

SAYS HE HELPED TO STEAL MILLION

James Moran Confesses Part in Mail Robbery.

SACKS TAKEN FROM WAGON

Self-Accused Robber Surrenders Himself in San Diego, Cal.—Declares He Was Double-Crossed By Accomplices.

San Diego.—James Moran, a New York chauffeur, confessed to participation in the robbery two months ago of a mail truck in New York City, from which securities valued at thousands of dollars and valuable bonds were stolen, according to Federal officials.

"I've been double-crossed and I want to get even," James Moran said to have asserted in his confession. Moran surrendered Friday night, and, according to United States Commissioner C. E. Burch, he made a confession, declaring he was aided in the robbery by three others, one the ringleader, whom he named, and two postal employees, whose names he said he did not know. Moran then was taken to Los Angeles for further investigation. When he surrendered Moran was without money.

After the robbery, Moran is said to have asserted, he was given \$200 and sent to San Francisco, where the loot was to be divided. Then, smarting under the belief that he had been double-crossed, he came to San Diego, attended a Salvation Army meeting at which he, conscience stricken, decided, according to the alleged confession, to make a clean breast of the affair.

"I am willing to go back to New York and tell all I know," says the statement, which was made public by Mr. Burch.

According to Moran's alleged confession, he was approached by a man whom he named as the ringleader of the robbery, who, he said, asked him if he could furnish a car "for something big."

"He explained to me that registered mail coming from Weehauken, N. J., could be got on the ferry boat coming over, as it was half hour's run and he wanted to know if I could get a car and I told him I could," according to the confession.

Two postal employees, according to the confession, were in the plot, but Moran did not know their names.

"I think it was January 15," the confession continued, "that I went to the leader and we laid for the mail-wagon and as it went on the ferry boat we drove in back of it."

The key to the back of the wagon was handed to the ringleader by one of the postal employees, the confession said, "and we opened the back of the wagon and took out eight or nine registered mail sacks."

According to the confession, the mail sacks were opened in Bronx Park.

"I was to get rid of the car and they told me to go to San Francisco, where the division was to take place," Moran said.

The leader, according to the confession, was to bring Moran's share to him.

"He has never shown up," the statement continued. "It looks as though he is trying to make me the goat. His home is at Canandaigua, N. Y. He is about 45 years old and has a hatchet face. I have had other deals with him."

Moran, according to his confession, left at once for San Francisco.

**BURMAN KILLED IN RACE.**  
Mechanic and Track Guard Also Lose Lives At Corona.

Corona, Cal.—Bob Burman, of Detroit, noted automobile racer, his mechanic, Eric Schroeder, of Chicago, and a track guard are dead as a result of the overturning of Burman's car in the Corona road race here.

Five spectators were injured, several seriously.

Burman suffered a fracture of the skull and his left leg was broken. His car threw a wheel in the ninety-seventh lap on the backstretch and the machine overturned in a crowd.

The race was won by Eddie O'Donnell, who covered the 301 miles in 3 hours 29 minutes and 52 seconds.

Burman died in a hospital at Riverside, 12 miles away.

**DIED WITH TWO DAUGHTERS.**  
Trapped in a Room by a Fire in Their Home and Suffocated.

Detroit.—Mrs. Lillian Diebler and her two young daughters were suffocated and two persons were injured in a fire which swept the Diebler home on the East Side. The mother and children were trapped in a room on the second floor and, although they were not burned, all were dead when fire men reached them.

**SPAIN MAY AID ALLIES.**  
Spanish Finance Minister Goes To Paris For Conference.

Madrid.—Dr. Alphonso Costa, Spanish Minister of Finance, has gone to Paris to attend a conference on economic affairs held by representatives of the Allies. This is the first intimation that Spain has decided to link its fate with that of the Entente Powers.

**WILSON CABLES TO KING.**  
President Congratulates Albert On His Birthday.

Washington.—President Wilson congratulated King Albert of Belgium on the celebration of his forty-first birthday anniversary. The President sent the following cablegram: "I beg your Majesty to accept my cordial felicitations and greetings of friendship on this anniversary of your Majesty's birth and the assurances of my high regard."

IN PACT TO KILL RULERS

Scheme of General Assassination Unearthed in Chicago.

