

REV. M'FARLAND UNDER ARREST

Prominent Educator and Presbyterian Minister Held After Tragic Death of Pittsburgh Girl.

IN DYING STATEMENT WOMAN ACCUSED HIM

Says She Thought Him Physician—Another Man Involved—Grand Jury Has the Case.

Knoxville, Jan. 15.—Rev. W. D. McFarland, Presbyterian missionary, declines to make any statement concerning the charges against him in Pittsburgh in connection with the death of Miss Dodds Coe, his former stenographer.

Case Before Grand Jury. Pittsburgh, Jan. 15.—Rollin McConnell of Chicago, whose name was mentioned at the coroner's inquest into the death of Miss Dodds Coe, who died here Friday as the result of a criminal operation, conferred today with District Attorney Blakely.

Miss Coe had been Dr. McFarland's secretary and before her death she made an antemortem statement to a deputy coroner in which she implicated Dr. McFarland and one Rollin McConnell, who is now employed in the Westinghouse offices in Chicago.

At an inquest held yesterday and attended by the district attorney, evidence was presented to show that Dr. McFarland left here in 1910, to take up missionary work in Tennessee, with headquarters at Greenville.

Dr. McFarland, who is about 30 years old, was at one time engaged in editorial work and later he was president of a small western college.

ARRIVE TO REARRANGE COTTON SHIPPING PLAN

Englishmen at New York to Meet American Bankers, Railroad Men and Factors.

New York, Jan. 15.—To get into closer touch with American bankers, railroad men and cotton shippers and to arrange a more satisfactory system of safeguarding cotton bills against fraud and forgery, H. Kern, chairman of the Liverpool cotton bills of lading conference committee, and James H. Simpson, secretary of the European Bankers conference committee, reached here on the steamship Franconi today.

The European representatives' visit is regarded as indicating that the operation of the cotton bills of lading central bureau has not come up to expectation of foreign buyers and it is felt some amendments to the present plans are necessary.

THINK LIQUOR SALE ESSENTIAL IN PANAMA

Col. Goethals Says It Is Needed for Contentment of Canal Zone Laborers.

Washington, Jan. 15.—The fact that the sale of liquor in the canal zone is permitted by Col. George W. Goethals, engineer in charge of the work, and is upheld by him as being necessary for the "contentment" of the laborers has shocked some members of the house committee on interstate and foreign commerce who had from "dry" states and have just returned from a trip of inspection to Panama.

There are now four distilleries and 47 saloons in the canal zone. Last year there were 59 saloons. An order from the chief engineer would wipe them out at once, but he refuses to issue that order. He believes in an army canteen and uses the same argument in support of the sale of liquor under strict regulation on the territory under American supervision that was advanced by Gen. Leonard Wood, chief of staff, in favor of the re-establishment of the army canteen.

Farley Lands at New York Tomorrow.

New York, Jan. 15.—Cardinal Farley, with his suite, who is aboard the steamship Berlin, will arrive tonight at Sandy Hook and lands tomorrow at the Battery, where the parade in his honor begins.

The Revere House Burned.

Boston, Jan. 15.—The Revere house, one of New England's oldest hotels, was partially destroyed by fire this morning. The loss is estimated at \$100,000.

CLARENCE MACKAY GIVES HIS VIEWS

Does Not Believe Government Will Buy Lines While Competition Keeps up.

Special to The Gazette-News.

New York, Jan. 15.—Clarence H. Mackay, being asked in regard to the proposition of Postmaster General Hitchcock that the government take over the telegraph lines said, "This would lead to taking over the telephone lines also. The British government found this to be so and two weeks ago it took over the telephone lines in England at an enormous expense. This telegraph and telephone lines in this country are worth from \$2,000,000 to \$3,000,000,000. This would include the independent telephone companies owning nearly \$500,000,000 of property and having some 450,000 stockholders. I venture to say that they would be operated by the government at great annual loss just as in Great Britain where the losses on the telegraphs alone up to date are figured at \$175,000,000. Moreover, the government would then be employing hundreds of thousands of clerks, telephone girls, telegraph operators, managers, etc. It would be a colossal political machine. I have reasons for saying that taking over the telegraph lines would mean also taking over the telephone lines. Are you aware of what is going on at this very time? Western Union offices are being closed by the Bell Telephone company and the telegraph service incorporated with the telephone service.

