

IRA PRESSLEY A SUICIDE

Former Missoulan Follows
His Wife to the
Unknown.

PREYED ON HIS MIND

Murder of His Wife Said
to Have Unbalanced
His Intellect.

DIES IN MICHIGAN

Had Gone Back to His
Old Home—Strange
Death of Wife.

SPECIAL TO THE INTER MOUNTAIN.
Missoula, Jan. 31.—A report reached this city today from Peck, Mich., that Ira Pressley, the man who was tried here recently and acquitted of the charge of having murdered his wife at their ranch near Iron Mountain, had committed suicide in that place.

Pressley left here a short time ago and said that he was forced to leave his ranch as it was haunted. He said that he saw and heard strange noises and that he could not stand it.

It appears that after he went to the Eastern state the wounds in his neck, which were received at the time his wife was murdered, broke out and he has been in much pain. It is also said that he tried to get work but that the report of his troubles had reached the East ahead of him and that he was unable to get employment, and that this so preyed on his mind that he made away with himself.

PRESSLEY CASE THE STRANGEST ON RECORD

The Pressley murder was one of the strangest that has ever occurred in the history of the state. Pressley and his wife were living at their farm in the Iron Mountain country and one day a neighbor, happening to visit the place, found Pressley lying in the yard with his throat cut from ear to ear, and his wife in an inside room with her head badly beaten and her throat cut.

Pressley was taken to the hospital and later Mrs. Pressley died. She never regained consciousness long enough to make a statement. Pressley recovered and was tried here for the murder of his wife. At the trial Pressley said that he had been attacked by an unknown man and that he had defended himself and was cut and beaten and that after that he knew nothing further.

He said that he thought, but was not certain, that the man who had assaulted him was a farm hand that had been bailing hay for him. Pressley was acquitted of the charge of murder, but remained here only a few days.

WINTERS GETS WILD AND STARTS TO FIRE PISTOL

Terrorizes Owsley Block Under
High Excitement,
Apparently.

OFFICER CALLED BY THE PEOPLE IN THE VICINITY

W. H. Winters, the well known real estate man, terrorized the Owsley block with a pistol to such an extent yesterday afternoon that the police had to be called in to direct last evening that he had attempted suicide, but there is nothing to show that any such thing occurred. The pistol bullets fired by Winters, lodged in the walls of the building, and if they were aimed at himself they went wide of the mark.

City Detective Murphy was called by telephone by some one in the Owsley block at about 4 o'clock yesterday, it being stated over the phone that Winters was in the halls of the building on the second floor flourishing and discharging a pistol and endangering the lives of other occupants of the building. Mr. Winters has an office in the Owsley.

Detective Murphy went to the Owsley and found Winters in a state of intoxication and excitement, but not firing at anybody at that time. He had a pistol in his possession and the officer induced him to give it up. He was not in a very responsible state of mind, but as he was peaceable in his conduct when the officer arrived and did not resist disarming he was not arrested.

Fired Pistol Twice.

While he was parading the halls of the Owsley and visiting the offices of other occupants, talking excitedly and irresponsibly, he fired the pistol off twice. But luckily no one was in front of the gun and no damage was done except to the walls.

Mr. Winters gave a bachelor dinner at the Thornton Thursday night in order to bid his bachelor days and comrades farewell, as his wedding was set for tonight. It is understood that the dinner was to blame for his conduct yesterday, and therefore an excuse for it to some extent, although there were several rumors afloat to account for his actions.

It was stated today that the marriage of Mr. Winters will come off tonight according to the previous arrangements.

