

BANK ROBBERY STILL A MYSTERY

Detectives Are Saying Nothing But Are Working on Well Defined Lines.

SOMETHING IS DUE TO DROP.

Officials Are Greatly Pleased With Work Being Done by Sleuths from Denver.

Story of Money Being Returned Declined and Some Significant Hints Are Being Dropped.

Surrounded by the deepest mystery, the theft of \$43,000 from the Utah National bank a month ago, continues to be the one subject of conversation and speculation in Salt Lake.

All sorts of wild stories and theories are being advanced but those connected with the bank and the detectives and authorities working on the case refuse to discuss the affair. In fact, the highest officials of the bank are angered at the wild stories being printed, explaining that they are hindering progress on the investigation now under way.

With no one, in possession of facts, talking most of the stories being printed are gossip; speculation; talk of the streets. Certain facts have been divulged but they are not any index to the "inside" of the affair.

But despite the reticence of all attaches, every indication points to the fact that the detectives and others working on the case are progressing splendidly and it's in the air that developments may come tumbling upon the heels of one another in reasonable time.

President W. S. McCormick this morning expressed his dislike of the persistent "killing" being given the case in the newspapers. "I would prefer nothing would be said until there is something to print. All these theories and stories have a tendency to hinder, more or less the workings of justice. This case is in nature highly mysterious but it will be worked out in good time."

MR. MCCORMICK SATISFIED.

That Mr. McCormick is satisfied with the way the Denver detectives are handling the case is apparent from an outgoing statement he made this morning. He was asked if the report that he had sent to the east for more detectives was true. "No sir," he said, quickly; "that is most absurd."

The numerous stories being spread about town were told him. "I have heard many of these tales," he commented; "but they're not true. Supposing we had such-and-such an idea. Do you suppose we would give it out? This thing of concocting wild statements and then linking men's names with them is wrong. Whatever we have or may think we are going to get is not being shouted out."

One of the newest stories says an automobile was noticed standing on First South street, at the side of the bank, about Jan. 5, on which date the robbery is reported to have happened. The machine was seen there at 1 o'clock in the morning. This is a very likely story, but to trace it down to its origin or to the man who saw the machine is an utter impossibility.

The weight of \$43,000 in \$20 gold pieces is 158 and a fraction pounds. If in smaller coins, "fives" or "tens," there would be more bulk.

Despite the fact that it is reported detectives are tracing down certain men who came in and went out of town about the time of the robbery, widespread belief holds that the money was taken by someone in this city and has not been taken out. A certain set believe when the truth comes out, if it does, a man not connected with the robbery will be found to have been at the robbery. All of which is gossip and offered as such.

MONEY NOT RETURNED.

Another story punctured by Mr. McCormick is that which has the money returned and the whole affair straightened out without further hubbub.

"That's the banker's brief but explanatory comment. This rumor is entirely in the face of the fact that an investigation is still on and that everyone working in the Utah National is on pins and needles. It's a mighty remarkable thing, this working under suspicion. While the impression that someone connected with the bank holds good and no one is discharged, there will be a strained, uneasy feeling about the present. Even when a man knows he is innocent of any wrongdoing, being under the scrutiny of a half dozen secret service men is not an enviable position. It is reported that the Kistlers, holdings public and private life, and all other affairs of the various employees are being probed by detectives, the most thorough in the country. In fact, it is explained that this has been on for a month, and this leads to the belief that a pretty fair idea of the lay of the ground has been obtained.

There may be an employee or employees who are not connected with the move, but there are a number who will high relieved when the affair does come to some end, because an ugly shadow will have been removed.

SUNDAY, JAN. 5 THE DATE.

The robbery is one of the most mysterious crimes ever encountered in this city. The disappearance of the \$43,000 was discovered Jan. 14. It is believed it was taken away Sunday night, Jan. 5. Teller Jonathan E. Openshaw set the combination for 10 o'clock Sunday morning, Jan. 5. At 11 o'clock Sunday, Jan. 5, Asst. Cashier Trimmer was at the bank and trying to open the vault found he could not. An expert was called in and had to cut through the vault.

Cashier Trimmer, on Jan. 7, first Asst. Cashier, explained the reserve fund and declared it was a mistake. The shortage was discovered and an investigation began.

