

WOMAN SHOT TO DEATH

Mono Bell Slain in Rhyolite in the Early Morning Hours, and Fred Davis, Her Paramour, Suspected of the Crime

MONEY MARKET BETTER

IMPROVEMENT IN THE FINANCIAL SITUATION IN THE EAST.

(By Associated Press.) NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—Bradstreets tomorrow will say: "The financial situation shows continued betterment. Money is more easily obtainable for business purposes in large centers, and a number of country banks have unobtrusively resumed the cash payments and the premium on currency practically disappeared with the old year in New York. Stock taking absorbs the interest in the wholesale lines. Business failures for the week ending January 2d number 345, against 248 last week; Canadian failures for the week number 27, against 50 for last week.

More Mills to Resume Work

(By Associated Press.) NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade tomorrow says: "Much idle machinery resumed work on January 2d; more mills will reopen next week, but in many leading industries there will continue to be a reduction of the output until the outlook is more definite."

GERMAN EDITOR FOUND GUILTY

COURT CLEARS HONOR OF VON MOLTKE AND PRINCE ZULENBURG.

(By Associated Press.) BERLIN, Jan. 3.—The notorious Harden-Von Moltke libel trial came to an end this evening, when the accused editor of Die Zukunft was sentenced to four months' imprisonment and to pay the entire costs of both the present and the former trial. When the court re-assembled shortly before 6 o'clock this evening, the court room was crowded to its fullest capacity. The president of the court at once delivered the judgment, in which he said that in spite of the prisoner's assertion that the insinuations contained in the articles of Die Zukunft referred merely to the scientific and artistic doings of Count Von Moltke and Prince Philipp Zu-Eulenberg; that they had nothing to do with immoral or unnatural practices; it was evident that if this was the meaning it would be intended to convey that the articles were senseless and purposeless. The proceedings proved that all the charges made by Harden were absolutely without foundation, "and Count Von Moltke," said the president of the court, in conclusion, "leaves this court with his name and honor untarnished, and nothing whatever has been proved against Prince Philipp Zu-Eulenberg. No fine would sufficiently punish Harden for his offense, and I must therefore sentence him to imprisonment." It is understood that Harden has entered an appeal.

Speedy Retribution Overtakes the Guilty Pair Who Were Suspected of Robbing Miner Cable in Manhattan, Who Blew Out His Brains When His All Was Gone

(Special to the Bonanza.)

RHYOLITE, Jan. 3.—Mona Bell, an attractive looking woman of the redlight district, was shot to death in her home this morning, and it seems a certainty that Fred Davis, her paramour, was her murderer. The couple came here from Tonopah, where both narrowly escaped being held by the Grand Jury for the robbing of a miner named Cable in Manhattan. The man, awakening to a realization of his loss next morning, sent a bullet through his head, in the lobby of the Merchants hotel. Davis opened a saloon here about three weeks ago and has continued living with the woman. He closed the saloon shortly after midnight, and about 4 o'clock this morning a number of shots were heard in the cabin which has been occupied by the pair. Davis rushed down the street with his night robe flowing in the breeze, shouting at the top of his voice: "I want to confess."

A crowd quickly gathered around the man, who seemed to be under the influence of liquor, and then his cunning seemed to return to him, for he said no more about a confession. He was taken in hand by the police, the justice of the peace, and the assistant district attorney, and they have been waiting all day for him to make the promised confession. The body of Mona Bell was found on the bed in her room, and it was evident that she had made a death struggle with the field who sent her to an early reckoning. Five shots had been fired in all. There was a curious crowd about the cabin all day long, even after the body had been removed to the morgue, and the shooting created a profound sensation. The history of the pair has followed them here from Manhattan and Tonopah. Davis is a worthless specimen of manhood, and the young woman, while pretty and jolly company, was as hardened a denizen of the redlight district as ever came to Rhyolite. She drank and smoked and swore like a pirate. Her vocabulary of profanity was picturesque to the limit. Davis and the young woman first came into notoriety in Manhattan, where the man was living off the earnings of the woman. One night Cable went into the woman's crib in the mining camp, and after leaving there claimed he had been robbed of \$400. This was all that the poor fellow had in the world, and while brooding over his loss next morning, he blew his brains out in the Merchants hotel. Indignation ran high against the couple in the little mining camp, and there was talk of taking summary action against them. They were held to answer to the Grand Jury and just as they were about to leave for Tonopah, Davis asked the crowd into the Merchants hotel to take a drink. He included Judge Chambers in the invitation, and when they were inside the saloon, Davis swung on the jaw of the justice of the peace.

It was a most cowardly and unprovoked attack. Chambers is an old man of decrepit appearance, and the wonder was that he was not killed. The Grand Jury, meeting at Tonopah, failed to hold Davis and the woman for lack of evidence, but as they were leaving the court, Sheriff Owens placed Davis under arrest for the assault on Judge Chambers, and he was fined \$300, with the alternative of six months on the rock pile. The story is that he has a wife in Denver, who had no knowledge of his present life, and that he secured part of the fine money from her, and the balance from the woman whose body now lies in the morgue. The good woman in Denver and the bad woman in Nevada had set him free. His ingratitude and selfishness to the former he has already shown; the woman who kept him in ready cash and fine raiment, has paid the penalty of her sin with her life. If the pair, through their robbery of the unfortunate miner in Manhattan, were responsible for his self-murder, speedy retribution has surely overtaken them—the woman in the morgue, the man in the shadow of the gallows.

