the goal. The bills of national importance of course have precedence. For the others it is a matter with the Speaker of the House, principally.

In the Senate a bill of local importance has a comparatively easy time of it, for it is a part of the courtesy that is a law to that body that no Senator shall oppose a bill in which another Senator is specially interested in behalf of his own constituency. The Senators—because of their comparatively small numbers—are all intimately acquainted and with but a few exceptions, on friendly terms. For a Senator to interpose objection to a measure of only local interest, unless it should call for a large appropriation or be in some other way unusual, is deemed most "ungracious."

HOUSE IS DIVIDED. In the House, however, there is nothing of that kind. It is divided against itself by the center aisle, on one side of which sit the Democrats and on the other the Republicans. Every proposition is viewed with suspicion by one side according as it comes from the other side. Nor does opposition confine itself to these limits. It is quite likely to appear on both sides. So far as friendships are concerned half the members have not even a speaking acquaintance with the other half—the political division having nothing to do with this relation. The members simply do not come together, many of them passing through session after session as strangers to many other members. And yet friendships here count for much, as may well be understood. To secure the passage of a bill of importance to an individual member that member must first convince the members of the committee to which it is referred. That is no small job, seeing that very many bills go to the committee, but if the author has friends on the committee it is easier. If it finds a front place on the calendar—which it will do only if it is early reported—then it may be reached in the regular order of business. In any other case the author is, first, at the complete mercy of "Uncle Joe Cannon." He must negotiate a "recognition" from Uncle Joe. For not every man who rises up and says "Mr. Speaker" gets a greeting. It must—especially in the late hours of the session—be all arranged for in advance. Mr. Cannon must have been consulted, the bill explained and he convinced that it is a proper measure. He will tell you that there are thirty other bills of the same kind that have an equal right to be passed, and, to be fair to them, he must not see or hear you should you speak to him from the floor.

FAVORS ARE PREARRANGED. Should you convince him and gain his favor and call up your bill out of its order, then some man who does not know you or your bill, or who knows you but does not know your bill but does not know you, or who knows and does not like you—one or the other of these contingencies out of the great assemblage on the floor will rise up and stop you. Should you run the gauntlet of all these preliminaries to a fair hearing on the floor, then you have nothing to do in the world to secure a passage for your bill but to convince a majority of the members, few of whom care, or understand, or will listen while you explain, that your bill is a good one and should be passed. This is the difference between the Senate and the House. It is true that senatorial courtesy—though it now and then slips a link—is a very potent factor in the legislation of the upper house. In the lower it is all hard knocks.

It is not quite true that all the members of the Congress have gone back to their fences, for several committees have been at work during the week upon commissions left them by the body before adjournment. One of these is the joint commission authorized to report to Congress next December with regard to plans for the extension and completion of the Capitol building in accordance with the Walter plans. They have decided upon the extension according to the earlier Walter plan, which provides for an extension of the east front of the main building to a line with the wings. The later Walter plan brought the center out beyond the wings. Some critics were of the opinion that this left the dome relatively small and was the cause of its rejection in favor of the earlier plan.

TO INSPECT BUILDINGS. A Boston firm of architects, Carree & Hastings, is commissioned to go over the Walter plan and suggest what changes may seem to them as necessary or proper. The joint commission is composed of Senators Wetmore, Alger and Gorman and Representatives Cannon, Hepburn and Richardson. The model of the Capitol building as it will appear when completed is still on view in the rotunda. An appropriation was made by Congress for its carriage and exhibition at St. Louis.

I had a talk with Secretary Wilson the other day concerning the "testing garden" recently purchased at Chico by the Agricultural Department. The testing garden is what its name indicates, a garden to test the possibilities of the soil of California, and is distinguished as such from the station and the laboratory at Santa Ana. "We are doing more for California than for any other State in the Union," said Secretary Wilson, "and on the other hand California—not the State government, but the scientific men of California—is doing less for us. The garden at Chico comprises fifty acres. It was chosen after a careful prospect of the whole State for its advantages of climate and soil. It has a considerable rainfall, more than could be found farther south and it need be irrigated may be had. The soil is fine and rich. We can grow here citrus fruits of a wider range than most other points. Fruits will not be grown, however, but the trees for distribution. T. H. Dorset will be the general officer in charge."

