

WILL RETURN INDICTMENTS

Seattle Grand Jury Is Hard at Work. Police Officers Who Stood In With the Gamblers Will Be Given a Chance to Explain Themselves.

Special to the Daily Nugget.

Seattle, Jan. 17.—Seattle's grand jury has returned its first indictment. It is against Michael Bartlett, who is accused of murdering his wife. The investigation of alleged police corruption has been renewed with vigor. The grand jury has evidence sufficient

to make several additional indictments. It is believed that several police officers are loaded with more trouble than they can carry, as also four big gambling house proprietors, two city officials and a politician or two. Evidence of corruption grows stronger.

LAST HOPE VANISHES

La Belle Informed of His Certain Fate

Scaffold Completed. This Evening and Will be Officially Tested on Monday.

The last straw to which Edward La Belle was clinging in the hopes that his life would be spared and the hangman cheated of his prey has parted asunder and the hope that has kept the condemned murderer buoyed up so long has left him with the certainty of an early death at the hands of the law staring him in the face. For the past week his sole anxiety has been concerning the condition of the telegraph and to every visitor he would ask if the wire was up. Sheriff Ellbeck visited him yesterday afternoon and to him was the same question put, "Is the wire up yet?" The sheriff replied that it was not but that the moment communication with the outside was established he would so inform him. Later in the evening the sheriff received the news that it is of such import to the condemned, but deferred breaking it to him until this morning. This forenoon he repaired to La Belle's cell and informed him of the word he had received, that the supreme court had refused to interfere in the execution and that it would take place on Tuesday as arranged some time ago. The priest was with La Belle at the time and heard the sheriff tell the condemned man what his fate was to be.

"The time has arrived, La Belle," said the sheriff, "when I must be plain with you. The supreme court has refused to allow you a new trial and I am clothed with full authority to carry out the sentence of the court next Tuesday morning. You are in good hands now and I would advise you to put more confidence in your spiritual adviser than in anything else. Anything that I can do for you let me know and I will see that it is done, but the law will take its course on Tuesday morning next."

La Belle was very much affected and felt very badly. He had hopes all along that the influence of his relatives would be sufficient to bring about a new trial or at least a commutation of his sentence to life imprisonment, and now that they have failed his last hope has disappeared. The death warrants that will be read in the cells this morning of the execution prior to the march to the scaffold have been in the hands of the sheriff for several days. They bear the signature of Mr. Justice Craig, before whom the case was tried, and J. S. McKay, acting territorial clerk. The scaffold will be completed this evening and will be officially tested on Monday in the presence of a few invited guests and the members of

NO HOPE

Ottawa, Jan. 17.—The Dominion cabinet finally concluded this morning not to grant the appeal of La Belle for a new trial nor to exercise the prerogative of mercy.

the press. The beam from which the ropes will be suspended is a huge, well seasoned stick in size 10x10 and large enough to support with ease a dozen men. The condemned will be given a drop of seven feet. Straps for binding their arms and legs have been received and all is in readiness for the final act of the tragedy, which began by the murder of three helpless and harmless individuals ten miles below the mouth of the Stewart river.

But little attention has been given to Fournier as he has been so morose and sulky he would speak to no one. This morning for the first time he was detected reading his bible. He has seen the priest once but refused him admittance to his cell and conversed only a few moments through the grating. He may die repentant, but it is believed by his captors that he will go to his death with sealed lips as to the past, fearing neither God, man nor the devil.

THE THIRTY-NINERS

Victor Grant Was a Mauvaise Quart d'Heure.

