



WESTON P. O. SAFE BLOWN

Yeggmen Secure One Hundred Dollars From Postmaster's Strongbox.

2nd TIME IN TWO YEARS

In Haste to Leave Scene, Cracksmen Leave Their Tools Behind—Sheriff Taylor's Force Busy Trying to Find Trace of Robbers.

For the second time in two years, the safe in the Weston postoffice was blown open with nitroglycerine early this morning and the cash contents stolen. About \$100 in coin and currency was taken but the supply of stamps was left untouched.

This was the message received at the sheriff's office today and the officers are now trying to get trace of the robbers without much hope of success as they have but poor clues upon which to work.

The yeggmen had gained entrance to the postoffice, which is on Main street in the central part of the business district, by prying open a window. The explosion was heard by many residents of the city in the early hours of this morning but no importance was attached to it and the discovery of the crime was not made until 7 o'clock when Postmaster M. A. Baker went to work.

Evidence is that the safecrackers made a hurried flight after securing their booty as they had left their tools and a bar of soap on the floor. The safe door had been entirely torn off by the force of the explosion. Only the cash drawer had been molested and the \$100 which had been taken in after banking hours yesterday, stolen.

Two years ago the post office was looted in almost the same manner, but there is no suspicion that local characters are the culprits. It is the prevailing opinion that the deed was the work of professionals tramping through the country and it is believed they have put many miles between them and the scene of their crime.

ATHENA-WESTON ROAD COMPLETED

The only three-ply macadam road in the state was finished during the early part of this week, according to advices from Weston today. The road joins the towns of Athena and Weston, a distance of three miles, and has been under course of construction for several months, the farmers in the vicinity co-operating with the county by furnishing labor and teams for the work. Dave Lavender, former county roadmaster, had the work in charge.

The road consists of three layers of crushed rock rolled hard, the lower layer being very coarse, the top layer fine and the middle layer a mean between the two.

The new road makes a splendid highway and marks the beginning of a network of good roads for this county. It was undertaken as an experiment by the county court and farmers and has proved so successful that other similar stretches will be ordered. In fact as soon as this road was completed the rock crusher was moved just east of Weston and is now under way on the construction of another mile of macadam. Wednesday 125 yards was laid, this constituting a record for one day's work.

NEWSPAPER MAN DECLARES AMERICANS ARE LEADING CHINESE REBELS REVOLT

It is the confident belief of C. B. Walker, a traveling newspaper man who was here yesterday, that the Chinese rebel army is officered by American soldiers and he declares that his belief can be verified without any great difficulty. Not only is he convinced that subjects of Uncle Sam are leading the movement to overthrow the present dynasty of the big oriental empire but he is confident that for the past seven years these officers have been recruited here and sent to the southern provinces of China to drill the slant-eyed revolutionists in military tactics.

Mr. Walker bases his belief on the fact that he himself was offered a commission in the Chinese Imperial Reform army in the spring of 1904, took the examination for such appointment but later reconsidered his intention of ostracizing himself from his own country to assist another race in its fight for freedom. It was

U. S. GRAND JURY AFTER M'NAMARA

Starts Investigation in Indianapolis

May Result in Dynamite Exhibits Being Taken from Hoosier Capital to Los Angeles.

Indianapolis, Ind., Oct. 27.—United States District Attorney Miller today said he is not yet in a position to discuss the McNamara investigation by the federal grand jury here.

The grand jury investigation is to see whether James McNamara and Orville McManigal carried dynamite from one state to another.

It is proved that they did this it would involve them in the federal law moses in addition to the Los Angeles Times case.

It is believed the purpose of the action is to ascertain whether there is sufficient evidence to sustain the charge against McNamara, of conspiracy against the United States law. All interstate transportation is governed by strict federal statutes.

The defense secured a substantial concession from the state today when District Attorney Fredericks agreed to examine witnesses alternately so each man interrogated, for cause, shall be disposed of before another is taken up. J. Bush, a farmer, was passed for cause by the defense today.

Burns Behind Investigation.