"Postal Only Thing Left." He says, "The auditor of the Western Union recently announced that one hundred and fifty of such Western Union offices have been treated in this way. This includes such large cities as Augusta, Me., the capital of the state. If it keeps on the Western Union will disappear as a separate concern then there will be but one real telegraph company 'the Postal' Telephone managers will control the Western Union Telegraph lines, that will mean had telegraph service by the Western Union. Competition between the telegraph and long distance telephone is eliminated so far as the Western Union and Bell Telephone are concerned. Whether all this is legal and whether the public will stand for it remains to be seen. The Postal company is the only thing left: if that should stop, then the government certainly would take over the telegraph lines. There is another thing; when governments buy large properties, they generally pay exorbitant prices just as when a city buys land for a park. The English government paid out enormous sums for the telegraph lines and then found to its surprise that it had to settle with the railroads with which the telegraph companies had contracts. I happen to know that this disturbed the government very much, but the government was in for it and had to carry it through, always at the expense of the taxpayers. The Western Union has thousands of contracts with railroads in this country and if the government should take over the telegraph lines it would have to settle for these, also. On the whole, I guess the American government will not buy the telegraph lines so long as the Postal keeps up competition. The Postal lines are not for sale."

Freeze Delays Trains. Many trains have been delayed during the past two days by the cold, sleet and ice. It was so bad yesterday and today that Norfolk Southern freight trains were ordered not to leave the city. The weather bureau reports a temperature of six degrees above zero Sunday morning, but other thermometers indicated zero.

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Stockholm, Sweden, Jan. 15.—Women will henceforth take a full and equal share with men in the political life of Sweden. A speech from the throne at the opening of the riksdag today contained the announcement that a bill was to be introduced enfranchising women and making them eligible at elections to the riksdag on the same conditions as men.

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RANK TOMFOOLERY

That Is the Way Roosevelt Regards the Report That He Is Steel Trust Candidate.

New York, Jan. 15.—Theodore Roosevelt declared he was "not discussing pipe dreams" when asked today about the report that he was favored by the steel interest for the presidential nomination.

"That is a depth of tomfoolery to which I cannot go," he said.

Deaths from Cold in New York. New York, Jan. 15.—After climbing to 33 degrees yesterday, the mercury shrank back to three above zero this morning. Three deaths were caused by the cold. For the first time in 29 years, Staten Island sound between Elizabethport and Fort Richmond is frozen over and persons are crossing on the ice.

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Where five Persons Lost Lives In Plunge of Car Through Ice



GRAPPLING FOR VICTIMS OF BROOKVILLE AUTOMOBILE TRAGEDY.

Five persons, two men and three girls, were drowned in the spot shown in this photograph, near Trenton, when an automobile in which they were returning home at 2 o'clock in the morning, driven by Frederick Foster, skidded on the highway and plunged into a power canal. Foster was thrown over the steering wheel and swam ashore. The others, pinned in the car, were drowned.

FIVE OPPONENTS FOR POU'S PLACE?

Rumor Says So—Mr. Bickett Said to Be One of Them—Trains Badly Delayed.

Gazette-News Bureau. The Hotel Raleigh, Raleigh, Jan. 15.

Interest in politics has been increased by the appearance of a story to the effect that Congressman E. W. Pou of the Fourth district is to have five opponents for his place next summer. It is said that T. W. Bickett, attorney general; Herbert E. Norris, solicitor of this district; R. H. Hayes of Chambers county, A. C. Zellocoffer of Henderson and possibly T. T. Thorne of Rocky Mount will enter the race. While there is nothing authoritative as to the attitude of any of these gentlemen, it was generally believed that Attorney General Bickett was waiting for a proper time to announce his candidacy for governor—not next fall, but in 1916. He may not have decided to run for congress, but "they say" he has, and his candidacy is being talked hereabouts.

All of these men are good lawyers and strong speakers and there is no doubt that they would make the campaign interesting. Mr. Pou heretofore has not had serious opposition, but with a fight like this, the chances are much more against him than ever before. Mr. Thorne is said to have remarked that if these other men enter the fight, he reckoned he might as well get in too.

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30,000 HOMELESS; FIRE SWEEPS CITY

More Than 5000 Buildings Destroyed by Flames at Osaka, Japan.

Osaka, Japan, Jan. 15.—A series of fires swept unchecked across the southern half of this city today, fanned by a strong wind. According to official figures 5253 buildings were destroyed and 30,000 persons were rendered homeless. The conflagration was under control late this afternoon.

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SETTLE AT WHITE HOUSE ON POLITICAL MISSION

Supposedly Sounded the President Following the Duncan Interview.

Gazette-News Bureau. Wyatt Building, Washington, Jan. 15.

