

MORGAN IS BLAMED FOR CRANE RECALL

Magnate's Jealousy of Armour Said to Have Played Part in Affair.

Washington, Oct. 25.—A faint echo of the Crane-Knox incident has made itself heard in a rumor that Mr. Crane's retirement from the diplomatic service was due to pressure brought by J. Pierpont Morgan on account of Mr. Crane's connection with the Armours in Chicago. At the same time a report equally circumstantial is circulated to the effect that Mr. Crane's dismissal resulted from his close relations with Mr. Morgan.

In support of the story of Mr. Morgan's hostility to Mr. Crane, it was said that Mr. Armour had been in Washington shortly before the president sent Crane's nomination to the Senate and that Mr. Armour's satisfaction with the nomination is "not disputed." It might also be added that Mr. Armour's satisfaction has not been affirmed.

Persons here close to Secretary of State Knox incline more and more to the view that Mr. Crane's dismissal in discharging the newly appointed minister, however clumsily that action may have been brought about, was actuated by his personal judgment of Mr. Crane's fitness for the post.

CHURCH CONGREGATION DRIVEN OUT BY WASPS

Towanda, Pa., Oct. 25.—Wasps took possession of the Honeybrook church and held a session of four days' duration. When a fire was started in the building the wasps began to live up. By the time for services the insects were buzzing in a way that indicated their determination to take part in the proceedings.

Several expedients were tried, but the wasps resisted the blandishments of the pastor, the persuasions of the deacons and the importuning of the sexton.

As a last resort the church auditorium was abandoned by the congregation, and services held in the Sunday school room.

PRESBYTERIAN SYNOD COMPLETES BUSINESS

Dubuque, Ia., Oct. 25.—The 28th annual Presbyterian synod adjourned today after a session of four days' duration. The next meeting will be at Iowa City. Special efforts will be made along temperance lines the coming year. The Woman's Home Synodical society met in connection with the synod and adjourned after electing Mrs. G. D. Garretts, of Des Moines, president; vice president, Mrs. Silas Cook, of Early; secretary and treasurer of current expense fund, Mrs. G. N. King, of Keokuk; secretary of young people's work, Miss Cowden, of Washington; secretary of literature, Mrs. T. L. James, of Fairfield.

CONGRESSMAN IN ROW WITH ANGRY WOMAN

North Carolina Solon Says Postmistress Offered Bribe, Which He Spurned.

Asheville, N. C., Oct. 25.—The recent removal of a post office from the Blinnville postoffice has culminated in sensational charges and countercharges, with Congressman John Grant, of this district, figuring prominently.

Congressman Grant has admitted that he had filed the charges which led to Mrs. Reed's removal. He declared Mrs. Reed tried to bribe him to secure the office for herself.

Mrs. Reed said tonight that she didn't attempt to bribe Mr. Grant, but merely offered to contribute to the republican campaign fund. She alleges that the congressman told her that she "would have to come across for the campaign fund as all the other officeholders had done so."

Congressman Grant emphatically denied that he told Mrs. Reed to "come across."

SENATOR JOHNSON OF NORTH DAKOTA CALLED BY DEATH

Fargo, N. D., Oct. 25.—United States Senator Martin N. Johnson, of this state, died from an attack of acute Bright's disease at his hotel in this city last night at 7:30 o'clock. A week ago he submitted to a second operation for a nasal trouble and was thought to be doing well. He had been a sufferer from the nasal disease for years and had complained during the last few days, but reports yesterday were reassuring. He was suddenly attacked late yesterday afternoon and died without warning. His wife and his brother, a resident of this city, were present.

Senator Johnson was 59 years old. He was born on a farm in Racine county, Wisconsin, and was a son of Rev. Nelson Johnson, a native of Norway. Senator Johnson was a graduate of the Wisconsin university and came to this state in 1882, devoting his attention to farming. He was a member of the constitutional convention. In 1889 he was a candidate for United States senator and tied the party vote in caucus, but was defeated in the joint session. In 1890 he was sent to congress and was three times nominated by acclamation. He was elected by a direct primary in 1908 to succeed Senator Hansbrough. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and had been a member of the general conference of that body.

