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FAST EXPRESS ROBBED NEAR ROSEBURG

MUCH VALUABLE REGISTERED MAIL TAKEN FROM TRAIN WHILE ROBBERS DETACH ENGINE

Roseburg, Ore., June 29.—A passenger train was stopped near Roseburg this morning to join a posse under Deputy Sheriff Lawson of Glendale in search for three bandits who last night robbed the mail of the Oregon express, north bound, on the Southern Pacific.

One robber boarded the mail car at west Fork and his pals boarded the engine. They compelled Engineer Schmidt to stop his train about a mile away and then uncouple the mail baggage and express cars from the passenger coaches and run up the line and while one held the mail clerks, Ulmstead, Hammer and Van Gross in a corner, others rifled the registered packages and secured much loot.

Then they compelled the clerks to force an entrance to the baggage car, making it impossible for Express Messenger Reynolds to shoot. The robbers were unprepared to blow the safe and nothing was taken.

The escape was made by compelling

Crowds Tire of Pomp.

London, June 29.—Traffic throughout the very center of London was again tied up for the "royal progress" when King George and Queen Mary, the prince of Wales and others drove from Buckingham palace to St. Paul's cathedral to attend a short service, and then lunched with the lord mayor of London and returned to the palace by devious route to give the subjects the greatest possible chance to see them.

Educators in Conference.

Providence, R. I., June 29.—The American Institute of Instruction, the oldest organization of teachers in the United States, met in annual convention in this city today and will continue in session until the end of the week. The attendance includes many of the best known educators of New England and several from other sections of the country. Governor Pothier and Mayor Fletcher welcomed the visitors at the opening session today. The sessions will be devoted to secondary, elementary, rural school work.

SEAMENS STRIKE BOOSTS FOOD PRICES

TRAFFIC CONGESTED IN MANY CITIES OF EUROPE.

Big Liners Delayed—Riots and Disorder Break Out Often.

London, June 29.—Through paralysis of import trade today on account of the widespread seamen's strike, prices of necessities have advanced 25 per cent. Rioting exists in a dozen cities and the whole coastwise, and foreign traffic, save that along the English channel, is stagnated. The country is facing a serious situation. Reports from principals ports tell of delays in liners landing passengers and tied up ships, rioting occurring whenever strikebreakers are worked.

University Library
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Clerk With Posses.

Portland, June 29.—The postoffice department today offered a reward of \$1,000 each, and the Southern Pacific \$8,000 each for the robbers who last night robbed the express. The train pulled into Portland this forenoon without Mail Clerk Ulmstead who left

BOYS RUN WELL.

First Trial With Race Cart Proves Instructive and Entertaining.

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The fire department team is also industriously training for the events on July Fourth and show signs of good speed.

May Change Ball Game.

Effort will be made tomorrow to change the schedule games between Union and La Grande next Sunday so that Union may come here. La Grande will likely have some new players out in uniforms and the fans will be anxious to see them work at home next Sunday. However, if the change is not satisfactory to Union, the original schedule will be followed.

Taft's Go to Summer Home.

Washington, June 29.—President Taft leaves tomorrow for Beverly to establish his family in their summer home before he goes to Indianapolis Sunday to spend the Fourth with C. W. Fairbanks, the former vice president. At Indianapolis Taft will speak, defining his position on the tariff.

Action in Circuit Court.

An action brought in circuit court by Tenney et al against S. F. Wilson, the Athena attorney, was heard before Judge Knowles this afternoon. The litigation involves moneys paid on a mortgage on some land owned by Mr. Wilson in this valley.

Champion Athletes to Compete.

Pittsburg, Pa., June 29.—Many western athletes of prominence arrived in the city today in readiness for the national track and field championships of the A. A. U., which are to take place on Forbes field. The preliminary events will be contested tomorrow and the finals will take place Saturday. Many of America's most famous athletes are entered and an din some of the events champion will compete against champion.

It at Eugene to join a posse to identify the robbers, if located. Mail Clerk Van Gross says they got three pouches of registered mail consigned from San Francisco to Portland and Seattle and from Medford to Portland. They also opened 100 letters but did not enter the express car but had Ulmstead prying at the door for a time. Van Gross believes there were five in the gang. He says he can identify one. He believes they did not get many valuables.

Reports this afternoon from southern Oregon say there is no trace of the bandits.

Large Sums Hobbed.