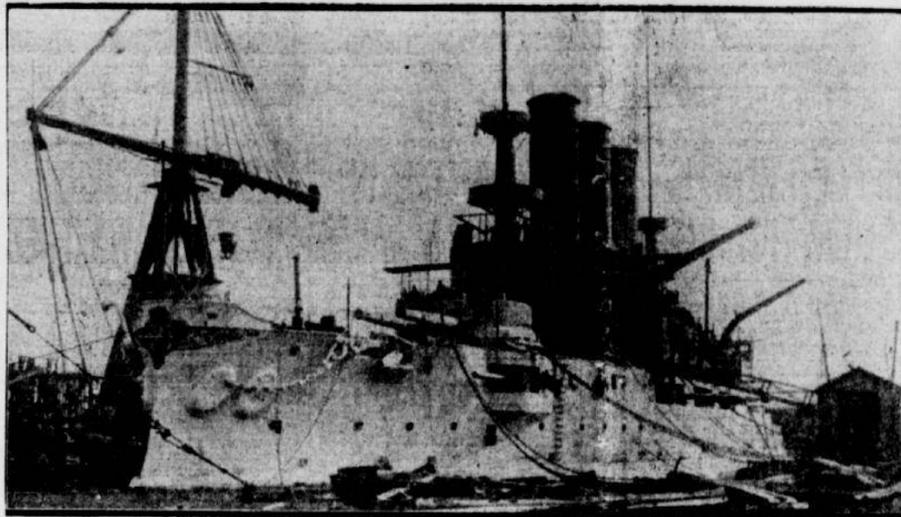
Marconi Sails.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.
New York, Jan. 31.—M. William Marconi sailed for England today by the Cunard liner Etruria.

ALLIES HAVE REJECTED THE PROPOSAL MADE BY BOWEN TO SETTLE THE TROUBLES

Pass Plan Up in Toto—Germany Is Buying Warships —Consternation in Venezuela at the News.

Washington, Jan. 31.—The allies have rejected Minister Bowen's last proposal that all nations having claims against Venezuela be given the same treatment as the blockading powers. The answers of the allies have been received here and they reject in toto the proposal.



Here is a picture of the new battleship Maine, showing her as she looked in Cramp's yards just after her completion. Her nameake was the vessel which brought on the Spanish-American war; if this nation is called upon again to go to war this new vessel will play a prominent part in the proceedings. Not that the government expects a war, but just to be ready in case one of the European powers requires a severe lesson, the new Maine is being prepared for active duty and is now in the very best of condition.

LYNCH SAYS JUSTICES OF SILVER BOW DO NOT BEGIN TO EARN THEIR FAT SALARIES

Springs Sensation in House Committee by Seeking What He Says Is More Equable Adjustment—Justices Deny It.

SPECIAL TO THE INTER MOUNTAIN.
Helena, Jan. 31.—Evidently the justices of Silver Bow are having a great snap. According to charges made by Mr. Lynch before the committee on townships and counties, these officials are drawing \$2,400 per annum for doing next to nothing. Until a few months ago the justices were under the fee system, but those elected last November came under a law of the Seventh assembly, making the position a salaried office.

Now, it is said, justices have discovered that the salary comes whether they work or not and, it is said, the result has been that they are sluffing off their duties on the police magistrates, also a justice ex officio. He also receives a salary and must do the work given him and this the other justices were quick to discover. The townships and counties committee

has agreed on a bill repealing the law under which the justices are now working. It was enacted with the idea of obtaining a higher standard of justice in these courts. Frequently the charge was reiterated that a plaintiff never lost a case in a justice court, because he paid the fees. The natural opinion prevailed that the justice would give the man who paid the bills a little the best of it.

There is also a bill pending requiring justices to receive in advance all fees chargeable before beginning an action. This is to prevent him from having any financial interest in the outcome of a case in his court.

DORAN SAYS THERE IS NOTHING IN STATEMENT

When shown the above telegram this morning Justice Doran said: "There is

absolutely nothing in the statement that the justices of the peace of Silver Bow township have been trying to shirk their duties. I am very certain that the work that we have performed since we came into office will prove to be as large as the work performed by the justice who was in this office a year ago. The constables are not under a salary and it is up to them to get all of the work that they can, and they certainly are doing it. I have not transferred one case, either civil or criminal, since I came into office, and I do not think that Judge Harrington has either. It seems strange that the law is to be repealed, as it has been in effect less than 30 days and those 30 days are the dullist in the season. If the law is given a chance to show what it can be done under it, I am certain that it will prove to be a good one."