ALLEGED MURDERER PLEADS NOT GUILTY

Pierre, S. D., Oct. 25.—Isaac McCoun, the alleged murderer of William Toney and Charles Simpson, near Kadoka, last summer, when arraigned in circuit court at Fort Pierre yesterday entered a plea of not guilty, and his attorneys are working for a continuance of the case.

VESEVIUS QUIETS DOWN.

Naples, Oct. 25.—The eruption of Mt. Vesuvius, which became alarmingly active yesterday, appears to be decreasing today. The villages in the vicinity of the volcano are filled with strangers, mostly foreigners, who had hastened there to witness the phenomena.

MARRIED AT IBA GROVE.

Ida Grove, Ia., Oct. 25.—Clyde Petty and Miss Winifred Smothers were married at the home of the bride's uncle, J. A. Smothers, by Rev. Mr. Gilbert.

JEFFRIES, FIT AS A FIDDLE, READY TO FIGHT NEGRO

New York, Oct. 25.—James J. Jeffries has come back from his European trip, ready and fit. It is believed, to fight Jack Johnson for the heavyweight championship of the world. In the environs of Carlsbad, Bohemia, the one time brawler is asserted to be training vigorously for the Johnson mill without giving the slightest hint to his friends in America of what he was doing.

When Jeffries walked down the gang plank of the steamship Lusitania, which arrived today, he looked as if he was in fighting trim. His solid hulk of a frame was without superfluous flesh and his complexion was clear. Sam Berger, his sparring partner, and a host of admirers at the dock appeared surprised at the physical condition of the retired champion.

Ready to Fight Now.

"Now, I'm ready to fight Johnson tomorrow," said the big fellow, "and the sooner the articles are signed the better. I'll live up to the Berger agreement, but as to details they can take care of themselves."

"What about Johnson?" was asked.

"Jeffries' brown eyes snapped as he replied: 'I care not about Johnson. That negro has made more noise and done less than any man I know,' he said."

Jeffries told how he had brought himself into fighting condition, but he was a little reticent about his weight.

"I weighed under 220 pounds at Carlsbad," began Jeffries, slowly, "and the last time I jumped on the scales, it was in France, I tipped the beam at 225 pounds. But you can't get me on the scales now for \$20."

"How did I get into shape? It seems the newspaper men always have me with a lot of fat on my body. I did not have much when I went away, and I have not any now."

Waist Line Is Smaller.

And to emphasize the point, Jeffries seized a substantial part of his vest in his hand to show how small his waist line had grown.

"Now at Carlsbad I did 10 miles on the road every morning," continued the former champion, "and in the afternoon I put in my time in the gymnasium. The Germans thought I was crazy when they saw me running along the highways. I did some more work in France and trained at a place just outside of Paris. I had to look out for myself and every time I went out there to work. The French are crazy over fighting and I saw some bouts which I also took in some of the exhibitions at the National Sporting club at London, but they advertised heavyweight contests are nothing more than middleweight affairs. I have done no boxing while abroad."

Must Stand Operation.

Jeffries said he would undergo an operation on his nose in a few days while in this city.

"I would have had it done in Carlsbad, but they told me there that the doctors here could do it just as well, and again, the prices they wanted were something fearful. My nose is broken and it interferes with my breathing."

Jeffries said he had talked to no one while abroad about his fight with Johnson, and added he had said that he wanted a purse of \$150,000 for the mill.

Mrs. Jeffries accompanied her husband abroad and spent some time at her home in Saxe-Meiningen.

Soon to Sign Articles.

Jeffries probably will meet Jack Johnson and his manager in this city early next week when the final articles for the fight will be signed.

Last August in Chicago Sam Berger, for Jeffries, signed a preliminary agreement with Johnson for a contest of anywhere from 20 to 100 rounds before the club offering the largest purse, which was to be divided on any terms made by Jeffries. The agreement provided that the fight should take place within six months after the signing of articles.

