

BULGARIA'S PRINCE FLEES HIS THRONE

BELGRADE, Servia, July 24.—Prince Ferdinand of Bulgaria, accompanied by his children, passed through here this morning, bound for Vienna.

The prince's departure from his kingdom has given rise to the belief that there is trouble in Bulgaria. One report is that he fled to save his life. Bulgaria has been much disturbed for some time. When the Belgrade tragedy occurred the discontented in Bulgaria openly advocated following the assassins' example.

The newspaper Stampa says that the Servian railway administration has been requested to send a special train to Traribord for Ferdinand, who, it is stated, never intends to return to his kingdom. It says that the condition of affairs in Sofia is so highly critical that the prince fled on the advice of his counsel, who discovered a widespread plot to assassinate him. The police and military have been lately patrolling the palace and neighborhood.

LONDON, July 24.—The fact that neither confirmation nor denial has followed the report that Ferdinand of Bulgaria has abdicated his throne in the present case amounts almost to a confirmation, as it is indicated that the Bulgarian censor has stopped all messages from Sofia.

It is not considered probable in official circles here that much bloodshed occurred, but it is generally believed that Ferdinand was alarmed



at the threats of assassination and fled. Possibly he has gone to Vienna to obtain the support of the powers to strengthen his seat on the throne. The revolutionary movement in Bulgaria is to be regarded with the gravest alarms, as tending to open the Balkan question. The Bulgarian army, once out of hand, would undoubtedly declare war on Turkey and

endeavor to relieve a lot of the Sultan's Christian subjects.

VIENNA, July 24.—Newspaper Correspondent Wilhelm says he is authorized to state that Ferdinand of Bulgaria has not abdicated, but is on a visit to the grave of his father in Coburg on the anniversary of the latter's death.

Will Build Woolen Plant in Spokane.

S. Huntington, a wool and hop buyer of North Yakima, is in the city today looking for a location for a wool pressing plant which he proposes to erect in this city as soon as all the preliminaries can be arranged. He is negotiating for a site along the line of the Northern Pacific.

His proposition is to have all the wool shipped here from the wool raising towns of Wenatchee, Prosser, Lewiston and Sprague. Here it will be pressed into bales and shipped to eastern factories. A pressing plant will require a considerable outlay of capital and the use of much expensive machinery. The central location of Spokane makes it an exceptionally good point for the business.

Mrs. J. C. Williams, Mrs. Frank Branson, Mrs. Mildred Lavigne and Mrs. J. L. Drumheller are guests at the Finch summer camp at Hayden lake.

INLAND TOWNS TO GET GOOD THEATRE SHOWS

"Theatrical attractions coming to Spokane will appear at the leading towns of Idaho, Washington and Oregon," said Manager Weaver of the Spokane theater after a conference with Manager John Cort of Seattle, head of the Northwestern Theatrical association, and Manager Hayward of the Auditorium, held today.

"Details of the merger were completed this week," continued Manager Weaver. "The coming season is practically the first time the association has taken hold of the new houses on the circuit and within a few months these inland towns will appreciate the benefits derived from association with such an important theatrical enterprise.

"Beginning at Salt Lake our circuit includes the following small towns in addition to all the cities: Ogden, Logan, Pocatello, Boise, Baker City, Pendleton, Walla Walla, Oakesdale, Warden, Wallace, Colfax, Richville, Yakima and Ellensburg.

Telephone Girl's on Company's Blacklist

Information was received by the striking telephone operators today that the Pacific States Telephone & Telegraph company had placed them on the black list all over the west where the company has branches of its system.

The names of all the girls who are out have been forwarded to the various offices, so that in case any of the young ladies remove to those towns and they should attempt to obtain a situation at the telephone business they will be refused on account of their having been engaged in the strike in this city. The news was received by the pretty strikers with scorn. At the meeting much indignation was expressed by them all. G. B. Bush, district manager of the system here, states that with regard to the removal orders which were sent in by the strikers, he has received no instructions from the head office at San Francisco and consequently does not know what action will be taken in the matter. He has sent the list of the orders to that city and if any action is taken he will be notified. So far as the officials of the company are concerned, there is no change in the situation in the California cities.

