

# MABRAY CASES POSTPONED

### Alleged Swindlers Are Not All in Custody.

## McPHERSON ORDERS DELAY.

Judge Calls Off Special Session Called for Council Bluffs Dec. 7 and Cases Go Over Until March Term—Hope All Defendants Named in Indictment Will Be Under Arrest by That Time.

Des Moines, Nov. 24.—Judge McPherson has called off the special term of court called for Council Bluffs, Dec. 7, to consider the cases against J. C. Mabray and the other men implicated with him in the alleged swindling syndicate. The cases will be called, in all probability, for the March term of court in Council Bluffs. Judge McPherson has continued the cases owing to the fact that some of the defendants have not been arrested as yet, and the expenses of the trial will be so great that he is doing everything possible to do away with a second trial, hoping that all defendants named in the indictment returned against the Mabray syndicate will be in custody by March 8, the date for the opening of the regular term of court at Council Bluffs.

## M. S. ERDER FILES SUIT

Begins Proceedings to Recover Estate of Brother.

St. Louis, Nov. 24.—Miss Kate Erder began proceedings to recover the estate of her brother, William J. Erder, from Mrs. Loren B. Doney of Council Bluffs, Neb., who with her husband is under arrest there on statutory charges preferred by the St. Louis woman.

Miss Erder's attorney announced that an effort will be made to have the estate placed in the hands of the public administrator.

Dr. W. H. Warren, dean of the medical faculty of Washington university, began a chemical analysis of portions of Erder's body. He stated that the condition of the specimens is such that if poison was present it can easily be found.

## BANKER KILLED BY SHOT

Hits Pistol With Duster, Bullet Entering His Abdomen.

Webster City, Ia., Nov. 24.—F. A. Edwards, president of the Webster City Savings bank, three times mayor of this city and a well known breeder of short horns, accidentally shot himself at the bank and died at St. Joseph's Mercy hospital.

He was dusting the counter before opening the bank and struck the revolver which always lies there with the duster. The gun exploded, the bullet entering his abdomen an inch below the navel. He fell to the floor, where he lay some time. He finally attracted passersby to the bank by throwing a shoe through the plate glass window.

## FARMER BURNS IN HIS HOME

Matt Fryman Tries to Put Out Blaze and Loses His Life in Flames.

Blair, Neb., Nov. 24.—The farm residence of Matt Fryman, about two and one-half miles north of Blair, was burned to the ground and Mr. Fryman was burned to death. He was sixty years old and he and his aged wife were sitting in the kitchen when the fire broke out in the front of the house and both got out. Mr. Fryman returned with a pail of water to put out the fire and met his death, the body being almost entirely consumed.

## Lovett to Stop in Omaha.

Omaha, Nov. 24.—Robert L. Lovett, president of the Union Pacific Railroad company, is now journeying westward. He is on a general inspection trip over the Harriman and affiliated lines and it is expected he will visit Omaha on his journey eastward. No date has been set for his return to New York. He went west by way of Kansas City and it is thought he will make the return trip by way of Omaha.

## White Man Shoots Negro Rival.

Omaha, Nov. 24.—Charles Miller, a bank dealer, shot Jim Towles, colored, in the back of the head, as the result of a rivalry for the love of a white woman, Edith Hunter. Towles is not fatally wounded. Miller is still in large and has a dent in his head, made by a blow from a club in the hands of Towles' son, who rushed to his father's room. The brawl occurred in the room of the woman.

## Low Rates to Corn Show.

Omaha, Nov. 24.—General passenger agents of western railroads met to decide on rates for the National Corn exposition and the probabilities are that the rates will be granted for the entire time of the corn show from points west of the Missouri river.

## Milwaukee Brakeman Killed.

Council Bluffs, Ia., Nov. 24.—E. J. Jeffries of Oelwein, a brakeman on the Milwaukee road, was injured at Manilla while his train was switching. He was brought here on a special train and taken to a hospital, where he died soon after. Jeffries leaves a widow and two children.

## CONSIDER SPOKANE CASES

Eastern Commercial Clubs Discuss Northwest Freight Rates.

New York, Nov. 24.—Delegations from ten chambers of commerce and boards of trade of eastern cities met here at the invitation of the Merchants association of this city to consider the new freight rates proposed by the railroads of the northwest, known as the Spokane and allied cases. A committee was appointed to investigate and report on a plan for the creation of a central traffic bureau to protect the interests of the east.