The retired champion said he had been in Paris that Sam McVey, in his contest with Joe Jeannette in that city, had really won the fight, and that it had been fixed for Jeannette to win. Jeffries added that McVey was only a right-handed fighter and would have little chance with Johnson.

"You want a left hand to fight Johnson," added Jeffries, as he walked away to join an admiring crowd of friends on the pier.

COWBOYS ACCUSED OF KILLING SHEEPMEN

Six on Trial in Wyoming for Murder of Their Ancient Foes.

Basin, Wyo., Oct. 25.—The trial of Edward Eaton, George Sabin, Herbert Brink, Thomas Dixon, William Keyes, and Charles Farris, cattlemen, for the alleged murder of Joe Altemann, Jules Lader and Joseph Emery sheepmen, on April 2, 1909, is attracting great attention in the range country.

Special Judge C. H. Parnallee, holding court for the Fourth judicial district, is now engaged in hearing testimony in a motion to quash the indictment against the defendants.

The charge is made that the grand jury was illegally drawn, only a fraction of the list of electors being used, and that while several prominent sheepmen were drawn on the grand jury, the cattlemen industry was not represented at all.

It is alleged that this was the result of a deliberate plan by the officials of the county.

SEATTLE LAWYER SAID TO BE SLATED FOR THE MISSION TO CHINA

Seattle, Wash., Oct. 25.—It is stated on high authority that Thomas Burke, a wealthy lawyer of this city, has been asked if he would accept the post of minister to China if it were tendered to him. Judge Burke refused to discuss the matter except to say that he has had no direct communication from the state department. He has traveled extensively in the orient, is personally acquainted with the statesmen of Japan and China, and is a friend of President Taft, having been his fellow passenger on a voyage to Yokohama.

HEAD STRIKES BEAM; INJURIES ARE FATAL.

Council Bluffs, Ia., Oct. 25.—John F. Malloy, of this city, is dying in an Omaha hospital as the result of a fractured skull. While returning to this city from Omaha last evening, Malloy, who was standing on the step of a street car, leaned out too far, and his head struck an iron beam on the Douglas street bridge.

NICARAGUAN REBELS SHOW MUCH STRENGTH

Insurgents Are Strong in Numbers and Well Equipped for War.

New York, Oct. 25.—Private advices received here under date of October 16 from Bluefields, Nicaragua, state the entire army of the revolution numbers 2,500 men. It is declared that the position of General Chamorro, between El Castillo and Greytown is exceedingly strong and that he is in command of 800 men and several pieces of artillery. With the reinforcements of 500 men which have been started from Bluefields, he will begin his attack on the Fort of El Castillo, the advices say.

The army under General Estrada, 20 miles north of Panama City, is said to number 1,500 men, and it is asserted they are in readiness to meet the government troops.

MURDER DONE BY ONE WHO KNEW PREMISES

Kansas City, Oct. 25.—A coroner's inquest over the bodies of Alonzo Van Royen, his wife and her sister, Miss Rosa McMahon, who were murdered on their farm five miles west of Kansas City, Kan., Wednesday last, was begun today. No arrests have been made.

The county authorities today are working on a new theory which arises from the fact that the Van Royen homestead showed no evidences of a hurried search by the murderer, though robbery is known to have been committed.

"The murderer was some one familiar with the premises and acquainted with the family, and not a tramp," said prosecuting attorney Joseph Targgart, today. "I believe that the murderer, for there appears to have been only one, first shot Van Royen and then the women."

OKLAHOMA BANKERS SCORE STATE BOARD

Tulsa, Okla., Oct. 25.—With but one dissenting voice the members of group 4 of the state bankers' section, representing 60 banks in the eastern part of the state, in a meeting here yesterday denounced the state banking board for its methods in dealing with the affairs of the Columbia Bank and Trust company, of Oklahoma City. They also demanded that the state examiner issue a statement regarding the condition of the bank. The guaranty fund was declared a failure.

The resolutions also recommended that the state banking board as it now exists be abolished, and that the guaranty fund be re-deposited with banks from which it originated and no interest be paid by the banks while deposited with them.