Victor Grant, the mining recorder, had to laugh this morning, though when lunch time came, and the hour of closing his department came, the laugh was a little awry. In accordance with the ruling of the gold commissioner in the protest case as to No. 4 Lovett gulch, it became his duty to issue certificates to each of the thirty-nine who were adjudged the stakers of this claim, and of course he had to write these thirty-nine names upon each one of the certificates of location. It was fun the first time, and Mr. Grant said, when he had written all these names close together on the back of one of the forms—'for there was not a tenth of the space required on the face of the document.' "Did you ever see anything like that?" But when other applicants came and he had to write that undecipherable hand of his on several, with a contingency on sight that he will have to write those thirty-nine names thirty-nine times, he grew desperate and read all the blue laws of the Dominion before the confederation was effected. There was great sympathy expressed throughout the department by Jack McLagan, Mr. Noble, Mr. Finnie, and others.

FAREWELL BENEFIT

Tomorrow Night at the Auditorium to Leading Players.

Mr. Readick, the leading man of the Bittner company, determined during the week to go to the outside, and of course his wife, who has become popular under the stage name of Miss, goes with him. Mr. Readick could not gauge his popularity until he had announced his intention to leave, and the notes of regret that he has since received have been remarkably flattering. But his arrangements were made, and the next best thing that his friends could do was to give him a good send off. A benefit was therefore arranged for the Auditorium tomorrow night, and all the theatre people in town most willingly give their services to make it a success. The entertainment tomorrow night promises to be one of the best that have ever been given in the city.

She's sent me a "bid" to her wedding. And I, when I think of my debts, Am glad that I've something to send her— It's cheap. I shall send my "regrets." —Philadelphia Press.



TODAY'S DISPATCHES ILLUSTRATED.

SUFFERING FROM WANT OF COAL

Cold Weather Finds People in the East Totally Unprepared as Result of Great Strike—Ten Car Loads of Coal Confiscated by Citizens of Tuscola, Illinois—Mayor Was Powerless to Prevent Action Being Taken—Grand Jury of Chicago Will Investigate the Situation—Congress May Interfere and Confiscate the Mines.

Washington, Jan. 17.—The fuel famine stringency has resulted in a resolution in congress to take over the operation of all coal mines and railroads for the relief of national suffering, and that duties on coal be removed.

Chicago, Jan. 17.—Citizens in many places have seized carloads of coal, refunding the regular market prices.

Chicago, Jan. 17.—The coal stringency is leading to many turbulent scenes. At Tuscola, Ill., 200 citizens today confiscated ten carloads of coal at the Illinois Central Railway

yards and distributed the fuel among the sufferers. There is not a pound of coal in the salesmen's yards there and when the people saw the loaded cars sidetracked they determined to relieve the situation. The mayor tried to stop their action but the board of health was against him. It passed a resolution stating that the action was for the preservation of the health of citizens.

Chicago, Jan. 17.—The Chicago wholesale price of anthracite advanced \$3 in one jump and now is \$11.50 per ton. The grand jury is investigating the coal situation and witnesses have testified that a dozen companies are parties to an agreement to keep up the price, even in these terrible times. Indignation is expressed at this extra heartlessness of the corporations and the Hearst papers are making a great battle against the companies. The press generally is inclined to side with the Tuscola raiders, especially in view of the fact that business men and bankers joined in the raid and appointed a committee to collect money to pay for coal. They say necessity was the mother of the seizure.

Springfield, Ill., Jan. 17.—A coal train was also held up in this city and at Arcola. The citizens stopped a train of 30 cars. They paid for the fuel.

Topeka, Kan., Jan. 17.—In Kansas the coal famine is taking on a very serious aspect. The state reform school is entirely out of fuel and many manufacturing concerns have closed down.

New York, Jan. 17.—The price of coal broke slightly in New York yesterday. A further decline is expected today.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Of South Carolina Attempts Murder

Quarrel Arose as to Outcome of a Notorious Senatorial Dispute.

Columbus, S. C., Jan. 17.—Lieutenant-Governor Tillman of South Carolina on Thursday shot at J. G. Goggin, editor of the State. The wound is serious, and probably will result in death. The quarrel was the outcome of the notorious fight between Senators Tillman and McLauria at the last session of the house. It increased the editor's opposition to Tillman's election. The governor was arrested immediately.

