

KEN LUCKY FARMER KICKS HIS LITTLE BOY TO DEATH

A Fifteen-year-old Daughter Who Went to the Mountains With Her Father, Is Missing.

The Fiend Has Been Captured, and Owing to the Intense Excitement a Lynching Is Probable.

CINCINNATI, O., Nov. 2.—A special from Inez, Ky., to the Enquirer says: Pleasant Sprading, held for the killing of his 4-year-old son and his 15-year-old daughter, is threatened with lynching. Sprading's family consisted of a wife, three daughters and son. With his daughters and boy the father was herding sheep last Friday. The boy was unable to keep up with the others. The father placed him on a stone beside a spring, telling him to wait until his return. The boy, becoming tired of sitting still, began to peel the loose bark of a tree that overhung the spring. Presently the father returned, and, noticing the bark on the ground, asked the boy who had done it. The boy replied that he had. "I would rather have you dead than raise you to destroy everything on the farm," is the reply the father is said to have made, and then, it is charged, he picked up a stone and struck the boy on the head, knocking him down. Then, it is alleged, he kicked the prostrate baby in the head until he had killed him, and then he turned on his daughters, threatened them with a like fate if they ever told what had occurred. He then turned on his wife and said the boy while chasing sheep had run against a tree and killed himself.

Becoming alarmed he took his eldest daughter and went to the mountains. His wife hired neighbors to bury the body of the child and then went to the home of Judge E. Hensley. She told him of the death of her son, and said she suspected her husband, who told her he was going into the mountain woods to hunt squirrels, and added that at different times he had threatened to kill the whole family. The judge took her with her two younger daughters to his home and presented the case to the grand jury. One of the little girls told the jury that her father had kicked the boy to death. Shortly afterward a sheriff's posse captured Sprading in the mountains, but his eldest daughter was not with him. The posse is still searching for her, while he is held on the charge of murder. Later Sprading's missing daughter turned up today, barefooted and ragged, after her escape from her father in the mountains. She was immediately taken up by a grand jury and testified to how her father killed the boy, threatened her life and that of her mother. She testified that he would have turned on her heretofore, but for the interference of neighbors. Judge Hensley has the jail so strongly guarded that there is no longer any danger of lynching. Sprading will be given a speedy trial.

HORRIBLE CRIME IN CHICAGO

Dynamite Bomb Exploded Under the House of Joseph Kordeck—The Man and Little Daughter Instantly Killed and Mrs. Kordeck Terribly Injured.

CHICAGO, Nov. 2.—A dynamite bomb, the weapon of a deranged assassin, blew up the home of Joseph Kordeck, in Chicago Heights, today, killing two members of the family and injuring several others. The house was set on fire and burned, and that of a neighbor caught fire and was also destroyed. The dead: Joseph Kordeck, arms and legs blown off. Lucy Kordeck, aged 2 years, body blown to pieces. The injured: Mrs. Lucy Kordeck, flesh blown off right side, injured internally, may die. Seven children who escaped were injured, but not seriously. The explosion occurred while the family was asleep. The father and mother with the daughter, Lucy, occupied a room in the front of the cottage. On the other side were rooms occupied by the rest of the family. The cottage stood two feet from the ground, on wooden posts. The bomb was placed under the room occupied by the parents, and the impact of the explosion tore a hole in the floor, blew

the bed to pieces, dismembered Kordeck and scattered into fragments the body of Lucy, who was sleeping with her parents. Pieces of flesh the size of a man's hand were the largest remnants of the child's body that could be found. The force of the explosion was directly upward, and tore a piece of flesh from Mrs. Kordeck's side and blew her through a window. The noise aroused the rest of the family, and they had hardly time to escape from the flames which soon destroyed the cottage. Kordeck's body, torn to pieces, was found in the debris after the fire. Charles Smith, a former boarder at the Kordeck house, who was paying attention to one of Kordeck's daughters, has been arrested, charged with the crime. The Kordeck girl was to have been married to another man next week. Smith declares he is innocent but neighbors declare that he made threats that if the girl refused to be his wife he would blow up the entire family with dynamite. Smith was absent from his room at the time of the explosion. The rest of the family, Thomas Koblinski, claims that Smith returned to his room greatly excited shortly after the explosion.

