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Posse of Police Searching Portland Docks for Man Supposed to Be an Ex-Convict Who Battled With Police on House Top This Morning—Fellow Is Wounded in One Leg.

Portland, April 25.—Like a wounded man who fought a revolver duel with Patrolman Bender today is now being trailed by officers under Captain Keller. Bender chased the man who ran on the roofs of buildings and docks, and was pursued, the fugitive snatched a revolver five times in the officer's face, but it failed to explode. Then they closed in.

The man beat Bender over the head with the revolver knocking him nearly unconscious. Then he climbed off the building, but Bender recovered sufficiently to pursue, and fire five shots. The last one struck the fugitive as he crawled under an adjoining building. The man was killed a block by the blood marks. It is believed one leg was smashed as bits of cloth were found under the porch, and it is believed he bandaged the leg. He is still hiding on the docks.

The fellow is believed to be an ex-convict, one of those who escape from the Salem penitentiary. He had newspaper clippings in his bag to the penitentiary with him.

POPE HEARS BELLS.

New Campanile Dedicated and Pope Pius Hears Favorite Bell Ring.

Venice, April 25.—In the presence of official representatives of every city and province of Italy and practically every country of Europe, the new campanile or bell tower of the famous St. Mark's cathedral was dedicated today. The pope in the vatican heard the speeches and cheers over a long distance telephone.

His holiness' interest culminated when the telephone transmitted to his ear the ring out of the new bells in the campanile. He cried out with all the eagerness of a boy: "I can hear Marangona; I can tell it from all the rest." The Marangona is the bell Pope Pius himself presented to the campanile.

SAN DIEGO RESENTS RUMOR.

Officials Say They Can Cope With the I. W. W. Situation.

San Diego, Cal., April 25.—Captain John L. Sehon, a city councilman, the head of the police department, Chief of Detectives Meyers left today for Sacramento to see Governor Johnson concerning the free speech situation here. They bear a memorial adopted by the council declaring that San Diego is fully able to cope with the situation and denying that the city authorities have handed over the I. W. W.'s to a "vigilance committee" to be beaten out of the country.

Hotel Man a Murderer

Everett, Wash., April 25.—Charles Seaman, part owner of the Index hotel at Index, Washington, late yesterday shot and instantly killed Mrs. Johnson, wife of a cook, and shot and fatally wounded Mrs. Seaman. The first intimation of his intention to do murder was when Seaman appeared in the doorway of the hotel kitchen and announced that he was going to kill his wife.

Mrs. Johnson, who was one of the group at the door, fell dead at the first shot. After the shooting Seaman retreated to the bar room, where he emptied bottles and glasses at those who tried to arrest him. When he left the building he was arrested by Mayor Roberts. The shooting is the result of quarrel, according to Mrs. Seaman.

BRIDE OF 70; BRIDE OF 15

JUSTICE WILLIAMS HAS EXTREMES BOTH WAYS.

COVE GIRL WEDDED

Strange Fruits of Dan Cupid Present Themselves for Wedlock.

Extremes both ways presented themselves as Cupid's fruits before Justice A. C. Williams yesterday and the day before. On Tuesday the justice was called upon to officiate at the wedding of a couple, the bride of which couple was not a blushing maiden of 16 but a mature lady of 70 and more. The groom was over 50. The 70-year-old bride was Almeda Curtis and she is now Mrs. David B. McCurrey because Cupid shot his darts straight and true at the well-matured hearts of this couple.

Then yesterday came a reaction and a girl of 15 was wedded. This bride was of the blushing sort for she is under 10 and her spouse is under 21. The written consent of the mothers of both had to be obtained before the county clerk could issue a license and the wedding took place at high noon after these seemingly "trifling" humps on love's otherwise smooth pathway had been obliterated and the consent of the mothers obtained. This young bride was Bessie S. Doolittle and she was married to Charles B. Ego, both of Cove. Though of tender ages the couple married with the full consent of the parents.

Another matrimonial knot which the justice has tied of late was that of Arthur Mulholland and Valene Eaton. The groom lives near Island City.

PORTLANDERS ON TOUR.

Business Men Will Visit Section About Corvallis This Week.

Portland, April 25.—One hundred and twenty-five business and professional men of Portland left today for the Oregon Agricultural college at Corvallis to study the work and to arouse interest in favor of land schools throughout the state. They left in a five car special.

They are touring the vicinity of McMinnville and Sheridan this afternoon to see the resources of that territory. A dinner and reception will be held tonight at Dallas. They pass all day tomorrow at Corvallis.

ITALIAN FORCES WIN

Fleet Obtains Strategic Points as a Base for Supplies.

Constantinople, April 25.—Italian forces today occupied the islands of Imbros and Lemnos, opposite each other in the Dardanelles, giving the Italian fleet a base from which to block the straits. The Italians also occupied Chio and Taxos on the Samos islands on the Turkish coast.

