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ORCHARD PLEADS GUILTY OF CRIME

DOES SO KNOWING THE SURE CONSEQUENCE.

In Sight of the Spot Where He Killed Ex-Governor Steunenberg, Harry Orchard Today Pleads Guilty to Murder—Is Told That Death Sentence Will Be Imposed Upon Him if He Admits His Guilt—His Reply Comes Without a Tremor.

Caldwell, Idaho, March 10.—Harry Orchard stood up in the district court today and pleaded guilty to the murder of ex-Governor Steunenberg of Idaho. He did so with the full understanding that this act would compel the court to impose a sentence of death upon him. When the court finished this explanation, he was asked:

"And now, what is your plea, Mr. Orchard?"

"Guilty, your honor," answered Orchard without a tremor.

Judge Wood who presided in place of Judge Ryan, because the latter was disqualified, having at one time acted as Orchard's attorney, set the date for the passing of sentence as March 18th. Orchard was then returned to the Boise penitentiary.

Orchard pleaded guilty to the Steunenberg murder within sight of the spot where the act was committed. The Steunenberg home is but a short distance from the court house.

Two years ago, when Orchard was first called to answer the charge of murdering Steunenberg, he refused to plead and the court entered a plea of not guilty for him at that time. Today's proceedings were purely formal.

May Not Indorse Taft.

Oklahoma City, Okla., March 10.—Efforts to prevent the indorsement of Taft and to oust Charles Hunter from the chairmanship of the state committee will probably be made by the "insurgents" in the republican state

convention, to be held here tomorrow. Many of the 640 delegates to the convention have already arrived and all sorts of rumors are afloat today as to the action to be taken by the convention. The Taft supporters are determined to leave no stone unturned to commit Oklahoma definitely to the support of the Ohioan's presidential boom, while the "insurgents" will fight for an uninstructed delegation to Chicago.

The Taft adherents declare that they are in entire control of the situation and that the action of the republican state committee and the republican legislative caucus in indorsing Taft will be ratified. Considerable local interest attaches to the attempt to dislodge Chairman Hunter, who is the leader of the Taft boomers in Oklahoma. The convention will have the power to elect a new state chairman, if it desires to do so, although a change in the chairmanship was not included in the call.

HENEY STRIKES BACK AT RUEF

PROVES NO IMMUNITY WAS PROMISED GRAFTER.

Francis J. Heney Starts San Francisco by Filing Affidavits and Documents in Reply to Charges Against Him—Sets Forth Reasons Why the Charges Against Him Were False—Shows Up Inside Facts to the Story of Municipal Graft.

San Francisco, March 10.—One of the most startling affidavits in the list of surprising documents that have been made public since the first inception of the fight against graft in San Francisco, will be filed today when Special Prosecutor Francis J. Heney will submit his answer to the recent affidavit of Abraham Ruef in which Heney was charged with duplicity and subterfuge and corrupt

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DEFECTIVE HOSE AGAIN TO BLAME

NEW YORK HAS A SECOND TASTE OF IT.

Twenty Firemen Injured and Enormous Damages Sustained in a New York Fire Today Because the Hose With Which the Fire Department is Supplied, Was Rotten—Proves the Truthfulness of the Statement That Conflagration Awaits New York.

New York, March 20.—Twenty firemen were hurt today and a quarter of a million dollars damages sustained in a bad fire in which the 14th street shopping district was threatened. A lack of water pressure and the bursting of more "scandal" hose handicapped the firemen and seemed to prove Chief Croker's statement that all of New York is really at the mercy of a big fire, because of the quality of the fire hose with which the department is supplied. At one time the big department store of Siegel Cooper company was attacked and the situation looked very grave. Lack of wind assisted the firemen, and they were able to get control.

Third Term for Roosevelt.

Omaha, Neb., March 10.—"A third term for Roosevelt" is the slogan of many of the delegates who arrived in Omaha today for the republican state convention, to be held tomorrow. Under the primary rule, the republican voters of Lancaster county, in which Lincoln is located, have sent delegates pledged to work for Roosevelt, first, last and all the time, and similar sentiments are expressed by delegates from several other counties.

The republican state committee has declared for Taft, and it is likely that he will receive the endorsement of the convention, but an interesting situation may arise as a result of the conflict between the Taft and Roosevelt forces.

HALL IS THE PEOPLE'S CHOICE

RECORD BREAKING VOTE CAST YESTERDAY.

When Count Was Made Last Night Dr. M. K. Hall Was the People's Choice for Mayor by a Plurality of 228—Cox Easy Winner—Walden Re-Elected—Dunn Defeated in Third Ward—Full Slate of Officers—The Elective Officers Named Monday.

New City Officials.
 Dr. M. K. Hall, mayor.
 D. E. Cox, recorder.
 J. W. Walden, marshal.
 J. K. Wright, treasurer.
 Councilmen.
 First ward—W. N. Monroe and S. N. Bolton.
 Second ward—A. V. Andrews and David Bay.
 Third ward—F. L. Meyers and George Kreiger.
 Fourth ward—J. T. Williamson and G. M. Curtis.

The battle of the ballots waged all day yesterday from 8 o'clock in the morning until 7 o'clock in the evening. Those who kept a close watch on the workers and expressions dropped generally from noon on were not surprised in the results in a single instance, however the majorities in some instances were higher than anticipated. The total vote of 930 is a record breaker. The largest vote heretofore cast was one year ago when it reached 759. The weather was ideal and the arrangements provided by the candidates were not extensively used, the voters generally preferring to walk to their respective polling places.

Next Monday night the new council will assume its duties, and it remains to be seen whether or not they will at their first meeting elect the city attorney, street superintendent, water superintendent and poundmaster, as also the night marshal.