SIX PLEAD GUILTY IN OHIO GRAFTING CASES

Youngstown Officials Confess in Open Court to Taking Bribes.

Youngstown, Ohio, Oct. 25.—Six of the 15 county office holders, contractors and a salesman under indictment for accepting and giving bribes pleaded guilty today to the charges against them.

John Hannl, former county commissioner, and James Price, Samuel Brunstetter and North Newton, former good roads commissioners, waived trial today and pleaded guilty to accepting bribes. O. C. Starr, a salesman of Columbus, also waived a trial and pleaded guilty to bribing the good roads commissioners.

Former County Commissioner Warren Katal stood trial, but after listening to the testimony of the state stopped further proceedings by pleading guilty. Price, Brunstetter and Starr came into court today.

CATTLE RATE CASES ARGUED IN ST. LOUIS

Important Railway Case Heard Before Special Commissioner of Court.

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COUNCIL BLUFFS IS WITHIN LIMIT ON INDEBTEDNESS

Council Bluffs, Ia., Oct. 25.—The city of Council Bluffs wins a complete victory in a trial, but after "waterworks bonds" case in a decision Judge Smith McPherson, of the United States district court, made known today.

The question involved in this case, which was brought by property holders of the city, was whether the issuance of \$600,000 in bonds for the purpose of construction of a municipal waterworks plant, would raise the city's indebtedness above the constitutional limit. Judge McPherson holds that it would not.

CZAR IN GERMANY ON WAY TO ITALY

Berlin, Oct. 25.—Emperor Nicholas, who is on his way to visit King Victor Emmanuel in Italy, passed through Germany today. He had breakfast at Erfurt, proceeding thence to France by way of Halle, Saxony and Frankfurt-on-the-Main.

The Russian emperor is not traveling in an imperial train. The usual story that on the journey the emperor is being impersonated by a Russian official is current. He is accompanied by three members of the imperial household.

DES MOINES TELEPHONE MERGER IS RATIFIED

Des Moines, Ia., Oct. 25.—The minority stockholders of the Mutual Telephone company, who sought to prevent the merger of the Iowa and Independent systems in Des Moines by court injunction, but failed, did not appeal to the supreme court as had been expected. Today the merger was ratified by the independent company and will be consummated immediately.

THREE MURDERERS RECEIVE SENTENCES

Des Moines, Ia., Oct. 25.—Three men convicted of murder in the first degree were sentenced to life imprisonment in the state penitentiary at Fort Madison by Judge Jesse Miller in today's session of criminal court.

It is said that never before occurred. The convicted men were John Smetzer, who shot Detective Frank Dalmage; James Watkins, who shot John Weaver, and William Webster, who shot George Talbot.

YOUNG BOYS TURN SLEUTH AND CATCH ALLEGED MURDERER

Go on Visit and Meet Man in Station Who Is Accused of Capital Crime.

Lincoln, Neb., Oct. 23.—Upon information furnished by John Starofsky and Curley Swim, of Moline, Ill., the local police have arrested James Miller, alias James R. Gingery, as the suspected murderer of William Walsh, of Moline. The two boys arrived in town over the Rock Island intending to visit Swim's cousin, Charles F. Bandlow, of this city, and not remembering his address they remained all night in the station preparatory to starting out in the morning on a hunt for Swim's relative.

While resting in the waiting room of the depot they became acquainted with Gingery, who told them that he was from Moline and that he was going on to California. The boys say that the man said his name was Gingery, and after talking with them for a while opened his valise and began to show them some of his effects, among which were three pictures of himself in the uniform of a United States soldier. The lads listened to all that he had to say and later went off by themselves to talk it over. They said that immediately upon seeing the photographs they recognized in the picture the alleged murderer of William Walsh, and they hurriedly gave the information to the officers which led to Gingery's arrest.

DEMOCRATS SAY THEY 'FORGOT ALL ABOUT IT'

Lincoln, Neb., Oct. 23.—Democratic managers are much chagrined over the fact that they clean forgot all about Mr. Bryan's publicity of campaign contributions before election day, and didn't file their report on time. They suspect that a goodly part of the state is laughing at them over it, too.