Los Angeles, Calif., Oct. 27.—Interest in the McNamara trial today is centered at Indianapolis where the federal grand jury is expected to begin an investigation of the raid on the offices of the International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers.

The investigation was forced by Detective Burns, its real object being to devise some means of getting the alleged evidence gathered in the raid, to Los Angeles, for use against the McNamaras.

If the evidence is brought here the defense will fight hard against its admission, contending there is no connection between the dynamite and clocks there and the Times explosion here.

If the alleged evidence is introduced here, the defense attorneys contend that they have many precedents, to keep it out of the trial.

The prosecution today maintains an exact parallel arose in the Haywood trial at Boise, Idaho, when the state introduced bombs which it alleged were planted to kill Judge Gabbard and Goddard of the Colorado courts, and one designed to kill Governor Peabody.

The early hours of today's trial was devoted to hearing excuses of forty venemen who were called for jury duty.

HYDE ATTORNEYS SHOW CARELESSNESS

Kansas City, Oct. 27.—Formal exception was filed today by the defense in the Hyde case to the judge's decision, overruling the defense's motion to quash the second venire of talesmen on the ground that the jury wheel was illegally raised.

They were so confident of the upholding of the motion that they scarcely deigned to question the venemen and so eight prospective jurors are in the box and they were scarcely examined. Six of them will probably be challenged.

French Aviator Killed.

Rheims, France, Oct. 27.—Aviator Despermet was instantly killed today by falling several hundred feet with his machine while engaging in army aerial tests.

CHINESE PRES. IS PROCLAIMED

Revolution General Notifies Powers He Is Republic's Executive.

LOANS REFUSED EMPIRE

Customs House at Foo Chow Captured by Rebels and Mutiny of Imperial Sailors Is Expected to Follow—U. S. Navy May Go to Orient.

Shanghai, Oct. 27.—General Li Yuan Hung has proclaimed himself provisional president of the Chinese republic. He notified the foreign consuls that everything would be done to protect foreign interests, during the present unrest. It is believed the revolutionists will accept him at least temporarily.

The proclamation of the republic is the rebels' answer to the government overtures for peace, implied in yesterday's surrender to the national assembly's demands, which agreed to terminate the revolt in consideration of immediate drastic reforms. Li does not believe the government's promises are bona fide.

Rebels Secure Loans.

London, Oct. 27.—It is said that Chinese bankers who are here for funds to take China over the present revolution, are meeting little encouragement while revolutionists are getting money easily.

No Money for China.

Peking, Oct. 27.—War loans to China have been turned down by American, German, English and French bankers, and their representatives here have been instructed not to consider them. It is understood that the decision is the result of advice from their respective governments.

Mutiny Feared.

Shanghai, Oct. 27.—It is feared that the capture of the customs house at Foo Chow by the rebels will be followed by mutiny of the cantonese and the sailors who are manning the warships. Admiral Sias has arrived here after escaping from Kiu Kiang.

U. S. Navy May Move.

Los Angeles, Oct. 27.—That the Chinese revolt may cut short the visit of the Pacific fleet in San Pedro harbor is the belief of naval officers who predict it will be necessary to send at least a part of the squadron to the far east to protect the lives and property of Americans in the Orient. The American legation has already cabled that ships are needed. Twenty-six United States fighting craft are to assemble at San Pedro November 1 to take part in the greatest naval show ever held on the Pacific coast.

FISH CULTURIST BOOSTS GIBBON

Declaring that the site at Gibbon proposed for a fish hatchery is ideal in its conditions and that the trout fry already planted there as an experiment are thriving splendidly, J. H. Wilson, fish culturist at large, has become as booster for the hatchery after an investigation personally conducted yesterday.

Mr. Wilson has been identified with the preservation of game fish since 1891 and is one of the recognized authorities on matters pertaining to this work. Upon the invitation of C. K. Cranston, secretary of the state fish and game commission, he came up from his headquarters at Portland and spent yesterday at Gibbon. The fish already in the nursery pool, he declared to be in splendid condition, contrary to some reports circulated. Because of the purity of the water and the abundance of natural food, he characterized the site as an ideal one for hatchery purposes and will do all in his power to realize the dream of the local sportsmen.

