

Jeffries Visits Moran And They Discuss Rules

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Champion Believes That Little Men Will Put Up Great Battle

Champion Jim Jeffries arrived from Los Angeles yesterday morning and lost no time in making the run over to San Rafael to talk with Owen Moran regarding the way he is to fight Abe Attell in the Colma arena tomorrow afternoon.

Jeffries explained his interpretation of the Queensberry rules to Moran, who understood every phase. The little Briton quickly convinced the great champion that he was the master of every trick in the trade and that it was not necessary to attempt any explanation.

Jeff informed Moran that so long as the men were together and fighting he would not interfere with them. He added that hitting by the man who was being held by the other would every time and Moran agreed with him. The big fellow told the little Britisher that he would look closely for fouls, and if either man deliberately fouled he would see that he was punished.

Jeff looked Moran over carefully and seemed favorably impressed. As a rule he does not say a great deal, but he observes very closely. He watched Moran's every movement, his muscles and questioned him regarding his mode of training.

"That little fellow looks like a class fighter to me," said Jeffries after leaving the gymnasium. He is an expert fighter generally, but observes him closely when he works, and I do not think that I am mistaken in Moran. If Attell is the Attell he was the last time I saw him go, the fight on New Year's day is going to be one of the best ever brought off here."

Jeffries will visit Attell's training quarters this afternoon and have a low down talk with Abe regarding the rules. The big fellow believes that Attell's job will be an easy one this time.

route when he hooks up with Attell tomorrow afternoon.

Like his coming opponent, Attell announced that he is through as far as training goes. He has no more to do today and tomorrow is a little light exercise in the gym to keep his muscles limber. He pattered around yesterday afternoon to the satisfaction of a large crowd of his admirers, all of whom were pleased with his showing.

The betting changed a point in Attell's favor last night, plenty of money being awaiting Moran takers at 19 to 1, the wagering was lively throughout the day, but the scarcity of Moran money forced the price. It is not at all unlikely that the little fellows will go into the ring with the odds reading 2 to 1 in the American's favor.

From the advance sale of seats it would appear that a large crowd will be on hand, provided the weather man acts decently. The cranks are willing to wager 2 to 1 that the rain will hold off, but even if it should pour, Manager Crofford has made arrangements to cover the arena properly, so the fans need have no fear of being drenched.

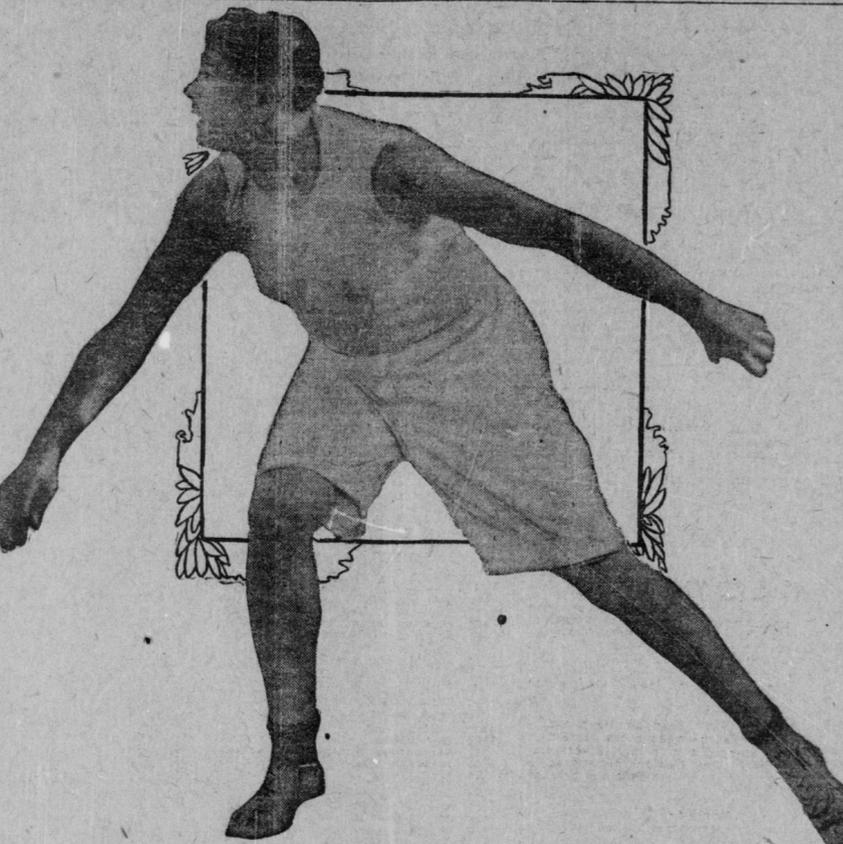
A special train over the cutoff will leave the Third and Townsend streets depot at 11 o'clock in the morning, going directly to the ringside. Another will leave the arena at 4 o'clock, which will be just about right to carry the crowd home after the hostilities have ceased.