Justice Harrington, in speaking of the

SAY HE CAN DO IT

Want Wordward to Take Care of Mother—Is at Poor Farm.

SPECIAL TO THE INTER MOUNTAIN.
Bozeman, Jan. 31.—The case of the board of county commissioners, against William Wordward came up for hearing yesterday. The county commissioners are seeking to force Wordward to pay the county for the care of his mother, who is confined in the county poor farm in this county. The old lady has been a charge of the county for the past six months and the county commissioners claim that Wordward should be forced to take care of her, as he is known to be well-to-do and the owner of a large tract of land near here.

Wordward makes the claim that he is unable to take care of his mother and says that he will not do so. This is the first case of the kind that has been tried in the courts of this county and is being watched with a good deal of interest, as it is known that there are several cases wherein the relatives of persons who are well off are being forced on the county as poor charges.

N. P. EXTRA DIVIDEND

Directors Declare Regular of 1 1-2 and Extra of One Half.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.
New York, Jan. 31.—The directors of the Northern Pacific railroad have declared the regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/2 per cent and an extra dividend of one half per cent.

A. J. Antelo Dead.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.
Philadelphia, Jan. 31.—Anthony J. Antelo, a leading financier and a man of great wealth, died of pneumonia last night, aged 88 years. He was a director of the Reading company and of the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron company, and was also connected with a number of local institutions.

NEAT LITTLE CHECK IS DUE FROM MORGAN

J. Pierpont Says He Is Willing to Put Up for \$400,000.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.
New York, Jan. 31.—Among the visitors to the tax office yesterday was J. Pierpont Morgan who was on the tax books for personal assessment of \$600,000. Mr. Morgan said that, though he was not liable for any personal assessment, he believed it to be the duty of every citizen to contribute to the support of the city. He was willing to pay an assessment of \$400,000 as he did last year.

E. L. WRIGHT FREE

Hamilton Man Refuses to Appear—Was Not L. L. but E. L. Wright.

SPECIAL TO THE INTER MOUNTAIN.
Missoula, Jan. 31.—E. L. Wright, the man who was with the Bitter Root hotel keeper at the time that the latter was robbed in a variety hall this afternoon. Tuesday, was released this afternoon. The hotel man refused to appear against him and there was nothing for the justice to do but to allow him to go. There has been considerable annoyance caused L. L. Wright of this city by the fact that his name was mentioned in connection with the affair instead of the name E. L. Wright, as it should have been.

MRS. J. DUFFY DEAD

Coroner Will Look Into the Death of Wife of a Railway Man.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.
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REUNION K. OF P. AT BILLINGS

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BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.
Santiago de Chile, Jan. 31.—Private agents of Germany have proposed to the government the immediate purchase of the Chilean battleship Captain Pratt and the armored cruiser Esmeralda and have offered to take over the warships now being built in Europe for Chile.

FRANCE IS HOPEFUL OF A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT

Paris, Jan. 31.—Official sentiment today is more hopeful of an adjustment of the Venezuelan questions, owing to the receipt of advices to the effect that the representatives of the allies requested their respective governments further instructions. There probably will be a simultaneous presentation of proposals at London, Berlin and Rome.

NEWS CAUSES GRIEVANCE CITIZEN

Paris, Jan. 31.—A correspondent of the Matin at Caracas graphs that food supplies in that city are rapidly diminishing. Twelve bakeries have had to close owing to the scarcity of flour. The news concerning the difficulties encountered by Minister Bowen in his negotiations with the allied powers has caused, according to the correspondent, a great sensation throughout the country, where the public is anxiously and impatiently awaiting the raising of the blockade.

TRUNKFUL OF CARTRIDGES EXPLODES

MIRACULOUS ESCAPE OF BAGGAGE HANDLERS AT BILLINGS—A NOVEL ACCIDENT.

