

## EX-PRIEST MAY BECOME A METHODIST PARSON

Rev. Dominick Wagner, the ex-Benedictine priest who was recently admitted to the Episcopal church under the name of Rev. A. Miles Smyth, has been ousted from that ministry by Bishop Wells on account of the scandals which have followed his name from St. Joseph, Mo., which were exposed in The Press.

Should he make application, Dr. Lambert said that the Methodist church would not be guided by the action taken by the Catholic or Episcopal authorities. A thorough investigation would be made, and were the charges found well founded Mr. Smyth's application would not be accepted.

It was further stated by Dr. Lambert that Mr. Smyth would leave Spokane in a few days. Maud Stedel, the woman in the case, is still in the city, although it was reported that she had left the city.

## COAL CONSPIRACY.

CHICAGO, Jan. 17.—The grand jury finished hearing the testimony of the coal conspiracy this morning. They express doubt as to their ability to secure convictions on the proof offered. They may return indictments against 10 millionaire dealers and operators to test the law. If this is not done, the jury will make a report denouncing them as being guilty of breaking moral law and holding them up to public reproach.

## SHAW SPEAKS.

NEW YORK, Jan. 17.—Secretary of the Treasury Shaw in a speech before the Pan-American customs congress this morning on the tariff, advocated as a means of increasing trade with South American republics the improvement of the means of intercommunication between the states and the adoption of uniform standards of weights and measures. He also advocated an interchangeable currency and ultimately a common language.

## JURY QUESTIONS MURDER STORY

"Arthur La Brusse came to his death from internal hemorrhage, being the result of a gunshot wound in the hands of party unknown, and we do recommend the case to the prosecuting attorney for further investigation."

Such is the verdict of the coroner's jury in the case of Arthur La Brusse, who was shot while in Charley Dezagotti's saloon early Thursday morning. The jury yesterday afternoon listened to the testimony of Tony Capril, the bartender in the saloon; the woman, Camille Renaldi, who claimed to have come into the saloon with the man alleged to have accidentally fired the shot, and a number of others, but were not fully satisfied, as there seemed to be a conflict in the testimony and the hearing was adjourned till this morning, when six other witnesses were sworn.

While it is doubtful if sufficient evidence could be secured to convict any one of the crime, it is, in the minds of the jury, a case which should be probed to the bottom. The jury was composed of A. H. Cramer, J. T. Roberts, J. W. Charlton, Joe Plastico, J. T. Logan and M. H. Christensen.

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## MEASLES RAGING.

Major Anderson, Indian agent from Fort Spokane, states that the measles are still raging at the Indian school and that 95 cases are now in the hospital. The regular school sessions have been abandoned and every employe has been pressed into service in caring for the sick under the efficient direction of Dr. Mary H. McKee, whom the major describes as the best doctor in the service.

## STEAMER ST. LOUIS ARRIVES DISABLED

NEW YORK, Jan. 17.—The belated and long overdue liner St. Louis was sighted off Fire Island at 6 o'clock this morning. The Hamburg-American liner Pennsylvania arrived in quarantine a few hours before and reported that she passed the St. Louis, steaming slowly. A boat from the St. Louis boarded the Pennsylvania with the mail.

The officers of the St. Louis said that her boilers were leaking so badly that they could only steam five knots per hour in good weather. They had an abundance of provisions and there was no longer danger of discomfort. The Pennsylvania brought in 13 seamen, being the entire crew taken off the disabled Norwegian steamer Siggen in mid-ocean. The Siggen was loaded with steel, bound for New Haven. In a storm she lost her propeller and rudder and was leaking badly. Before boarding the Pennsylvania the captain opened the sea-cocks, sinking the vessel, to avoid menacing navigation. The Siggen had been drifting helplessly for five days. Many passengers of the St. Louis say they will bring damage suits, as the vessel put to sea in bad condition, being only one day out when speed was reduced. The trip took 13 days and five hours.

## CROOKS EXPECTED.

The police department expects a general influx of crooks of all descriptions within the next few days from the British Columbia country. The recent change of administration in Rossland and other towns means that all gambling and harboring of criminals will be put an end to, and consequently many of those now in the north will gradually make their way to Spokane, where they can get information of towns that are safe to operate in.

## THINKS RUNNELS IS GUILTY OF MURDER

Indian Agent Albert M. Anderson came in from Fort Spokane this morning, having in charge William Mechelle, whom he is taking to Republic to answer the charge of murdering Ed Condin. Condin was killed on the night of December 24 and circumstances pointed strongly at Mechelle as the slayer, but since that time Major Anderson has caused the arrest of a halfbreed named George Runnels, of Keller, who is now held in the Spokane county jail on the charge of selling whiskey to the Indians.

Mechelle is hardly more than a boy and is a Nezperce Indian, one of Chief Joseph's tribe. He was arrested and taken to the agency jail, where he has since been held. Major Anderson believes that Mechelle is innocent and that the right man may be found in the person of Runnels. He will defend Mechelle to the best of his ability and he is known as an excellent lawyer. The ferry court is now in session at Republic and the case is called for Monday.

## WHITMAN WINS.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Jan. 17.—Whitman college won the debating contest from the University of Oregon here last night on the subject, "Resolved, That a tribunal should be established with power to settle differences involving the conflict between labor and capital." Oregon had the affirmative and Whitman the negative.

## COMMITTEES NAMED NO SESSION TODAY

OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 17.—The legislature adjourned late yesterday until Monday. Organization has been completed, and two bills passed the first week, viz: \$50,000 appropriation bill and House bill 100. Politicians have deserted Olympia for Tacoma and Seattle.

men 15, Wilson men 2, democrats 9, doubtful 1. In the house the anti-commission men are also in control of a majority of the important committees. Spokane men got chairmanships as follows: Constitution, Graves; Judiciary, Crow; municipalities, Tolman; public morals, Hallett; state libraries, Rasher. In the house—county and county boundaries, Wells; horticulture, Whitney; normal schools, Starke.