Battling Nelson has called off his proposed fight with Kid Scaler at Bakewellfield. The Dane is of the opinion that there is not sufficient money in sight for him. After conferring with Scaler and Tim McGrath at the latter's place last night, he said that he would have to pass up the proposed go.

William Gulley, one of the most prominent sportsmen of the city, wired to the Dane last night, asking him to come on and fight Jack Clifford there on January 13. The club guaranteed Nelson \$3,500 for his end—a tidy sum.

But is cogitating upon the offer and will make up his mind today. Before accepting it, he is anxious to see Tom McCarey regarding the Scaler proposition. McCarey will arrive today. He has signified his willingness to give the men a substantial guarantee for a 10 round mill in Los Angeles, and if the figure is large enough the Dane may take him up.

Ralph Rose, the giant California athlete, whose standing as an amateur is being investigated by the registration committee of the Pacific athletic association because of accusations that he profited financially by his connection with the University of Michigan team.



Investigates Charges Eastern Auto Makers Turn to Coast

Amateur Governing Body Decries Action in the Case of Accused Athlete

One-third of Year's Total Output Will Be Disposed Of West of Denver

Ralph Rose's amateur standing was the main subject discussed at yesterday's meeting of the registration committee of the Pacific athletic association. No decision was reached in the case of the giant Californian who holds numerous world records in his work at throwing and putting the shot, the committee concluding that a further investigation was necessary.

Dr. David Starr Jordan was reported to have made a statement in a speech in the southern part of the state some time ago to the effect that Yost, who manages athletics at the University of Michigan, had induced Ralph Rose, Gregory and Heston to take up athletics at that institution. Concerning this purported speech the head of Stanford college wrote, on December 25, to President Peixotto of the Pacific athletic association as follows:

After an informal talk the other day at the Occidental college my remarks were reported in a very crude and unsatisfactory way. I do not understand the statement of Rose and Heston, as illustrating irregularities which were among the evils of football. Gregory was a special student—that is, one that had passed entrance examinations. At Stanford he was not allowed to play in any of the intercollegiate games and failed to meet the entrance requirements. While there, an offer of \$2,000 a year to start with came from Yost through the school to which Gregory was sent. He played a dozen or more games a year and graduated with his class—a singular fact in connection with his record. He was going to take up his education at Stanford and took with him no credentials and no honorable dismissal. With Gregory went Heston and Rose.

I did not know Rose and all my information is second hand. He came from Heidelberg and I understand at Michigan two years. I do not know the academic standing of Gregory, but he was excused from college examinations because his health had suffered in going from Michigan to Stanford. He was excused from the influence of Michigan's coach in California had always a financial significance. Rose was a college man.

I imagine that Mr. Rose could not have been a professional before leaving Heidelberg. I have no evidence in the evidence available to me that his career was certainly not in accord with high standard, and that all I have claimed.