Engines Are Too Large.

San Francisco, April 25.—The story of how the railroad has outgrown its swaddling clothes has been told hundreds of times, but here is a new one that comes from the Sacramento division of the Southern Pacific, of the horse that has outgrown its stall in the stable. This story, however, is about an iron horse and it refers particularly to the new, monster locomotives of the Southern Pacific company that haul the heavy freight trains over the mountain divisions.

On all of the mountain divisions where these new locomotives have been placed in operation it has been found that they are too large to fit into the stalls that had been built into the stalls for the locomotives of that period, therefore there is now before the officials of the railroad the problem of enlarging the stalls, and in some instances the roundhouses. The length of these new Southern Pacific engines, including the tender, is nearly 106 feet. It has a tractive power of 94,880 pounds and weighs 616,000. The engineer's cab is located at the head of the locomotive, just the opposite from all other locomotives, for the purpose of enabling the engineer to see clearly and instantly, in round, sharp curves in the mountainous sections.

TITANIC INQUIRY BOARD HAS RUPTURE WITHIN ITSELF OVER DETENTION OF ITS WITNESSES

Smith, as Chairman, is Antagonized by Other Members--Story of Wireless Connections With Incident Told

Washington, April 25.—A breach between Chairman Smith, of the Titanic investigating committee, and other members of the committee, is reported to have occurred today. Smith wants to keep all survivors of the Titanic crew in Washington until the inquiry is finished and other members of the committee believe this is unnecessary. Ismay and Franklin, the managing director and vice president, respectively, of the White Star line, demanded their release. Senator Bourne of Oregon, constantly breaks into the questioning, ignoring Smith.

Marconi First Witness.

Quartermaster Hitchens, of the Titanic, who testified before the committee, has demanded his release. Smith refused but was overruled by other members of the committee.

William Marconi, head of the Marconi Wireless company, was the first witness today. He admitted the New York offices of his company had sent a message to the Marconi operator on the Carpathia: "Hold news of the story of the disaster at four figures."

Competing in interest with yesterday's testimony was the exchange of telegrams between Senator Smith, chairman of the committee, and acting premier of Canada. The latter told of the docking of the steamer Mount Temple at St. John, N. B., with passengers aboard who claimed to have seen the Titanic sink. It was believed that the Mount Temple was the ship that was only five miles away from the Titanic when she took the final plunge.

The acting premier telegraphed that the captain of the Mount Temple reported he was then 50 miles south of the position given by the Titanic. He cruised around until the morning when he received a message from the Carpathia that she had picked up the Titanic's boats and that there was no further need to stand by.

The acting premier suggests that if considered necessary a commissioner could be appointed to take the captain's evidence. In reply, Smith

ADDED TRAIN FACILITIES ON O-W MAIN LINE OPEN MAY FIFTH

Greatly added passenger train facilities for La Grande are provided in a new schedule of main line service that is now being worked out by officials of the O-W. In conjunction with the commercial clubs of La Grande and Baker. To give splendid train services and added sleeper facilities for La Grande and Baker and intermediate points are the two chief aims of the new service, to be ordered into effect May 5th.

The stub train now running out of Baker to North Powder will be changed so as to leave La Grande at 4 o'clock p. m., arrive at Baker at 6:10 and returning, leave Baker at 8:40, arriving in La Grande at 10:30. With the facilities offered by No. 10 and No. 6, business men can go to Union on No. 10 at 5:30, catch No. 17 back, or wait at Union for No. 6 and go on to North Powder, Haines or Baker and have several hours to transact business, go to bed on the new stub train and reach home at 10:30. There are a half dozen combinations that can be worked out in this way and North

RARE TRAITS GUIDE YOUTH

ALLEGED BURGLAR DEVELOPS A MANIA FOR HONESTY

MOTHER'S AID HELPS

Men Who Staked Him to a Square After Exoneration, Are Repaid.

Honesty as a trait of character among men who fall under the suspicion of the law and have companions who are admitted burglars is not the general order of things yet such proved the case here this week in the story of Fred Scott, accused of breaking into the Bohnenkamp store with a young man named Davis. Scott, which by the way, is not the real name of the young man, but it suffices, especially in view of the fact that the man has a loving mother who knows not of his arrest and dismissal here, was released from any suspicion when he was given his hearing before Justice Williams. It was primarily his unbounded honesty that gained him his freedom. When the prosecution came to a slippery ground and was not sure of its premises, it was Scott who would enlighten them, though it seemed at his own expense. The prosecution was trying to establish when Scott left town and had difficulty. Scott spoke up from his secluded corner in the court room that it was on No. 5, the night of the robbery. The prosecution was trying to prove that Scott had been in the Bohnenkamp store the Saturday before the robbery "snooping around." Witnesses were dubious about swearing to this evidence, however, until Scott again enlightened them by the remark, "Sure I was in there that day. I was after some paint."