SPANISH VESSEL SUNK ATTEMPT TO BULLDOZE

All But Three of the Crew Were Drowned—Disastrous Collision With British Vessel.

London, Nov. 2.—The British steamer St. Regulus, Captain McMullen, from Shields for Alexandria, has put in at Gravesend. She reports having collided with and sunk the Spanish steamer Enero, Captain Delgado, from Huelva, Spain, Oct. 22. With the exception of three members of the crew of the Enero was drowned. The accident occurred Friday night off Dungeness.

Denver Republicans Trying to Work a Scheme to Prevent Citizens' Casting Votes.

Denver, Nov. 2.—Interest tonight in the coming election centers around the injunction issued by Judge Johnson against Clark Aichele of this county, restraining him from certifying to the judges of election something like 900 registered names alleged to be those of persons not legal voters. Tomorrow attorneys for Mr. Aichele will apply to the supreme court for a writ of prohibition, which, if granted, will make the injunction inoperative. It will also, it is expected, bring forth a decision as to the right of a district judge to issue an injunction at the prayer of one political party to prevent certification by the clerk of a county of voters alleged to be illegally registered. Clerk Aichele, Democrat, declares that a number of names included in the injunction are personally known to him to be legal voters and to have been legally registered.

The Enero was an iron steamer of 1,322 tons net register. She was 282 feet long and was built in 1888 at Newcastle-on-Tyne. The Enero was owned by the Compagnia Bilbana de Navigacion de Bilbao.

DEMOCRATS GIVE ODDS.

(Special to The Herald.) Boise, Ida., Nov. 2.—The Democrats offer to bet even money that they will carry the legislative ticket in Ada county, a Republican stronghold.

COLD WAVE STRIKES TEXAS.

El Paso, Tex., Nov. 2.—A cold wave has swept over this section during the past twelve hours, and reports from the surrounding mountain regions indicate that the snowfall has been heavy on the slopes in New Mexico. Hundreds of sheep, caught unexpectedly in the open, have perished, and how many more in Rio Grande valley, the losses have been heavy.

BUSINESS SECTION BURNED.

New York, Nov. 2.—Fire at Larchmont, Westchester county, today destroyed a section of the business district and wiped out houses in which a dozen families lived. Loss, \$75,000.

ANOTHER SENSATION IN MODERN SODOM

LONDON, Nov. 2.—A tremendous sensation was caused here today by statements that another scandal of the Oscar Wilde type was about to become public. It is asserted that the man whose name is connected with the affair, and who is a peer, has fled the country, but there is every reason to believe that he is at present lying ill at an English watering place. A report of this affair found its way into print in guarded language, this morning, but every effort will be exerted to prevent further publication.

THE LONG AND SHORT OF IT.



The Real Issues of the Campaign.

IT WAS A REAL BATTLE DEMOCRATS CHARGE FRAUD

President Roosevelt Passed Several Hours on the Field at Cedar Mountain.

Brandy Station, Va., Nov. 2.—President Roosevelt passed several hours this afternoon on the battlefield of Cedar Mountain. Accompanied by Secretaries Root and Cortelyou, Dr. Rixey, the president and participant in an accurate account of the fight. The day was perfect and the route between New York and New Orleans. Arrived at the battlefield, which is dotted here and there by monuments marking the positions of the troops during the fight, the contest was explained to the president by Judge Grimley, who now is a member of the bench of this judicial circuit. The judge was a captain in the Sixth Virginia cavalry and was a participant in the fight. The president, a cavalryman himself, was intensely interested, particularly in the account of the famous first cavalry charge made during the battle of Cedar Mountain. The Union and Confederate cavalry met in a depression not far from Cedar Mountain. While the battle did not last long and was brought to a close unexpectedly, it was a fight of great gallantry, the losses on both sides being about 2,500. The president was notably interested in a monument erected last August, on the anniversary of the battle, in honor of the Twenty-eighth New York Infantry, which lost in the engagement 89 per cent of its men, including nearly every commissioned officer.

Colored Voters Colonized in Cincinnati by the Republicans and the United States District Attorney Refuses to Investigate the Matter.

