

PARDEE MORRIS TELLS STORY OF THE MURDER OF LING GUN

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His Part, He Says, Was Innocent; but He Helped in the Search, and Served on Coroner's Jury.

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Managers, Nicaragua, Dec. 20.—"Death to Zelaya" cried the rioters who formed at the railroad yesterday and forcibly released several political prisoners. The police made a demonstration, training Maxim gun on the rioters.

DRIVEN TO TAKE LIFE AT INSTIGATION OF OTHERS

It Was Necessary to Arraign Women So They Could Be Held Pending Return of Indictments.

FORTNER FORGERY CASE IS ON TRIAL IN ST. LOUIS

Fortner, Who Was a Social Leader, Alleged to Have Uttered Forged Check for \$11,000.

MAJ. CHAS. P. BOLLES DEAD AT THE AGE OF 86 YEARS

It Was He Who Planned the Splendid Fortification at Wilmington, During the War.

THIRTY FAMILIES THROWN INTO PANIC BY FLAMES

It Exploded in the Hallway, and the People Scrambled, Rushed Out Into Streets.

LAST PLEA TO SAVE WALSH; WHIPT OF REVIEW ASKED FOR

This Action Believed to Exhaust Every Known Recourse by Which He Might Escape.

MEN OF GREAT LEARNING TO ASSEMBLE NEXT WEEK

Boston Will Entertain American Association for Advancement of Science.

ANNIVERSARY OF SECESSION OBSERVED IN PALMETTO STATE

Exercises, Under Auspices of Veterans and Daughters, Held in Many Places.

REV. FATHER SHERMAN IN A CALIFORNIA SANITARIUM

Was Nearly Killed by a Train at Santa Barbara, Cal., Two Days Ago.

THREE ARE BURNED

Chicago, Dec. 20.—John Corrodo, aged seven, Charles Corrodo, aged two, and Mary Corrodo, aged four, were burned to death today when their home caught fire during their parents' absence.

THE WEATHER:

Forecast until 8 p. m., Tuesday, for Asheville and vicinity: Partly cloudy and colder weather tonight, with a minimum temperature of about 15 degrees; Tuesday, fair, continued cold.

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Pittsburg, Dec. 20.—Seventy-five thousand trainmen, employed on about 75 railroads east of the Mississippi river, will today, through officials of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, formally notify the various divisions and railroads affected, that a demand for an increase of five to forty per cent. in wages, will be made January 3rd.

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New York, Dec. 20.—Another chapter was recorded today in the O'cey Snead murder mystery, with the arraignment of Mrs. Caroline Martin, the mother, and Mrs. Mary Snead, the aunt. Prosecutor Mott declared that the authenticity of the "suicide note" was no longer doubted. The prosecutor declared: "I knew absolutely, if the girl committed suicide, it was at the instigation of others. The letters she wrote prove she was deceived into believing her husband would not return. Finally she was taken into a lonely house, and given an opportunity to do away with herself."

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St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 20.—The case of M. Dwight Fortner, a former leader in the business and social life of St. Louis, who was recently extradited from France on a charge of forgery was called for trial today. Fortner is charged with having forged the name of Henry C. Talley to a check for \$11,000 obtained through a real estate transaction, after which he is alleged to have fled to Paris by way of New Orleans and Panama. In addition to the forgery charges, ten other indictments, based upon Fortner's alleged manipulation of deeds of trust on property belonging to his wife, also hang over the defendant. Fortner came to St. Louis some years ago from Little Rock and obtained employment as a hotel clerk. He married into a prominent family, his father-in-law being A. H. Handlan, a wealthy business man, and his sister-in-law being the divorced wife of William J. Lemp, Jr.

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Washington, D. C., Dec. 20.—Major Charles P. Bolles, the Confederate veteran engineer, who built the first battery, laid out the plan of fortification which withstood the bombardment of the Federal fleet during the civil war, is dead, at 86 years of age. He was the last surviving of the staff of General Whiting, C. S. A., and until a few years ago was draughtsman in the navy department at Washington.

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