San Francisco, June 29.—Practically all the registered mail of 24 hours' accumulation for Portland was on the robbed express. The sum is unknown.

Medford Mail Valuable.

Medford, June 29.—Registered mail from here on the robbed express had not over 20 pieces that were not valuable.

BITTER STRUGGLE TO AVENGE THE DEATH OF OROVILLE GIRL POINTS TO GUILT OF WOMAN AND BOY

Oroville, Cal., June 29.—Working on the hypothesis that only a sudden jerk of a strong arm could have broken the neck of Helen Rumball, aged 13, whose dead body was found in the home of her stepmother here, District Attorney Jones and Sheriff Wedder today are seeking evidence for tomorrow's preliminary hearing, to prove that murder was done.

If the physicians' statements are corroborated the charge will be murder, already made by the coroner's jury and will be placed against Mrs. Rumball and her brother, Archie Lewis, both under arrest.

The district attorney has intimated he found evidence tending to show either Lewis or the woman broke the neck of the child by jerking a rope while the girl was bound hand and foot and unable to maintain her balance. He believes the two left the attic not realizing the child was dead. The defense already is preparing for a bitter fight and will probably ask postponement of the preliminary hearing and examination tomorrow.

Public sentiment is bitter against the two accused, who show no feeling. The girl will be buried by popular subscription.

M'MANIGAL SAYS SUGAR PROBE TO INVOLVE COL. ROOSEVELT

THIRD DEGREE YARN FALSE

ASSERTS PROSECUTION WAS KIND TO HIS WIFE.

Darrow in Turn Blamed for Poisoning His Wife's Mind.
Los Angeles, June 29.—Replying to the signed statement by the defenders of the Mc. amaras that the "third degree" had been practiced on Mrs. Ortie McManigal to make her give evidence, Ortie McManigal, the alleged dynamiter, issued a statement last night flatly denying the allegation and declaring his wife's mind had been poisoned against him by Darrow. McManigal says the prosecutign officials were kind to Mrs. McManigal when they questioned her and were always considerate. The defense attorneys, when shown the statement today, declared McManigal's statement was "all bosh."

Conference of Leaders.

Indianapolis, June 29.—Conference of 100 officials representing the national labor unions and the American Federation of Labor a meeting is held here today for the purpose of discussing plans for the defense of John and James McNamara, the alleged conspirators in dynamiting the Los Angeles Times. Gompers, Morrison and other labor officials are attending.

Steel Companies Indicted.

New York, June 29.—A United States grand jury this afternoon indicted a number of subsidiary companies of the steel corporation. The trust itself was not indicted.

WITNESS TELLS COMMITTEE TO "DROP QUESTIONS."

Advices Committeemen to Cease Questions if They Like Colonel.

Washington, June 29.—"If you are a friend of Col. Roosevelt, don't go into that." This was the answer Representative Hinds of the Hardwick sugar investigating committee got today when he asked George Earle, Jr., of Philadelphia, for information as to the former president's action when he urged that the head of the sugar trust be prosecuted for wrecking a real estate company. Earle said he did not believe Roosevelt had carried out his oath of office in that he did not see that the law referred against heads of the sugar trusts.

Earle declared Roosevelt left the matter to his attorney general and he continued, "The evidence in the case has never been examined. I shall continue to criticize Roosevelt until I am shown conclusively that he did his full duty. I did criticize Roosevelt for not preserving all evidence and for not sending my letters to the senate when they were asked for."

Rockefeller Home Again.

Cleveland, June 29.—J. D. Rockefeller returned here today from the New York conference held to arrange for the re-organization of the Standard Oil company necessary on account of the court decision.

30 INCH PIPE IS DEMANDED BY COUNCIL

JOKER IN SPECIFICATIONS IS IGNORED IN KEEPING WITH ANNOUNCED POLICY.

WORK WILL BE DELAYED

Question of Changing Grade of Pipe to Standard Size Comes Up in Council Meeting Last Night—Odd Lengths Will Be Used—Only One Factory on the Coast Can Produce the Odd Size

Engineers Kelsey & Young.

