

HOLD-UPS CAPTURED

CONFESSION AT JAIL IS CAUSED BY PIQUE—TWO OF GANG NOW IN JAIL.

Portland Youth Confesses to Crime and Implicates ex-Convict of Folsom.

Portland, Or., Dec. 22.—In the presence of the sheriff, deputies, representatives of the O. R. & N. Company and newspaper men last night, William Burke, a young man of this city and 21 years old confessed that he had taken part in the holdup of the Portland-Chicago special No. 1, of the O. R. N., eight miles east of Portland last week. His confession implicates Jack Hayes, alias Jack Walton, alias "Slim," an ex-convict from Folsom prison, who was arrested Sunday, and another local youth, who has not as yet been apprehended.

The young man made the confession, he said, because he was sorry for the part he had taken, and also because he had been given only \$1.25 as his portion of the booty secured by the robbers. Hayes, the leader, according to the confession, took possession of all the valuables secured, telling the others he had found nothing in the express safe.

The robbers' entrance to express car was obtained by nitro-glycerin, and the express messenger, O. H. Huff, was compelled to open the way safe, which was looted. The passengers were not molested and the desperadoes made good their escape after uncoupling the engine and forcing the engineer to carry them down the track a mile or more. That the robbers got but little for their trouble was due to the quick action of Messenger Huff. Warned by shots and the uncoupling of the two express cars, mail car and engine from the rest of the train, Huff quickly unlocked the safe and taking out packages containing from \$2000 to \$4000 threw them into an obscure corner. These he replaced with packages that had little value. It was these packages the robbers got after blowing the car open with dynamite.

DISHONEST EMPLOYEES

Western Union Telegraph Company Robbed by Telegraphers.

Portland, Or., Dec. 21.—Secret service men in the employ of the Western Union Telegraph Company have unearthed an alleged conspiracy among operators of railroad offices in the Northwest and California, whereby they declare stealing have been made within the past 18 months amounting to many thousands of dollars.

Regular Western Union operators are not involved in the conspiracy. The stealing is charged by the detectives entirely against operators in isolated railroad offices where there was no check upon their work.

The mode of operation of the alleged conspirators was simple. An operator at a small station where there was no checking system would receive a message for another similar point, take payment for the company, transmit the message and pocket the money, which was subsequently divided with the operator at the receiving point. Some time before the development of the telegraphers' strike a year ago last summer a similar graft was unearthed by the company, but with its discovery and the summary discharge of the operators involved it came to an end.

CASTRO'S DICTATORSHIP IN VENEZUELA AT AN END

Caracas, Dec. 23.—The end of the rule in Venezuela of Cipriano Castro has come. The dictator who has governed the Republic with a rod of iron ever since he took forcible possession of the Yellow House in Caracas in 1899 is now openly charged with conspiracy to encompass the assassination of the man who he left at the head of the Republic when he sailed away on November 23 from La Guayra nominally to secure skilled medical aid in Berlin for a malady of long standing, and is today discredited.

The Bank of Venezuela has cabled its correspondents at Berlin and Paris cancelling the unlimited letter of credit given to Senor Castro when he left Venezuela for Europe and no one in Caracas believes he will ever dare return to the capital. The Castro cabinet has been forced to resign and a new and progressive ministry has been appointed by Gomez, the Acting President.

The attempt to assassinate Gomez and several of the ministers was decided upon Friday night, December 18. Senor Gomez heard of the plot and took the personal stand that he stepped in in the bud.

Warship Maine Sails for South.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 21.—A special from Fortress Monroe, Va., says:

The United States battleship Maine, flagship of the third squadron of the new Atlantic fleet, sailed today under sealed orders for the south. She is presumably bound for Venezuela.

The armored cruiser North Carolina sails today for Charleston Bay. The cruiser Montana is expected to sail Wednesday to join the North Carolina.

CASTRO'S DEPUTY SETS UP A NEW GOVERNMENT

Port of Spain, Dec. 22.—Vice-President J. Vincent Gomez, to whom General Cipriano Castro handed over the presidency on his departure for Europe, has established a new government in Venezuela. He has replaced the old ministry with a new body of men, who represent various factions in the state and who have figured prominently in various ways in the country's political history.

Secret advices from Caracas, where the strictest censorship is being observed, indicate that the whole of Venezuela has been in a ferment ever since President Castro sailed, and that the crisis was reached a few days ago when it became necessary for Acting President Gomez to take decisive steps.

Biggy's Death Accident.

San Francisco, Dec. 22.—Examination of half a dozen witnesses before a coroner's jury failed to throw any additional light upon the manner in which W. J. Biggy, late chief of the police department, met his death in the waters of San Francisco Bay. All the witnesses agreed that Biggy was in his usual spirits. The jury returned a verdict that death was due to accidental drowning.

QUAKE IN MONTANA

Virginia City Rocks and School-house Topples.