It is correct that several employees

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TRIAL OF RAYMOND HITCHCOCK, THE ACTOR

New York, Feb. 11.—The trial of Raymond Hitchcock, the comedian, was set today for Feb. 24, despite the objections of his counsel, and the affidavit of a representative of the theatrical manager that Hitchcock has been booked to appear in various parts of the country up to March 6. An affidavit was presented to the court stating that the district attorney's office consented to allow Hitchcock to go on his road tour and that his detention would be a criminal act. Justice Dowling ruled that the financial loss to the manager was an extraordinary reason to advance for a delay in the prosecution of a criminal case and notified Hitchcock's counsel that his client's bail of \$7,500 would be forfeited if he was not in court Feb. 24.

EIGHT-HOUR LAW

To be Extended to Army Watchmen, Teamsters, Stablemen and Firemen.

Washington, Feb. 11.—Extending the application of the provision of the eight-hour law to army watchmen, teamsters, firemen and stablemen under the quartermaster's department, in accordance with the decision will mean an additional expense of about \$100,000 a year to the war department. Under the circumstances the force of employees will have to be increased to meet the needs of the service.

SPEAKER COLE.

Indictment for Soliciting Transportation Below Regular Rates, Quashed.

Salem, Mass., Feb. 11.—The indictment against Speaker John D. Cole, of the Massachusetts house of representatives, charging him with violating the statutes by soliciting transportation below regular rates, was quashed today.

NEWFOUNDLAND DOG SAVED OWNER FROM DROWNING

New York, Feb. 11.—Intelligent action by a Newfoundland dog resulted in the rescue of his master from drowning in Gravesend bay yesterday. Edward Neary, chief clerk in the law office of Guggenheim, Untermyer & Marshall, Wall street, was walking across the ice locked bay when he broke through and sank 70 yards from shore. His dog, who had remained on land, ran at the moment of his master's fall, leaped to the edge of the ice and when Mr. Neary reappeared, fastened his teeth into the neck of his sweater. The dog held the unconscious man while some one from a crowd of others on the shore had collected a plank and succeeded in bringing Mr. Neary to the shore. He was taken home in a precarious condition.

INJUNCTION REMOVED.

Norfolk, V., Feb. 11.—Judge McLemore has dissolved the injunction obtained in his court some time ago by the Luckenbach Towing company of Brooklyn, New York, by which the Norfolk Marine Engineers union, its officers and members, were restrained from interfering with the employees on the Luckenbach tug in an effort to bring on an engineers' strike.

Judge McLemore ruled that no injunction could lie until the evidence against plaintiffs, or their property, was taken into the hands of the defendants and that members of the engineers union were within their rights in endeavoring by argument or other fair means to have employees of the plaintiff quit their employment.

FRANCO GOES TO GENOA.

Marseilles, Feb. 11.—Senator Franco, premier of Portugal and his family, who arrived here last night, left by train for Genoa at 7:22 o'clock this morning. Two detectives accompanied the party.

LEASED APARTMENT.

Bars Lessee from Receiving Damages From Hotel for Stolen Articles.

New York, Feb. 11.—That a lease of an apartment in a hotel bars the lessee from recovering damages from the hotel for articles stolen, was decided yesterday by the appellate division of the supreme court. Damages cannot be claimed even if the thefts are those of an employee; the lessee further holds in the case of Charles J. Steiner, who sued the Hotel Macleod for the value of a scarf pin that he maintained no one but an employee could have taken. The court held that the plaintiff having leased his apartment was not a guest of the hotel, but a tenant of the landlord.

PROPOSALS FOR CABLE STEAMER

Washington, Feb. 11.—Proposals have been invited for the construction of a new cable steamer and mine planter, plans for which have been completed. The war department wants one of these vessels on the Pacific coast for coast artillery there. If the work can not be done there, it is probable that one of the mine planters on the Atlantic will be sent to the Pacific. Next year it is hoped that one or two will be available for the Philippine service.

BIDS FOR N. Y. BONDS.