CINCINNATI, Nov. 2.—Intense feeling developed today among prominent Democratic workers who are McClain men, because none of the funds collected by the Democratic candidates, who are Johnson men, had been turned over to the Hamilton county committee. The organization has been ignored by both the state and local Democratic candidates, and the indications are that there will be trouble at the polls. The Democratic candidates today prepared papers for an application in the superior court tomorrow to prevent certain persons from voting. It is said that in one of the counties 180 colored men are registered from the Silver Moon boarding house, on the river front, and that a careful canvass shows that only 127 reside there. The Democratic committee yesterday sought the intervention of United States District Attorney Bundy, but he would not apply for marshals unless fraud in registration was proved or proceedings were instituted under the fifteenth amendment. There are fewer charges of fraud this year throughout the state than usual. The registration fell short of last year and it is generally believed that many more than usual of those who are registered will vote. There is no doubt about the Republican state ticket and the only doubt rests on two or three of the congressional districts.

FORECAST BY CHAIRMEN OF UTAH COUNTY

PROVO, Nov. 2.—The following are the opinions of the Utah county chairmen on the result of the election on Tuesday: Chairman King of the county Democracy said he preferred to give his "forecast" after the election, but on being urged to give the public the benefit of his judgment, said: "We have waged a very successful campaign, and the indications are that we will elect the entire ticket by a good majority. I will put it stronger than that; I have not the least doubt that we will elect the head of our ticket by a big majority. Every man on the ticket will be elected. Some will run ahead of others, of course, but all will be elected." Chairman De Molsy said: "The Republicans of Utah county will elect every man on their legislative and county tickets by majorities of 250 and upwards. Howell's majority will not be less than 400, with every probability of its being more. McCarty and the legislative ticket will have between 500 and 700 majority. That is all I care to say."

AMERICAN GETS GOOD POSITION IN CHINA

Washington, Nov. 2.—Alfred E. Jessup of New York, now head of the testing laboratory in the supervising architect's office of the treasury department, has accepted the position of chief assayer of the Chinese mint at Tien Tsin, China. The designation of the place was made through the intermediary of Minister Conger at the request of the Chinese government. Mr. Jessup is a graduate of the Lehigh university and the school of mines at Freiberg, Germany.

NICE LITTLE BALANCE IN CUBAN TREASURY

Havana, Nov. 2.—The secretary of the treasury, Senor Montes, reports that the customs receipts for the entire island of Cuba for October amounted to \$1,344,478. Other revenues bring the total receipts for the month up to \$1,610,197. The cash on hand September 30 was \$1,495,736, which added to the total of October's receipts, makes a grand total of \$3,105,933. The disbursements during October amounted to \$1,454,991, leaving a balance in the treasury, October 31, of \$1,650,942.

GERMANY CHANGES DIPLOMATS AROUND

Berlin, Nov. 2.—The Allgemeine Zeitung semi-officially announces that Baron von Eckhenstein, secretary of the German legation in London, has been granted a year's leave of absence and that he will be succeeded by Count J. von Berstorf, Prussian secretary of legation at Munich, Bavaria. Prince Henry of Reuss, hitherto secretary of the German legation at Tokyo, is appointed secretary of legation at Copenhagen. He will be succeeded at Tokyo by Baron von Gnaesem, now at Bucharest, who will be succeeded by Herr von Grenan, a secretary of the London legation.

BRAKEN KILLED.

Schenectady, N. Y., Nov. 2.—A freight brakeman was killed and a freight conductor slightly injured in a rear-end collision between two freight trains about five miles west of this city on the New York Central tonight.

CHOLERA SCOURGE.

Jerusalem, Nov. 2.—There have been 494 deaths from cholera here and 76 at Ghuzzez during the past week. Great distress prevails at Lydda because of the total inadequacy of medical aid there to cope with the disease.

HAZLETON TO BE INVESTIGATED BOTH PARTIES MAKE CLAIMS

Strike Commission Has Four Days' Work Blocked Out.

Statements of Chairmen in Idaho, Nevada and Wyoming.

AFTER THAT COMES A RECESS

REPUBLICANS WILL GET ONE

BISHOP SPALDING PREACHED AT SCRANTON YESTERDAY.

THE OTHER TWO SEEM TO BE RELIABLY DEMOCRATIC.