CHICAGO CAPITAL IS IN IDAHO WATER SCHEME

Registered at the Hotel Spokane is a party of 10 Chicago capitalists interested in Senator Fred Du Bois' irrigation scheme—known as the Lewiston-Waha Land, Water & Power company. They arrived in town this morning and leave for Lewiston tomorrow, where they will spend a week examining the 30,000 acres of land through which the proposed canal and irrigation ditches are to be run.

Interested in the undertaking is Mr. Du Bois is J. G. Trainer, a promoter and capitalist of Chicago, who is in charge of the party consisting of the following gentlemen: C. F. Thomson, piano manufacturer; J. Milton Trainer, building contractor; Sidney Adler, attorney; E. F. Dunn,

Judge superior court, Cook county; Jacob Franks, capitalist; W. L. Moss, capitalist; T. P. Sullivan, president of the Cook's County Retail Market and Grocery association; Charles J. Whalen, physician, and C. A. Londelius, contractor.

"The company is capitalized for \$1,200,000 and is a far reaching industrial enterprise," said J. G. Trainer. "We have obtained from the Idaho government water grants to cover 30,000 acres of land. The greater portion of this acreage is owned by the church edifice at Madison and Riverside avenue. The structure is already constructed up to the bases of the windows and the time is ripe for the congregation to join in a social occasion in celebration of what has been accomplished and in furtherance of the plans under way.

A pleasant time is looked forward to by all. Refreshments will be served in the way of ice cream and cake, passed by the young ladies of the parish. A portion of the park, including Shields' open air theater, has been reserved and a special theatrical entertainment will be provided by Manager Bronson.

The committee in charge of the moonlight festival is composed of Mesdames J. J. King, chairman, Frank Watson, M. Proulx, M. F. Flaherty, A. J. Le Page and George W. Manning. The park will be open at 8 o'clock.

"Under the old system it has been of no object to the big shows to stop at these towns for a single night, but now that they are in the Northwest Theatrical association they can make a series of one-night stands and gather good money and break the long jump between the big cities. The towns enumerated are all rich and there is no reason why they should not support the better class of theatrical entertainments."

WONDERFUL PET CALF BRINGS ABOUT LAWSUIT

Ex-Councilman Mitchem of the First ward and his brother, comprising the market firm of Mitchem Bros., are defendants in a suit over a calf that has taxed all the local learning of Justice Stocker's court today.

The defendants are sued by Farmer Smith of Spring Lake addition, on Hangman creek, for \$50, the price set on the 100-pound bovine by the Smith family—the plaintiffs modestly explained that the veal which Mitchem Bros. made was not worth 50 cents per pound on the foot, but the deceased calf was worth that sum because it was the best truck calf on lower Hangman creek.

In the evidence introduced before the court today by the plaintiff it was shown that this wonderful specimen of the cow family would eat candy from the human hand and coquette about the premises worse than an old maid entertaining her first company. Furthermore, the calf was so intelligent that it readily followed one of the progeny of the Smith family about the valley like a dog, would come into the house and would lie

down in order that the boy might have a pillow adjacent to a pallet on the floor. Lastly, this superhuman calf, at the age of 4 months, readily consented to be hitched into harness, and like a Newfoundland dog, took the Smith child carriage riding around the neighborhood and rocked the baby.

The complete and final description of this wonderful calf that got introduced before the court was that its color was red.

16,000,000 Pounds of Pork Are Burned.

CHICAGO, July 24.—Fire broke out this morning in the Viles-Robins packing plant and destroyed the lard-house and chutes. Loss to the plant is \$500,000.

The freight sheds along the river front were also swept away, together with a portion of the Omaha Packing company's plant. Three thousand barrels of lard and 16,000,000 pounds of pork added to the flames and heat. The main building, which was destroyed, belonged to the Omaha company, was an eight-story brick. Eight hundred hogs were driven from the chutes just before the wall fell, covering the place.