CZAR FIRST, THEN KAISER

All Other Sovereigns Of Europe Doomed By Plotters, Declares State's Attorney—Insider Bared Plot.

Chicago.—Existence of an international anarchistic plot to assassinate all rulers of Europe has been discovered here, according to a formal statement issued by Maclay Hoyne, State's Attorney of Cook county.

The alleged plot was unearthed by the State's Attorney's men while investigating the activities of Jean Cronos, suspected poisoner of the guests at the banquet in honor of Archbishop Mundelein in February.

The State's Attorney said that a list of the proposed assassinations was headed by the Czar of Russia and that Emperor William was second on the list.

According to the information which reached the State's Attorney, the plot was known to anarchists in various cities in America, as well as in Europe. One man from each city was believed to have been delegated to the work of assassination.

**Insider Bared Plot.**  
Mr. Hoyne said that a written statement had been made to him by an anarchist baring the details of the alleged plot.

Officials said the headquarters of the band of conspirators was in the downtown district and that there were branches in other cities. According to Mr. Hoyne's information, the Mundelein banquet poisoning was planned by the group which sought the death of the European rulers.

The State's Attorney refused to divulge the identity of the man who revealed the alleged plot and said that his investigators are seeking to confirm the statements.

**Assassins Chosen By Lot.**  
This man said that secret meetings have been held in Chicago and a number of other cities," said Mr. Hoyne. "He said he attended a meeting in this city at which lots were drawn for the purpose of picking the assassin, and that the meetings were so guarded that only the man chosen for the crime and the leader of the individual group knew the particular ruler singled out."

The assassins were to use poison, according to the Prosecutor's information. Bombs were not to be used unless it was "absolutely necessary," Mr. Hoyne said he was told.

The anarchist who supplied the information is not under arrest, but the State's Attorney said he could easily reach him whenever he wanted him.

The information given to the State's Attorney is expected to be turned over to Federal authorities.

The Prosecutor said his informant intimated that secret meetings had been held in New York at about the time of the Chicago meeting.

**GOVERNMENT CLERKS IN UNION.**  
Organization Affiliates With Federation Of Labor.

Washington.—Approximately 5,000 Government clerks here have formed a union and taken affiliation with the American Federation of Labor as a sequel to the recent unsuccessful effort in Congress to require them to work eight hours a day.

The Federal Employees' Union is the name of the organization, and it pledges itself not to engage in or support any strike against the Government. Its aims are to be sought through legislation. All departments of the executive branch of the Government are represented in the membership.

There are approximately 10,000 Government clerks in the capital.

**VILLA'S BROTHER RELEASED.**  
Had Been Held in Cuba On Texas Indictment.

Havana.—Col. Hipolito Villa, brother of Francisco Villa, who was arrested here on February 7 at the request of the American Minister and has been held pending extradition proceedings, has been released. He is under indictment in Texas on the charge of complicity in cutting a railway line near El Paso last December, in an attempt to hamper the movement of Carranza forces through American territory to attack the Villa forces in Mexico, but the Cuban Secretary of State announced that the United States had failed to produce evidence warranting his extradition.

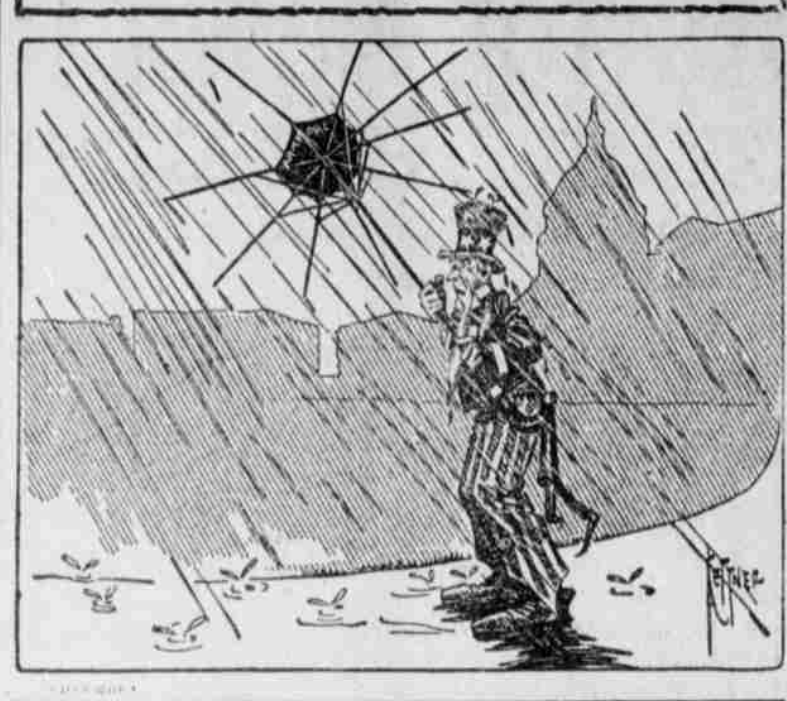
**ALLIED TRANSPORT SUNK.**  
Many Lives Believed Lost With Large Ship.