SCRANTON, Pa., Nov. 2.—The mine strike commissioners left for Hazleton tonight to spend four days in further acquainting themselves with the physical features of mining. They had not decided to-night, up to the time of leaving, how they would divide their time while in the middle and lower districts. It was definitely decided though that not more than four days would be devoted to the trip. Assistant Recorder Neill was left behind to receive the minutes from President Mitchell tomorrow. On Thursday it is expected that the operators' counter-statement will be presented. The commissioners will then take a recess until Friday, Nov. 14, by which time the two parties will be expected to have completed their preparation of their cases and be ready to go into the hearings. The commissioners will also devote the interim to preparations for the hearings by acquainting themselves with the details of the two statements. Bishop Spalding preached at the late mass in St. Peter's cathedral this morning. His fellow commissioners attended the service and occupied front pews. The bishop's sermon was based on the tenth verse of the thirteenth chapter of St. Paul's epistle to the Romans: "Love worketh no ill to his neighbor, therefore love is the fulfilling of the law." No reference was made to the work of the commission, and only in a most general way could the sermon be made applicable thereto. The commission will remain in their sleeping car all night. They will be met at 9 o'clock in the morning at Pond Creek, about nine miles north of Hazleton, by Thomas Duff, president of this district of the Mine Workers' union, who will represent the miners. General Superintendent Warriner of the Lehigh Valley, and General Superintendent Richard of the Lehigh & Wilkesbarre company, will represent the operators. The mines which the commission will visit have not yet been decided upon. Superintendent Warriner has suggested the No. 6 shaft, operated by his company. The miners prefer to have the arbitrators inspect the Harwood colliery of Pardee & Co. There are twenty-five mines in the Hazleton region and all but the No. 40 shaft are entered by means of a slope. The commissioners on Saturday requested both sides to agree on the mine and if they fail the commission will probably decide the matter.

THE result of the elections in Idaho, Nevada and Wyoming is forecasted in special dispatches to The Herald from the state chairmen as follows: (Special to The Herald.) Boise, Ida.—The indications are that the Republicans will make a clean sweep in Idaho next Tuesday. We will elect the state ticket and congressman by a good majority, and we expect to have a majority of the legislature, although we are handicapped by the unjust apportionment of the last fusion legislature. This year the fight has been squarely between the Republicans and the Democrats, and I predict a veritable Republican landslide. (Signed) FRANK R. GOODING, Republican State Chairman. The Democratic state and congressional nominees will be elected, but by reduced majorities, owing to off year apathy. We are certain to have the legislature. (Signed) S. P. DONNELLY, Chairman Democratic State Committee. (Special to The Herald.) Carson, Nev.—We claim the election of Farrington for congress by a handsome majority, and the chances are even for Cleveland for governor, and that the legislature probably will be Republican, insuring the election of Thomas F. Hawley for United States senator. The state ticket will be mixed, with good show for the Republicans to carry the majority of offices. (Signed) ED VANDERLIEB, Republican State Central Committee. We have hope for the success of the silver Democratic fusion ticket next Tuesday. (Signed) C. H. STODDARD, Chairman Democratic State Central Committee. (Special to The Herald.) Cheyenne, Wyo.—We claim the election of Frank W. Mondell for congress by a majority of 5,000, almost the election of the entire state ticket by majorities ranging from 2,500 to 3,000, also the election of every member of the senate and house. (Signed) J. A. VAN ORSELLE, Chairman Republican State Committee. Chairman F. D. Hammond of the Democratic state committee has no statement, but intimates that the Republicans are beaten. A disclosure of his information now might injure his ticket, he says. The Socialists claim the election of H. V. S. Groesbeck to the supreme bench over Potter, the Republican. DEMOCRATIC MONTANA. Republicans Make the Usual Claims Before Election. Helena, Mont., Nov. 2.—The contending factors that will settle the issues of the polls Tuesday have been busy today as at any time during the campaign. Reports to both headquarters in Helena from county chairmen today have not changed the claims put forth by each, claiming a victory. The men at the head of the committees are turning into the new settlers that have come into the state, and the additional fact that it is impossible to register here, and in the years in the country districts, they cannot calculate on the total vote. In the betting here there is even money wagered on both congressmen and associate justice, while in Butte slight odds are given in favor of the Republican candidates. MAY GO EITHER WAY. Empire State Will Be Very Close This Year. New York, Nov. 2.—On the eve of the election there is no abatement of confidence in the success of the candidates of both parties. While the estimates of majorities as high as 50,000 are bandied about by the extreme partisans, the conservative calculations point to a victory either way by probably not more than 10,000 or 15,000 votes. Predictions are largely based on widely divergent estimates of the Democratic vote in the Bronx and of the Republican strength throughout the state. No heavy bets were reported today, but many small wagers were made at the prevailing odds of 2 to 1 on Odell. In some instances higher odds were laid, but no considerable amount of money was placed. Ready For Tuesday. Lincoln, Neb., Nov. 2.—Campaign committees were busy today sending out instructions to county managers, but the work of the campaign, the chairman said, is finished except compiling the returns. There will be a few rallies tomorrow night and the Republicans of Lincoln will hold the biggest demonstration, with the exception of the Democratic strength present. From an apathetic opening the interest has grown to the point of enthusiasm. The state has shown a good weather the state should poll 29,000 votes. This is a falling off from two years ago, but will exceed last year's vote. Light Vote Will Be Pollled. St. Paul, Nov. 2.—Governor Van Sant practically closed his campaign last night, when he finished his tour of the Mesaba range towns. L. A. Rosin, the Democratic candidate for governor, will close his canvass with a mass meeting in Minneapolis tomorrow night. There were no developments today that caused either of the party managers to change his claim of success. Many complaints of apathy among the voters have reached political headquarters, and the belief is general that a light vote will be polled. Quiet Time Expected. Jacksonville, Fla., Nov. 2.—The election Tuesday promises to be quiet. There is no opposition to the Democratic ticket and the vote will probably be light. The city question really is the only important amendment increasing the number of justices of the supreme court. The bar of the state has shown an interest in this amendment and it probably will be adopted.

