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(Scripps News Association.) NEW YORK, Nov. 26.—A. Hart Mikee of Pittsburgh, who has just returned from Europe, emphatically denies that he is engaged to marry Mrs. Hugh Tevis. Mrs. Tevis is passing the winter in the south of France.

GOMPERS TO BE ELECTED

(Scripps News Association.) SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 26.—The American Federation of Labor election is to be held here this afternoon. A slate, consisting of the old officers, is to be elected. Duncan will probably withdraw in favor of Gompers.

HELD FOR MURDER

(Scripps News Association.) CINCINNATI, O., Nov. 26.—Thomas Bracken, charged with complicity in the murder of Samuel Weakley, a nonunion molder, October 7, was held to answer to the grand jury today without bail. Edward Trainer, an alleged accomplice, was placed under \$5000 bonds.

NO DEMOCRATS LEFT

There was something doing last night at a secret meeting at the democratic headquarters held for the purpose of exacting further assessments to meet the campaign expenses. It is said the democrats are in debt a snug sum for the use of automobiles and livery hire on election day. It is known the day previous to election every rig that could be had in the city was engaged just to get a corner on the hauling of the voters to the polls.

LOOMIS TO BE REMOVED

(Scripps News Association.) WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.—A big shakeup is expected in the state department and Assistant Secretary Francis Loomis is said to be slated for removal on account of the Ellis-Abyssinian matter. Ellis, a colored man, was with Kent Loomis, brother of Secretary Loomis, when he mysteriously fell overboard and was drowned. Ellis is suspected of causing his death. Now Ellis is in Washington holding a club of some sort over Loomis' head. Loomis is thought to have been mixed up in some deal that Ellis has discovered.

MURDER OVER DOG MEAT

(Scripps News Association.) SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 26.—Joseph Smith, aged 70 years, with a shotgun blew off the head of Joseph McGowan, aged 30 years. The cause was the division of beefsteak to be given his dog.

FINED \$50

"I just happened to be shooting," was the excuse given by C. F. Clark today before Judge Hinkle when arraigned on a charge of discharging firearms. Clark got drunk yesterday and fired a fusillade at his home on Belt street near Boone avenue. He fired some 15 shots in all, terrorizing his family and the neighbors, and was then arrested.

GRADOW RELEASED

(Scripps News Association.) CHICAGO, Nov. 26.—Edward Gradow was arrested last night at Joliet on suspicion of being connected with the murder of Chauffeur Rate near Lamont a week ago. He was declared not to be the mysterious "Mr. Doe" who is sought by the police and will probably be released today.

BALTIC FLEET IS AFRAID

(Scripps News Association.) SUEZ, Nov. 26.—The first division of the Russian Baltic fleet passed the night at Better lake, fearing to proceed in the darkness owing to a possible Japanese attack. The squadron is now moving towards Suez.

PRITCHARD ARRESTED

A. L. Pritchard, living at 2313 Dawn avenue and engineer for Tull & Gibbs, was the chauffeur of the automobile which dashed through the front of Jens Rasmussen's grocery, Second and Howard, Thanksgiving afternoon. Pritchard was arrested by Detectives McDermott and Herndon and immediately acknowledged that he was the driver of the raging "red devil."

POSTMASTER ARRESTED

John E. Davis was arrested this morning at Waverly by United States Marshal Devenpeck. Davis was indicted by the grand jury at Little Rock, Ark., for using postage stamps for other purposes than that of mailing matter while acting in the capacity of postmaster at Houston, Ark.

LAND FRAUD

(Scripps News Association.) PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 26.—The principal feature of the evidence introduced in the land fraud cases this morning was to the effect that S. A. D. Porter and Mrs. Emma Watson occupied the same room in the hotel at Prineville and were known there as man and wife. This evidence was offered for the purpose of showing a sufficient reason why they should be considered conspirators in the land fraud.

L. BALLIET PLEADS GUILTY

(Scripps News Association.) DES MOINES, Ia., Nov. 26.—Linton Balliet, a well known mining promoter, was today sentenced to three months by Judge McPherson of the federal court upon entering a plea of guilty to the charge of fraudulent use of the mails.

BROKERAGE FIRM GOES UP

(Scripps News Association.) NEW YORK, Nov. 26.—On the stock exchange Jacob Berry & Co. failed today. Liabilities are estimated at \$200,000. It was one of the oldest brokerage firms in the city.

SPAIN FAVORS CONFERENCE

(Scripps News Association.) WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.—Secretary of State Hay announced today that Spain has announced her willingness to participate in the peace conference at The Hague.

RESULT OF CAR ACCIDENT

A suit against the Coeur d'Alene & Spokane Railway company, limited, was placed on file in superior court today by Josephine Congdon. The action is for the purpose of securing \$10,000 damages as a result of an accident occurring September 16, in which Mrs. Congdon received severe injuries.

HENRY COONS CASE REFERRED TO PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

"We, the jury, find that James Shannon came to his death from a blood clot on the brain, caused by a fracture forward of the left ear; that said James Shannon either fell, striking his head on some object, or was struck by a missile thrown by one Henry Coons.

MURDER

OLYMPIA, Wash., Nov. 26.—Jake Grimmitt, a young logger, was arrested here this morning, charged with the murder of W. H. Alexander at the Union Lumber company's camp on Peterson lake, 10 miles southeast of this place. In the fight which occurred Monday afternoon Alexander was struck a blow on the head with a club, fracturing his skull. He died at 6 o'clock this morning.

WAR

Fort Ehring Blown Up. (Scripps News Association.) ROME, Nov. 26.—A dispatch to the Italia Militaire from Tokio says the whole north side of Fort Ehring was blown up by the Japanese. Several hundred Russians were killed and 20 guns rendered useless. Concentrated bombardment on Fort Ehring by 300 Japanese guns began at 5 o'clock this morning.

INFANT POISONER GIVEN TO MOTHER

VANCOUVER, B. C., Nov. 26.—Georgina Hewittson, the 7-year-old girl who was convicted last spring of an attempt to poison her mother by putting carbolic acid in her teapot, was handed over to her mother's care today by Chief Justice Hunter of the supreme court.

FRANCE ACCEPTS

(Scripps News Association.) WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.—The French ambassador this afternoon formally presented his government's acceptance of Roosevelt's invitation to the peace congress.

FIREMAN KILLED

DUNKIRK, N. Y., Nov. 26.—The Lake Shore Limited, eastbound, crashed into a fire department wagon today, killing fireman Frank Milroy and seriously injuring four other firemen.

ARMY WINS

Final—Army, 11; Navy, 0.

HILLYARD BOY WANTS SCHOLARSHIP

William Foley of Hillyard was named by Father Flaren of St. Ann's Catholic church as competitor in the contest for a one year scholarship in Gonzaga college.

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It is learned from reliable authority that Jeffrey A. Dust, county jailer, the first of the year, will resign that office. He has purchased a large ranch near Spokane and will devote his time to the tilling of the soil. Mr. Dust has filled the office of jailer to the best satisfaction and has proved himself to be a valuable man.