ROSE MAKES STATEMENT

The statement had been made to President Peixotto that Rose, while at Heidelberg, had been a professional athlete, and that when he left the Chicago athletic club he owed that institution money.

Rose was present at yesterday's session, and went fully into the situation. He stated that he had been a professional athlete at Heidelberg college he had adhered to amateur rules. He made the following statement:

I wish to state that the charge of Dr. Jordan that I was a professional athlete at Heidelberg is not true. I do not remember, while I was a high school student at Heidelberg, making any statement to the effect that I intended to attend the University of Michigan. Four years after I left Heidelberg I was at the University of Michigan. I entered the law department of the University of Michigan and was not influenced by any inducements from anybody connected with the University of Michigan to attend college there. My father, who was a lawyer, was on the advice of my father, and in regard to my having had no preparations I wish to state that I had no intention of attending Heidelberg for three years and a half. I also attended the Heidelberg college for one year. I left Heidelberg in 1903, and the case decided by the present principal of the school, Dr. E. B. Loomis.

This statement of Dr. Jordan's has caused me a great deal of annoyance and placed me in a very awkward position. I believe that I will do me justice by either retracting this statement or prove it.

My father had been leaving the University of Michigan was the notoriety that I received by false reports that I intended to enter the University of Michigan. I was a member of Michigan my father paid all my expenses and I never received any money for expenses from the University of Michigan. I never paid an athlete at Heidelberg.

Other cases disposed of. In the case of Floyd Rogers of Watsonville, who professionalized himself by running in the horse race for a money prize, R. H. Gosson, general secretary of the Young Men's Christian association of that place, made a communication stating that Rogers was a member of an amateur team, and that the money, if his team had won, would have been devoted to the benefit of the hospital.

President Peixotto presented a report from Rose Starr, California commissioner of the Pacific athletic association in the case of Sam Laferty, who was persuaded by Bertram Ball to attend the Harvard military school and receive his tuition for athletic services rendered. The commissioners voted that he be allowed to take out his amateur card in the Pacific athletic association February 1, 1908, as he had been suspended from activities during the football season and because of his ignorance of the amateur rules. In the case of Ball it was decided to expel him from amateur athletics.

Archie Butler, member of the Berkeley high school football team, who was refused registration by the Academic athletic league, and then took part in the dual meet in Seattle, was suspended until his restoration to good standing by the Academic athletic league.

Sports at Coronado. SAN DIEGO, Dec. 30.—Preparations have been completed for an extensive season of sports at Coronado. On New Year's day the monthly shoot of the Coronado country club for the Dupont trophy will take place, following which the marksmen are to be taken to Mexico on a two days' hunt and then on a fishing trip to Coronado islands. Golf, tennis and polo tournaments are on for next week. The golf tournament for the championship of southern California will take place during the first week in February and the championship tennis tournament during the third and fourth weeks of March.

Roller polo contests. VALLEJO, Dec. 30.—The Vallejo roller polo team, which won the coast championship last season, is claiming the title for this year because of its defeat of the Santa Rosa team in two games last night. The scores were 4 to 1 and 13 to 0. The visitors have reportedly defeated the Auditoriums of San Francisco, but showed poor class against Vallejo.

By R. R. P'Hommedieu

California automobile dealers and owners feel that before a great while California will be regarded as the center of the automobile world—the real home of the sport. Undoubtedly the next 12 months will witness great activity in this state. F. R. Bump, sales manager of the H. H. Franklin company, says that the west and the south are this year's fields in the automobile industry. Big manufacturers point to the fact that the value of the farm products of the country for 1907 will reach a total of \$7,412,000,000, and that farmers, miners and ranchers, particularly those of the far west, will have money to spend.

"What we call the middle west," said Bump, "especially the western part of the Mississippi valley and the south will be the places of the greatest gain in the automobile trade this year. In the northern and eastern section of the country conditions will be only normal. One-third of our output will be placed west of Denver."