London.—An Athens dispatch to the Daily Mail says that a telegram has been received from Preveza to the effect that a large transport belonging to the Entente Allies has been sunk off the West Coast of Greece. The telegram added that it was believed many were lost.

**COAST SURVEY CENTURY OLD.**  
Ends Two Days' Celebration With Banquet—Wilson There.

Washington.—A two days' celebration of the one-hundredth anniversary of the establishment of the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey ended here with a banquet, at which President Wilson delivered an address. The Coast and Geodetic Survey is the country's oldest scientific bureau. Its first superintendent was a Swiss, Dr. F. R. Hassler, appointed by Thomas Jefferson.

INADEQUATE



INDIANS JOIN IN VILLA CHASE

Some Were in the Band That Caught Geronimo.

GO ON WARPATH IN MEXICO

U. S. Gives Notice Chase Is To Go On. Suggestion That Troops Be Withdrawn Meets a Prompt Answer.

Columbus, N. M.—Twenty Apache Indian scouts have started from here for General Pershing's headquarters at San Geronimo ranch to take up the trail of Francisco Villa.

Only the arrival of "Peaches," described as premier scout and trailer of the Apaches, was needed to complete their happiness in the prospect of taking the warpath again after more than 30 years of civilization, according to their interpreter.

**Four Were in Geronimo Hunt.**  
"Peaches" was in the mountains and word did not reach him in time to start with the others from the White Mountain Apache Reservation in Arizona.

Thirty years ago four of the 20 made a similar trip into Mexico to assist another cavalry command in the capture in the Sierra Madre of another outlaw—Geronimo, the war chief of the Apaches. It was "Peaches," together with Sharley, another of the scouts, who, after Geronimo had made his escape from the soldiers at Mesalero, N. M., and again took to the warpath, went into the old medicine man's camp near Phoenix, Ariz., and captured him.

**War Feathers Resumed.**  
As the scouts, clad in the khaki of the cavalry, prepared for their departure only the eagle feathers, the Apache insignia of war, stuck into the tightly woven braids of long black hair which hung over the shoulders of their army blouses, suggested the primitive native of America. The feathers had been carefully preserved in the tepees of the tribe since it was last on the warpath. It was said. Tucked away in each man's shirt was a small package, wrapped in buckskin, containing a pair of moccasins. Ekanahstia, better known as "Chicken," the ranking officer of the band explained that once on the trail of Villa among forests and cliffs of Guerrero the scouts will discard their uniforms and continue the search as did their forefathers before the civilization of the white man enveloped them.

**Not To Withdraw Troops.**  
Washington.—Categorical denial by Secretary Lansing was the official answer to persistent reports that the American troops might be withdrawn from Mexico shortly regardless of development in the hunt for Villa. Both Mr. Lansing and Secretary Baker of the War Department indicated that there was no present intention of changing the original orders given General Funston.

**FORD MAJORITY STILL CLIMBS.**  
Auto Man Practically Certain Of Michigan By 6,000.

Detroit.—Henry Ford's majority over Senator Smith for the honorary position of Michigan's favorite son was increased to over 5,000 and is still climbing. It is now practically certain that Ford's majority will reach approximately 6,000 and that he carried the State, as well as the city of Detroit and Wayne county.

