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FRAUDS CHARGED IN COAST CITIES CENSUS

Seattle, Portland, Aberdeen,
Tacoma and Boise Are
Accused.

Washington—Staggered by the enormous growth shown by the returns of the new census for a number of western cities, Director Durand, of the Census Bureau, ordered an investigation, the result of which appeared in the announcement that gross frauds had been perpetrated.

Mr. Durand also gave out a letter from President Taft, directing that persons implicated in the alleged frauds be prosecuted.

Cities specifically mentioned as being affected by the frauds are Tacoma, Seattle and Aberdeen, Wash.; Portland, Ore., Minneapolis, Minn.; Boise, Idaho, and Fort Smith, Ark. It is said that there are many other cities involved.

Corrected returns and reports on alleged padding in Portland have not yet been received. Recount and readjustment has been completed at Seattle and Boise, and announcement of those two cities will be made soon with a full statement of the fraud.

Tacoma's Padding Big.

The result of a second enumeration of Tacoma, Wash., shows a population of 22,972, an increase of 45,258, or 129 per cent over the population of 1900. The first figures turned in for Tacoma were 116,243. In other words, the actual population was padded to the extent of 33,296, which would have meant a further addition of 40 per cent.

Director Durand says that the suspicions with regard to the census of Tacoma, were aroused, when on careful examination of the schedules in Washington, it was found that there was an absurdly large number of families reporting great numbers of "roomers" and "lodgers."

Tacoma Angry at Charge.

Tacoma—Announcement of the census bureau's estimate of Tacoma's population brought forth a storm of protests from city officials, commercial organizations and scores of prominent business men.

STANLEY KETCHEL MYSTERIOUSLY SHOT

Springfield, Mo.—Stanley Ketchel, champion middleweight pugilist of the world, died as the result of a wound by a bullet fired from a rifle in the hands of Walter A. Hurtz, a laborer on the ranch of R. P. Dickerson, millionaire ranchman and sportsman, near Conway, Mo.

Hurtz was later captured at the home of Thomas Haggard, one mile from Niangua, Mo., and was taken to the Webster County jail at Marshallfield, where he is being guarded.

After being placed in his cell the prisoner made a confession in which he declared he shot Ketchel in self-defense. He said he ordered the prizefighter to throw up his hands and fired when Ketchel refused to obey.

Conscious until near the end, Ketchel refused to make any statement regarding the shooting.

The part played by the woman in the case, Fannie Hurtz, who claims Ketchel's murderer as her husband, is not clear. From statements made by officers at Conway, it is believed she is suspected of luring Ketchel to a chair which she had placed in such a position that the occupant could not perceive anyone who left the front door of the house. It was while sitting in this chair that the champion was shot.

TAFT TO HELP NEW YORK.

President to Ask Cabinet Officers to Aid Roosevelt's Campaign.

Beverly, Mass.—President Taft is going to do all he can to help Colonel Theodore Roosevelt win victory for the Republican state ticket in New York. This fact was evidenced here when it became known the president would ask two or three of his cabinet members to go to New York and assist in the campaign there.

BRIEF GENERAL NEWS.

The next annual meeting of the National convention of Christian churches, will be held at Portland, Oregon, in October, 1911.

The house of deputies at the annual convention of the Protestant Episcopal church, in Cincinnati, defeated the proposal to change the name of the Episcopal church to "The Holy Catholic church," by a single vote. J. Pierpont Morgan, a delegate to the convention, was against the change.

The supreme court of Illinois upheld the constitutionality of the direct primary law. In a period of four years two other primary laws have been declared unconstitutional.

Both houses of the Colorado legislature passed the direct primary bill as amended in committee. The bill carries a modified convention or "assembly" clause, all candidates in the "assembly" receiving 10 per cent of the vote to have their names go on the tickets.

Information has been received by railroad officials in Chicago from the Interstate Commerce Commission that the enforcement of a plan for a uniform method of handling and issuing passes has been postponed indefinitely.

The United States, the greatest cotton producing country of the world, imported in the fiscal year 1909 \$6,037,691 pounds of raw cotton valued at \$15,816,135.

Fashionable New York women will carry dolls about with them this winter. The fad is an importation from Paris, where for a month women have been carrying large bisque dolls in the salons, also on special occasions and on the streets and in automobiles.

Armour & Co., packers of pork, soap and a great many other culinary necessities, are preparing to invade the canned fruit industry on the Pacific coast.

The efforts of Wilkesbarre, Pa., to have its name copyrighted has failed owing to the decision of the registrar of copyrights in Washington that a city has no legal right to the sole and exclusive publication of its name.

FOREIGN NEWS BITS.

The British government has finally agreed to give Canada full control over foreign copyright regulation in the Dominion. Heretofore a British copyright was effective in Canada and an American publisher obtaining a British copyright was also protected in the Dominion.

The directors of the French railroads involved in the strike agreed to grant a minimum wage of \$1 a day to the employes of all lines running out of Paris. The new scale will go into effect January 1, and constitutes the chief concession demanded by the men.

The Canadian Northern railroad has purchased for \$1,000,000 the entire holdings of the Pacific Whaling Company and will form a new organization and will also engage in shark and halibut fishing.

A powerful bomb was discovered by the police in Paris near the American embassy. The officers attribute the attempted outrage to anarchists who sought to put new ginger into the railroad strike.

NEWS OF NOTED PERSONS.