Men Enter Cooking Class.

Logan, Utah, Oct. 27.—The domestic science classes at the Utah Agricultural college no longer are sacred to women. Harley Greaves and John Short, two students prominent in college affairs, have enrolled themselves in the cooking classes. Uniformed in the regulation immaculate aprons they wrestle daily with the educational gas range, making copious notes on kitchen waste, food values, marketing for profit and other kitchen mysteries.

"We intend to homestead 320 acres of desert land apiece" said Greaves, "and we're not going to starve to death while we are doing it. We intend to eat often and well and we don't intend to get married or hire a cook."

ITALIANS WIPE OUT TURKISH OFFICERS

Destroy Cruiser; Cripple Another

Newa Censorship, Established by Latins, Is Proving Very Disgusting to Newspapermen.

London, Oct. 27.—Nec'at Bey, commanding the Turkish Tripoli force, and practically all of his officers were exterminated by the Italian forces in a battle yesterday, says a message received here today, which quotes official dispatches to the Italian government sent from the scene of the battle.

Other messages today received from Turin say the Italian battleship, Napoli, sank one Turkish cruiser and damaged another near the entrance to the harbor at Dardanelles. The report is unconfirmed.

The Italian censorship has reached ridiculous extremes. It is now impossible to send even news of Italian victories in the regular news dispatches. Even commercial messages are closely scrutinized by the Italian government officials.

'TAPS' SOUNDED FOR COMPANY L. O. N. G.

Company L, third regiment Oregon national guard and part of the country's "first line of defense" is no more. It has "gone where the woodbine twined" all because it has been found impossible to find officers to handle the company. The equipment has all been shipped to Portland, the men have been given their discharge and from this time henceforth company L will be but a memory.

The final decision to muster out the company was given yesterday when in a phone message to Major L. H. Knapp, Adjutant General Finzer instructed his subordinate to take the necessary steps to close up affairs.

The order was not given until every possible scheme had been tried of finding a way out of the difficulty. In vain Major Knapp sought to secure a suitable man for the captaincy of the company. Captain C. A. Murphy, formerly commanding officer of the Salem company was urged to become the Moses of the local guard company and he could have led it from the wilderness and converted it into a first class organization, but owing to the press of his duties as superintendent for the state at the branch hospital grounds, Captain Murphy declined to accept the honor.

An effort was made to have the company continue as an organization but allowed to sleep in peace until the passage of the proposed militia pay bill. However, Adjutant General Finzer ruled against this move and with good reasons. He urged it would be better to muster out the company and later on to organize another command here in the event the pay bill passes and a national guard company is wanted in Pendleton.

So taps has been sounded for company L.

HONOR CONVICT SAVES LIFE OF FATHER

Reno, Oct. 27.—Racing against death, thirty four miles over a rough country in his warden's automobile, Herbert Christie, a convict at the Carson penitentiary, reached this city in time to clasp his father in his arms and the joy of the meeting probably saved the sick man's life, physicians say. Constable John Christie, the father, was stricken with lung congestion.

The family gathered about him and the man, delirious, called for the missing son who was serving a term for embezzlement, while city clerk here, the mother phoned to Warden Baker and the warden allowed the convict to take his auto and go alone.

WHITE RIBBONERS IN BEER FAMED MILWAUKEE

Milwaukee, Oct. 27.—Though famed for beer, Milwaukee today heartily welcomed the delegates of the Women's Christian Temperance Union convention, which assembled today for the thirty-eighth annual meeting. Some saloons even closed their doors to honor the white ribboners.

Schooner Burns.

Valdez, Alaska, Oct. 27.—The gasoline schooner, N. & S., owned by Captain Alexander Singletary, took fire last night, the blaze threatening the destruction of the municipal wharf at which she was lying and in which a quantity of dynamite is said to be stored. While the vessel was ablaze from stem to stern a line was attached and the schooner was towed to a safe distance where she burned to the water's edge.