Commercial organizations of this territory have already intervened in proceedings before the interstate commerce commission at hearings on the Spokane rate case, contending that eastern interests would be adversely affected by the proposed changes.

## TAFT GIVEN GOLD MEDAL

In Memory of Government's Part in Hudson Celebration.

Washington, Nov. 24.—In the presence of his entire cabinet President Taft received from the officers of the Hudson-Fulton celebration commission a magnificent gold medal struck by the commission in commemoration of the celebration recently held in New York city.

The medal is one of the eight which are to be presented to the governments which sent warships to participate in the celebration. The other nations which will receive medals are Great Britain, Italy, the Netherlands, Germany, France, Mexico and the Argentine republic.

## STANDARD OIL

### OUTLINES PLAN

### Will Not Consider Reorganization Until Decision is Rendered.

Washington, Nov. 24.—Reports to the contrary, the Standard Oil company announced authoritatively that it had no intention of seeking to procure an amendment to the Sherman anti-trust law, but will proceed with the appeal to the United States supreme court which, as already announced through Mortimer F. Elliott, its general solicitor, is to be taken from the decree of the United States circuit court at St. Paul.

Until the supreme court has rendered a decision the company will consider no other plan of doing business than the methods now in use.

## Copper Merger Held Up.

New York, Nov. 24.—The proposed \$800,000,000 copper combine has been held up temporarily at least, according to Wall street reports, until lawyers for the interest concerned can figure out the effect which the Standard Oil decision of last Saturday will have on the merger which is contemplated.

## TAFT SEES RAILWAY MEN

Discusses Legislation With Railway Supply Commission.

Washington, Nov. 24.—President Taft received a call from a committee representing the Railway Business association, a national organization with headquarters in New York, who called by appointment to discuss the general question of railway legislation at the approaching session of congress. Practically every small railroad in the country carries the United States mails at a dead loss, according to Ralph Peters, president of the Long Island Railroad company, who called upon President Taft to pay his respects.

Mr. Peters says his road receives \$44,000 a year for carrying the mails and the expense is \$135,000.

"We would stop handling the mails entirely," said Mr. Peters, "but for the inconvenience to our patrons."

## SAW SOME PROSPECT HOLES

Langille Found Little Other Work on Cunningham Claims.

Seattle, Nov. 24.—William A. Langille, forest supervisor, continued his testimony in the inquiry into the validity of the Cunningham Alaskan coal land claims and told of his inspection of the claims last August, when he found prospect holes on most of the claims, but no real development work.

Mr. Langille's evidence was virtually the same as that of Andrew Kennedy, the government coal expert.

## MORE LAND IS WITHDRAWN

Big Tract Reserved, Containing Water Power Sites.

Washington, Nov. 24.—The interior department has withdrawn from disposition, as containing water power possibilities, about 9,564 acres of land along the Smith river in Montana. This tract will be held in reserve pending action by congress, which is expected to enact legislation governing the disposal of power sites on the public domain.

## Graney After Big Fight.

San Francisco, Nov. 24.—Eddie Graney, the prize fight referee, left for New York with a check for \$5,000, which he intends to place as a forfeit for a bid he will make for the Jeffries-Johnson bout.

## Hackmar Is Held as Kidnap.

Kansas City, Nov. 24.—Bob Randolph, formerly a hackman, was arrested here, charged with complicity in the kidnaping of Marjory Bleckley, the incubator baby, at Topeka, Aug. 21 of this year.

Scheme to Run Service From London to New Zealand.

Ottawa, Ont., Nov. 24.—A meeting of the representatives of the Canadian, British, New Zealand and Australian governments will be held early in the spring to consider the proposal made by the British Laurier for a fast passenger and mail steamship and train service from London to Australia and New Zealand across this country and an eighteen knot service on the Pacific.

The subsidy would be heavy and for that reason Australia demurred at first. The Australian government has recently agreed to share in the cost and the conference will meet probably in London to work out the details.

## TOWN SHAKEN BY DYNAMITE

Explosion Destroys Five Buildings at Danville, Ill.

Danville, Ill., Nov. 24.—A charge of dynamite was exploded under the fruit and wine house of Joseph Mascari, demolishing five buildings and doing damage of about \$50,000.

Mascari charged members of the Black Hand society with the crime, but he declined to say if he had received threatening letters.