New York, Feb. 11.—Fifty-one bids having been received for the \$50,000,000 of New York City bonds to be sold on Friday of this week, Comptroller Metz stated yesterday that in his belief the sale would be a success. The funds realized from the sale, the comptroller said, would be applied to the city's liabilities on contracts and land purchased. "With the situation so far cleared up," he added, "it will not be necessary to hold another bond sale until next fall when I anticipate a turn to the 4 per cent basis for city securities."

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Last night's snowstorm was the heaviest of the season, a depth of 8 inches being recorded for level stretches. The weather man had a prediction out yesterday morning which read, "Rain or snow," and the prediction was fulfilled tenfold. Had not the barometer dropped after dark the storm would have been one of drizzling rain, but around 8 o'clock the air was full of whirling snow—snow that clung to the clothes tenaciously and slowly changed to wet. The heaviest portion fell before midnight, but kept up until well towards daylight. As a result of the heavy fall, street car lines about town were more or less tied up; wires swayed and all but broke beneath its weight and everything presented a fairytale appearance.

Up on the north mountain a number of houses were left absolutely dark, as feed wires became saturated, producing innumerable short circuits. As the snow was shaken from the wires, the current traveled uninterrupted again. The same trouble was experienced at breakfast time this morning in the southeast portion of the city.

Before daylight the street car company had shovels out opening lines about town, and the system was in fair working order by breakfast.

While the storm was pretty general throughout the state it did not appear in any severe shape to any great distance north or south. Very little was noticed at Pocatello, Ida., or Modeno on the south. The storm came from the south Pacific territory, i. e., the Los Angeles district, where it was rain. It rained quite heavily in San Bernardino and other points in California. It struck Salt Lake while traveling at a good salt and this morning proceeded to the east Rocky mountain slope.

Fair weather for today and tomorrow is now expected.

PHONES STOOD STRAIN.

The telephone companies do not appear to have been much inconvenienced by the storm. The Bell people report that out of over 10,000 phones only 150 were in trouble this morning, and the Independent people say they had only 50 complaints sent in.

FROM UTAH POINTS.

The reports from various points are as follows:

Fillmore.—Snowed yesterday, all last night, and is still snowing, though not so much as it was. The snow is not so deep as it was. Had no snow for some time until the last storm.

Morgan.—Snowed all night and still falling, but melts almost as fast as it comes down. Weather quite warm.

Logan.—Five or six inches of snow fell during the night, and the fall still continues. The snow is very wet and the streets are slushy.

Provo.—The storm of last night brought nearly six inches of snow, and the snow is still falling. The snow is very wet and the streets are slushy.

St. George.—It snowed a little here yesterday morning, and it looks like the unusual occurrence might be repeated today. Snowfalls in this city are very rare.

Beaver.—Yesterday morning snow covered the ground to a depth of probably eight inches. A thaw set in and considerably lessened the amount, but last night it snowed again and six inches of the beautiful covering was on the ground today. The weather is anything but cold.

Richfield.—The ground is entirely bare here, but it looks like snow would fall before night. Considerable rain fell Sunday evening.

Coalville.—Snow began falling about 7:30 o'clock last evening, and continues at this time. There was fine sleighing all day, and the snow is thawing set in. The last fall amounts to about three inches.

Manti.—Four or five inches of snow fell during last night, but the skies are clear this morning, and it is rather cold.

Reber.—Considerable wet snow fell during the night, though the sun is inclined to show itself today. There has been plenty of good sleighing this winter.

Brigham City.—Snow fell to a depth of four inches last night, after a season when the ground was bare. It is clearing today and pleasant.

Nephi.—Snowed all night and is still snowing, about five inches covering the ground. It is not very deep, but indications are that more snow will fall soon.

Tooele.—Sufficient snow for good sleighing fell yesterday and during the night, but the ground not been so soft. The weather this morning is lovely.

Farmington.—Snow is pretty deep here this morning, a fall having continued during the night, with no apparent let-up this morning.

REPORT ON SALOONS.

Chicago, Feb. 11.—A dispatch to the Record-Herald from Geneva, Ill., says: In its report to the circuit court handed in yesterday, the Kane county grand jury says:

"In view of the present widespread agitation upon the saloon question, this grand jury feels it a duty to report that in many cases brought before us a few drinks of liquor have preceded the trouble. The expenses of this jury, of the state's attorneys and stenographers, together with the court expenses which must follow in order to adequately punish the men we have indicted therefor, are a heavy flow, in great measure, from the presence of saloons open to young men who do not know how to restrain themselves.