OF INTEREST TO PEOPLE OF THE PACIFIC COAST. Orders Issue to Members of Signal Corps for Duty in Alaska. WASHINGTON, May 9.—The following named enlisted men of the signal corps, now stationed at or near San Francisco, will be sent by the commanding general, Department of California, to St. Louis, Mo., with instructions to report on arrival to Major George P. Scriven, signal corps, for duty in connection with the signal corps exhibit at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition:

First Class Sergeants Robert J. Brownfield and Alfred C. Greene and Sergeant William E. Seyboth. The following changes of stations and duties of officers, signal corps, are ordered: First Lieutenant William C. Fitzpatrick is relieved from duty, signal corps post, Fort Myer, Va., June 1, and will proceed to Vancouver Barracks, Wash., for instructions pertaining to operation and maintenance of the military telegraph system in Alaska and upon completion of that work will proceed to Fort Gibbon, Alaska, and relieve First Lieutenant Richard O. Rickard of his present duties. Lieutenant Rickard will proceed via St. Michael to Vancouver Barracks, Wash.

First Lieutenant John E. Hemphill is relieved from duty at Fort Wood, N. Y., July 1, and will proceed to Vancouver Barracks for instructions pertaining to the military telegraph system in Alaska and upon completion of his work will take the station at Nome and relieve First Lieutenant Alfred T. Clifton. Lieutenant Clifton will proceed to Vancouver Barracks.

First Lieutenant John E. Hemphill, signal corps, will make, during the fiscal year, not to exceed two visits per month to Safety Harbor and not to exceed one visit per month to St. Michael, Alaska, on official business in connection with the operation and maintenance of the military telegraph system of Alaska, and upon completion of his work return to the station at Nome after each visit.

Civil service examination will be held July 11 in San Francisco and San Diego for positions in the custom-house service. One additional letter carrier is allowed Santa Barbara to serve from April 1 to June 30.

Alaska Governor at White House. WASHINGTON, May 9.—Governor Brady of Alaska had a conference with President Roosevelt about Alaskan affairs. Governor Brady is the Alaskan commissioner to the St. Louis Exposition and is away from his post at this time in connection with exposition work.

Work Begins on Extension. SAN JOSE, May 9.—A force of men was put to work to-day by Contractor Elder on the interurban extension of one mile from Saratoga to Congress Springs. He expects to complete the branch in six weeks.

RULES ARE MADE FOR COMMISSION

President and Cabinet Secretaries Arrange Matters Preliminary to Canal Work

DAVIS CHOSEN GOVERNOR

Army Member of the Board Will Supervise American Zone on the Isthmus

WASHINGTON, May 9.—President Roosevelt had a long conference to-day with Secretaries Hay and Taft and Attorney General Knox, at which the regulations to govern the Isthmian Canal Commission were determined upon finally.

While the creation and work of the commission is committed by law to the President, whose authority in that regard is practically supreme, the President, by the regulations, directs that the commission shall exercise its powers under the direction and supervision of the Secretary of War.

General George W. Davis, the army member of the commission, is appointed governor of the American zone on the isthmus. Until the expiration of the Fifty-eighth Congress the Isthmian Canal Commission will exercise legislative authority over the American strip. Governor Davis is given authority to appoint one Judge, who shall exercise judicial authority.

Under the operation of what is known as the Dockery law the auditing of the commission's accounts will fall to the duty of the Auditor of the State Department, but beyond the matter of auditing the State Department will not be charged with any control over the commission. The commission will report directly to the Secretary of War as often as he may direct upon all phases of its operations. It will be under the same sort of control of the Secretary of War as is the Philippine Commission.

