

N. P. TRAIN IS DITCHED

FIVE COACHES ARE DERAILED NEAR CENTRALIA

SOCIETY AGOG OVER SECRET WEDDING

Rumored Nuptials of Mrs. Martha Van de Vanter and Frank Purcell of Seattle Causes Flurry.

REPUTED BRIDE WIDOW OF ONLY FIVE MONTHS

Alleged Bridegroom Denies Soft Impeachment, but Old Friends of Dead Senator Assert Report Is True.

THE reported secret marriage of Mrs. Martha Triplett Van de Vanter, widow of the late Senator A. T. Van de Vanter, who died on September 15, 1907, as the result of an automobile accident, to Frank Purcell, president of the Purcell Safe Company of Seattle, is a rumor that is agitating society of this city.

From many sides have come seemingly authentic reports of the marriage. Purcell denies that any such ceremony has taken place, but it is the expressed belief of a number of former close friends of Van de Vanter that the couple have been married for several weeks at least and that it was their intention to keep the marriage a secret for six months on account of the fact that time has elapsed since the death of Senator Van de Vanter.

An effort to obtain confirmation of the report from men who were close to Van de Vanter during his life, and also well acquainted with Mrs. Van de Vanter, has resulted in assurance that they are satisfied the marriage has taken place, though none of the persons who were consulted would say so.

WOMAN IS WEALTHY

The reputed bride, who was Miss Martha May Triplett, was married to Van de Vanter in Kent on June 24, 1900, at the time of his death they were living in the Van de Vanter family home at Van Asselt. The Van de Vanter estate, which Jules Rodschelmer is administrator, is worth in the neighborhood of \$200,000.

EVERETT POSTOFFICE THIEF MAY BE CAUGHT

EVERETT, Friday, Feb. 7.—The first man who may result in the apprehension of the robber who entered Everett's postoffice the morning of January 28 and walked away with \$2,000 in plunder, has been received by the police in a communication from Montezuma, stating that the sheriff's office of Chehalis County has a suspect in mind. The man under arrest is said to have offered postage stamps in exchange for drinks. Chief of Police Marshall called Postoffice Inspector Weyland's attention to this yesterday by long distance telephone. Deputy Sheriff Hanson was dispatched from Everett to Montezuma this morning to investigate the case.

Liberal Preacher Who Returns to Methodist Church



CHURCH WINS BACK DR. FRITCH

Head of School of Illumination, After Wandering Through Many Creeds and Isms, Returns to the Methodists.

I am going back to my old love, the Methodist Church. I have been through the New Thought, have dabbled with Materialism and have sought to satisfy myself with what could be obtained for the soul of man outside the church, but from "out the encircling gloom" I have emerged to find light and comfort in the place I left fifteen years ago.—Rev. Wilson Fritch, who gives up the presidency of the Seattle Church of Illumination to become pastor of Madrona Heights M. E. Church.

STARTING life as a Methodist, later giving up the church of Wesley to find what he believed to be a more extended field for his efforts among the Congregationalists, drifting then into independent work, and, as he himself says, into materialism, only to find he could not satisfy the aspirations of his soul, Rev. Wilson Fritch has returned to the Methodist Church.

My experience, he said this morning, "may be a religious renaissance. I have been buffeted for years by the waves of doubt, and my mind has never wholly given up the truth that Christian religion is a supernatural revelation in addition to the light of nature, called forth by the needs of human nature. There is nothing in the words of the Methodist Church which conflicts with this view and there is little inclination on the part of the people of this great religious institution to dogmatize. Therefore, I shall feel at home here."

"I am bound to accept the teaching that not only the divinity of Christ, but his deity, is indisputable. I believe in the atonement. The death of Christ and value not only toward man, but opening in the invisible world channels of grace useful for man's salvation. Since I became convinced that the spiritual things of the world are the real things, I have gradually come to the conclusion that spiritual unfoldment can be better accomplished in the church than out of it. Since leaving the church I have learned a great deal, but I am glad to get home again."

HITCHCOCK TO MANAGE CAMPAIGN FOR TAFT

WASHINGTON, Friday, Feb. 7.—Frank H. Hitchcock, first assistant postmaster-general, in a few days will retire from the postal service to undertake, in part, the management of the presidential campaign of Secretary of War William H. Taft.

COST OF COAL IN RECORD RIGHT

Wightman Believes That Figures Furnished Four Years Ago Relative to Expenses of Mining Apply Today.

BIG COMPANIES MAKE EXTORTIONATE PROFIT

President of Public Fuel Market Association Not Surprised by Exposure of Operators' Methods in Court.

Cost to mine operator, including interest on capital of Black Diamond coal laid down in this city, according to sworn statement of experts \$2.50. What is charged for Black Diamond coal, \$7.00. Net excessive profit to operator per ton, \$4.65. Cost to Seattle Public Fuel Market Association for coal laid down in Seattle, including the necessarily large profits that have to be given to mine owners, per ton, \$7.00. What is charged for this same coal, \$5.50. Net income to market association, all of which goes towards defraying expenses, per ton, 50 cents. Difference between corporation extortion and the legitimate expenses of a non-profit making organization, per ton, \$4.15. Or a net robbery of about \$4.00 per ton on the part of the private corporation.