**MILLIONS TO WAR DEPENDENTS.**  
Canada Now Paying More Than \$500,000 a Month.

Ottawa, Ont.—Canada is now paying more than \$500,000 monthly to war dependents. The half-million mark was exceeded for the first time in February, when about \$525,000 was used from the patriotic fund. The amount requisitioned for March payments is \$500,000. The patriotic fund amounts now to more than \$10,000,000.

**TWO KILLED BY LIGHTNING.**  
Mother and Daughter Near Clothes Wire Struck.

Bristol, Va.—Mrs. Hugh Blizard, 35 years of age, and her 7-year-old daughter, Pauline, were killed instantly by a stroke of lightning at the family home at Arcadia, Tenn., near the Virginia border. They were on their way to the springhouse when the lightning struck a clothes wire on a line with Mrs. Blizard's head.

**PARDONED AFTER 23 YEARS.**  
President Commutes Sentence Of Washington Negro.

Washington.—George Hardy, a negro who has served 23 of his 25 years in the Atlanta Penitentiary, was ordered released by President Wilson. When Hardy was 16 years old, in 1893, he held up a man in this city and saved him a beating from which he died. Hardy was sentenced to be hanged, but President Cleveland reduced his sentence to life imprisonment because of Hardy's youth.

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HAS NO IDEA OF INVADING AMERICA

Germany's Chancellor Says it is Absolutely Silly.

FIGHTING FOR EXISTENCE

Von Bethmann-Hollweg Makes An Impassioned Address In Reichstag. Contemplates No Violation Of the Monroe Doctrine.

Berlin.—Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg protested vigorously in the Reichstag against the report that Germany, now or in the future, contemplated aggression against the United States. The Chancellor said:

"The latest offspring of the calumniating campaign directed against us is a report that we, after the end of this war, shall rush against the American continent and that we shall attempt to conquer Canada.

"This is the silliest of all the imputations invented against us. Equally silly are the reports that we contemplate the acquisition of any territory on American soil, as in Brazil, or in any American country whatsoever.

"We fight for our existence and for our future. For Germany, and not for space in a foreign country, are Germany's sons bleeding and dying on the battlefield.

"Every one among us knows this and it makes our hearts and nerves strong. This moral force strengthens our will in order not only to weather the storm, but also to achieve final victory."

Von Bethmann-Hollweg killed all hopes in the minds of his hearers that the war may be brought to an early end. The Allies' response to his offer to discuss terms of peace was a demand that Germany's military power be crushed.

"To these peace conditions only one answer is left, and this answer our sword must give," declares the Chancellor. "If our adversaries want to continue the slaughter of human beings and the devastation of Europe, their will be the guilt, and we will have to face it like men."

**Continue U-Boat Campaign.**  
The Chancellor covered every conceivable angle of the military and diplomatic situation. Among his most striking declarations were these:

Germany contemplates no violation of the Monroe Doctrine after the war, either by conquest of Canada or by obtaining a foothold in South America.

Germany will continue to carry on her submarine warfare, meeting England's attempts to starve her out, though with consideration for the legitimate rights of neutrals.

Germany will never willingly consent to the return of Poland and conquered Russian provinces to the Czar at the conclusion of peace.

**BUILD ARK LIKE NOAH'S.**  
North Dakota Farmer Expects Deluge In Near Future.

Drayton, N. D.—John Rule, a farmer living on the Red river, south of this town, believes that the present high water in that and other streams in this section is a forerunner of a flood equal to that described in Genesis, and has accordingly built an ark in which he expects to save himself and family.

A large houseboat, provisioned for 40 days, has been constructed and hauled close to the porch of his farmhouse in order to provide a means of escape from the expected high water.

**BELGIAN WOMAN PUT TO DEATH.**  
Two Others Imprisoned By Germans, Says Echo Belge.

Amsterdam, Holland.—The assertion is made by the Echo Belge that Miss Gabrielle Petit, of Molenbeek, Belgium, has been put to death by Germans after trial by court-martial on a charge of treason. It is alleged she conducted an information bureau in the interest of Germany's enemies. The newspaper also states that Louise de Bettignies, of Lille, has been sentenced to death, but that the sentence has been commuted to imprisonment for life.

**250 WOMEN GOING TO CAMP.**  
Will Be Instructed At Presidio In First Aid Work.

San Francisco.—Two hundred and fifty women will go into military encampment at the United States Presidio here June 1 for six weeks, under strict military rule, to learn the ways of war, according to an announcement made today by Mrs. Frederick H. Colburn, regent of the San Francisco Chapter of the Woman's Section of the Navy League. The object of the camp is to prepare women in first aid work.