Investigation today revealed that each of the three democratic candidates for judge gave Chairman Byrnes at Columbus \$100 apiece, and it is suspected that more has been gleaned from the holders of jobs under the democratic state administration. Treasurer Hall reports that he hasn't received a cent from anybody, and therefore has not spent a cent. This report he has put on file here.

The democrats admit that it was a case of simply forgetting all about it, but are contending now that by counting in the day of filing the report and election day, they got under the wire so that nobody could have them arrested and fined.

ODD FELLOWS REBUKE PECULIAR CAMPAIGNING

Lincoln, Neb., Oct. 23.—Frank P. Corrick, of Lincoln, thought that I. P. Gage, of Fremont, who has been grand secretary of Nebraska Odd Fellows for 16 years, had had the office long enough. He decided that he wanted it himself. So he got up and had printed some nice circulars telling all about himself and containing a picture of Mr. Corrick. These were sent to the delegates to the convention.

And thereby Mr. Corrick raised a row, and probably has eternally queered himself. The Odd Fellows didn't like that sort of campaigning, and when one of Mr. Gage's friends got up and moved the adoption of a resolution expressing the sense of that body that such methods of campaigning were improper and not becoming an order of such dignity, it was adopted with a whoop.

This is probably the last big convention of Odd Fellows that will be held in Nebraska. Each of the delegates draws a per diem and mileage, and the drain is great on the treasury. It is now proposed to elect delegates from districts and keep down the number in this way.

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ROBBERS ATTACK BANK AT MANLEY; FAIL IN ATTEMPT

Manley, Neb., Oct. 23.—Robbers made an unsuccessful attempt to raid the Bank of Manley early today. Although their explosions were heard by citizens for two hours and a half, no one seemed to have suspected what was going on.

The building and safe of the bank were wrecked, but the interior cash box defied their efforts to open it. There is no clue to the robbers.

FORT DODGE PLANS CAMPAIGN FOR FUNDS

Fort Dodge, Ia., Oct. 23.—The building campaign for the Y. M. C. A. opened this morning and in addition the gift of a site by Hon. O. M. Olson, valued at \$10,000, the sum of \$35,000 has already been pledged, leaving \$20,000 to be raised before November 1. The Y. M. C. A. has just closed a campaign for \$10,000 for the new association building.

MAURA MINISTRY TOTTERS TO ITS FINAL DOWNFALL

MORET MAY BE NEW GOVERNMENT HEAD

Paris, Oct. 23.—A special to the Liberte states that Senator Moret, former prime minister, has been asked to form a new cabinet and has consented to do so.

Madrid, Oct. 23.—The Spanish cabinet, headed by Premier Maura, resigned this morning.

King Alfonso had a violent quarrel last week with Premier Maura because of Maura's failure to give his majesty an opportunity to exercise the royal prerogative of pardon in the case of Francisco Ferrer, who was executed in Barcelona last week as a revolutionist.

The king had the unpleasant interview when he learned of the tempest that had been raised over Europe by the killing of Ferrer.

Maura not only lost the good will of the king, but the administration party has been weakened by the political effect in Spain of Ferrer's death. The downfall of the cabinet has been generally expected for several days.

Those Who Resigned.

The cabinet which resigned was formed January 25, 1907, with the following ministers:

Premier, Senator Maura; foreign affairs, Senator Allendesalazar; justice, Marquis De Figueroa; finance, Senator Bosada; interior, Senator De Laclavara; war, General Linarez; marine, Senator Ferrandiz; agriculture, commerce and public works, Senator Sanchez Guerra; education, Senator Rodriguez San Pedro.

Preceding the formation of this cabinet there had been five liberal ministries in 13 months.

Was Clerical Cabinet.

The religious issues had been the rock on which the ministry was wrecked, and the accession to power of Senator Maura, who had before held the premiership, was regarded as a sweeping victory for the clericals, and one likely to arouse a revolutionary spirit.

It proved to be the case, the opposition finally uniting against the government's conduct and furtherance of the war in Morocco.

