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NO. 1.

A DOMESTIC QUARREL RESULTS IN KALEIDOSCOPIC COMPLICATIONS

HUSBAND FIRST ARRESTED THEN WIFE AND OTHERS ARE HAILED BEFORE THE COURT

Justice Webster, of This City, Will Tomorrow Do the King Solomon Stunt, Though There Is No Baby in the Case to Be Divided---Cook Is Charged With Assault With Intent to Kill, and Everybody Else in the Case Arrested on a Charge of Assault and Battery---Grievances Will Be Hung on the Line Before Webster Tomorrow.

When J. H. Cook, of Woodburn, appears for trial tomorrow in the court of Judge Webster, there promises to be unfolded to the court one of the most interesting and sensational domestic quarrels that has been heard in a justice court for some time. Cook was arrested at the request of his wife, and the charge lodged against him is that of an assault with intent to kill. According to reports received today from Woodburn, the wife, the daughter and Dr. F. G. Wil-

"FIGHTING BOB" EVANS DEAD WAS SICK ONLY THREE HOURS

Washington, Jan. 4.—Rear-Admiral Robley D. Evans, "Fighting Bob," to an admiring nation, died suddenly yesterday at his home in this city. Acute indigestion ended the career of one of the most popular officers of the navy. He was ill less than three hours. Admiral Evans arose yesterday apparently in better health and spirits than he had enjoyed in some time. For years a sufferer from old wounds sustained in the Civil war, and from recurrent attacks of rheumatic gout, the aged fighter seemed to have shaken off the burden of his advancing days. He displayed high spirits at breakfast, and ate a hearty luncheon at noon. Danger Once Thought Past. When in his library at 2 o'clock the

admiral was stricken. His family sent instantly for Dr. S. S. Adams, who on arrival found him in great pain. After treatment Admiral Evans fell into a restless sleep, and it was thought the danger had passed. Shortly after 4 o'clock, however, he awakened, and, raising himself with difficulty, announced that he was choking. "I cannot get my breath," he said, and sank back. At 6:45 o'clock he died, conscious to the end. Partial arrangements for the funeral were completed this afternoon. He will be buried with full military honors, a brigade of midshipmen from Annapolis, a battery of light artillery, four companies of marines and two companies of "blue jackets," attending the services, in addition to President Taft and other government officials.

TO SECURE REPRESENTATION AT HEARING

The transportation committee of the Salem Board of Trade and Business Men's League met this morning and considered ways and means of getting representation on the hearing before the Interstate Commerce Commission in the matter of terminal rates for points in the Willamette valley. Committees will visit other Western Oregon cities, leaving this evening to secure their co-operation. Part of the committee goes directly to Ashland, and works this way, meeting another section of the committee that goes to Albany, Eugene and Corvallis. An effort will be made to secure the co-operation of the Oregon Railroad Commission that, according to the business men at the meeting this morning, has not been active in pressing the claims of the shipping centers of Western Oregon, outside of Portland.

WITNESSES ARE ARRESTED FOR PERJURY

San Francisco, Jan. 4.—Further sensation was added today to the trial of Dr. O. C. Joslen, on a charge preferred by Miss Ethel Williams, when a complaint was sworn to on a perjury charge for the arrest of Joseph Watkins, a bellboy, who, with Martin J. Prince, another bellboy, testified adversely to the Williams girl. Prince was booked today at the city prison, and the police are seeking Watkins. The two testified that on a certain night last August Miss Williams was ordered from the Palace hotel. They mentioned a certain room. The prosecution, investigating, ascertained that on the date mentioned the room had been occupied by Dr. L. D. Blodgett, a prominent physician from Tulara, a regular guest. Prince was in the company of Joslen's chauffeur when arrested.