The loss on the machinery in the refinery is \$100,000. There were no casualties.

Miss Pendergast Leads for Queen.

A new leader has come to the front today in the race for carnival queen. Thus far 2547 votes have been cast and of this number Miss Pendergast has 1058. Miss Anderson, who up to today has led the race, now has 876 votes. Miss Perry, 415; Miss Burrows, 210; Miss Zuehl, 155; Miss Hill, 23. At the meeting of the carpenters tonight it is the intention to assess all the members and swell the number for Miss Hill, one of the striking telephone girls, who has been selected as their candidate.

Five hundred ballots were cast in a bunch today for Miss Sadie Pendergast. Last night at a meeting of Local 456, Cooks & Kitchen Helpers' union the sum of \$25 was voted to purchase ballots in favor of the nominee of the union.

Keene Reported To Have Failed.

NEW YORK, July 24.—Another break in coppers is the record today. Anaconda Copper dropped four points from 68 to 64, and gives promise of a further decline with the quantity that is being dumped on the market. Amalgamated Copper, which opened at 41, fell off to 35 1/2, but on stronger support gradually climbed to 42 1/2, the closing price. United Steel is down to 21 1/2.

The activity in the market is phenomenal, today's sales totalling 1,326,300 shares. Money, 2 1/2%. The market rallied in the face of two prominent failures, Taylor, son-in-law of Keene, and Stow. The former refuses to make a statement. Stow says that he was unable to realize on Mexican securities.

A report was spread that J. R. Keene is the man the money interests are after and that the big slump is due to their efforts to catch him. Taylor is Keene's son-in-law.

CHICAGO, July 24.—The American prints a special that Keene has failed through the Taylor company.

Got Drunk Offener After Striking Spokane

One Spokane woman believes that the atmosphere of Spokane is bad for boozers. She is Mrs. Margaret Crouley. Before Judge Richardson today she swore that for 15 years before coming to Spokane her husband, David, had been drunk half of the time. In the 1 1/2 years the couple has resided in Spokane she says he has been drunk two-thirds of the time, and he has spent between \$400 and \$500 in drink and has earned but \$30. Crouley's drunks used to last a week; now they last at least nine days.

Militia Sham Fight Turned Into Reality

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., July 24.—The encampment of the state militia sham battle last night was not all sham. Four regiments and two batteries engaged far off in the darkness from the spectators. The conflict became actual when a company of infantry stole upon a battery.

The captain, angered at being surprised, refused to surrender when surrounded. Heads were cracked and faces and heads were sabred. The infantry clubbed with Springfield rifles and the battermen used their sabres.

Privates Gates and Kiefer were dangerously, perhaps fatally, wounded by sabre thrusts. A dozen others were more or less seriously injured. Black eyes, bandaged heads and faces are common today. No one is allowed to enter the hospital.

Cardinals to Meet for Election July 31

ROME, July 24.—The college of cardinals at its fourth session held this morning voted to inaugurate the conclave July 31.

All cardinals today received telegrams from the Polish Catholic committee at Moscow urging that no German, French or English cardinal be elected pope. They state that should any other than an Italian be chosen it will greatly disatisfy the Poles.

A greater crowd than yesterday viewed the pope's body at an early morning hour.

Boise Pioneer Dies.

BOISE, Idaho, July 24.—H. Keller, pioneer merchant and well known throughout the west, a brother-in-law of Nathan Falk, who died Wednesday, died this morning from paralysis.

ROME, July 24.—The pope's will shows that he left 100,000 francs to the poor of Rome, Carpeneto and Perugia.

MANY SIGNING PARDON BLANKS

That public opinion favors equality before the law and the impartial administration of justice is plainly shown by the great quantity of signed petitions constantly pouring into The Press office.