The stern measures taken to put down the recent anti-war demonstration in Spain tended to inflame the opposition against the throne, followed by popular demonstrations of disapproval, brought matters to a crisis.

Bitter Attack Made.

When parliament reopened, the liberals, republicans and socialists bitterly assailed the government, but the cabinet showed no disposition to fight for its life. There was a violent scene in the chamber of deputies yesterday, when the opposition headed by Senator Moret Prendergast, the former premier, renewed its attack upon the government.

Minister of the Interior Laclavara, however, declared that the ministry would not resign under threats. It was then believed that while Senator Moret was determined to unhorse Premier Maura, the liberals, as distinguished from the republicans and socialists, did not desire to assume power, as under the circumstances they would then become responsible for the expenditures involved in the war in Morocco.

Speech Precipitates It.

The fall of the cabinet was regarded as inevitable after the bitter speech of Minister of the Interior La Clerva in the chamber of deputies last night, during which he classed the liberals with the republicans and socialists who were arrayed against the throne.

Today King Alfonso summoned Premier Maura, Senator Dato, former minister of the interior, and other leaders in parliament. The impression continues that the liberals will refuse to assume power, preferring to leave the conservatives to extricate themselves from the present situation as best they may.

DOGS LOSE SCENT OF THE MURDERER

Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 23.—The dogs lost the scent of the murderer this forenoon, owing to the muddy condition of the roads. The trail was lost about a mile west of Kansas City, Kan. The coroner will hold an inquest over the murderer's victim this afternoon.

BLOODHOUNDS ON TRAIL OF SLAYER

Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 23.—Bloodhounds fresh on the trail of a man suspected of the murder of Alonzo Van Royen, his wife and sister-in-law, Miss Rosa McMahon, five miles west of Kansas City, Kas., yesterday, are rapidly approaching this city today. This, the police believe, affirms the theory that the murderer came here after committing the crime.

Followed by a posse of officers and farmers, headed by Sheriff Al Becker, every one strongly armed, the bloodhounds followed the trail assiduously all of last night. They traced the suspect from the house in which the two women lay murdered to a ravine where Van Royen's body lay, turned into the road, and came toward Kansas City. A slight rain had fallen, but this seemingly did not deter the dogs from following the trail.

While the dogs are hunting today, scores of farmers are searching the country surrounding the Van Royen farm for suspects.

Officers are confident that the murderer is the stranger who has been seen with Van Royen during the last week. An excellent description of this stranger has been supplied the police by James McMahon, a brother of the dead woman. He describes him as a working man.

The police are convinced the motive of the murders was robbery. The theft of \$500 from a trunk in the house and a diamond ring from the finger of Mrs. Van Royen, apparently confirm this.

DICKINSON MAKES SPEECH.

Corpus Christi, Tex., Oct. 23.—The annual convention of the Interstate Inland Waterways league met here today, with a large number of delegates present. Secretary of War Dickinson addressed the convention this afternoon.

BOMB IN GERMAN CITY.

Munich, Oct. 23.—A bomb was exploded in the street here early today. The pavement was torn up and neighboring buildings were considerably damaged. No person was injured. There is no explanation.

DENISE DAUGHTER OF MARK TWAIN IS SUED

Gabrilovitch and Bride Cannot Understand Rumor of Alienation Action.

New York, Oct. 23.—Ossip Gabrilovitch, the Russian Clara Clemens, daughter of Mark Twain, denied that Mrs. Charles E. Wark had brought suit for alienation of affections against his wife. Mr. Gabrilovitch's statement only served to surround the rumors of a suit with deeper mystery.

Mrs. Charles E. Wark is the wife of a former accompanist of Miss Clemens. Last week an advertisement appeared in the morning papers, in which Mrs. Wark was requested to send her address to Attorney C. J. Campbell, of 246 Broadway. The next day an anonymous letter was sent to the newspaper offices, saying that every effort was being made to serve Mrs. Gabrilovitch, the former Miss Clemens, with papers in an alienation suit. Mr. Campbell would say nothing about the suit or why he had inserted the advertisement.