THIS LOOKS LIKE PRETTY HARD LINES

When Joe Dighton was released from the state hospital for the insane yesterday afternoon, he found himself confronted with Deputy Sheriff Esch, armed with a warrant for his arrest for failure to support his wife. Dighton was sent to the institution five or six months ago. Subsequently a warrant sworn to by the wife reached the sheriff's office here. Since then it has been held awaiting his release and as soon as he gained his liberty from the asylum, he was placed under arrest by direction of the Portland officers.

Cigarette Cost \$200,000.

Winnipeg, Jan. 4.—Fire starting from a carelessly thrown cigarette, destroyed the Excelsior Motor works and garage with 20 automobiles and eight houses and two stores. The loss was over \$200,000. With the thermometer 30 below, the firemen had a terrible time getting control of the flames.

Want Kellogg Appointed.

Washington, Jan. 4.—Senator Knute Nelson, of Minnesota, today headed a delegation from that state which called on President Taft to urge the appointment of Frank B. Kellogg to the vacant justiceship on the United States supreme bench.

Earthquake at Cleveland.

Cleveland, O., Jan. 4.—A series of earth vibrations were registered today by the seismograph at St. Ignatius college. Father Odenbach declared that the earth floor on which Cleveland is located had tilted slightly to the southwest, probably affecting a triangular stretch of land from Cleveland through Elmyra, New York, to Newbury Port, Mass., and southwest to Cincinnati. Father Odenbach believes that Monday's tremors caused the city's depression.

KILLED BY ENRAGED ITALIAN

John Chinnici Enraged Over the Ruling of Justice of the Peace Holton Webb, Lies in Wait and Shoots Him. CAUGHT AFTER LONG CHASE

After the Shooting the Murderer Fled, But Was Soon Followed by a Posse Under the Sheriff and Another of the Murdered Man's Friends—He Fled on a Bicycle, But Soon Became Exhausted, and is Captured After Two Hours' Chase.

Riverside, Cal., Jan. 4.—Lying in waiting in the hall of a downtown office building, John Chinnici, an Italian, shot and probably fatally wounded Justice of the Peace Holton Webb, as he was entering his office today. Chinnici then slipped down stairs to the street, and fled toward the open court. A posse of police and deputy sheriffs at once took his trail, which led toward the desert.

Chinnici was captured on the border of San Bernardino county by Sheriff Wilson, after a terrific chase. The Italian, on a bicycle, for two hours eluded the posse, and only gave up when he fell exhausted from the machine. Wilson is taking every precaution to guard his prisoner. The man was brought to Riverside surrounded by armed deputies, who feared an attempt at lynching by Webb's angry friends. Feeling is running high, and the sheriff has ordered triple guard throughout the jail.

The shooting grew out of a civil suit involving \$90, in which Chinnici and his brother were litigants. Webb decided against Chinnici, who stormed from the court room in a rage. Chinnici fired four times at the justice. One bullet found its mark, plowing through the right shoulder and lodging in the right lung. Webb was rushed to a hospital, where, it is stated, he had little chance to recover.

DISBANDED EVAPORATED DISAPPEARED

The stockholders' resolutions dissolving The Modern Improvement Company, of Toledo, Oregon, filed in the office of the secretary of state today, are unique. The resolutions, which are signed by George C. Walker, secretary, follow: "Whereas, this The Modern Improvement Company, has been torn asunder with dissension and strife, back biting and lying and cross hauling in its multitudinous forms; disagreeing on important as well as trivial matters; rife with internal disorder generally, and "Whereas, 'A house divided against itself must fall,' all of the stockholders voted unanimously in favor of dissolution. "Be it resolved that we do dissolve, fall, disband, disintegrate, evaporate and disappear this 29th day of November, 1911."

PORTLAND'S MYSTERIOUS "DR. DAY" PROVES TO BE A WANTED EMBEZZLER

ADMITS HE IS FRANK SMITH AND THAT HE GOT AWAY WITH \$3500 OF NELLIE K. BELL'S

He Puzzled Portland Sleuths for a Week, But, Finally Confronted With Evidence Furnished by the United Press, Confessed---Left Los Angeles Eight Months Ago, and Has Been in Alaska and British Columbia---Is Willing to Return to California and Stand Trial Without Waiting for a Requisition.