The Press desires to make the petition as large as possible, so that Governor McBride, who pardoned one of three equally guilty prisoners because of family and political influence, will have no excuse for not pardoning the two others, who, being poor and without friends, have only this means of securing his attention. The records of the three men show as follows:

Del Custer—Arrested February 28 last, in custody without a free day

ever since; will have put in confinement by the end of his sentence about nine months; possible bail, \$1000.

George Donovan—Arrested February 28 last, in custody ever since; possible bail, \$1000; out on bail one month; will have put in confinement by the end of his sentence about eight months.

Ben Driscoll—Arrested February 28; bailed immediately on \$500; spent no time in jail until two weeks after sentence; always under a bail of but \$500; went free after serving but 25 days.

If you have not already signed this, sign at once, for the petition will be forwarded to Governor McBride Sunday.

SIGN THIS AND SEND TO THE PRESS AND IT WILL BE TRANSMITTED TO GOVERNOR MCBRIDE:

SPokane, Wash., July 23, 1903.
MR. GOVERNOR, HENRY MCBRIDE,
GOVERNOR OF WASHINGTON,
OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON.

Sir: We, the undersigned citizens of Spokane, Spokane county, Washington respectfully petition your excellency to pardon Del Custer and George Donovan, who pleaded guilty to the crime of lewd and lascivious conduct and were sentenced on the 4th day of June, 1902, to serve six months in the county jail therefor. Sentence was pronounced by Judge William H. Richardson, clerkship being recommended by Prosecuting Attorney Horace Kimball, who represented the state.

This application is made that all citizens of this state may be dealt with impartially by the law and those appointed to execute the same. Ben Driscoll, Del Custer and George Donovan pleaded guilty to the same crime at the same time and with the same recommendations for clemency. All received the same sentence from the same judge. Prosecuting Attorney Kimball appearing for the state in each case.

Driscoll has been pardoned by your excellency on no ground that would not apply equally to George Donovan and Del Custer. George Donovan and Del Custer have been in confinement since February 28, 1903, while Driscoll served but 25 days.

That justice may be executed impartially, the undersigned requests the granting of this petition.

MICHIGAN COPPER MEN BUY CANADIAN MINES

F. M. Harkin, M. D., Alexander P. Meads, M. E., and O. G. Yaningquist, M. D., of Marquette, Mich., arrived from the east last night, en route to Grand Forks, B. C. They were met in this city by R. A. Brown, owner of the Volcanic mine, and W. A. Harkin, editor of the News-Gazette of Grand Forks, who accompanied them north.

The trio of gentlemen from the east represent the syndicate that has been seeking considerable capital that is seeking investment in mind, properties in the Boundary district. Alexander P. Meads is the mining engineer for the eastern people and will spend considerable time in the district examining the different camps. Dr. Harkin is the nominal head of the syndicate that has under consideration the bonding of Brown's big Volcanic property, up the north fork of the Kettle river, and several adjacent claims. Should the deal materialize, the syndicate is in a position to expend anywhere from \$100,000 to \$1,000,000 in acquiring and developing mines and in the erection of a smelter and refinery.

Dr. Harkin said to The Press this morning: "Michigan capital interested in copper mines has been largely influenced in going into the Boundary district through the glowing reports of its possibilities for the production of the 'brown' metal on an economical basis published by John M. Stanton, the 'copper king.' Recently Mr. Stanton made an exhaustive examination of the properties and smelter of the Granby Consolidated Mining & Smelting company, and so satisfied was he personally that he and his friends have now become heavily interested. My friends do not intend going into any company, but are seeking to acquire prospects and partially developed copper-gold mines in that section, and have now under option, subject to examination, a considerable acreage of land centering around the Volcanic mine."

The party will spend a week up north before returning here.

STRIKE IS IN PROSPECT AGAINST GOVERNMENT

WASHINGTON, July 24.—Miller, order for whose reinstatement as assistant foreman of the bookbinding in the government printing office has aroused union opposition, this morning appeared before Public Printer Palmer and made a formal demand for reinstatement in accordance with the order issued by President Roosevelt through Cortelyou. He was told that nothing could be done until a properly certified order from the civil service department was received.