**BANK ROBBED OF \$15,000.**  
Two Men In Auto Seize Chance While Cashier Is Alone.

Cannonsburg, Pa.—More than a score of detectives scoured the hills in the vicinity of Houston, one mile west of here, for trace of the two men who robbed the First National Bank of Houston, of \$15,000 and escaped in an automobile, but according to county authorities, no trace of them has been found.

**COW BUTTS HER INTO CREEK.**  
Woman in Serious Condition From Attack By Animal With Calf.

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GRADE CROSSINGS TOLL 94 KILLED

Total Deaths 592 On Railroads For Last Six Months Of 1915—4,869 People Injured.

Harrisburg.—Ninety-four of the 592 persons killed on the railroads of the State in the last six months of 1915 lost their lives at grade crossings, and of this number thirty-four were occupants of automobiles, according to the report on accidents on the railroads and electric lines of the State just issued by John F. Dohoney, investigator of accidents of the Public Service Commission.

The report shows a total of 592 killed and 4,869 injured on steam railroads, and 98 killed and 1,352 injured on electric lines. The figures show an increase of 29 railroad fatalities and a decrease of 229 persons injured, as compared with the last half of 1914. There were ten more killed on trolley lines and a decrease of 258 injured on the same railroads, as compared with the last six months of the preceding years.

Railroad fatalities included 185 employees, 4 passengers, 229 trespassers and 195 others, the latter class including the grade crossings. Two hundred and twenty-eight persons were injured at grade crossings. The grade crossing list shows an increase of 33 killed and 67 injured, over the figures for the same period in 1914. Thirty-eight of those killed at crossings were pedestrians, 20 in wagons and 2 on motorcycles.

Fourteen occupants of automobiles were killed in grade crossing accidents on high-speed electric lines.

**Board To Probe Anthracite Rise.**  
Ex-Judge Robert S. Gawthrop, of West Chester, was elected chairman of the commission provided by the last Legislature to probe the increase in the price of anthracite coal after enactment of the anthracite tax.

The commission, which is composed of Mr. Gawthrop, C. Tyson Kraiz, Norristown, and John H. Langdon, Huntingdon, organized in the Governor's office after Governor Brumbaugh had outlined the purpose of the legislative resolution. District Attorney General W. H. Keller met with the commission and Chief of Mines Roderick offered the assistance of his department.

Immediately after the organization, the members of the commission left for Philadelphia, where they will consult with Attorney General Brown, who was designated as counsel for the commissioners. The office of the commission probably will be established in Philadelphia.

"I told the commissioners to go ahead at once and to find out all that could be ascertained about the increase. I told them to be thorough about it," said the Governor.

**Slippery Rock Trustees Appointed.**  
The State Board of Education has announced the following appointments as trustees of the Slippery Rock State Normal School:

James M. Galbreath, former Judge Butler county; John A. Gibson, superintendent of schools, Butler; Charles A. Klein, Allegheny county; S. C. McGarver, Allegheny county; C. C. Green, superintendent of schools, Beaver Falls, Beaver county; O. K. Bingham, postmaster, Slippery Rock, Butler county; T. P. Miffin, North Washington, Butler county; Ray P. Wilson, Slippery Rock, Butler county, and J. H. Greedy, Beaver county.

**Man Without a Party For President.**  
Edward Callaghan, of Charleroi, addressed Secretary of the Commonwealth Woods, asking that his name be put on the State ballot as a Presidential candidate, without stating what party. He said that he felt that the primary law was contrary to the Federal Constitution and wanted to give the plain people a chance.

**Harrisburg City Forester Named.**  
O. B. Gipp's was appointed City Forester to succeed H. J. Mueller. Gipp is a graduate of the Pennsylvania State College Forestry School. George A. Shreiner was reappointed a member of the City Planning Commission.

**Two Justices Appointed.**  
Justices of the peace were appointed as follows: Michael Quinn, Collier Township, Allegheny county, and Albert B. Lowry, Salisbury, Somerset county.