The excellent work that is being done by the Fireman's fund in the insurance of automobiles throughout the state should receive a few words of praise and commendation. Its persistence in running down of criminals who steal motor cars has had a telling effect. Numerous offenders have been heavily punished and thefts are far less frequent now than heretofore.

"Whatever effect the financial depression may have upon the sale of automobiles," says E. H. Broadwell of the Flisk rubber company, "the sales of the highest grade and most expensive motor cars have not been affected. The prospects are that they will be better throughout 1908."

The F. R. Stearns company, Cleveland, O., which makes the Stearns cars, is threatened with an injunction which may seriously cripple its plant if no way is found to do away with the cause of annoyance. The trouble hinges on the fact that the Stearns plant is working a full night tour, and as a consequence life apparently is made unbearable for those living in close proximity. For some time the noise has been a nuisance, and the residents of the vicinity are objecting seriously to the exhaust from the engines. At times there are as many as 10 motors in the plant, and the resulting full blast 24 hours of the day, and the resulting roar sounds like Bob Evans' fleet saluting the president. At least, that is the impression which those living near the Stearns factory are laboring under, and talk of an injunction suit is rife.

The automobile club of Turin, Italy, is making extensive preparations for its fifth annual exposition, which is to take place in the Palace of Fine Arts, Valentine park, from January 13 to February 2. All of the newest models of the European cars will be on exhibition, with large displays of the latest novelties, both for the automobile and for the automobile owner.

Although the Dragon motor company was formed several weeks ago, it was not until Christmas week that it took complete charge of the plant in Philadelphia. The new president, J. Edward Calhoun, is now at the helm in the Philadelphia headquarters, while R. C. Kelsey has taken over there, in charge of the manufacturing end of the business, the most interesting spot in the country. He is assisted by John O'Brien, who continues as superintendent of construction.

R. B. Harris of Aberdeen, Wash., has arrived at Los Angeles in his Winton. The long trip took him over roads of every degree, and the reports that even on the worst parts of the journey the good behavior of the car made the tour enjoyable.

HALPIN MAKES REPLY. NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Matthew P. Halpin, manager of the victorious team at the Olympic games in Athens, has replied to the attacks made upon him by several members of the team and their protests against his acting as manager of the American team, which was to take part in the games in London next summer. In a long communication to the papers Halpin gives what he declares to be the reasons for the attacks and the protests, and states that the main reason for the protest of the Irish American club is the intense rivalry between that club and the New York athletic club, of which Halpin is a member. The protests of the various members of the team at Athens are declared to be based upon personal grounds.

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Kaiser's Sister Named As Harden's Informant

Princess Charlotte Von Saxe-Meiningen Exposed the "Round Table"

BERLIN, Dec. 30.—The taking of evidence in the Harden case came to an end this afternoon, and the case was adjourned. The final pleadings will be heard tomorrow, and judgment probably will be rendered Thursday. The name of Princess Charlotte von Saxe-Meiningen, the eldest sister of Emperor Wilhelm, was brought into the case today, when she was named as the person who supplied Maximilian Harden with the information concerning the Zu Eulenberg "group" near Berlin, the reason of the emperor, upon which Harden based his campaign against the so-called camarilla.

Harden had two meetings with the princess, seemingly at her request, it developed. Professor Schweninger, who was present at these interviews, gave a brief account of them in deposition. General Count Wilhelm von Hohenhausen was mentioned at these meetings, but no reference was made to Count Kuno von Moltke.

Princess Charlotte, the emperor has been on cool terms for several years. The late Prince Bernhard, husband of the princess, was long opposed to the influence of Prince Philip Zu Eulenberg at court.

SEES NO ABNORMALITY. After considerable evidence from servants and others regarding the technical nature of Mrs. von Elbe, a physician attached to the law courts, gave the expert opinion, during the course of the proceedings, that she had not observed the least foundation for the accusation of abnormality against Von Moltke.