Salt Lake engineers, apparently slipped a joker into the specifications for the \$41,000 La Grande sewer project when he called for 30-inch pipe instead of the standard size, 24 inches, and already it appears that the variation from national-standard size is going to cost the city dearly, especially in delay of constructing the proposed sewer project. Bidding on the specifications on the supposition that that city council would change the 30-inch clause to the standard size, Contractor Geo. H. Sutherland, along with eight of the nine bidders, paid little attention to that particular phase of the question, yet Contractor Childs of this city bid on the 30-inch pipe basis and at the time the bids were let, asked the council if it would insist on 30 inch pipe. At that time the joker had not made its appearance, or rather had not been put in the spotlight, and Mayor Richardson expressed emphatic policies at that time to conform with the specifications. Since then it has become more generally known that there is but one plant west of Salt Lake that produces this non-standard pipe and thus, with no competition, could produce much the sort of pipe it chooses and could charge much the sort of price it likes. It appears that Contractor Sutherland should have mentioned the matter earlier but he based his actions on what the city had already done—allowed Contractor Davis to use 24-inch pipe in violation of the same specifications on the grounds that the 30-inch grade was non-standard and couldn't be had, that the city itself had used 24-inch pipe in the work it did, in violation of the specifications.

Council Refuses to Change.

The climax came last evening when the council on a roll call vote decreed that the specifications should be adhered to. It means nothing in a monetary way to the city one way or the other and on the surface of the proposition it appears that it will be difficult to secure good material in the odd length. There is no question but what the watch dogs of the city treasury will see that not a penny will be paid out to Contractor Sutherland if there is any inferior pipe used. Consequently the one plant at Spokane will have to be relied upon to furnish the pipe—good pipe only, of course—and according to many this will be a tedious proposition. It is claimed the plant has not the capacity to turn out the amount of pipe needed here, in anything like specified time.

The Probable Result.

Now that the 30-inch pipe prevails, there seems to be no question in the minds of city officials and contractor but that the sewer project will be a long drawn out affair, awaiting arrival of pipe.

Pipe Inferior, Believe.

Many affirm that the Spokane pipe is inferior in quality, as a whole. The plant may turn out small lots of highest grade pipe but it is generally believed that it will tax the plant to produce the seven miles of pipe needed here in best grades.

Where Joker Came In.

When the specifications as prepared by Engineer Kelsey of Salt Lake, em-

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HINES REPEATS STORY BEFORE COMMITTEE

STAR WITNESS FOR LORIMER IS PLACED ON WITNESS STAND BY COMMITTEE.

DENIES HIS ACCUSERS

Man Said by Funk to Have Solicited Slush Fund for Lorimer Details His Early Career and That of His Connection With Lorimer and Politics in General During Senatorial.

Washington, June 29.—Edward

Hines, the millionaire lumberman of Chicago, who Funk swore raised \$100,000 for the Lorimer slush fund, took the state before the senate investigating committee today. Hines is Lorimer's star witness.

He reviewed the hardships of his early life and denied he drank to excess; he said he supported Lorimer for congress in 1906 and in 1908, because "Lorimer was a protectionist republican."

Hines then reviewed his story of the events previous to the time Lorimer went into the senatorial race.

Hines said: "I telegraphed Lorimer from Chicago recommending A. Bartlett, of Chicago, for senator. In April I saw Lorimer and he said the factions would not get together on Bartlett. I did not visit Springfield while the legislature was in session. In April I promised Senator Penrose to find out whether the legislature would adjourn without electing a senator. I asked Lorimer, who said that the situation was indefinite, but the was going up to Springfield and might learn what the prospects were."

Hines said he conferred with Penrose because Penrose wanted information as Aldrich wanted every possible vote to assure the passage of the tariff bill.

Hines flatly declared Funk's story concerning the slush fund was absolutely false.

He later testified that May 20, 1908, Senator Aldrich summoned him and told him that Lorimer might be a good candidate to break the deadlock in Illinois. Later Aldrich saw President Taft and explained the situation to him and returned and aid Taft suggested that Lorimer be the candidate. "Lorimer was surprised when I mentioned the president," said Hines, "and he required Aldrich to send a telegram. That was the day before Lorimer was elected."

STATE ENDS SEE PROSECUTION AT NOON

SEVERAL INDICTMENTS AGAINST "REVEALER" QUASHED.

Defense Moves to Have Jury Acquitted on Instructions by Court.

Chicago, June 29.—Completing the case against E. A. See, the "revealer" for alleged delinquency of Mildred Bridges, one of his disciples, the state closed its case. The defense immediately moved that the court instruct the jury to acquit.

The court this afternoon quashed two counts of indictment which charged he encouraged prostitution and four counts charging concubinage and one count of contribution to delinquency, still remain against him.