"This grand jury offers no advice, but desires only to call attention to the waste of time and taxes for caring for petty crime, whose immediate source seems to be the open saloon."

COPPER REDUCED.

New York, Feb. 11.—With the metal exchange a further reduction of 1/4 of a cent per pound was made in the price of copper today, making lake 13 1/4 @ 13 1/2 electrolytic 13 @ 13 1/2, and casting 12 1/2 @ 13.

HUGHES WANTS KELSEY REMOVED FROM INSURANCE

Renews Recommendation, Basing it on Report of Special Commissioner Fleming.

MESSAGE LAID ON THE TABLE.

Governor Declares That N. Y. Superintendent of Insurance Is Incompetent.

Credit of Empire State is Involved, And With State Senate Rests Responsibility for Maintaining It.

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 11.—Gov. Hughes today renewed to the senate his recommendation of last year that Otto Kelsey be removed from the office of state superintendent of insurance on the ground of incompetency. Last year the senate refused by a vote of 27 to 24 to remove Supt. Kelsey.

Gov. Hughes bases his renewal of the recommendation on the report of Matthew C. Fleming, the governor's special commissioner, who recently investigated the insurance department and transmitted with his message a copy of Mr. Fleming's report. On motion of Senator Flanders the message, without comment, was unanimously ordered printed and "for the present to be laid on the table."

MAGNITUDE OF WORK.

While admitting the magnitude of the work of the insurance department and that Kelsey has recently increased his force, the governor says that "side by side with these departmental activities there grew up wasteful and corrupt methods which scandalized the country and brought the supervision of the department with regard to the important interests of the holders of life insurance policies into contempt."

From the insurance investigation of 1907, says the governor, it appeared that if its energy had been well directed and the department had been efficient in the true sense most of the scandals which were revealed could not have existed.

The governor says further that he appreciates the unusual conditions which confronted Supt. Kelsey upon his taking office but adds:

"He took office with abuses ascertained; with the derelictions of the department known with clearly defined obligations which were not left to him to discover, but which were the same time in the minds of all the people of the state. He was also equipped with additional powers."

KELSEY HAD CHARGE.

"Mr. Kelsey took office on May 16, 1906, and has now served more than one-half his term. At the time Mr. Fleming's investigation was made, Kelsey had served for a year and five months. He had had full opportunity to show whether he was equal to his important duties. But the discovery that the state was in a position where a permanent basis for the present superintendent has not measured up to the standard which the state must maintain and upon which indifference to the value of interests involved. It is my duty, so far as my power goes to insist. It must have been clear to any one competent to be its chief and to establish a permanent basis for the department was necessary. The superintendent has had a free hand; he had had abundant time; but the house has not been cleaned."

STATE'S CREDIT INVOLVED.

The concluding paragraph of the governor's message is as follows: "The matter now presented to you is not a mere question of the removal of an individual. It is a question of the conduct of the department should exhibit that care, thoroughness and vigilance which will guarantee adequate protection to the interests of the policyholders and of the state. It is justly insured the standing and promote the success of the companies bearing the seal of the department's approval. This I am convinced, and that is by having the department placed in other hands. The interests of the state require that a change should be made. It is therefore my recommendation that Supt. Kelsey, superintendent of insurance be removed from his office."

SWITCH THROWER MAKES CONFESSION

Butte, Mont., Feb. 11.—The mystery which surrounded the attempts to wreck the Oregon Short Line trains early yesterday morning, was cleared up today when Pat. Gordon, aged 24, of Butte, one of the suspects, broke down and made a clean breast of the entire matter. He admitted throwing the switch which derailed part of the freight train and also confessed that he put the ties on the track in front of No. 10, which left Butte shortly after 2 o'clock. He denies having placed the ties on the track in front of the incoming train, but the only excuse offered by him for his dastardly deed is that he was drunk at the time, and did not realize what he was doing. He denies having any grudge against the Oregon Short Line, and says that he was alone when Gordon confessed that he alone was to blame and shouldered all the responsibility for the deed.