After this statement Count Kuno von Moltke himself took the stand. He declared that he had hardly slept for two months. He denied the statement that he had habitually used cosmetics to beautify his appearance, but said he was in the habit of using smelling salts. He explained the handkerchiefs by saying that owing to the jealousy of his wife he refrained for several weeks from visiting Zu Eulenberg's house, although his office was in the building. After the case was closed one day he picked up a handkerchief belonging to Zu Eulenberg and kissed it in an affectionate manner to see whether or not this would provoke an outbreak of jealousy from the Countess.

Dr. Magnus Hirschfeld, who at the last trial swore that Von Moltke was abnormal, was severely cross-examined today and withdrew his previous statement.

PRINCESS MAKES STATEMENT. Deposition Is Made Before Privy Councillor at Munich.

MUNICH, Dec. 30.—Professor Schweninger and his wife, who is a member of the Von Moltke family and from whom Maximilian Harden obtained his information regarding the alleged abnormality of Count Kuno von Moltke, have been subjected to a judicial examination here and made depositions before a privy councillor which will be read in the course of their examination both the professor and his wife swore that Harden had introduced to her, when this had been done she made certain statements, which were duly reproduced in good faith. It is claimed, in the articles Harden published in Die Zukunft with the purely political object of discrediting the alleged objectionable camarilla surrounding the emperor. These assertions were repeated by Mrs. von Elbe during the first trial. The professor confirmed the report that Prince von Bismarck was aware of the existence of this camarilla and his spoken opinion of the abnormal inclinations of the imperial adviser.

High Financiering Bared In Suit Against Road

Injunction Issued Against Monterey, Fresno and Eastern

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL. SANTA CRUZ, Dec. 30.—Complaint was filed in the superior court today involving the Monterey, Fresno and Eastern railway company, the Central trust company of California, and others, by F. W. Vogt and Matthias Meyer et al. The voluminous document, covering 50 pages, shows some high financiering. The suit is brought to set aside a deed by which the bond holders of the Watsonville transportation company conveying the property of the electric road to the defendant company.

Among other things the complaint charges that the Monterey, Fresno and Eastern railway company has not paid the Mercantile trust company of San Francisco its fees as trustees under the trust deed; has not paid for lithographing of its bonds; and for others, and has defaulted in payment of its first interest coupons, and has failed to pay the amount for street work ordered done by the municipality of Watsonville, and has allowed liens to accumulate against the property.

Judge Smith ordered that an injunction be issued restraining the company from disposing of any of the Watsonville road's property deeded to it, and appointed Edward White of Watsonville receiver for this property and for the bonds.

CLARENCE DARROW IN LOS ANGELES HOSPITAL. Physicians Say Use of Knife May Not Be Necessary, Though Condition Is Serious.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 30.—Clarence Darrow of Chicago, attorney for the western federation of miners in the Meyer, Haywood and Pettibone cases, arrived in Los Angeles this morning from Boise, Idaho, where he had taken a course to the California hospital. After an examination of Darrow's condition at the hospital, Dr. Haynes said that in all probability no operation would be performed. It was thought that it would not be necessary. The patient was put to bed and will be carefully observed for a week.

Dr. Haynes, "to an abscess which has formed in the inner ear, which was caused by infection from a cold and overwork. The infection spread to the frontal bone causing mastoiditis. We hope that the condition will be relieved by a period of complete rest in a quiet room at even temperature."

RESCUE WORK IS SLOW. SELBY, Nev., Dec. 30.—Rescue work on the ship which is going on very slowly, owing to the ground, which allows only about 10 feet of earth to be removed each day. Over 400 feet are yet to be taken out before the 100-foot level is reached. The imprisoned men are in good spirits and talk encouragingly to their rescuers over the telephone.

GOLD GOES BEGGING. LONDON, Dec. 30.—There was no competition for nearly \$5,000,000 in gold which was available on the market today, as it was all secured by the Bank of England at a reduced rate of a halfpenny. This tends to confirm the hope that the American demands for the metal are practically satisfied.