J. N. Burgess, senator from this county, went to Pilot Rock this morning to look after his sheep interests.

GOVERNMENT AND FINANCE GIANTS ARE NOW AT WAR

Steel Trust Officials Resist Suit to Force Dissolution of Their Billion Dollar Combine

MONEY KINGS HOLD AN ALLNIGHT CONFERENCE

New York Stock Exchange Becomes Spasmodic With Announcement of Hostilities, and Bears Show Disposition to Gobble All Offerings.

New York, Oct. 27.—Summoned to appear in court to show why their billion dollar combine should not be dissolved, because it is a trust, the steel kings are determined that they will not be cut from the throne of power without a fight.

The giants of finance met last night in J. Pierpont Morgan's home and did not leave until early this morning. Francis Stetson, general counsel for the steel corporation, in discussing the dissolution suit said: "We know just where we stand and with what we are charged and we will act accordingly."

United States Marshal Snowden is here to serve the individual defendants with summonses. He was already served E. H. Gary, J. Pierpont Morgan, and John D. Rockefeller and is now trailing Andrew Carnegie, Charles M. Schwab, Geo. W. Perkins, E. H. Gary, John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Henry C. Frick, Charles Steels, Charles Gayley, Wm. H. Moore, J. H. Moore, Edmund Converse, Percival Roberts, Jr., Daniel J. Reid, Norman B. Reim, P. A. B. Widener and Wm. P. Palmer.

The opening of the government's fight to dissolve the steel trust had its effect upon the stock exchange, the opening of the market today, United States steel preferred started four points lower than yesterday's closing price, but covering by the bears later caused an advance.

The government asks not only the dissolution of the United States steel corporation, but for the dissolution of all constituent or subsidiary companies which are alleged to have combined in violation of the Sherman law to "maintain or attempt to maintain a monopoly of the steel business." Thirty-six subsidiary corporations are named as defendants.

The action of the government is the most sweeping ever undertaken under the Sherman anti-trust law. It demands that the combination of the companies which make up the United States Steel Corporation and subsidiaries, be declared illegal and that they all be dissolved; that all the companies be prohibited from paying dividends to the steel corporation; that all individual defendants be enjoined from continuing the existence of the trust; that the stock of subsidiary companies be distributed in such manner as to prevent a continuance of the trust and that the lease of the Hill ore lands be cancelled, because it fosters monopoly.

The fight aims at the very existence of the great corporation and the entire legal machinery of the government.

TAFT EATS WITH FACTORY EMPLOYEES

Milwaukee, Wis., Oct. 27.—Joining for the occasion, 1500 factory, store and shop workers and employers lunched with President Taft at a unique luncheon here today. The president also visited the city schools.

He will arrive at Chicago tonight and meet five members of his cabinet. During his three days' stop there several important conferences will be held.

Washington Rate Ruling.

Olympia, Wash., Oct. 27.—The new railroad rates for Washington will be the same from all centers, with no difference in the east or west, according to an announcement of the public service commission. Rates will be made only on distance and tariff basis.

PROGRESSIVE LEAGUE MEETS TONIGHT TO PASS ON COMMISSION PLAN CHARTER

At 7:30 this evening the members of the Progressive Non-Partisan Municipal League will meet at the city hall for the purpose of listening to the report of the charter drafting committee and of passing upon the work of that body.

The charter is all finished and now awaits the approval of the league. The final touches were given last evening when a session lasting until 11 o'clock was held in the office of Judge S. A. Lowell. At that time it was announced by the league chairman that a session of the entire league would be held this evening.

From indications the session tonight will be an interesting one as there is more or less difference of opinion as to what should go into the charter. Many are objecting to the six year term provision for all

the officers and that session may be changed. The charter as it stands also provides that a mayor or commissioner must not only be a local taxpayer but also a freeholder. This section was objected to by some of the committeemen on the ground that many merchants and other business men are not freeholders though they have heavy interests here and pay big taxes. However the committee voted last night in favor of the freeholder clause. The Baker commission charter provides that any taxpayer may hold office while the Spokane and Portland charters do not call for any property qualifications for an official.

All members of the Progressive league will be eligible to the meeting this evening and a full attendance is asked for by the chairman as to insure representative action.