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WEATHER—Fair tonight and tomorrow, cooler tomorrow.

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## THE BANKERS WERE LUCKY

Santa Fe Passenger Train Went Through a Bridge Except a Car of Bankers.

Thought an Attempt Had Been Made by Robbers to Wreck the Train.

Denver, Oct. 30.—A Times special from Fowler says at 1 o'clock this morning the Santa Fe passenger was wrecked at Spisaba bridge, near Fowler. The train consisted of twelve cars including a rear special occupied by the New York bankers returning from the convention to San Francisco. This car remained on the track. All other cars and the engine went through the bridge. None were killed but several occupants in the forward cars were injured. It is believed would-be robbers removed the fish-plats.

## ANOTHER SANTA FE WRECK.

One Tramp Killed and Another Man Injured in an Open Switch Wreck.

Hutchinson, Kas., Oct. 30.—The west bound passenger on the Santa Fe ran into an open switch at Howell early today and crashed into a freight on the siding. A tramp named Stevens was killed and another severely injured. The baggageman and the express man were painfully injured and several passengers were badly shaken up.

## HOLLAND STILL ALIVE.

Topeka, Oct. 30.—Col. Thomas Holland, injured with Mrs. Booth in the Santa Fe wreck is still alive but his death is expected hourly at the company's hospital at Fort Madison, Ia.

## TRIBUTE TO THE DEAD.

Chicago, Oct. 30.—Tribute to the memory of Mrs. Emma Booth Tucker, the Salvation Army leader was paid by a thousand of her friends at the Princess Rink here where the body lay in state until 7 this evening.

## FORTY-THREE ARE DROWNED.

The Dead as a Result of Yesterday's Collision, Were Forty-Three.

Yokohama, Oct. 30.—It was ascertained today that forty-three of 103 persons were drowned as the result of the sinking of the Tokai Maru by the Russian steamer Progress off Hakodate, Japan.

## SECRETARY WAS KILLED.

Official of a Distillery Company Was Shot to Death.

Vincennes, Ind., Oct. 30.—William J. Engle, secretary of the Vincennes Distilling Co., was shot and killed while in the kitchen of his home early this morning. He arose early to take a train. Entering the kitchen he was met by a volley of shots. Two bullets entered his head. His assailants are unknown.

## SITUATION SERIOUS.

Santa Domingo, Oct. 30.—The political situation is unchanged. Serious trouble may follow the quiet here now and the presence of a foreign warship is desirable.

## BANKRUPTCY PROCEEDINGS.

LaCrosse, Oct. 30.—Application was made in the bankruptcy court this morning for the LaCrosse Cheese and Butter Co. to show cause why it should not be declared bankrupt.

## BANK AT HAMPDEN.

Washington, Oct. 30.—Authority has been granted for the organization of the First National Bank of Hampden, N. D., with a capital of \$100,000. E. R. Swarthout, J. Rosholt, E. Rosholt, C. D. Land and Jacob L. Rosholt are named as incorporators.

## MAY CALL FOR TROOPS.

Indian Agent May Call for Troops in Several Places.

Washington, Oct. 30.—Captain Marcer, the official mentioned in the dispatch from Fergus Falls, Minn., as subject to charges for alleged insubordination against the Chicago war department, has authority from the war department to call on the department commander at St. Paul for troops in case of any disturbance arising from the dispatch in relation to the number on the reservation. He has informed the war department that the Indians are very much agitated and that the troops may be necessary. It is stated that the secretary of the war department has ordered that the troops be called on at once.

## SUICIDED

Brother of Dead Girl Suicided in Prison and Murder is Charged to Him.

Allentown, Pa., Oct. 30.—Thomas Bechtel, who was held awaiting the investigation of the murder of his sister, Mabel H. Bechtel, at their home a few days ago, committed suicide last evening in his cell in the central police station. The police consider this act as a practical acknowledgment of Bechtel's guilt. Bechtel was in cell No. 2 on the right side of the corridor. Several friends and relatives were admitted to see him yesterday afternoon. About 4 o'clock he crossed the corridor to Alfred Eckstein, Miss Bechtel's affianced lover, who is also held pending the coroner's inquest.

"Hello, All Are you there?" "Yes," answered Eckstein. Bechtel responded: "I wish you were here with me now that we might die together." These were the last words heard from Bechtel. A short time later Eckstein called Bechtel and got no answer, but he thought he heard an unusual gurgle. House Sergeant Frank G. Roth had been through the cell only a short time before. At a quarter past 5 o'clock he entered the corridor and called both men; getting no answer from Bechtel he looked into his cell and was appalled to see a stream of blood running over the cell floor. Bechtel had laid himself on the bench in his cell and cut his throat with a knife.

He was dead when found. The knife lay near him on the floor. How he got the knife is not known. He was carefully searched when placed in the cell and no weapon was found. There is a rumor to the effect that a newsboy passed the knife to him in the cell.

Bechtel was a single man and 30 years of age. He was a laborer, doing odd jobs about town and in the country. He was a hard drinker, and when intoxicated was easily angered and prone to fight. He was of powerful physique and possessed great courage. During Mayor Schaadt's administration from 1899 to 1902 Bechtel was an applicant for appointment to the police force, but failed to get the position. Later he was substitute and an extra policeman at various times for regular men who were sick or on vacation. Intense excitement prevailed at police headquarters. Dense crowds pressed against the windows and door and filled the streets for half a block each way.