IT costs the Pacific Coast Company no more to mine coal in 1908 than it did in 1902. Such is the conclusion reached by Merle J. Wightman, president of the Seattle Public Fuel Market Association, reached after carefully studying the figures relative to the cost per ton of mining Black Diamond coal. The figures yesterday afternoon, and comparing them with data gathered by the market association.

The figures yesterday afternoon, obtained from sworn statements of Pacific Coast Company officials, filed in court, showed that the cost of mining coal in 1902, including the payment of 5 per cent interest on the company's Hawaiian debt, was \$2.50. This cost, Wightman is confident that the cost of mining coal in 1908 is no greater. He said this morning that there has been an increase in the cost of mining since 1902 amounting to possibly more than 12 per cent, but that the cost of operation of the mines at Black Diamond has decreased since the report was made, to offset this increase.

Doesn't Exceed \$2.50 a Ton. "Even if it has not been entirely offset," said Wightman, "the cost to the Pacific Coast Company of laying down coal in Seattle today does not exceed \$2.50. This coal is selling at the bunkers for \$7 per ton. This makes a net excessive profit to the Pacific Coast Company of \$4.50 per ton.

DEMOCRATS AGREE ON CURRENCY BILL

WASHINGTON, Friday, Feb. 7.—As a result of a conference, the minority in the House late today agreed upon a currency bill. It is being drawn by John Sharp Williams, the Democratic House leader, and may be introduced by him late today.

RESULT OF THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



JAPANESE ADMIT THEY HAVE RIFLES

Bell Boys at Hotel Donnelly, in Tacoma, Confess They Brought Over Guns Which They Used in Russian War.

MIKADO HAS EQUIPPED MANY NOW IN AMERICA

THE Times Special Service. TACOMA, Friday, Feb. 7.—Employed as bellboys in the Hotel Donnelly, two young Japanese admitted yesterday that they have in their room at the hotel the rifles and equipment they used in the war with Russia, through which they served with distinction as members of the Japanese army. This announcement has created a decided sensation locally. It is stated by many who are well informed on conditions of the Japanese on the Pacific Coast that the two bellboys are merely representatives of a body of many thousands of soldiers, who, equipped with guns and uniforms, have been sent to the Pacific Coast by the Japanese government.

JAPANESE TRY TO AID CHINESE REVOLUTIONISTS

HONGKONG, Friday, Feb. 7.—Chinese imperial customs officials yesterday arrested a Japanese steamer near Macao, which was landing arms for Chinese territory.

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NEW YORK, Friday, Feb. 7.—Gen. Cavendish-Browne-Cave sailed for England yesterday to secure the title and estates awaiting him there. He is the only surviving son of Sir Mylles Cave-Browne-Cave, who died a year ago at the age of 84 years. Ever since the elder baronet's death solicitors have been searching for his son and heir, who was captured by the hill tribes, but escaped after being held a prisoner for some time. Returning to England, he quarreled with his father and came to America with a small allowance. He then went to Burma with an expedition sent out to kill big game for a museum and afterwards served in the South African war. He lived for a time in Hongkong and Yokohama, worked at manual labor in Kansas City, was a cowboy in the Southwest and in Wyoming, where he was quarreled with the British ambassador at Washington.

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Spread Rail Causes No. 7 to Leave Tracks and All Passengers Get More or Less of Shaking Up as Result.

SLOW SPEED ALONE PREVENTED FATALITY

Mrs. Kinder of Lincoln Creek, Sick in Baggage Car, Is Only One to Sustain Any Bruises of Consequence.

THE Times Special Service. CENTRALIA, Friday, Feb. 7.—North-Central Pacific train No. 7, which left Seattle at 8 o'clock this morning, went into a ditch three miles south of here and one mile from Chehalis. No one was seriously hurt, although many of the passengers were badly shaken up as a result of the accident.

At the time of the derailment, which was caused by a spread rail, the train was only running at a rate of ten miles an hour, which accounts for the fact that no one was badly injured. The tender and five coaches left the track. Passengers were made to get out and put the train back so as to resume its trip to Portland.

RAISULI RELEASES SIR HARRY MAC LEAN

Captive Arrives at Tangier and Britain Must Pay Moroccan Bandit Chief \$200,000.

HUSBAND SHOTS WIFE AND THEN HIMSELF

Jacob Koratzky Practices on a Target for Several Days and Then Mortally Wounds His Spouse.

FOUR MURDERERS ARE HANGED IN LOUISIANA

Two Negroes and Two White Men Pay the Penalty for the Taking of Human Life.

Explosion Fatally Injures Three

CHICAGO, Friday, Feb. 7.—Three men were fatally injured and several others were seriously hurt as the result of an explosion in the quarries of Dolos and Giepard, in the suburb of Hawthorn today. The accident was caused by the carelessness of Richard Schober, a workman, who rammed the explosive too tightly in a hole which he had drilled for a blast. He was mangled in a terrible manner.