Cannot Explain Story.

Mr. and Mrs. Gabrilovitch were seen at the Hamburg-American line pier in Hoboken, where they had gone to cancel their passage on the Kiserin Victoria.

"My wife and I are at a loss to know what it all means," said Mr. Gabrilovitch. "There has been no suit for alienation against her, nor is she engaged in any other litigation. Mr. Wark is a personal friend of both of us, and I am sure he has nothing to do with it. The report has evidently been circulated through maliciousness."

Mr. Gabrilovitch also denied that the expected suit had anything to do with the postponement of their honeymoon on which he and the former Miss Clemens were to have started at once.

Ashcroft Denies Rumor.

He said that he was suffering from appendicitis and would undergo an operation the next day. He will probably be able to leave for Europe within three or four weeks.

R. W. Ashcroft, husband of Mark Twain's former secretary, declared that neither he nor his wife had anything to do with the circulation of the rumors of Mrs. Wark's suit. This had been suggested by Miss Jean Clemens, sister of Mrs. Gabrilovitch, who declines to discuss the matter. Ashcroft still felt revengeful as a result of the recent litigation between her and Mark Twain.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL FUND RECEIVES ENDOWMENT

Washington, Oct. 23.—A fund to be known as the Charles Elliot Horton Memorial fund, has been endowed to the Archaeological Institute of America by James Loeb, a retired banker of New York city.

This endowment fund will yield an income \$1,000 a year, which is to be paid as an honorarium to one or more distinguished foreign archaeologists who will lecture before the affiliated societies of the institute.

The creation of this endowment marks the first anniversary of the death of Professor Norton, who founded the institute which is incorporated by an act of congress, and has branches in the leading cities of the United States. It is endowed with a membership of more than 3,000.

QUARTET HELD ON CHARGE OF MURDER

Lazar, Arrested Near Terre Haute, Accused of Being One of Gang.

Terre Haute, Ind., Oct. 23.—Tony Lazar was arrested at Ehrmandale, near Terre Haute, and taken to Danville, Ill., yesterday. He is the last of four men to be arrested in connection with the killing of Bozita Tase in Danville, Ill., last December. Christo Dimitri, Rasile Chritos and Trian Kote are in jail in Danville awaiting trial.

Tase was attacked while at work in the Fairmount quarry near Danville, December 24, 1908. He died in the hospital in Danville.

In his dying statement, Tase declared Dimitri dealt the blow that caused his death. It has since developed, it is alleged, that the four men had conspired to kill Tase, so they had pooled their money to invest in Oregon land. Kote, who had roomed with Tase, learned that Tase had saved a large amount of money and carried it in a leather belt. Kote is alleged to have gone to Sioux City and planned the deed with the other men, who were working there. The Sioux City police charge that the four Italians may have known something of the killing of Tase. W. Allensworth, an American. They left Sioux City after Allensworth was murdered. Dimitri, Chritos and Kote were arrested in Danville following the death of Tase.

At the time of the Allensworth tragedy, the men, Vasile Dimitri and Chritos Dimitri, were examined by the coroner's jury, which held that the men were not responsible for the death of Allensworth. When under suspicion here the two men declared themselves to be brothers. In the present case the claim is set up by them that they are of no relation. The cases are very similar in some of the details.

TREATY TO SECURE MEXICAN POLITICAL OFFENDERS RUMORED

El Paso, Tex., Oct. 23. According to reports in circulation in El Paso, a new extradition treaty between the United States and Mexico will soon be exchanged as a result of the recent meeting between Presidents Taft and Diaz.

The treaty, it is said, will make easier the securing of political offenders.

PRESBYTERIANS WANT PASTOR AT STATE "U."

Dubuque, Ia., Oct. 23.—Dr. W. O. Ruston, of Dubuque, was elected to the five-year term office as state clerk. Dr. George McClain, president of the state university, is speaker tonight. Presbyterian synod here today will make an effort for the appointment of a Presbyterian minister to the state university to care for the spiritual wants of students of that denomination. Iowa City is slated for the next convention.