The suicide of Thomas Bechtel has been followed by the police officials telling a story of the officer of Miss Bechtel as gathered by them. It starts with last Thursday when Eckstein accompanied Miss Bechtel to Philadelphia. He left her there and returned home. Weisenberg met her in Allentown and accompanied her to Allentown, leaving there Sunday at 4 p. m. and reaching here four hours later.

They went to a certain place together where they remained until midnight. Thos. Bechtel heard of this and being strenuously opposed to Weisenberg, he up braided her in her room upon her return home. He struck her a powerful blow on her cheek, causing her to fall heavily against a bureau dead. Members of the family held a council and decided upon the story made public on Tuesday and upon the disposition of the body and clothing as found.

Charles Bechtel's slaters' hatchet was used in striking a blow on the head of the dead girl to give the semblance of an assault. This happened immediately after midnight. The body was concealed in the home until Monday night, when it was placed in the archway, where it was found Tuesday morning. Eckstein knew nothing of the murder the police say.

Information charging murder has been lodged against the entire Bechtel family and constables were at the inquest ready to serve warrants. Because of this fact the attorney for the Bechtels refused to permit any of his clients to testify. After several witnesses had been examined the hearing was continued.

Charles and John Bechtel occupied the same cell last night. They denied their sister was killed in her own home. When told, Tom committed suicide. Charles said: "Gee, he troubled too much. He worried because he couldn't go to the funeral."

## IRON WORKERS MAY STRIKE.

The Iron Workers' Union Organized at These Lines and May Strike.

New York, Oct. 30.—The threat of a national strike by the International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers to force recognition of dual union by the Iron Workers' and Employers' Association, chairmaned at a meeting of the international and local committees of the association held in this city in a resolution passed ordering a strike all over the country to go into effect Saturday in all cities where members of the Iron Workers' Association have contracts.

President Bushman was in favor of extending all efforts to bring about a peaceful settlement but the Iron Workers' Association is not so sure and the Iron Workers' Association is not so sure and the Iron Workers' Association is not so sure.

## MORE PLOTS IN BELGRADE

The Brother of the Late Queen Draga of Serbia Has Been Placed Under Arrest.

A General May Be Gathered in Soon - A New Plot is Now Alleged.

Belgrade, Oct. 30.—After a long search Captain Lunjevics, a brother of the late Queen Draga, has been arrested in the laundry room of the fort here. The arrest of General Madgelinics and others is imminent. It is understood a new plot has been discovered against the murderers of King Alexander and Queen Draga.

## STRIKE AGITATORS.

Barcelona, Oct. 30.—Anarchists here are endeavoring to ferment a general strike in sympathy with the strike at Bilbao.

## HAVE AN AGREEMENT.

Washington, Oct. 30.—Diplomats here say that the Associated Press cable from St. Petersburg telling of Russia's reoccupation of Mukden indicates an agreement between Russia and Japan by which the former is to have free swing in Manchuria, so far as Japan is concerned. Japan has evidently been granted concessions in Corea.

## WILL BE NO WAR.

Pekin, Oct. 30.—The Chinese minister at St. Petersburg telegraphs that while the war party has been dominant believes the peace sentiment is beginning to prevail.

## MOUNT M'KINLEY.

Washington, Oct. 30.—Acting Secretary Willis L. Moore of the department of agriculture has asked the war department to transfer to the department of agriculture the title to the summit of Mount McKinley, near Fresno, Cal., with a view to meteorological research work later on. The war department has had control of the property for some years for signal purposes, but has abandoned it and so notified the weather bureau.

## MODEL STREET.

St. Louis, Mo., Oct. 30.—Among the innumerable features of interest at the approaching World's Fair will be a model street, the construction of which was commenced this week. The street is to have a walk in the center forty-two feet wide with grass plots on either side. The installation of the utilities, comprising sanitary sewers, gas pipes, domestic and fire service water pipes and electrical conduits, is now under way. At a turn of the street will be a model town hall, to be erected by the exposition. In front of this will be a magnificent civic monument designed by Sculptor J. Massey Rhinds. A large number of applications for space on the model street are coming to the department of social economy. St. Paul, Minneapolis and Atlanta have each made liberal appropriations for features in this department.

## THE COMPANY IS BLAMED.

The Death of Two Miners Charged Up to a Copper Company.

Butte, Mont., Oct. 30.—The coroner's jury rendered a verdict that Martin Piskauer and Umberto Cattilino came to their death in the Minnie Healey mine, and laying the blame on the Montana Ore Purchasing Co.

## HUNT'S NEW JOB.

Washington, Oct. 30.—Governor William H. Hunt of Porto Rico, formerly of Montana, will be appointed by the president as United States district judge for Montana to succeed Judge Hiram Knowles. The term of Judge Knowles will expire in January, and the president has indicated his intention to appoint Governor Hunt to the place.

Governor Hunt was for six years a member of the state supreme court of Montana. He was appointed to the governorship of Porto Rico. He has made an excellent record in this position. The president had a conference with Congressman Joseph Dixon, Montana, on the prospective retirement of Judge Knowles, and gave assurances to Mr. Dixon, it is understood that the appointment would be made.

## MAY GO LET

The Wealthy New York Girl Will Wed Her Duke on Nov. 10 in St. Thomas Church.

New York, Oct. 30.—It has been decided that the wedding of Miss May Golet to Duke Rosburgh shall occur in this city at St. Thomas Church, Nov. 10. It will be an afternoon wedding attended by little display.

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