EMPLOYEES TAKEN BACK. SACRAMENTO, Dec. 30.—The employees of the Southern Pacific railroad shops, who were laid off a few days ago, are expected to return to work this morning, were recalled to work this morning.

EUREKA ASSOCIATION RE-ELECTS OFFICERS. Benevolent Society Retains Whole Former Staff of Executives

The annual meeting of the Eureka Benevolent association was held at the office of the society, 1783 O'Farrell street, Sunday. The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted in the retention in their present offices of Henry Sinshelmer as president, S. W. Heller as vice president, Meyer M. Levy, secretary, and Albert Meyer, treasurer. The board of directors was chosen as follows: Simon Anspacher, Isaac Strassburger, Leopold Michels, Herman Levy, S. Swabacher, Simon Newman, Abraham Has and Otto I. Wisig.

The president in his report urged the members to greater efforts in their work of charity and in recruiting new members. He is referring to the finances of the society, he said: "While the catastrophe of last year has naturally impaired the ordinary sources of our income, our financial condition, considering the exigencies of the times, can not be considered otherwise than satisfactory. The general fund for the past fiscal year amounted to \$17,177.85, while the expenditures for charity have been \$19,519.60."

President Sinshelmer spoke of the donations and legacies by which the society has benefited and expressed the thanks of the society to the donors. The benefactors were: Emanuel Walter, \$3,800; Isaac Glazier, \$1,000; A. Anspacher, \$500; Florence and Pearl Schwartz, \$500; B. Tannenbaum, \$100; Leon Guggenheim, \$250; I. W. Hellman, \$100; Leopold Jacobs, \$20; Tuscarora water company, \$2.38.

In its work of sheltering the poor, who, owing to the high rents existing in the city have been unable to locate their homes, the society has taken care of the removal of the relief camps. The society has bought a large piece of property at First and Point Lobos avenues and has erected on the lot 20 small houses, where the dependant may secure homes.

In the closing words of his report the president paid a glowing tribute to the work and life of the late Abraham Anspacher.

NATIVE CHILDREN ARE BARRED BY VARDAMAN. Italian Ambassador Protests to Root Against Action.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL. WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Governor Vardaman of Mississippi has written a letter to the state department in which he again refuses to admit Italian children to the state, and refers to them as undesirable aliens.

These children, wholly of Italian parentage, were born in New Orleans, and affidavits submitted to the governor show that the children are of cleanly habit, free from disease and have been pupils at New Orleans public schools.

The Italian ambassador has protested to Secretary Root against the exclusion of the Italians.

CALIFORNIANS TO SAIL. YUMA, Ariz., Dec. 30.—The steamer Searchlight, recently purchased by the Southern Pacific, was today engaged to take General Adna R. Chaffee, General M. H. Sherman, John H. Norton and six other prominent Californians from this place to the gulf of California. The party will leave Friday.

AGED MINER CRUSHED. GRASS VALLEY, Dec. 30.—William Jenkin was instantly killed early this evening in the Idaho Maryland mine, where the aged man was working in a stop, which suddenly caved and crushed him to death.

Kelly and Papke in Olympics Invite City Drawn Battle Officers on Jaunt. Ten Fierce Rounds Before a Milwaukee Club End With Honors Even. Mayor, Supervisors and Judges Asked to Join in New Year's Day Festivities

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 30.—Hugo Kelly of Chicago and Billy Papke of Spring Valley, Ill., fought 10 fierce rounds to a draw before the Badger athletic club tonight.

Both fighters started in hammer and tongs fashion at the first tap of the gong, using right and left with frightful effect. Kelly knocked Papke down, the Spring Valley boy taking advantage of the count. The first round was easily Kelly's. The second ended with honors to Kelly, who seemed to have the first half and Papke evening up toward the end. In the third round Papke drew blood from Kelly's right eye, and Kelly in turn jabbed Papke's face, also drawing blood, the round ending an even break.