SHORT \$32,000.

Chicago, Feb. 11.—A dispatch to the Record-Herald from Paxton, Ill., says: A. J. Sims, of Paxton, an expert accountant, who has been examining the books of the Huxton Building & Iron Association, yesterday reported a shortage of \$32,000 in the books of C. H. Langford, ex-secretary, who was requested to resign by the trustees on December 1, and whose books and papers were turned over to the trustees on January 1, and this amount was accepted by the stockholders.

DOUMA TO RAISE FINNISH QUESTION

Relations Between Russia and Grand Duchy to be Subject of Interpellation.

OCTOBERISTS WILL MAKE IT.

Finland Being Integral Part of Empire, Claim Fundamental Laws Are Applicable.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 11.—The relations between Russia and the grand duchy of Finland, which long have been a subject of serious discussion in the higher administrative circles of the empire and the grand duchy, will now be raised in the duma by the Octoberists, who have decided to attack as a salient point the absence of control by M. Stolypin, the Russian premier, over the representatives of the Finnish country. The Octoberists maintain that the fundamental laws are applicable to Finland as an integral part of the Russian empire and it is a fact that up to the present time the Finnish secretary, who ranks as a minister, has not observed this provision. Premier Stolypin will be asked what steps have been taken to put an end to this abnormal condition. A second interpellation will ask why no measures have been taken in accordance with instructions issued by the emperor to connect the railroad systems of Finland and Russia, a step which is imperatively necessary for the security of the empire in order to make possible the rapid mobilization of troops in case of the hostilities between Russia and Germany.

Both these questions will be urged in order to forestall any action on the part of the re-actionaries, who purpose to raise this matter in a much sharper way. They are prepared to demand that the ownership of Finland be restored to Russia, and that measures be taken to crush the national aspirations of Finland be adopted.

CASTELLANE GUILTY.

Assaulted Prince de Sagan and Fined Twenty Dollars.

Paris, Feb. 11.—Count Boni de Castellane, the divorced husband of Anna Gould of New York, was today found guilty by the correctional court of criminal assault and battery on Prince Helie de Sagan, his cousin, and fined \$20. The prince was awarded 20 cents damages.

The encounter between Count Boni de Castellane and Prince Helie de Sagan, which resulted in the prince preferring charges against his cousin, took place Jan. 2 in front of the church of St. Pierre de Chaillot, where a memorial service had been celebrated in honor of Lady Stanley Errington, a relative of both of the fighters. The services had just ended and Count Boni and Prince Helie met on the steps. Words were exchanged and the two men came to blows and Count Boni swore at his cousin and spat in his face. The prince took the matter to court and made charges against the count and his brother, Count Jean. The charge against Count Jean was dismissed.

The cause of the fight is said to have been because Prince de Sagan was paying attention to a young girl, and this is supposed to have provoked Count Boni to the assault.

SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX WITH \$50,000 DISAPPEARS

Minneapolis, Feb. 11.—A safety deposit box containing bonds and securities valued at \$50,000, the personal property of Daniel C. Hopkins, vice president of the Hopkins Land company, has disappeared from his office in the Metropolitan Life Insurance building.

Mr. Hopkins left the box on his desk for a moment last Friday while he stepped into a rear room. Since then the papers have not been seen by his owner.

OBJECTS TO SUNDAY PARADES.

New York, Feb. 11.—"Onward, Christian Soldiers," and other hymns having a martial swing were condemned in speeches made yesterday at a meeting of the Women's Peace Circle, at the Hotel Astor, Mrs. Mary E. Craigie of Brooklyn, who made the principal speech, said that she would never let a child of hers, if she had one, participate in the annual Sunday school parade in this city, because on the occasion the children were allowed to sing martial songs. Mrs. Craigie and others also objected to boys' brigades as adjuncts to Sunday schools and President Roosevelt came in for criticism because of his former teaching school boys rifle shooting.

KING MANUEL.

Will Spend Some Months at Royal Summer Residence.