Washington, Dec. 8.—The Russian ambassador, Count Cassini, authorizes an absolute denial of the report, circulated from Vienna that a plot had been discovered to assassinate the czar at Livalla.

YES, IT IS COLD

But It Was Much Colder This Time Two Years Ago.

It was a trifle chilly yesterday, and people who got up too early this morning complained that it was really cold. Well, for the twenty-four hours ending nine o'clock this morning the thermometer had wavered between 24 and 47 below, and at noon today it was only 44. The sun shone bright yesterday and tried his best to do so today, but not with quite the same success. There was too much fog. But at this time two years ago, it must be remembered, we had the coldest snap of all. The thermometer fell to 89 1/2 by half past nine in the morning, just the time when the lawyers and doctors were considering whether it was worth while to get up that day or not. That was the coldest on record so far, and the fact that the thermometer had no such desperate intentions this year may be accepted as some consolation.

Dr. Isadore McWilliam Bourke was in court this morning in response to a warning issued at the instance of the city health department. No information has been laid yet and at the request of the prospective defendant his honor promised that in case an action was brought it would not be heard on Monday. The complaint against the doctor is said to be due to the alleged uncleanly condition of the rear of the premises occupied by the Hotel Metropole.

AT THE RINK

Programme for Next Week if the Weather is Moderate.

It is expected that the weather is too inclement to expect a big crowd at the Athletic rink tonight, but on Monday evening there will be general skating with the police hand in attendance. On Tuesday will be played the great game of hockey between the Athletic team and the City Eagles. On Wednesday evening the long-talked-of game between two teams of lay men will take place. Willie Rittner, one of the principal players, is attempting to bring his weight down from 550 pounds to 270 pounds, so that he will be able to play in the same class as Dick Cowan. On Thursday there will be general skating to the music of the police band. On Saturday night will be the great fight between the City Eagles and the Civil Service, hockey, and the ambulances will line up at an early hour.

DID'NT DO IT

Vienna, Jan. 17.—Countess Lonyay, former Crown Princess Stephanie of Austria, who was asserted in the newspapers to have deserted her husband, Count Elemer Lonyay, has telegraphed from Cape Martes, France, as follows: "Stories untrue, count here. Deny impertinent rumors."

CAUSED BY LEAKING BOILERS

Steamship St. Louis Completes a Perilous Voyage Across the Atlantic—Passengers Highly Indignant and Adopt Resolutions of Condemnation.

Special to the Daily Nugget.

New York, Jan. 17.—Leaking boilers caused an unusually long voyage by the American liner St. Louis, which arrived at New York this morning. The ship could only steam five knots an hour in fine weather.

New York, Jan. 17.—The St. Louis passengers passed resolutions condemning the American Line for permitting them to embark in a steamer whose condition was so pitiable. Much indignation is expressed at the company. The passengers say the vessel was unfit to go to sea. They cannot too severely condemn the recklessness of the management in sending a crippled vessel to sea with a cargo of human freight to contend against the storms and perils of the

Atlantic at a particularly perilous season of the year. The passengers requested the captain of the steamer to transfer them in mid-ocean but he pointed out that it would be a most dangerous undertaking. They thanked him and the officers for uniform courtesy under trying circumstances. However, it is believed that the company placed their lives in jeopardy. The company has issued a statement that nothing was known as to the condition of the boiler, but would have prevented the vessel reaching New York after a normal passage. The marked loss of steaming power could not be foreseen and even in the light of present knowledge nothing in any way affects the perfect safety of the ship.

PRUSSIAN DIET

Speech of Throne Takes a Gloomy View.

Berlin, Jan. 17.—The Prussian diet has been reopened. The speech took a gloomy view of the finances of Prussia, showing a deficit of \$9,375,000. Bills are announced for furthering the Germanization of Polish provinces in Prussia, and to improve the administration of railroads and the extension of the state railroad system.