**Philadelphia Pays \$134,000 State Tax.**  
The State Treasury received \$134,000 from Register of Wills Sheehan, of Philadelphia. It was the March payment of the State's share.

**Huntingdon Justice Named.**  
E. D. Schmitt was appointed Justice for Cromwell Township, Huntingdon county.

**Governor Respites Two Murderers.**  
Governor Brumbaugh granted a respite staying the execution of Thomas Chickarell and Gasper Marturana, Cambria, to the week of April 24, to permit application for a rehearing to be made to the State Board of Pardons.

**Miller Death Warrant Recalled.**  
Governor Brumbaugh recalled the warrant for electrocution of Jacob Miller, Philadelphia, as his appeal is in the Supreme Court.

**Carrying a bucket and clock and about to descend from the second to the first floor of her home at Shamokin, Mrs. Martha Eaton tripped and fell to the bottom of the landing. Her skull was fractured in addition to internal injuries from which she likely will die.**

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STATE NEWS BRIEFLY TOLD

The Latest Gleanings From All Over the State.

TOLD IN SHORT PARAGRAPHS

With the car supply equal to the demand, the Connellsville coke trade reached a new high record this week, shipments being 477,000 tons, an increase of 135,000 tons over the first week in January. Labor conditions also improved, allowing the addition of 150 ovens to the active list. There still is a shortage of men, 4,000 of the 28,000 ovens in the region being out of commission because the necessary labor cannot be secured.

Referee Jacob Snyder, of the Sixth District, completed the adjustment of the compensation claims of the widows of the eight miners killed in an explosion in a mine at Robinsonsda, Somerset county. The amount of the award was approximately \$25,000, which is the largest resulting from a single disaster since the compensation law became operative.

Born blind, Ida Friend, daughter of Mrs. George Friend, of Leighton, now can see. She has passed her twenty-fifth year. Restoration came by an operation performed at the Wills Eye Hospital, Philadelphia. Mrs. Eckley R. Cox, owner of many coal mines, bearing the expense. Surgeons say she ultimately will have excellent vision.

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Two thousand of the 8,000 miners in the Allegheny and Kiskiminetas Valleys, who struck for recognition of their newly-formed union, returned to work, their employers having made that concession.

Edward Mewes, a West Fallowfield farmer, dependent after illness with grip, committed suicide by hanging himself to the rafters in the hay loft. He was found by a neighbor. His parents died recently.

Joseph Benezesky, a prominent contract miner, sustained a broken back by a fall of rock at Maple Hill Colliery, and Harry Karrle was squeezed probably fatally between mine cars at Gilbert Colliery.

Clayton Merts was appointed Overseer of the Poor of East Pen Township, to fill the vacancy caused by the refusal of Roger Andreas, the duly elected officer, to serve.

Riley M. Little, of Philadelphia, addressed the Harrisburg Chamber of Commerce on the part the business man should take toward helping to eliminate poverty and suffering.

The State Forestry Department has given Harrisburg 40,000 pine trees, which will be planted throughout the parks and islands of the Susquehanna belonging to the municipality.

A jury in Northumberland County Court awarded Wallace W. Stanka, of Shamokin, \$100 damages for injuries suffered in a fall on an icy pavement. He asked \$10,000.

William J. Laidley, a farmer of Carmichaels, filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy at Pittsburgh. His assets were given as \$112,100 and his liabilities as \$208,738.

A State charter was granted to Jamerson Clothes Shops, Inc., of Philadelphia. Jacob Goldstein is treasurer, and the capital is \$15,000.

The borough of Mont Alto is building a water line from the "Pearl of the Park" to town for its new water system. The "Pearl of the Park" is the most famous spring in the South Mountain and permission has been given to use it by the State.

George Davis and Charles Gelask were injured seriously, if not fatally, at Sioux No. 3 colliery, a Lehigh Valley Coal Company operation at Mt. Carmel. They had fired a shot in a breast when their naked lamps ignited a pocket of gas.

William Sutters, of Leighton, had William Hontz, arrested on the charge of assault and battery, but the grand jury failed to believe Sutters' testimony and directed him to pay the costs. Not being able to do so, he went to jail.

The Millersburg Light Company has been purchased and will be operated by Farley Gannet, consulting engineer of Harrisburg. Mr. Gannet formerly was engineer with the State Water Supply Commission.

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