Thomas Settle was among the White House callers yesterday. It is assumed that Mr. Settle talked over North Carolina political conditions with the president. National Committeeman Duncan was at the White House last week and the Butler-Morehead faction probably determined to ascertain if possible whether anything unpleasant was impending.

For years Mr. Settle was firmly of the opinion that the republicans of North Carolina should send an uninvited delegation to the national convention, but this was before the Asheville man had been recognized in a substantial way. It is unlikely that Mr. Settle is now harboring such politically altruistic and broadly patriotic notions. W. A. H.

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CLEVELAND MURDER SUSPECTS FREED

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It is hoped that by the next term of court there will have developed something that will throw some light on the case. As it now stands the murder is just as much a mystery as it ever was, with the exception of the confessed implicity of John Ross who has plead guilty and who has already been sentenced to die in the electric chair February 15.

It may never be known who the true perpetrators of the crime were, but the Dixons and the Clines are not going to be satisfied until the murderers are brought to justice.

HEIRESS LEFT HOME FOR LOVE OF WAITER

Violet Beuhler Says She Hoped to Marry Him—Stories Conflicting.

New York, Jan. 15.—Violet Beuhler, the runaway Chicago heiress arrested here yesterday after several weeks' search, is eagerly awaiting the arrival of her mother, Mrs. Herman Beuhler. The 15 years old girl told so many conflicting stories that the authorities are unable to learn definitely whether the girl was persuaded to run away. The police will take action if she was coaxed away.

The Beuhler girl says she is in love with Jack Clune, a waiter, and wanted to marry him.

ONLY CHURCHLESS CITY FAVORS WET SUNDAYS

Majority of Women Who Balloted at Vernon, Cal., Were for Open Town.

Los Angeles, Jan. 15.—Vernon, near here, the only incorporated city in the United States having no church, voted for "wet" Sundays yesterday. Fifteen women voted and most of them voted "wet."

TO WELCOME RULERS

Great Popular Demonstration Will Follow Naval Review as English Monarch Returns.

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Cincinnati, Jan. 15.—Thomas F. McClure, who was president of the Metropolitan Bank and Trust company when it was closed by bank examiners two months ago, dropped dead in the federal building here today. McClure was indicted for receiving deposits when he knew the bank was insolvent.

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Lawrence, Mass., Jan. 15.—No further disturbance was reported this morning in the textile workers strike. The Everett Pemberton and Lawrence duck mills, employing four thousand, were closed. In the remainder of the mills about one-fourth of the average number of employees started work.

HURLS BOMB AT PREMIER YUAN

Two Dead, 10 Dying and Seven Others Injured as Result of Attempt at Assassination.

STATESMAN UNSCATHED, HIS HORSES KILLED

Was Being Driven to the Imperial Palace When Missile Was Thrown—Imperialists Advance.

Peking, Jan. 15.—A bomb thrown at Premier Yuan Shi-Kai's carriage, while he was on his way to the imperial court yesterday, which killed two soldiers and injured seventeen persons, both civilians and soldiers. Probably ten will die. The horses attached to the premier's carriage were killed.

Yuan Shi-Kai has been repeatedly warned that attempts would be made against his life. Friends have urged the premier to capitulate and others, fearing his assassination, urged him to take refuge in the foreign concessions at Tien Tsin.

The revolutionists have more than once threatened Yuan with dynamite. The premier, however, informed Sir John Jordan, the British minister, that he did not fear assassination. A guard of 25 cavalymen usually escorted his carriage through the streets of Peking.

In November, according to a Chicago report, an attempt was made to assassinate Yuan but this report was never confirmed.

The imperial army, after much fighting, has succeeded in pushing its way to within sixty miles of Sian Fu. The entire province of Shen Si is in a turmoil. Many towns have been looted and deserted.

The reported massacre of 10,000 Manchus by rebels in the Shen Si district is confirmed. Conditions in the interior of China are graphically described in an interview with Adolph Herman, who went to Tai Yuan-Fu to rescue women and children of the China inland mission. He says the impression he got from the rebels was far from favorable. There was no responsible head.

REP. LEVY OPPOSING NEW TRUST INQUIRIES

Says Committee of House Will "Agitate and Accomplish Nothing."

Washington, Jan. 15.—Representative Levy of New York argued before the house rules committee today against the proposed investigation into the "money trust," the shipping combine and the International Harvester company.

"I think these matters should be referred to the proper committees," he said, "to draft laws to aid these industries rather than to agitate, probe and accomplish nothing. This continual agitation of these business enterprises is tying up the business of the country."