The Official Count.

Following is the official count by wards:

First Ward.	
For Mayor—	
M. K. Hall, Ind.	66
Bird F. Lewis, Soc.	5
A. L. Richardson, Ind.	47
Total vote cast	118
Hall's plurality	19
For Treasurer—	
J. K. Fitzgerald, Soc.	44
J. K. Wright, Ind.	72
Wright's majority	28
For Recorder—	
D. E. Cox, Ind.	58
J. A. Matott, Ind.	49
C. J. Vanderpool, Ind.	4
H. A. Watson, Soc.	7
Cox's plurality	11
For Marshal—	
Jacob Biever, Ind.	46
B. M. Rogers, Ind.	3
I. H. Stoll, Soc.	10
J. W. Walden, Ind.	55
Ambrose Wright	3
Walden's plurality	9
Second Ward.	
For Mayor—	
M. K. Hall	192
Bird F. Lewis	31
A. L. Richardson	82
Hall's plurality	110
For Treasurer—	
J. K. Fitzgerald	165
J. K. Wright	130
Fitzgerald's majority	35
For Recorder—	
D. E. Cox	121
J. A. Matott	72
C. J. Vanderpool	5
H. A. Watson	6
Cox's plurality	51
For Marshal—	
Jacob Biever	98
B. M. Rogers	4
I. H. Stoll	21
J. W. Walden	150
Ambrose Wright	29
Walden's plurality	52
Third Ward.	
For Mayor—	
M. K. Hall	169
Bird F. Lewis	19
A. L. Richardson	89
Hall's plurality	80
For Treasurer—	
J. K. Fitzgerald	107

J. K. Wright	154
Wright's plurality	47
For Recorder—	
D. E. Cox	115
J. A. Matott	97
C. J. Vanderpool	29
H. A. Watson	30
Cox's plurality	17
For Marshal—	
Jacob Biever	96
B. M. Rogers	4
I. H. Stoll	15
J. W. Walden	142
Ambrose Wright	18
Walden's plurality	46
Fourth Ward.	
For Mayor—	
M. K. Hall	196
Bird F. Lewis	29
A. L. Richardson	87
Hall's plurality	19
For Treasurer—	
J. K. Fitzgerald	126

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ENGLAND STEPS INTO LIMELIGHT

SENDS FIRM BUT POLITE NOTE TO JAPAN.

Conditions in the Far East Have Taken a Sudden Turn Today, When England Sends a Polite Note to Japan, Saying War at This Time Would Be Disagreeable—Japan Will Be More Llenient in Demands—Outbreaks Against China Expected.

London, March 10.—(Bulletin.)—In order to save China from humiliation after from war or diplomacy, England has stepped into the breach between Japan and China. An intimation, which is believed will be sufficient, has been conveyed to England's ally, Japan, that war between Japan and China at this time would be very displeasing to Great Britain. The note was very carefully penned so as not to offend Japan, but it is believed that Japan would not consider going to war without at least an entirely neutral stand on the part of England. Japan will now probably be more lenient in her demands.

News from Tokio this morning was of a very alarming character. It is thought that the note came just in time to stop armed demonstration on the part of the Japanese.

Recall Idle Officers.

Tokio, March 10.—All naval and army officers away from posts of duty on furlough, have been recalled. The first squadron is now off Macao awaiting orders from the ministry.

Wants Its Steamer.

Pekin, March 10.—Japan has given notice to Yuan Shi Kai, foreign councillor, of two days more in which to surrender the steamer Tatsu Maru. Nothing is said as to Japan's course of action at the end of that time, if China does not comply, but inference is that she will use force. China has no objections to the sur-

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ANNA GOULD IS A PRISONER

COUNT BONI EMPLOYES DETECTIVES TO WATCH HER.

Although She Has a Divorce From Her Husband, Count Boni, Anna Gould, the American, Cannot Leave France With Her Two Children—Detectives Guard Every Avenue of Escape—Believed She Will Slip Away With De Sagan, Her Fiance.

Paris, March 10.—Madam Anna Gould is practically a prisoner in France today. Private detectives in the employ of Count Boni are watching every steamship office in order to apprehend his former wife if she attempts to leave the country with her two children as is said she proposes to do. While the police are not taking active part at the present time, they would intervene should she violate orders of the court which granted her a divorce, but forbade her taking her children, who are French citizens, from the country. It has been rather well established that it was the intention of Anna Gould to sail for New York Wednesday, but the activity of Count Boni prevented this, and it is now believed she will await an opportunity to slip across the frontier and sail via Germany or Holland.

Rumor has it that Count de Sagan, her so-called fiance, will accompany her on the same boat. At present she is at Chateau Marais with her two children.

President Addresses Mothers.

Washington, March 10.—With a brief address by President Roosevelt, in which he elaborated his well known views on "race suicide" and the duties of motherhood, the first international conference for the welfare of the child was opened today under the auspices of the National Mothers' congress. The inaugural session was held in the White House. Delegates from all over the world were in attendance.

This is the first international congress of mothers to be held in America and President Roosevelt has done everything in his power to make it a success. All of the machinery of the secretary of state has been placed at the disposal of the congress, with the result that 48 countries to which the United States has diplomatic representation are actively interested. Mrs. Frederick Schoff, of Philadelphia, is president of the congress and will preside at the sessions, which will continue until next Tuesday. Many famous names appear on the list of official delegates appointed by the governors of all the states, including Mrs. Grover Cleveland, who is a New Jersey representative.

The convention marks a notable precedent, inasmuch as this is the first time that any body of women has held a session in the White House.

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