Portland, Ore., Jan. 4.—The mysterious "Dr. J. C. Day," over whose real identity the Portland police puzzled for nearly a week, admitted that he was Frank C. Smith, who is wanted in Los Angeles for embezzling \$3500 from Nellie K. Bell. The police assert that Smith confessed that he got the woman money, and said that he was willing to return to California without extradition papers and stand trial. According to advices received here Smith left his wife in Los Angeles eight months ago when he dropped from sight. Since his disappearance he has been in Alaska and British Columbia. He arrived in Portland recently, and was arrested for entering a room in a local hotel not his own. Following Smith's arrest the police found checks in the sum of \$1000 made in favor of H. H. Chase, drawn on the Bank of Commerce of Victoria, B. C., several checks on Seattle banks, which since proved worthless, and a number of articles bearing different names. All efforts to identify the man failed, however, until today when Smith was confronted with a full de-

W. J. BRYAN DEFENDS THE UNIONS

STRIKES SQUARELY AT THE ROOT OF THE MATTER IN A FEW WELL CHOSEN COMPARISONS, WHICH LEAVE NOTHING TO BE SAID. Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 4.—Expressions of William J. Bryan's opinions in the McNamara cases are set forth today in the current issue of his periodical, "The Commoner." It says: "The McNamara confessions have given enemies of union labor a chance to libel all connected with organized efforts to protect the wage earners. The same men who are indignant whenever the sins of 'sweatshop' owners are charged against all manufacturers; when the crimes of the trust magnates are imputed to all engaged in business; when the vices of Napoleons of finance are laid at the door of bankers in general, are hastening to hurl broadsides of libel at all who are forced to earn their bread by the sweat of their brow. "This is manifestly unfair. Organized labor has learned a lesson. It will be more careful in the future selection of leaders. Society may well pause and inquire if anything is wrong with conditions which lead men into dastardly conspiracies against life and property."

FIRE DESTROYS ERNEST WAITE'S RESIDENCE

A fire, the origin of which is unknown, destroyed the residence of Ernest Waite in Ankeny bottom last evening. Waite was doing the chores in the evening when he observed a light in the house. Upon going to investigate he found the interior a complete mass of flames, and in a short time the house was reduced to ashes. Mr. Waite is well known in the city, having been employed as a meat cutter for a number of years by Steusloff Bros.

BRYAN PLAYS FAIR; STATES HIS POSITION

Tampa, Fla., Jan. 4.—"I cannot conceive any condition that would make it possible for me to consider the question of my becoming the candidate for the presidential nomination of the Democratic party in 1912." This was the declaration of William J. Bryan yesterday on his arrival from Havana with Mrs. Bryan. They left tonight for Washington. Mr. Bryan declined to comment further on the action of the "progressive" Democrats in Ohio in pushing his name to the front as a candidate. The "golden hoof" is altogether too few on the Northwestern farms. Why not find out just how many of the herd are boarders, and then get rid of the boarders?

NEW YORK HAS FOUR MILLION BUNDLES OF DIRTY CLOTHES

New York, Jan. 4.—Even if the big laundry workers' strike here is settled at a compromise meeting being held between the representatives of the laundries and their striking employees today, it is believed that it will be at least two weeks before the mountains of back work are finished. While the greater part of the population of the metropolis is hopeful that an adjustment of the difficulties will be reached today, there seems to be little probability that such will be the case. Strikers are still determined to win their demands for shorter hours, increased pay and better and cleaner working conditions. That the owners will submit to all their demands is improbable. The city is threatened with another strike by labor that is indicative of conditions almost as bad as those which accompanied the strike of the garbage collectors recently.

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