## Spokane Clearances.

The Spokane bank clearings for the week just passed were \$1,196,956, an increase of 41 per cent over the corresponding week last year.

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Roland Roder of Wrentoe is here on business. Mrs. B. B. Simpson of Ritzville is at the Cadillac. United States Marshal Hopkins, who has been in Tacoma and Seattle the past five days, will return tonight.

## COUNTY DIVISION.

PALOUSE, Wash., Jan. 17.—It is evident that a majority of the citizens of Palouse are opposed to the division of Whitman county and they are preparing to send a representative to Olympia to work against the project.

## BUCK BURIED.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—The body of the late minister to Japan, Buck, arrived this morning. The Japanese minister and almost the entire Japanese embassy were in the city which escorted the body to the cemetery. Colonel Michael represented the state department, General Johnson and Major Roney the army, and Senators Hanna and Foraker and Representatives Grosvenor and Warner represented the loyal Legion of Olds, to which Buck belonged. His widow requested that there be no display, hence the services were very simple.

## RELEASED FROM JAIL REARRESTED AT ONCE

Buck Holland, recently convicted and sentenced to imprisonment for selling whiskey to the Indians, was discharged under the insolvency act today. Immediately upon his release he was taken to the Fort Wright guardhouse, from whence he will be taken to Alcatraz.

Holland was tried by court martial while in the Philippines and found guilty of committing an unnatural crime upon a Filipino. He was sentenced to 20 years' imprisonment on Alcatraz Island, the military prison in the harbor of San Francisco. He swam ashore and made his escape by boarding a steamer bound for Japan. Later he returned to the United States and in the vicinity of Yakima sold liquor to the Indians. During his incarceration he was located and identified by the military authorities.

## LIBRETTIST DIES.

PARIS, Jan. 17.—M. Cabot, the author of the libretto of "The Chimes of Normandy" died today, aged 83.

## VICE-REINE OF IRELAND ONCE TRIMMED HATS.

LONDON, Jan. 17.—The reign of the countess of Dudley as the new vice-reine of Ireland will high come to an untimely end, owing to a severe attack of appendicitis, from which she suffered for some time. But, thanks to the masterful genius order to earn her own living went into a millinery shop as a hat trimmer.

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## COAL FAMINE RESULT OF CAR SHORTAGE

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 17.—The sensation in today's anthracite commission hearing came when Mitchell bitterly attacked the operators, charging them with bad faith in having locked out 3000 miners in defiance of the agreement made with the commission. He said that the recent scarcity of coal was the result of the failure of the coal-carrying roads to supply cars.

along the usual lines. Judge Gray brought out the question of breakers being built over the shafts, thus endangering the lives of men, when there was a law against it, but the colliers stated the breakers were built before the law was passed. Judge Gray said they should be demolished to move them. A mine superintendent on the stand said that the cost was too much. Gray replied that money should not be weighed against human lives.

At the First Baptist church, corner Second ave. and Lincoln st., Dr. Van Osdel will preach on "Finding Our Work" and "The Care of Christ." Rev. Dr. Van Osdel will address the men's meeting at the Y. M. C. A. rooms at 4 o'clock tomorrow afternoon on the subject, "Christ's Art in Character." The music will be furnished by Dr. Heritage and a special quartet. Following the service will be a Bible study and fellowship meeting.

## Local Markets.

Prices Paid to Producers.  
Wheat, per bushel, 66c; barley, per ton, \$20; oats, per ton, \$22; green hay, per ton, \$11.50; timothy hay, per ton, \$12; potatoes, per cwt., 40¢; onions, per cwt., \$1; ranch butter, per pound, 20¢; eggs, fresh, per dozen, 20¢; rooster, live weight, per pound, 11¢; hens, live weight, per pound, 11¢; turkeys, live weight, per pound, 16¢; ducks, live weight, per pound, 12¢.

**Livestock—Cows,** on foot, 3½¢@4¢; dressed, 7½¢; steers, on foot, 4¢@4½¢; dressed, 7¢; sheep, on foot, 4¢@4½¢; dressed, 8¢; hogs, on foot, 5¢@6¢; dressed, 8¢@9¢; calves, 10¢ and up.

## Eastern Markets.

As reported by the Coo Commission company.  
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May ..... .74 ..... .74  
Corn—  
May ..... .44 ..... .43  
July ..... .43 ..... .43  
Oats—  
May ..... .36 ..... .35  
July ..... .36 ..... .35  
Pork—  
May ..... 16.45 ..... 16.42  
July ..... .77 ..... .77  
July ..... .78 ..... .78

## COUNTESS OF DUDLEY.

to Sir Frederick Treves, physician to his majesty the king, she has entirely recovered from the delicate operation which the famous surgeon performed. She is now rapidly regaining her former strength and vigor.

This is a photograph taken just before her illness. The story of the countess of Dudley reads like a romance. Her father was a banker who failed utterly in business, and the young daughter in future wife of the lord lieutenant of Ireland was introduced into the exclusive aristocracy of England, for the kind-hearted duchess not only adopted her, but introduced her into society, where her charm of manner made a hit instantly. In 1891 she met and married the earl of Dudley, who is a rich man. He owns valuable coal mines in England and has large holdings in several British colonies. The countess has proved a delightful hostess at the vice-regal lodge.



## WARSHIP FATALITY.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—The navy department has received a dispatch from San Juan today stating that an eight-inch charge exploded inside of the forward turret of the battleship Massachusetts off Culebra. Five were killed and four injured, none of them officers. The cause will be investigated by a board of officers.

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