President Taft will sail for the Isthmus of Panama November 10, from Charleston, S. C., on the cruiser North Carolina. The president will be gone about twelve days.

Claude Graham White, the English aviator, stopped at the white house dome in Washington in his aeroplane after a flight of about six miles. An hour later White ascended from the spot where he had landed and returned to his starting point, the Benjamins race track, without a mishap.

"General" Jacob S. Coxey, of Ohio, who led a famous march of the unemployed on Washington in the spring of 1894, has been in New York for a week or so looking over the political situation from a \$25 a day suite in a fashionable hotel. He now announces that he intends to buckle down to hard campaign work for the defeat of the republican ticket in the state.

Colonel Roosevelt will make 23 speeches in New York between this and election day. He will also make several speeches in New Hampshire, responding to earnest requests from the republican managers in that state to take part in their campaign.

Mrs. Virginia Harned Sothorn has secured her much-coveted divorce decree at Reno, Nevada, from the well known actor, E. H. Sothorn.

Championship Series Open.

Philadelphia—The climax of the professional baseball season is at hand. The series for the world's championship between the Chicago, the premier club of the National league, and Philadelphia, winners of this year's pennant in the American league, began Monday afternoon in this city. The games will be divided equally between this city and Chicago.

DYNAMITE FOUND IN SAN FRANCISCO

500 Pounds of Explosive Discovered in Vacant Bay City House.

San Francisco.—The discovery of 500 pounds of dynamite hidden in an untenanted house near the bay in South San Francisco threw the detectives, working on the Los Angeles Times explosion case, into new spasms of excitement and cast an inky darkness over clues hitherto considered of promise.

The dynamite was contained in ten boxes of 50 pounds each, addressed to J. B. Bryson, and is supposed to be the same lot purchased by three men from the Giant Powder Works, September 20.

Upon examination, the boxes were found to hold approximately 80 sticks each of seven-eighths dynamite of 80 per cent gelatin. The order placed by Bryson at the Giant works called for this type of explosive.

Captain Ryan, of the detective department, found that the dynamite was of the type which was placed near the residence of F. J. Zeelandlaar, secretary of the Merchants and Manufacturers' Association, in Los Angeles, the day after the Times' explosion.

The box that was open held dynamite manufactured by the Hercules Powder Company, which is situated in Contra Costa County near the giant works. This Hercules powder was of 40 per cent gelatin and opens up a new clue for investigation.

WOULD CROSS OCEAN IN DIRIGIBLE BALOON

New York—Swept onward by a sturdy westerly breeze, Walter Wellman's great dirigible balloon America, first of air craft to hazard trans-Atlantic passage, was found in the steamship lanes up the Atlantic coast at midnight Sunday, out of wireless range from shore points, but presumably continuing her unbroken course, with all well on board.

In all the other messages there was no hint of the airship's location, but a signalled good-bye indicated that Wellman, whose dream is to be the

Columbus of the air, on passing the Nantucket, turned the nose of his craft in a more northerly direction with the British Isles as his goal.

Weather Bureau officials at Washington have asked every wireless station and ship equipped with wireless to notify Wellman that the hurricane reported off the Florida coast has blown itself out and will not in any way endanger the ship.

French Dirigible Files Channel.

London.—Another chapter was added to the history of aviation when the French dirigible balloon Clement Bayard, made the voyage from Compiègne to London in the remarkable time of six hours, a journey requiring seven hours by the fastest express trains and boats. Compiègne is 45 miles northeast of Paris and about 195 miles by air route to London. It was the first occasion on which a dirigible balloon has crossed the English channel. The over-water trip occupied 45 minutes.

DISGUISE IS EFFECTIVE

Ottawa, Ont.—Canadian officials are looking for a large number of Chinese who have recently been smuggled into Canada. At the Labor Convention, held at Fort William, Ont., the sensational statement was made that thousands of Chinese are annually being smuggled into this country. The traffic is said to be most profitable, and as high as \$300 each is being paid for successful entry into the Dominion. Since the automobile has come into almost general use, it is authoritatively stated that the Celestials are dressed up as women, and under the guise of "joy riders" are successfully shot across the international boundary at many points.

Fair Trial Asked.

Milwaukee, Wis.—In a speech in which it was said that the struggles of John Dietz were only a part of the fight against the corporations, and urging that resolutions be passed demanding that John Dietz be given a fair trial, Mayor Emil Seidel was one of the speakers at the two mass meetings of the Dietz defense committee.

Cobb Gets Automobile.

Chicago.—In an official statement, President Johnson, of the American League, says the plays at St. Louis when Lajoie was at bat were legitimate. He awarded the automobile to Tyros Cobb as leading batter. The percentages were: Cobb, .38494; Lajoie, .38404.

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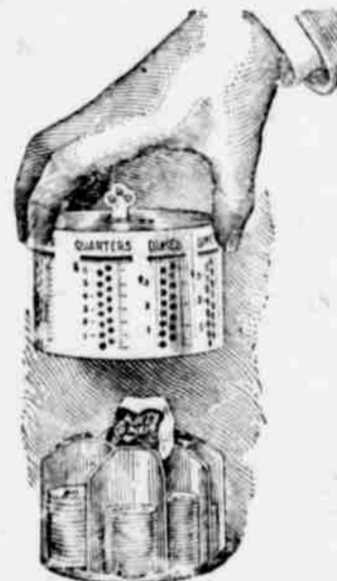
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