Virginia City, Mont., Dec. 21.—Two earthquakes in ten minutes caused the wildest excitement in this city, the panic-stricken people rushing into the streets in the belief that the buildings were about to topple over. Structures trembled violently, plaster came down, dishes were thrown to the floor, the main school building was badly cracked and the ground rent with seams from one to three inches wide.

Frank Pace, who arrived from the Crater Lakes, the scene of an extinct volcano, six miles south of Virginia City, where 13 old craters have been filled with water, forming a chain of lakes, states that the ground heaved there like the bosom of a lake, causing immense fissures to form in the mountain and rending the cliffs.

There is a belief that water of the Crater Lakes has found its way through subterranean passages to the remnants of the fires of the old volcanoes, although the Yellowstone Park is only 75 miles from here.

Plan for Golden Spike.

Butte, Mont., Dec. 22.—The golden spike on the Pacific Coast extension of the St. Paul railroad will be driven at one of three places—the St. Paul Pass Tunnel, the Johnson Tunnel Creek in Washington, or on the stretch of track between Missoula and Garrison. Such is the statement of President H. R. Williams, of the Washington and Idaho corporation of the St. Paul.

President Williams states that the indications are that the line will be connected up clear through to the coast at least 30 days prior to the time the officials had planned, or some time before the first of next May.

CARNEGIE SAYS STEELMAKERS REQUIRE NO PROTECTION

Washington, Dec. 22.—Andrew Carnegie, famous for the millions he made in the steel business and for his views on economic questions, was an entertaining, if not instructive, witness at the House ways and means committee tariff hearing.

Mr. Carnegie's principal contention was that the steel industry needs no more protection; that it has reached a point in its development where the American manufacturers can compete with the world under free trade conditions.

Man Missing, Note Found.

Salem, Or., Dec. 23.—A note pinned on an overcoat found lying on the Willamette river bridge Tuesday morning indicates that man giving the name of Tom Sullivan and claiming 1110 North M street, Tacoma, as his home, committed suicide by jumping from the bridge. He called at the Salem Y. M. C. A. several days ago and told Secretary Forbes that while in Portland recently he had been swindled out of all his money on the purchase of land located near Woodburn, but did not say by whom the swindling operations were conducted. He was about 60 years old.

Jail for Cattle Baron.

Fresno, Cal., Dec. 22.—S. C. Lillis, the wealthy Lemoore, Cal., banker and stockman, was sentenced by Judge Welborn, at a special session of the federal court, to spend six months in the local county jail and to pay a fine of \$1000. Lillis was convicted at the last session of the federal court on a charge of illegally inclosing large areas of government land. The case will be appealed and Lillis has been released on bond.

Steals Ship's Silver.

Vallejo, Cal., Dec. 23.—George Terrey, a fireman on the torpedo-boat-destroyer Rowan, was arrested by the police with practically all the silverware from the cabin of the commanding officer in his possession. Terrey claimed that he had merely borrowed the silverware. He will be tried by courtmartial.

Bullet for Aerial War.

Berlin, Dec. 23.—A Gottingen gunsmith named Schraeder has invented and patented an expanding bullet adapted for the destruction of dirigible balloons. The bullet can be fired from the regular infantry rifle.

RUEF GETS 14 YEARS

DEPOSED POLITICAL BOSS OF SAN FRANCISCO RECEIVES MAXIMUM TERM.

Notice of Appeal Given—Climax of Long Struggle Marked by Dramatic Events.

San Francisco, Dec. 30.—Fourteen years in the penitentiary, the maximum, was the sentence meted out Tuesday to Abraham Ruef, who for four years directed the political destinies of San Francisco as adviser of the administration of Eugene E. Schmitz, mayor of the city.

Judgment was pronounced at the close of a day devoted to legal battle, wherein the defense sought to introduce many reasons for a new trial. There was no demonstration on the part of the spectators during the proceedings in the courtroom, nor later when Ruef, having entered the prison van in the custody of a deputy sheriff, started in the dusk on his long ride to the county jail.

Before the adjournment of court notice of appeal had been filed on behalf of the defendant and the court had signed a writ of probable cause, which will act as a stay of execution.

In a trial that was prolonged through a period of nearly four months Ruef was convicted, December 10, of bribing John J. Furey, an ex-supervisor, to favor the award of an overhead trolley franchise to the United Railroads. This was one of 114 indictments returned against Ruef by the Oliver grand jury.

One of the many incidents that tended to make the trial of Ruef remarkable was the shooting of Assistant District Attorney Francis J. Heney by Morris Haas, an ex-convict, whose past record was exposed by the prosecutor after the would-be slayer had been accepted as a member of the jury. Haas subsequently committed suicide in the county jail.

ORCHARD TO TESTIFY

His Evidence May Bring About Return of \$10,800 to Gas Company.