All directions concerning the operations of the commission are set out fully in the regulations, and a recitation is made of all the operations leading up to the acquisition of the canal property and the appointment of the commission.

BIDS OPENED FOR SAN JOSE'S HALL OF JUSTICE

Proposals Are Received by the Board of Supervisors for Two Styles of Structure.

SAN JOSE, May 9.—Bids for the new Hall of Justice were opened by the Board of Supervisors this morning. The building is to be erected back of the Hall of Records on Market and St. James streets. Bids were asked for two styles of buildings, one of steel and sandstone and the other of brick and terra cotta, with terra cotta trimmings. The following bids were received: A. E. House, stone \$124,927, brick \$115,287; D. J. Byron, stone \$127,987, brick \$111,587; American-Hawaiian Engineering and Construction Company, stone \$125,327.96, brick \$114,800; Morrison Bros., stone, \$134,091, brick \$122,293; A. B. Fletcher, stone \$135,449, brick \$122,293; M. Concauon, stone \$135,787, brick \$125,000; McGilvray Stone Company, stone \$135,300, no bid on brick building.

The certified checks accompanying all the bids except those of Messrs. House and Byron, the former being the lowest bidder for a stone building and the latter for a brick building, were ordered returned by the Board of Supervisors. Further action on the bids were postponed until May 16.

Prominent San Jose Couple Weds.

SAN JOSE, May 9.—John W. Sullivan, a prominent attorney of this city, was married to Miss Sophia J. Ruder this afternoon at St. Joseph's Church. The ceremony was performed by Father Gleeson in the presence of the immediate relatives of the parties. Because of the recent death of the bride's father the wedding was a very quiet one. The bride is the daughter of the late Julius H. Ruder, a retired lawyer of this city, and niece of the late Chief Justice John Ruder of the New York Court of Appeals. Sullivan is prominent in Republican politics. Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan left this afternoon for San Francisco, where the honeymoon will be spent.

YOUTH ATTACKED BY CRAMPS IS DROWNED

Santa Rosa Lad Meets Untimely End While Swimming With Companions.

SANTA ROSA, May 9.—Hugh McMichael, aged 15 years, was drowned in Russian River about seven miles below Healdsburg Sunday afternoon while swimming with several companions. Residents of the vicinity searched all night in an effort to recover the body of the youth, but were not successful until late Monday afternoon. The accident occurred in a pool of water from twelve to fourteen feet in depth. It is supposed that the lad was attacked with cramps. No scream or cry for assistance was heard by the boys who were with McMichael. The body was recovered by a youth named Isaacs, who dived into the pool of water. Coroner Frank L. Blackburn went north to-night to hold an inquest. The funeral will take place Tuesday morning and the interment will be in Oak Mound Cemetery.

Miners at Jackson Strike.

JACKSON, May 9.—The strike at the Fremont Consolidated was renewed to-day. When the men reported for work this morning the superintendent was requested to take all back without exception. This he refused to do, objecting to two or three union men. Thereupon the employees declined to go to work. It is now thought an effort will be made to operate with non-union miners. The surface men and engineers did not go on strike, as most of them belong to the American Federation.

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THROTTLE MEN TO ASSEMBLE

Delegates to Convention of Locomotive Engineers Are Gathering at Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES, May 9.—Delegates to the sixth biennial convention of the International Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, which convenes in this city next Wednesday, have already arrived in considerable numbers and are coming in to-day on every train. It is estimated that 300 of the total 636 delegates which will compose the convention have arrived and that, by to-morrow practically the whole number will be here. Among the latest arrivals are the following party of grand officers, who came from the East by way of San Francisco:

Grand Chief Engineer W. S. Stone, First Grand Engineer T. S. Ingraham, Second Grand Engineer and Editor of the Engineers' Journal C. H. Salmon; Third Grand Engineer Delos Everett, Second Grand Assistant Engineer J. C. Currie, Grand Chaplain G. R. Dority, Mrs. W. A. Murdock, president, and Mrs. Harry St. Clair, secretary, of the Ladies' Auxiliary.