Thus on throughout the examination Scott was a willing assistant to the prosecution. Then when the court dismissed the charges for want of evidence, Scott had won such a friendly spot with the court and others in the room that when he was told to go and sin not, he carried with him enough four bit pieces to give him a bed and stake him to grub until he might secure honest employment. He had lost his money and was penniless. When he stepped from the court room none of the men expected to ever see him again, yet that was a wrong assumption. Scott went to the post-office, inquired for mail in his right name and got a letter from mother—mother had been a kind considerate personage and dropped in a money order for \$15 to her son out in La Grande, Oregon. Mother's son evidently boasts of an honest mother and honest rearing for he "beat it back" to the men who had staked him for his bed and grub when he was "broke" and remunerated them for the said "four bit pieces."

A man called Scott is right now a bosom friend of about three officials and business men in La Grande—because Mr. Scott is honest.

CANTALOUPE SEASON ON. Southern Pacific Prepares to Handle A Big Crop.

Los Angeles, April 25.—The growers of cantaloupes in the Imperial valley, California, estimate this season's production at 50,000,000 melons. Approximately 5,500 acres have been planted this spring, the yield, under normal conditions being computed at 50,000,000 melons, about 1,000,000 crates or 2,600 carloads. At least 30,000 tons of ice will be required for the shipping of this fruit to the markets of the country. The Southern Pacific which handles practically all of this crop, is already beginning to assemble its refrigerator cars in that section.

To get the melons to their various destinations in good condition, necessitates considerable skill in packing the crated cantaloupes inside the cars. In addition to seeking an attractive appearance in the arrangement of the fruit in the car, which appeals to the car lot buyer when he inspects it at its destination, the shipper must see to it that the crates are securely fastened to prevent them from shifting and to see that they are loaded and packed as to allow free ventilation and refrigeration.

LETTERS FROM ROOSEVELT OUT

POLITICIANS AGOG OVER INFORMATION CONTAINED

INFLUENCE OF THE TRUSTS OVER ROOSEVELT IS SHOWN

Taft Men Jubilant and Roosevelt Supporters Angry Because Publicity Is Given to Trust Letters at This Time—Letters Read in Senate, Showing Relations With Roosevelt.

Washington, April 25.—(Special)—Politicians are attaching much interest to the Roosevelt letters written during the time of the trust-busting campaign, as an indicator of the line of campaign material to be used against Roosevelt. The incident deals with confidential correspondence between President Roosevelt, Attorney General Bonaparte and Commissioner Smith of the bureau of corporations, about the government and anti-trust suit against the International Harvester company and sent to the senate yesterday from files of the department of justice.

One of the letters from Roosevelt to Bonaparte was written at Oyster Bay August 22, 1907, and said that the colonel had had a conference with George W. Perkins about the company's affairs and directed Bonaparte to not file suit then, but to go over the matter with Knox and Perkins.

If Opposed, Would Fight.

A letter from Commissioner Smith to the colonel September 21, told of conferences with Perkins and stated that Smith objected to prosecution at that time. The commissioner wrote that he thought the question of the company's guilt or innocence was merely technical, and said that Perkins at the conclusion of the conference August 24, had declared with great emphasis, "If after all the endeavors of this company and other Morgan interests to uphold the policies of the administration and to adopt their methods of modern publicity, this company is now going to be attacked in a purely technical case, the interests I represent are going to fight." Further on in the same letter Smith wrote:

"While the administration has never hesitated to grapple with any financial interests, no matter how great, when it believed a substantial wrong was committed, nevertheless it is a very practical question whether it is well to throw away the great influence of so-called Morgan interests, which up to this time have supported the administration both in general principles and the application thereof of their specific interests and place them generally in opposition."

Administration Wanted Harmony.

In another portion of the letter Smith reported Perkins as having said substantially that the Standard Oil people in New York were giving him the laugh for having thought that he was trying to be good and keep solid with the administration, and that he was now going to get the same dose as the others.

Both condemnation and approval is expressed here over the reading in the senate of confidential correspondence between Herbert Knox Smith and C. J. Bonaparte, former attorney general, regarding the government's anti-trust suit against the International Harvester company.

Adherents of Taft are jubilant and the Roosevelt men are admittedly angry, asserting nothing but a political move intended to injure Roosevelt's candidacy for the republican presidential nomination is behind it. Senator Brislow, of Kansas, feels bitter toward Attorney General Wickersham and other officials of the department of justice who turned over the letters to the senate. Brislow said: "It is the most contemptible act anyone was ever guilty of and shows that the man who perpetrated it had none of the sensibilities of a gentleman."

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