The fourth round was easily Papke's, he having floored Kelly with a vicious right to the body, following this with rights and lefts to the face with good effect and drawing blood freely.

The fifth round was fast and furious for the first half, both fighters easing up toward the end, with Kelly seeming to have the better of the round.

Both men bore in with rights and lefts to the head and body in the sixth, Kelly upcutting with good effect. Papke slipped to the floor in this round, but recovered without losing any ground. Honors were even.

The seventh round was Papke's, Kelly being pretty well winded at the end. In the eighth Kelly did considerable clinching and seemed very weary, but at this point the honors were a stand-off.

The fight in the ninth looked very much like a decision for Papke, who had Kelly wobble from a fusillade of rights and lefts and uppercuts to the body and head, the gong alone saving the Chicago man.

In the last round Kelly came up strong and evened up any advance scored by Papke up to that time. Kelly used right and left with good effect, keeping up a hot pace until the gong sounded and leaving nothing for the referee to do but to declare the bout a draw. The decision was well received.

RECEIVER DEMANDED FOR PASSAIC STEEL COMPANY. Bond Holders Charge Interest Has Not Been Paid for More Than a Year.

TRENTON, N. J., Dec. 30.—Application was made this afternoon for the appointment of a receiver for the Passaic steel company of Paterson, N. J. The application was made by Joseph O'Brien and Michael Marie of Somerville, Pa., who hold \$5,000 of the \$2,500,000 of the company's 5 per cent gold bonds issued in October, 1902.

They charge that interest on the bonds was not paid in October, 1905, April, 1907, and October, 1907, and that the company is in arrears to the city of Paterson for taxes to the amount of \$45,000.

The Passaic steel company was organized under the laws of New Jersey and has an authorized capital of \$5,000,000.

Counsel for other bond holders have asked for Piner county, California, to permit a reorganization committee of bond holders to perfect their plans.

HURRICANE ON VANCOUVER BLOWS DOWN GIANT TREES. Houses Are Wrecked and One Man Is Dead From Fall of Mighty Timber Before Blast.

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 30.—The steamer Amur, which arrived this morning from Cape Scott and way ports on the west coast of Vancouver, brought news that thousands of giant trees were blown down, several life lost in a hurricane which blew over the north end of Vancouver island December 23. At San Jose bay, Jens Hanssen, a settler who recently arrived from Piner county, California, was killed by a falling tree in front of his house, and several other settlers had narrow escapes.

T. O. ARR DROWNED. VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 30.—M. Oscar and Kenneth Matheson were drowned on Christmas day at Rock bay, 150 miles up the coast from Vancouver.

NOT A CASE OF MURDER. NAPA, Dec. 30.—Coroner Treadway completed an investigation tonight into the circumstances of the death of the man found dead Sunday afternoon in a boxcar in East Napa. It was at first believed that it might have been a case of murder, as the man had several bruises on the face and a large rock was found beside the body in the car.

The testimony of Dr. Alumbaugh showed that the skull had not been fractured and that death had resulted from pneumonia and exhaustion. The man was 40 years of age and a laborer.

Denver Land Fraud. Bondholders Quashed Fifty Prominent Men Freed From Prosecution by Federal Judge.

DENVER, Colo., Dec. 30.—Judge R. E. Lewis of the federal court today quashed all indictments and sustained all the demurrers in the coal land fraud cases, thereby releasing about 50 prominent defendants from prosecution. Recently he quashed the indictment for alleged timber frauds and today's action brings to naught the work of the special grand jury called last May.

Among the defendants who escaped prosecution are S. W. Kettel and about 14 others of St. Louis, comprising the Tampa coal company; Robert Forrester of Salt Lake; Charles E. Hurr, Benjamin J. Freeman and George Coe Franklin of Durango, Colo.

The government attorneys gave notice that they will take the cases to the United States court of appeal.

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