Representative Lindberg of Minnesota, author of the "money trust" resolution, replying to Levy said he saw no reason why the proposed inquiry should be retarded because of the wish of New York bankers. "If they are doing anything wrong and are fleeing the public," he said, "the public ought to know it; if they are not, they have nothing to fear."

BREWER'S POLICIES

New Mississippi Governor for White Supremacy and Reform of Court Procedure.

Jackson, Miss., Jan. 15.—Advocacy of the political supremacy of the white race was one of the features of the message of Earl Brewer, inaugurated governor of Mississippi today. He succeeds E. F. Noel. The new executive would prohibit liquor sellers from advertising their wares in Mississippi, wants the child labor laws strengthened and asks that the criminal statutes and rules regulating court procedure in Mississippi be overhauled.

MILL RIOTING CEASES

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THREE-TENTHS DEGREE MINUS

The Official Reading This Morning, but Other Thermometers Tell Varying Stories as to Minimum.

MANY HOUSEHOLDERS HAVE PIPE TROUBLES

Plumbers Busy—Public Service Corporations Are Not Experiencing Much Difficulty.

Three men, who live on Charlotte street, and who are accustomed to walk to business, simultaneously opened their front doors this morning, calculating to a nicety just the minute the car would pass, and with three separate and distinct showers they swung on before the car had come to a full stop. On th car they met a plumber, who can afford to ride every day, and naturally the conversation turned on water pipes. One of the original three stated that he had not had the courage to try to turn on the water in his house; another had cut his off or had tried to without any result; the third had turned on his but a burst pipe had caused him to cut it off immediately. The plumber had the face to admit that the water in his home was running merrily. The irony of fate.

Harvest Time For Them. The plumbers are reaping a rich harvest today. Water pipes froze in houses where it had not been necessary to cut the water off this winter. In a drugstore a gentleman was seen who had armed himself with a blow torch and was starting to thaw out his water meter. He had no sympathy for the meter but the water would not run. Some householders had the good sense to slip up with their pipes all night and kept fire.

The people of the city, as a general thing, attribute the zero weather to the coming of Dr. Cook. And it was zero weather. In fact, it was three-tenths of a degree below, according to the weather man, and at 12 o'clock he had received over 50 calls asking just how cold it was. It ought to be a warning to him. There were thermometers that registered much lower. One went down to five below and a milkman from Beavertown declared that his thermometer recorded 10 degrees below zero at noon the official reading was 11 above; at 3:30 p. m. it was 20.

Nearly everything was frozen that was freezable, even the fountain pool was almost frozen over.

At Charlotte, where they have been experiencing extremely cold weather, it was eight above last night, and to show the extremes in the country the reports are that the mercury was 89 above yesterday in Phoenix, Ariz. The weather man promised that it might be warmer tomorrow and by Thursday he thought that we should at least have "seasonable" weather.

Most of the trains ran late today, although some of them were not very late; it is presumed that the reason for this was the difficulty in getting the engines to steam. The Carolina special was two hours late and so was the morning train from Murphy, and No. 12 was 40 minutes late; No. 29 was 20 minutes behind; No. 22 was one hour. Nos. 9 and 11 were on time.

The Asheville and East Tennessee railroad missed the first trip; that is, the first car did not get into Asheville until 8 o'clock, but the cars ran regularly the rest of the day.

And other public service concerns are still working well and have not been very much inconvenienced as yet.

"We had some trouble yesterday," it was stated at the Western Union office, "but fortunately the linemen were in convenient reach of the places where it occurred. The gang of construction men on the Murphy division, sent to the Charlotte-Atlanta line last week to help repair the steel storm damage, returned yesterday. We had wires open all day, and there was no interruption in our territory. We have two wires working with Charlotte this morning, although the Atlanta connection is broken now. We expect to handle business promptly. The cold bothers us but little. It is sleet and freezing rain that puts us out of business."

"We are in good shape," reports the manager of the Postal Telegraph company. "Unless the weather grows worse we do not anticipate any serious difficulty," it was stated by the Asheville Electric company. "There is some ice at the Ornsby plant, but no trouble has been reported from the Marshall plant. Our steam auxiliary is about capable of pulling the entire load, if necessary, and we have been getting (Continued on page 2.)

FEAR FOR PEACH CROP

Growers in the East Expect Only Five to 10 Per Cent. of a Normal Yield.

New Haven, Jan. 15.—The past week's heavy cold, it is feared, has ruined the greater part of the peach crop in the east. Several growers look for only about five to ten per cent of the normal crop.