Billings, Jan. 31.—While the baggage-master was unloading trunks from a baggage car here this morning a number of cartridges that were in a trunk, which was being unloaded, were discharged. The top of the trunk was badly torn by the bullets and the escape of the men handling the baggage was miraculous.

CROWN PRINCE IS TO QUIT

Saxon Royal Scion Feels Too Keenly Disgrace of His Position.

WILL GIVE UP CLAIM

He Is Said to Be About to Renounce Succession to Throne

IN FAVOR OF HIS SON

Cannot Challenge Giron for His Relations With the Royal Princess.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.
Berlin, Jan. 31.—A curious story, widely told in the provincial and Berlin papers this morning, is that the crown prince of



THE CROWN PRINCE.

Saxony is determined to renounce his succession to the throne in favor of his son, George, who is 10 years of age. The reason given is that the militia code of honor does not permit a husband wronged as he has been to remain in the service, and the crown prince as commander of the First army corps of Saxony and as the future commander of the entire Saxon contingent must pass upon the findings of military courts of honor which in circumstances similar to those of the crown prince require a challenge or the laying aside of the uniform. The crown prince, it is added, is scarcely expected to challenge Professor Giron, the teacher of languages, who eloped with the crown princess, but opinion in the army is so rigid on points of honor that the crown prince is regarded as ineligible for reviewing the decision of courts of honor and protecting the honor of the uniform. The Rheinisch courier of Wiesbaden says, without reservation, that the crown prince has renounced his right to succession to the throne, and the Berlin Morgen Post's Dresden correspondent says he has already appealed to the emperor to relieve him of all military positions.

JOHN HARMON ONCE MORE BEHIND THE BARS

Arrested Upon Request of His Father-in-Law—No Charge Is Filed.

John Harmon, the young man who was arrested last summer on several charges, none of which were proven, is again a prisoner at the city jail.

Detective Jerry Murphy arrested Harmon this afternoon. No complaint was entered against the prisoner at the city jail. The arrest was made at the request of Harmon's father-in-law, who told the officers that Harmon had sent poison to him through the mail. The police are investigating the matter before entering the formal charge.

THIRTEEN DROWNED

British Cruiser and Torpedo Destroyer Are in Four Collisions.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.
Corfu, Island of Corfu, Jan. 31.—The British cruiser Pioneer ran into a torpedo boat destroyer near the channel of Corfu today and 13 persons are believed to have been drowned. Two bodies have been picked up thus far.

C. M. BROWN IN JAIL

Alleged to Have Systematically Robbed Several Sheep Camps.

SPECIAL TO THE INTER MOUNTAIN.
Billings, Jan. 31.—C. M. Brown was arrested in this city yesterday on a charge of having been the party who has been robbing the sheep camps of the eastern part of the state.

It is alleged that Brown has been in the habit of showing up at the sheepmen's camps and after being fed by them would say that he was going to continue his journey in a different direction than the one in which the sheep men were taking their sheep, and after they had gotten out of sight he would return to the camp and take whatever was there.

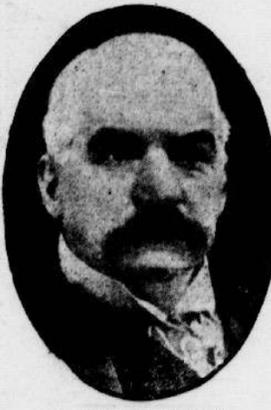
MAY SETTLE STRIKE

Amicable End of Trouble With Laundry Girls Is in Sight.

There is good prospect, it is said, for the amicable settlement of the demands of the laundry workers of Butte for increased wages. It was announced today that there will be a meeting of the laundry workers and the proprietors of the laundries tomorrow at 12 o'clock at Pioneer hall in this city.

JOHN SCHOPP IS NO MORE

SPECIAL TO THE INTER MOUNTAIN.
Missoula, Jan. 31.—John Schopp, who was brought here from Spokane by his brother, died yesterday of Bright's disease. Mr. Schopp was 50 years of age and was well known in this part of the country. The funeral arrangements have not yet been made.



J. PIERPONT MORGAN.