San Francisco, Dec. 29.—By a ruling of the supreme court, the issuance of a commission was granted, authorizing the taking of the deposition of Harry Orchard, self-confessed slayer of the late Governor Steunenberg, of Idaho, as to the circumstances surrounding the explosion in this city on November 17, 1904, in the house of W. H. Linforth, then thought to have been caused by a leak in the gas main, but which resulted from the firing of a dynamite bomb, according to statements made in Orchard's confession.

The issuance of the commission follows the attempt of the gas company to recover \$10,800 paid to Linforth for damages done his house on the finding of a jury. Orchard, who is serving a life sentence in Idaho, stated that he blew up the Linforth house in an attempt to kill Captain Bradley, who then resided there.

Stockbuyers Complain.

Grangeville, Idaho, Dec. 28.—The action of the Northern Pacific in refusing to accept shipments of stock over the new Grangeville line is causing great inconvenience to stock shippers. A number of buyers have been feeding and buying cattle and hogs with a view of shipping out on the new line. An effort is being made to have the road suspend the order and receive shipments in January.

The only reason given by the officials of the road is that the cattle sway the cars and cause the newly-ballasted roadbed to shift. Stock shippers assert that the ruling is unjust to them, as all other freight is accepted. Several large shipments are to be made about the first of the year.

Fleet Enters Red Sea.

Suez, Dec. 30.—The American battleship fleet under Rear-Admiral Sperry, passed Perim at the entrance to the Red Sea at noon Tuesday. All on board the fleet are well. The vessels are due here the morning of January 3.

It is expected that they will make a quick passage through the canal and then will disperse to the various Mediterranean ports, according to their itinerary, with the least possible delay. Christmas was fittingly observed on board the 16 vessels of the fleet.

Change in German Postal Rates.

New York, Jan. 1.—From today on the postal rate on letters between the United States and the German empire will be 2 cents. This rate applies only to letters carried on vessels sailing direct between American and German ports and not to those that are trans-shipped by way of other countries. Agitation has been started to make the new rate applicable to all letters between Germany and the United States, without regard to route.

Deprive Negroes of Vote.

Muskogee, Okla., Dec. 30.—Several of the leading Democrats of Oklahoma met here for the purpose of preparing a bill to be introduced in the legislature next week to disfranchise the negro. Governor Haskell was represented by J. E. Wyand, of Muskogee.

It rests entirely with Senator Fulton to determine whether John C. Young shall become postmaster at Portland, or whether some other man shall be chosen. But it is entirely beyond the power of Senator Fulton to pick the new postmaster. He is not entitled to make a selection, but he has every right to pass upon the selection made by his colleague, and his approval is necessary before that choice can become effective.

To make the amount of money which each school district shall receive from the state and county school funds dependent upon the number of teachers employed in each district instead of upon the number of children of school age was the radical change in the manner of the appropriation of school funds urged by State Superintendent of Public Instruction J. H. Ackerman at Pendleton last week. He was addressing the second annual meeting of school officers of Umatilla county.

Details of another reclamation project for Umatilla county became known at Pendleton last week when it was learned that a syndicate of Spokane capitalists had contracted for several hundred acres of river bottom land along the Umatilla river about 20 miles west of Pendleton. This section is noted for its fine fruit, heretofore produced on a small scale, and it is the purpose of the promoters of the project to divide the land up into small fruit tracts. Though the land to be developed is mostly subirrigated, water will be taken from the Umatilla river to reclaim portions that may need it.

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Commencing June 22 and until further notice the following train service will be in effect on the line of the C. & E. R. R. between Albany and Yaquina, daily except Sunday:

Train No. 16 Train No. 2 Mixed Passenger Leave Albany 7:45 a. m. 12:40 p. m. Ar. Yaquina 1:30 p. m. 5:30 p. m. Train No. 15 Train No. 2 Passenger Mixed Leave Yaquina 2:15 p. m. 7:00 a. m. Arrive Albany 7:00 p. m. 11:55 a. m. On Sundays the service will be as follows: Leave Albany 7:35 a. m. Arrive Yaquina 11:40 a. m. Leave Yaquina 6:00 p. m. Arrive Albany 11:30 p. m. Wm. McMURRAY, Gen. Passenger Agent.

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Notice for Publication. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR. United States Land Office, Portland, Oregon, October 10 1908. Notice is hereby given that Katie Davey Stamp, by Daniel W Dineen, her Attorney in Fact, of Cloverdale, County of Sonoma, State of California, has filed in this office his application to select under the provisions of the Act of Congress Approved July 1, 1898, the E 1/4 S W 1/4, S W 1/4 S W 1/4 Sec. 28, and N E 1/4 S W 1/4 Sec. 30, Twp. 11 S., R 4 East, W. M. Any and all persons claiming adversely the lands described, or desiring to object because of the mineral character of the land, or for any other reason, to the disposal of applicant, should file their affidavits of protest in this office on or before the 22nd day of November 1908. ALGERNON S DRESSER Register. 1st pub. Oct. 23 1908. last pub. Nov. 20 "