Lisbon, Feb. 11.—The Diario de Noticias in its issue of today says that King Manuel will leave Lisbon shortly for Cintra, where he will pass several months. Cintra is 14 miles from Lisbon and has a royal summer residence. The chamber of deputies will reconvene Feb. 20, when King Manuel will take the oath.

The leaders of the Franco party and who held a cabinet position under Senhor Franco, has decided to advise his partisans to support the government in the coming elections.

CALDWELL'S CASE.

When Called His Attorneys Will Put Forward Plea of Insanity.

New York, Feb. 11.—When the case of Robert C. Caldwell, who is now in London on a charge of perjury in connection with the Bruce case, is called in the United States court this week, his attorneys, it is said, will put forward a claim that he is insane and not capable of standing under the charge against him to warrant his being taken out of the jurisdiction of the court to be tried on a criminal charge. Attorneys have examined Caldwell and are said to be ready to testify that he is insane. Caldwell testified in the London courts in the case in which an attempt was made to prove that T. C. Bruce, once a London merchant, was in fact the Duke of Portland. Caldwell testified that he knew the duke personally and knew that he spent a portion of his time in making inquiries on the London merchant, Bruce. He also said that he managed the funeral of the merchant of the fortune of a not of lead and not a bone. The coffin was by order of the court.

NO LETTER FROM SMITH GIRLS.

Middletown, Conn., Feb. 11.—It has developed that the letter received at Wesleyan university, purporting to be from Smith girls, against the comic opera which is to be produced by the University Glee club, on the ground that Smith girls are held up to ridicule in the opera, was the work of a college press agent. The letter was duly arrested and now a communication has been received from Smith to the effect that no such letter was ever written there and that there is no girl in Smith college whose name corresponds to that signed to the original letter. It is said that one or two of the Wesleyan students interested in the production have been called upon to explain the matter to the faculty.

A RAILROAD DECISION.

Court Says Must Heed Injunction, "This Side Up With Care."

New York, Feb. 11.—That railroads in New York state must observe the injunction "this side up" when it is placed on a freight package has been decided by the court of appeals. The decision comes in a suit brought by Stephen Howe against the Pennsylvania railroad for \$350, the value of a number of electric batteries which were damaged in transit because the railroad paid no attention to the printed warning, on the box. When he went to the railroad company for a settlement, Mr. Howe says he was told that railroad men had long ceased to pay any attention to such an injunction, and that it was considered a joke to them. The suit has been in the courts for four years.

BURNED TO DEATH.

Small Boy Who Set Fire to Hay in a Barn.

Oxford, Pa., Feb. 11.—While his son was being cremated in a burning barn at Pleasant Grove, the father and a number of neighbors were risking their lives to save horses and cows which could not get out of the stable.

The boy, Joel L. Fuser, 8 years old, had kindled a fire in the barn. He had caught fire and the lad was soon surrounded by flames.

His father and neighbors hurried to rescue the little child, but he had perished before they could reach him.

Not until the flames had been extinguished was the boy missed. His charred body was found.

COMMITTED SUICIDE.

Fort Worth, Tex., Feb. 11.—When J. M. Lusk, former superintendent of the state epileptic colony at Abilene, committed suicide by shooting last night, it registered the third tragedy of the kind in the Northern Pacific track in a radius of four blocks on Main street, the principal thoroughfare of the city.

Despondency due to ill health is ascribed as the cause.

KILLED BY FREIGHT TRAIN.

Butte, Mont., Feb. 11.—A special to the Butte from Billings, Mont., states that Frederick Miller was killed and Daniel Schmidt was fatally injured by being struck by a freight train. The two men were walking into Billings on the Northern Pacific track from a nearby ranch and apparently were too intoxicated to heed the approach of the train.

A SLICK PRISONER.

Gives Twenty Chicago Policemen the Slip.

Chicago, Feb. 11.—While 20 policemen laughed and talked in Central district office last night, John Anderson, a prisoner, walked to the door and disappeared. An unknown messenger boy was the first to notice the escape. He followed bravely until he was distracted by the hot pace set by the thief, and then he called attention of the sleuths to the absent one. Then Captain Gibbons stormed.

"What kind of police work do you call this?" he asked. "The messenger boy was better." "I took Anderson to the desk sergeant," declared a policeman. "He had been had the prisoner to the central office."