Arrest Made for Murder of Girl

(Associated Press.) SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 3.—George Brewer, for whom the police were searching in connection with the death of Edna Needham, as the result of an operation, surrendered to the police tonight. He acknowledged that he arranged for the operation and charged that the operation was performed by Mrs. Wilhelmina Wagner, at whose home the girl died. The police placed Mrs. Wagner under arrest.

SALT LAKE OUT OF IT. (By Associated Press.) SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 3.—The directors of the Pacific Coast Baseball League today tabled the application of Salt Lake for a franchise for a team to represent that city in the coming season. It was decided that Salt Lake was too far away from the coast towns to arrange a profitable schedule.

PART OF TROOPS LEAVE GOLDFIELD

PLANNING TO TURN THE MERCHANTS HOTEL INTO BARRACKS.

GOLDFIELD, Jan. 3.—A special train conveying more than half the troops which have been stationed here, left for San Francisco this morning. This leaves 135 soldiers in the camp. Communication has been opened with the Washington authorities to the purpose of housing the troops in the Merchants hotel in Columbia, but as yet the negotiations have not been completed. This would mean pretty expensive barracks, but if it is the intention to keep the men here for any length of time, the quarters that they now occupy will be very severe housekeeping for the rest of the winter. It is said that there are on the road 100 men to take the place of the strikers, and that they are due to arrive from Bisbee, Ariz., either tonight or tomorrow. Everything is quiet here tonight.

PETTIBONE NOW IN JURY'S HANDS

(By Associated Press.) BOISE, Jan. 3.—The jury in the case of George Pettibone, charged with conspiracy in the murder of ex-Governor Frank Steunenberg, began deliberations at 8:50 o'clock tonight. The last day of the trial was occupied by the argument of James H. Hawley for the prosecution and instructions from the court.

HUSBAND MURDER SUSPECT

THEODORE WHITMORE HELD ON SUSPICION OF BEING NEW JERSEY FIEND.

(By Associated Press.) NEWARK, N. J., Jan. 3.—Following a searching examination, during which many incidents of his life were laid bare, Theodore S. Whitmore was held by the New Jersey police tonight as a suspect in the death of Lena Whitmore, his wife, who was beaten insensible, stripped of her clothing and drowned in a pond on the Hackensack meadows in Harrison, on the morning of December 26. Whitmore, who had been detained in New York, was taken to Harrison tonight and after having definitely identified his wife's body was rigorously questioned by the authorities. The nature of his testimony determined the police to keep him within the jurisdiction of the local courts.

LABOR LEADERS FOUND GUILTY

(By Associated Press.) HELENA, Jan. 3.—Judge William Hunt of the Federal Court late today gave a verdict of guilty against three of the four Butte labor leaders on a charge of contempt of court in violating the injunction of the court, restraining them from interference with the operations of the Rocky Mountain Bell Telephone Company. During the day's session of the court, the defense continued its testimony to prove an alibi for the accused men.

BARTNETT UP AGAINST IT

Banker Knew All About Sale of Colton Securities and the Bank's Condition

(By Associated Press.) SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 3.—J. Dabell Brown obtained permission from the court to visit the California Safe Deposit and Trust Company and open his private box to secure certain personal papers. He was accompanied by Assistant District Attorney Cook. When the box was opened, Cook seized all the papers, among them being fifteen letters from Barnett to Brown, written from New York and elsewhere. After reading the letters, Cook said that they contained most damaging evidence against Barnett, disclosing the fact that Barnett was fully aware of the sale of the Colton securities and that the money from the sale had been used to bolster up the bank. The letters also showed that Barnett was fully aware of the bank's precarious condition.

TOBACCO WAR LOOKS SERIOUS

(By Associated Press.) LOUISVILLE, Ky., Jan. 3.—Although all is apparently quiet tonight in the war between the tobacco growers of Kentucky and Tennessee against the American Tobacco Company, the developments of the day have given great uneasiness. The town of Russellville, which was raided by the night riders early this morning, is quiet tonight. The most disturbing news of the day was

CAL EWING'S SUCCESSOR

(By Associated Press.) SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 3.—William L. McGuire of Hanford, the new secretary of the Board of Bank Commissioners of California, has entered upon the duties of his office, taking the place of J. Cal Ewing, who held the position for four and a half years.

BIG SHAKE UP IN THE ARCTIC

Earth Rocks for Two Minutes at Cape Prince of Wales, Near Nome

(By Associated Press.) SEATTLE, Jan. 3.—A special dispatch received from Nome states that a severe earthquake visited Cape Prince of Wales on Sunday, lasting two minutes. Cape Prince of Wales is northwest of Nome, at the entrance to Bering Straits. Because of difficulty in communicating with the locality of the quake, the details are slow in arriving. The Coast and Geodetic Survey instruments at Cheltenham, Md., registered a heavy earthquake last Sunday about midnight, which is said to have lasted two hours, according to press reports. The earthquake reported from Cape Prince of Wales undoubtedly is the convulsion recorded.

AMBASSADOR IS ON HIS WAY

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 3.—Viscount Aoki, the retiring ambassador, arrived tonight en route to Japan. He reiterated his statements that he had not been recalled as ambassador, but was returning to Japan to confer with the government on important questions. He said that Japan was willing to regulate the immigration herself, but would consider it offensive if any law or treaty were passed by the United States aiming at exclusion.

CARING FOR THE RUSSIAN FAMINE

(By Associated Press.) ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 3.—The Council of the Empire today passed the famine appropriation of the Douma, and then adjourned over the Russian Christmas holidays. William Bannon and Lewis H. Greenz arrived from Rhyolite yesterday, and will be passengers on the train leaving for San Francisco this morning.