Miller left the office to secure the certificate. Immediately after a union committee waited on Palmer and made a formal protest. President Proctor of the civil service meantime sent in a proper certificate for Miller's reinstatement. Palmer had no option in the matter but to accept it. If the binders strike, each one will have to undergo an examination to secure a like certificate before he could return to work. Miller says he will return to work tomorrow morning.

The suggestion that the printers will go out on a sympathetic strike has caused Roosevelt to instruct Cortelyou at once to make all inquiries relative to the substitution of typesetting machines. Cortelyou completed and several companies are now preparing estimates. New typesetting machines will be introduced in case the strike is called off is not determined, but it is certain that if the printers do go out they can never get back and this last stronghold of the hand compositor will be invaded by machine labor, and it is calculated it will require less than a fourth of the present number of employees.

The president proposes to handle Miller's case impartially. Should the union charges be proven, showing Miller's personal character and ability not up to the standard, he will be dismissed. Otherwise he will remain, even if it precipitates a strike.

Crematory Contract Let to De Carle Co.

The board of public works at a meeting this afternoon unanimously awarded the contract for the erection of the new city crematory which is to be constructed near the west end of the Olive street bridge to the De Carle Crematory company of Minneapolis. The purchase price is \$22,500.

Work on the grounds and buildings is to start in a few days, and the crematory is to be working by early winter, although the time limit has not yet been definitely agreed upon.

Fighting Is Over.

LA GUAYRA, July 24.—All fighting has ceased. Castro officially advised that 1500 were killed or wounded in the recent battle at Haitovar. General Udanita was killed. Fifteen hundred revolutionary troops are prisoners. All officials of low degree have been paroled. Gomez has captured 3000 Mausers and six cannon.

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W. T. Hunter, president of the Hunter-Mendrick company, limited, in the city. Mrs. Hunter and the Greenwood, B. C., went north this morning after spending a few days in the city. Mrs. Hunter and the children have gone to Fargo, N. D.

The Wonder

409-411-413 RIVERSIDE AVENUE,
Attention, Ladies!

Sunburst Skirts

This is without doubt the handsomest skirt of the season. They come in navy blue and black of the very finest brillantine, made up with or without yoke. Owing to the lateness of the season, we will dispose of these at the \$6.⁵⁰ and \$8. remarkably low price of

Ladies' Wash Skirts

79c White duck and pique skirts that sold at \$1.50. This surely is a fine chance to buy a white shirt.

\$1.29 Fine white pique skirts, very prettily trimmed with fancy black braid, full flared bottom and guaranteed to fit perfectly.

\$2.49 All of our \$3.25 and \$3.50 wash skirts go at this price. They come in covert, duck, pique and linen. All different styles and newest cuts.

Tomorrow, Saturday, the last day of the great Odds and Ends Sale

Remnants and odds and ends in every department at about one-third of regular price.



Store opens at 9 a. m. and closes at 9 p. m. tomorrow.

Tomorrow's Attractions

A list of money-saving attractions that should crowd Spokane's greatest store from morning till night.

- 45c and 50c silks, in black and colors, on sale at \$60.
- Remnants of all kinds in the Mill street annex at half the usual remnant prices.
- Muslin gowns, worth 75c, for.....50c
- Men's mullin night shirts, worth \$1.....50c
- A special sale of women's knit vests and pants for.....50c
- Black dress skirts, entire stock to be sold at.....One-fourth cost
- Colored cotton shirt waists, worth \$1 and \$1.25.....70c
- The Women's summer coats and jackets will be sold at.....Half Price
- A special sale of lisle and silk gloves for women.
- Final clearance of all summer shoes and slippers at reduced prices.
- Free distribution of car tickets continues all this month.

SATURDAY SPECIALS

Remember that we have our stock of Clothing reduced to 33% less than our regular

Low Prices

Don't miss our big PANTS SALE, such as we have on sale for Saturday.

NEW YORK CLOTHING CO.

426 RIVERSIDE AVENUE.

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