WON FIGHT

Brokers Sold Cotton Without an Order.

Washington, Jan. 17.—A fight for \$52,000 has been won in the American courts by Michael H. Thomas of Dallas, Texas, whose New York brokers sold 23,000 bales of cotton without his order.

HEAVY LOSS

Fire Breaks Out in the Gould Home.

New York, Jan. 17.—Fire began in a mysterious manner in the Fifth avenue home of George J. Gould and burned valuable tapestries and several paintings, causing a damage of \$125,000.

JEALOUS RAGE

Ends in Double Murder and Suicide.

Chicago, Jan. 17.—E. J. Conley, in a fit of jealousy, killed Miss Jennie Dyer yesterday and painfully injured her escort, Frank Fay Merritt. He then put a bullet into his own heart.

SHAMROCK III.

Is Rapidly Approaching Completion at Ship Yards.

Dunbar, Jan. 17.—Shamrock III is rapidly building at Dunbar. She is now completely framed and more than half plated. Typing this morning completed all arrangements for the launching.

HEART DISEASE

Carries off a Famous English Philanthropist.

London, Jan. 17.—Quinton Hogg, founder of the great London Polytechnic, died suddenly of heart disease this morning aged 54.

TREATED SERIOUSLY

Government Appoints Veterinary Surgeon to Look After Glanders.

Dr. Zera Strong, veterinary surgeon, has been appointed veterinary surgeon of the Dominion government to handle the outbreak of glanders, of which disease several cases have recently been reported. It does not seem, however, that the disease is likely to become epidemic and so doubt Dr. Strong will at once take steps to prevent it spreading.

Send a copy of the Nugget's Christmas edition to your outside friends.

At Auditorium—Virginia.

EIGHTEEN

WERE LOST

Bark Hanson Wrecked Off Flattery

Story of the Disaster as Told by Second Officer of the Ship.

Seattle, Jan. 17.—Second Officer Hanson of the bark Prince Arthur, which was wrecked near Cape Flattery, resulting in the loss of 18 lives, gives the following account of the disaster:

"At 1 o'clock in the morning the vessel was running eastward with a strong westerly wind. Capt. Markussen had made no observations for three days but felt confident that the ship was inside Cape Flattery and sailing up the Straits of Juan de Fuca. Suddenly a light was seen ahead and the officers decided it was the lighthouse ashore. Orders were quickly given to wear ship, the vessel was brought about and stood off the shore.

"The officers were congratulating themselves on their narrow escape when the bark struck a rock. Capt. Markussen ordered the pumps manned and investigated the damage. He found the vessel had struck a glancing blow and one of the plates was split. Preparations were made to stop the leak and the vessel was making good headway seaward when the second reef was struck. Captain Markussen remarked that they would soon be in deep water and out of danger. A consultation was then held and the bark rising on a huge wave fell on a jagged rock, literally collapsed and was swept by a tremendous wave which took everyone overboard and almost annihilated the vessel.

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SEEK INVESTIGATION.

Macdonald Desires Dr. Bourke's Charges Investigated.

When the Nugget appeared yesterday, denying the statement of Dr. Bourke that Mayor Wood had asked a commission to investigate the doctor's charges against certain members of the old city council, Alderman Macdonald telephoned to Mayor Wood that he desired such an investigation to be made. The alderman says today that he shall apply for such an investigation, but what form this application will take has not yet been decided upon.

RECORD TIME.

Dawson to Whitehorse Less Than 4 Days.

A telegram was received from Whitehorse this morning, by Mr. H. Jones from his partner, Mr. Grey, of the Dawson Hardware Co., Ltd., to the effect that his party had arrived there at 8 a. m., breaking all previous records—three days and eighteen hours. They will catch the steamer Cottage City at Skagway. Mr. Grey and Mr. Geo. Murphy both left on Tuesday morning last at 11 a. m.

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