"I thought Bryne had him," explained the sergeant.

"Well, go out and get him or there will be some work for the trial board," commanded Gibbons.

TRAINS TO ELY.

Will be Running on Western Pacific in Thirty Days.

Reno, Nev., Feb. 11.—Within the next 30 days through trains on the Western Pacific railroad, between Salt Lake City and Ely, will be in operation. For the past several weeks, the road has been having one or two cars, but not until yesterday did the officials in charge of the work announce that the line was nearing completion to handle all the traffic obtainable. The Western Pacific connects with the Great Northern at Ely, and from there runs over the Ely North line into the copper camp. This is the first through train since the Western Pacific for a direct line to Ely, and Tonopah, a survey for a line between Ely and those camps now being under way.

NEW YORK'S NEW THEATER.

Executive Board Discusses Further Plans for It.

New York, Feb. 11.—Further plans for the new theater were discussed at a meeting of the executive board of the institution yesterday in Heinrich Corried's office at the Metropolitan Opera House. Mr. Corried, a student of architecture, was also under consideration by the other members of the committee present, including William K. Vanderbilt, Otis B. Brown, Edmund C. Baylis, E. W. Rogers, Winthrop, and Elliot Gregory. Mr. Corried stated his belief in the educational value of the new institution, especially if conducted on the plans of the Burgtheater in Berlin, emphasizing the necessity of making the theater a school of education and of maintaining its performances as models of artistic excellence. He expressed the belief that the institution might eventually prove financially successful but that at all it would have to be an artistic success.

Mr. Corried, it is understood, told the directors that he expected shortly to be free to devote himself entirely to the management of the new theater if its officials desired him to put into action the plan and other pending matters was laid over to a future meeting.

DORA McDONALD CASE.

Placed in Hands of Jury Shortly After Noon.

Chicago, Feb. 11.—The case of Mrs. Dora McDonald, charged with the murder of Webster H. Lusk, whom she shot while in his artist's studio a year ago, was placed in the hands of the jury shortly after noon today.

FORAKER FORCES ROUTED BY TAFT

Ohio Supreme Court Holds Rodway Committee Valid Organization in Cuyahoga County.

MANAGES TODAY'S PRIMARIES.

Board of Election Without Authority to Ignore Committee Recognized.

Present Indications Are That the Secretary of War Will Win All Along the Line.

Columbus, O., Feb. 11.—The supreme court today declared that the Rodway committee of Cuyahoga county, which was controlled by the Taft people is the valid county organization in that county and today's primaries will be held under the management of that organization. The committee which was sustained by the supreme court today had previously been declared regular by the Republican state central committee and by two of the lower courts. The Foraker people contended, however, that the board of elections had final authority by implication to decide what was the rightful committee, that later the board, under direction from the secretary of state, and not because it had altered its opinion recognized the Taft committee. They accordingly asked that the board be enjoined from exercising its executive power contrary to the way in which it had exercised its judicial functions.

The supreme court in affirming decisions given previously by the county court, and common pleas court of Cuyahoga county, declared that the board of election is without authority to ignore the committee recognized by the state central committee, that the committee it named must be appointed. Judges Crew, Summers, Spear and Davis concurred in the decision. Chief Justice Schanck and Judge Price did not participate in the case.

TAFT MANAGERS CONFIDENT.

Columbus, O., Feb. 11.—Primaries for the selection of delegates to the republican state convention are being held in 55 counties of Ohio today. In 52 counties there is but one list of candidates, and no actual vote will be taken. In 11 congressional districts the election will be either nominate congressmen directly or select delegates to congressional conventions. Opposition to Taft is looked for in two counties only, Kane and Cuyahoga and the Taft political managers are entirely confident of the result. They expect to have the convention unanimous for Taft when it assembles on March 3 and declare that there is no chance of any anti-Taft men being chosen as delegates to the national convention at Chicago.

The polls close at 7 p. m. A light vote is generally expected.

TAFT DELEGATES CHOSEN.

Cincinnati, O., Feb. 11.—Republican voters in the First and Second congressional districts today went through the form of naming delegates to the state convention, but only one ticket had been named and Taft delegates were chosen. A little contest for district delegates