The convention will last until June 2 and will pass upon many legislative matters for the good of the order. New grand officers are also to be chosen. The convention will intersperse its business sessions with many excursions and entertainments, which have been planned by the local committees.

WOMEN'S CLUB HONORS HAVE NO ATTRACTION

Mrs. Robert Burdette Declines Presidency Because It Would Interfere With Home Life.

LOS ANGELES, May 9.—"My decision not to be a candidate for any office in the gift of the General Federation of Women's Clubs is final," said Mrs. Robert J. Burdette this evening just before leaving with her husband for the East. "While it has been conceded that the presidency of the great organization, which represents a membership of three-quarters of a million of the first women of the land, is within reach, I could not accept the position because the official duties would take me from the larger duties centered in the home. In the second place, I will have nothing to do with politics or any office that requires the employment of political methods to win it. It seems to me the use of political methods at the Los Angeles convention made the election of officers an event preceded by campaigning that distracted attention from the programme and caused much unpleasant feeling."

"My friends, far and near, have rallied nobly and I cannot express the appreciation I feel. The fact that I must decline to stand for office makes me feel no less under obligation to all the grand women in California and elsewhere who have honored me with their indorsement.

"I believe now, as when I wrote my club credo, that woman has no right to undertake any work whatsoever outside of the home along the lines of philanthropic, church, temperance or club life that does not emanate from the home and in its final and best results return to the home. Final and best results cannot return to the home when the duties of club life become so absorbing as to separate one from

MITCHELL TALKS WITH PRESIDENT

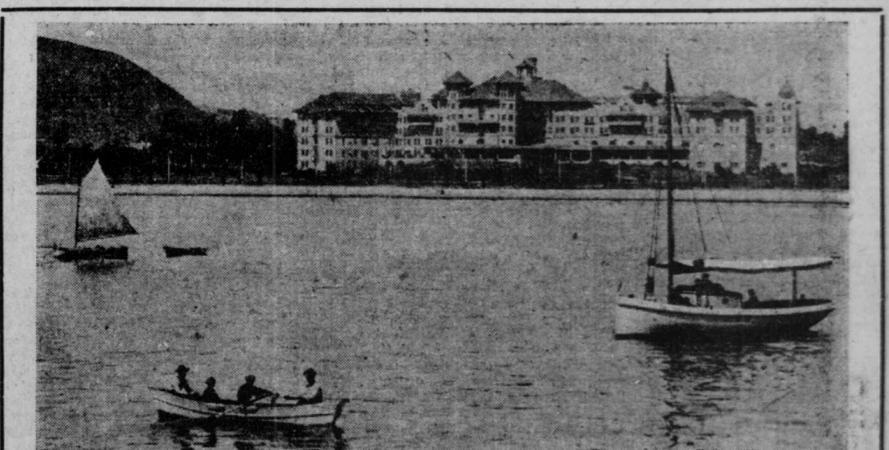
Conditions in Mining Regions of Colorado Subject of White House Discussion

WASHINGTON, May 9.—John Mitchell, president of the United Mine Workers of America, and President Keith of the Longshoremens' Union called on President Roosevelt to-day. They talked briefly with him about a variety of subjects, but particularly about the situation of affairs in the mining regions of Colorado. Mr. Mitchell said he did not discuss the matter with the President with any idea of having him take action, as executive action just at present is not feasible. Both the President and Mr. Mitchell regard the situation with serious concern.

DENVER, May 9.—After numerous postponements the trial of William D. Haywood, secretary-treasurer of the Western Federation of Miners, on the charge of desecration of the flag, was held in Justice Hynes' court to-day. Haywood's defense, presented by Attorney Horace N. Hawkins, was that the statute does not apply to pictures, or representations of the flag, but only to the flag itself. The charge is based on the issuance of a circular bearing a picture of a flag and headed "Is Colorado in America?" Justice Hynes will give his decision on Thursday next.

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