Two men were seen to run from the vicinity of the building two minutes before the explosion. The blast shook every building and residence in the downtown section. Hundreds of people were aroused, believing there had been an earthquake.

## MINE MAY NEVER

### GIVE UP ITS DEAD

### Cherry Rescuers Helpless in Face of Repeated Cave-ins.

Cherry, Ill., Nov. 24.—Hope that there might still be alive some of the 189 men known to be entombed in the St. Paul coal mine has been abandoned. An exploration into what is known as the second vein, where it was thought probable many miners had barricaded themselves and had managed to exist on oats and corn provided for the mules, showed that great portions of the tunnels had collapsed. It is believed that many men were buried under the debris and the obstruction is not soon cleared away at least 100 bodies may never be dug up. Fire was still raging in these tunnels and the back portions where imprisoned miners could have found a retreat are said to be full of fatal blackdamp.

Meanwhile, Cherry continues to be a village of mourning. The death of one of the survivors brought to the surface last Saturday reduced the total number of those saved out of the mine to 19. The number of those lost in the disaster to nineteen. All most all of the forty-two bodies taken out were identified.

Down in the mine the rescuers met with great obstacles. In one instance fire broke out in a tunnel, temporarily cutting off the escape of twenty-five men who had ventured 400 feet from the hoisting shaft. The smell of smoke gave the warning above and the rescuers were reached and brought to safety by another rescue party.

## MAE WOOD IN COURT

Appears to Answer Perjury Charge in New York.

New York, Nov. 24.—Mae C. Wood kept her promise and appeared in court. She was in the west last week when her case was called, but said word that she would appear to answer the charges of forgery and perjury against her in connection with the evidence submitted some time ago in her suit against ex-Senator Thomas C. Platt, to whom she claimed to have been married. She appeared with her attorney and her case was put on the calendar for Nov. 31.

## METEOR FALLS IN ALABAMA

Strikes Earth With Jar That Startles Inhabitants.

Montgomery, Ala., Nov. 24.—Half of an enormous split meteor, visible in Montgomery about 7:30 p. m., struck the earth in east Alabama, startling the inhabitants for miles around. The point of contact is believed to be near McCulloch station. The impact was so great that some people believed it to be an earthquake. The meteor was seen to break, one tail traveling to the east and another southwest.

## TELESCOPE ON TALL PEAK

One Will Be Placed at an Altitude of Thirteen Thousand Feet.

Flagstaff, Ariz., Nov. 24.—In order that a clearer atmosphere may be assured for the study of Mars, Dr. Lowell of the Lowell observatory is installing a twelve-inch telescope on San Francisco peak, at an altitude of 13,000 feet. Professor V. M. Slipher will have charge of the task of erecting the big telescope.

## Astor Yacht Puzzle Is Solved.

New York, Nov. 24.—The Astor yacht puzzle is solved. Mail from Colonel John Jacob Astor and his party reached New York on the steamship Harry Lukenbach, which sailed from San Juan, P. R., on Nov. 17.

## Affirms Death Sentence.

Jefferson City, Nov. 24.—The supreme court of Missouri affirmed the death sentence of William Wilson, a negro of Jasper county, and fixed his execution for Jan. 12, 1919. Wilson's victim was Millie Plum.

# J. A. DEARMOND DIES

### Congressman Meets a Fatal Fate at His Home in Butler.

## GRANDSON ALSO PERISHES

Noted Missouri Representative Sacrifices His Life in Heroic Effort to Save Boy—Other Occupants Make Their Escape—Served Many Years in Congress, Where He Obtained High Rank—Sketch of His Career.

Kansas City, Nov. 24.—Representative David A. DeArmond, one of the leading Democratic members of congress, and his grandson, Waddie DeArmond, aged six years, were burned to death in a fire that destroyed the DeArmond home at Butler, Mo.

Bones believed to be those of the congressman were found by searchers in the ruins. It is believed both the congressman and the boy were burned to death without being able to leave their rooms.

The other occupants of the house at the time of the fire escaped. They were Mrs. DeArmond and Mrs. Hattie Clark, wife and daughter respectively of the congressman, and a woman servant.

The fire started at about 4 a. m. The DeArmond home was a large two story frame structure, set well back from the street. On two sides of the house, equal with the second floor, four rooms, or outdoor sleeping apartments, had been constructed, and at the time the fire broke out the occupants of the house occupied these rooms.