TOWN OF ST. PIERRE DESTROYED BY FIRE

St. Johns, N. F., Nov. 2.—The town of St. Pierre has been devastated by fire. A destructive conflagration started last night and swept the main portion of the town. The governor's house, the government buildings, the court house, the building occupied by the ministry of marine, the Roman Catholic cathedral were destroyed. It was not learned how the fire originated. The financial loss will probably reach half a million dollars. There was no loss of life or serious accident. The town of St. Pierre has been partly burned down three times before—1865, 1867 and 1873.

FOUR MEN KILLED BY EXPRESS TRAIN

Elgin, Ill., Nov. 2.—Frank and Louis Schulte and Charles and James Woodruff were killed by an express train at Elgin, Ill., when the milk express on the Chicago & Northwestern railroad struck the main street of the village. All lived at Algonquin, and did not see the train on account of the darkness and the cover of their buggy.

THREE MEN KILLED IN BOILER EXPLOSION

Baltimore, Nov. 2.—Three trainmen were almost instantly killed today by the explosion of a boiler of a Baltimore & Ohio locomotive at Halesport. Traffic was delayed about three hours. Dead: Fireman O. W. Hunt. Brakeman C. O. Stalling.

CASEY WANTED TO KNOW.

Alleged Interference With the Colombian Navy. Panama, Nov. 2.—A high United States official here says the affair of the arrival of the Colombian cruiser Bogota at this port has been exaggerated. When the cruiser arrived, though she was flying the Colombian flag, the government gunboat Clapnet cruised around her for some time and fired two shots at the port authorities had gone on board. As it had been understood that the Bogota was to come under the American flag, Rear Admiral Casey, the American commander, sent an officer on board the cruiser to inquire how the change of flags had been made, but this action was not meant as an intervention in the affairs of the Colombian government. There is no friction now between the United States naval authorities and those of Colombia.

MINER'S HOUSE BLOWN UP WITH DYNAMITE

Paris, Nov. 2.—A dynamite cartridge was exploded under the window of the house of a coal miner at St. Etienne last night and caused some damage. With this exception no disorders have occurred in the mining districts where the strike prevails.

CONTAINS THE TOMB OF FATHER ABRAHAM

CONSTANTINOPLE, Nov. 2.—In spite of the formal promise given to United States Minister Leishmann last August in the name of the sultan, by his majesty's secretary, to grant Mr. Banks, an American citizen, authority to make archaeological researches at Tel-Abracham, a sacred place, the sultan's secretary, Eddy, secretary of legation and acting minister, that it is unable to grant the authorization in question to Mr. Banks, as the place where the American desires to carry on his researches is in sacred ground, and is supposed to contain the tomb of Abraham. The sultan's state has shown an interest in this amendment and it probably will be adopted. Eddy has forwarded this communication to Washington.