Congressman DeArmond and his young grandson occupied one room on the south side of the building, while Mrs. DeArmond and Mrs. Clark were in a separate room on the opposite side of the home. Nettie Boles, a servant girl, had a room in the west end of the house.

Dies Trying to Save Child.

"Get me out of here," she heard Waddie cry.

"Never mind, son; I'll save you," Congressman DeArmond answered.

Those were the last words either victim uttered. A moment later the smoke increased in volume and Mrs. Clark fled downstairs to the telephone. Within a minute she had given the alarm to the telephone office and hurried back to the room of her mother.

By this time the entire second floor was clouded with smoke, and flames were leaping from the windows. Groping her way to Mrs. DeArmond's bedside, she hurriedly awakened the congressman's wife and dragged her from the room. There was no time to think of aiding the others.

The financial loss is placed at \$20,000, and including one of the best libraries in the state.

Congressman DeArmond had three sons and a daughter. James A. DeArmond is the only son in the west. He is editor of the Butler Democrat and was adjutant general on the staff of Governor Folk.

## Notable Political Career.

David A. DeArmond was first elected to the house of representatives from the Sixth congressional district of Missouri in 1891 and served continuously. He was one of the best known members of the lower house at Washington and had occupied other positions of prominence in his state.

He was a Democrat, and in addition to his political prominence was a well known lawyer. He was born March 18, 1844, in Blair county, Pennsylvania. His early life was spent on his father's farm, receiving his education in the common schools and at Williamsport Dickinson seminary.

In his young manhood he practiced law in Butler, Mo., and in 1884 was named a presidential elector. He held successively the positions of state senator, circuit judge and Missouri supreme court commissioner. His entry into congress was in 1891, when he was made a representative in the Fifty-second congress and was re-elected to each succeeding congress, including the Sixty-first.

## SOLON CHASE IS DEAD

Was Prominent Figure in Greenback Campaign of Thirty Years Ago.

Turner, Mo., Nov. 24.—Solon Chase, a celebrated figure in the days of the greenback agitation of thirty years ago, died of heart failure at his home at Chase's Mills. He was eighty-seven years old. During the height of the greenback campaign Chase stumped the country as far as the middle west, driving a pair of steers hitched to a hayrack, from the rear end of which he delivered his speeches. He was also the publisher of Chase's Chronicle, a greenback organ.

## Governor Hadley Injured by Fall.

Springfield, Mo., Nov. 24.—Governor Herbert S. Hadley, who has been holding in the Toney county hunting reserve, was forced to leave for Jefferson City on account of a badly swollen hand, caused by a fall. Physicians advised the governor to return to his home at once, as they feared blood poisoning might develop.

## Smuggled Opium Seized.

El Paso, Tex., Nov. 24.—The customs authorities here seized 400 cans of smuggled opium, valued at \$7,500. No arrest.

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## Local News Notes

Smoke "across" the cigar with a reputation. Made by Pisk & Bajock. E. A. Wurl is an Omaha visitor this morning, going there in connection with business matters.

Ed. Donat is visiting with his wife at the hospital in Omaha this morning, going up on the early train.

James Robertson and wife are visiting with friends in Omaha today, going there this morning over the Burlington.

Mrs. S. W. Breckinridge and family departed last evening for Bigelow, Mo., where she will spend Thanksgiving.

Elias Kildow returned home last evening after spending several days in Omaha and Council Bluffs visiting with friends.

Mrs. Rudolph Spahne departed this morning for Marysville, Kas., where she will make her sister a visit for three weeks.

Miss Anna Druckmiller, of Rock Island, Ill., who has been visiting with Mrs. Charles Troop, departed for her home last evening.

Attorney H. E. Maxwell of Omaha, who has been looking after legal business in the city, returned to his home this morning.

Emmons Richey who has been attending to business matters at Guernsey, Wyo., for a week past returned to the city last evening.

Mrs. H. A. Schneider and babies and Miss Ethel Schneider are visiting today in Omaha, having gone to that city this morning on the early train.

Mrs. William Ballance departed this morning for Lincoln, where she will visit over Thanksgiving, going to Peru for a visit with her daughter, Miss Ethel, before returning home.

Ed. Kruger, who is one of the best and hardest working young men in the city, has taken a position with J. E. McDaniel making a valuable addition to that gentleman's force of employees. Mr. Kruger has a great many friends in the city who are glad to see him secure this place and who wish him the best of success.

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