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OFF FOR THE ARCTIC.

Peary Relief Ship Windward Sails From New York.

NEW YORK, July 14.—The Peary relief ship Windward finished loading her supplies this afternoon, and sailed from New York. She passed quarantine at 2:40 P. M. The Windward will go direct to Sydney, C. E. where she will take on coal, and then head for the Arctic regions. Mrs. Peary and her daughter will join the ship at Sydney.

Corona at St. Louis Exposition.

YOKOHAMA, July 14.—The Emperor of Corea received John Barrett, commissioner of the St. Louis Exposition, in audience July 12, and accepted the invitation for Corea to participate in the exposition.

Salonica Again Shaken.

THERAPIA, European Turkey, July 14.—Another severe shock of earthquake is reported to have occurred at Salonica.

COLLIDE IN MALACCA.

Singapore Steamer Runs Into a Junk—Thirty-eight Persons Drowned.

SINGAPORE, June 8, via San Francisco, July 14.—A collision took place the night of June 8 in the Straits of Malacca, between the local steamer Teutonic, and a Chinese junk. Both vessels sank almost immediately, and only 68 persons were saved out of 106 on board.

Bathing as Cure for Drink Habit.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., July 14.—State Factory Inspector McCabe has sent a circular letter to the larger manufacturing concerns in the state, recommending that they provide bathing facilities for the employees. He cites the beneficial results from such a course at Michigan City, and says a bath after a day's work will do much to remove the desire for stimulants.

MAN-HUNTERS REST

Cuddehe Calls in Posse in Search of Outlaw Tracy.

FORCE IS TO BE REORGANIZED

Sheriff Is Preparing for a Long Vigil and Wants Fresh Men—Fugitive Again Doubles on His Tracks.

Sheriff Cuddehe has called in the posse looking for Convict Tracy, and now proposes to surprise Tracy and Merrill when they shall meet again. Tracy was seen by a farmer near Enumclaw Sunday night, but his appearance was not reported until yesterday. The fugitive played his old trick of doubling on his tracks, and again his pursuers were fooled. He was not heard from yesterday. Merrill is said to be in Seattle, and has even ventured out on the streets.

SEATTLE, July 14.—At 5 o'clock tonight Sheriff Cuddehe, who has been directing his posse and lieutenants from Ravensdale since Friday last, sent out a general order directing his assistants to congregate at Auburn for the night, to the end that a general conference and redistribution of the forces might be had. The move was made for the reason that the Sheriff has tired of a form of campaign which has kept his men chasing rumors, some plausible, others almost intangible, and also because a large number of members of the several posses are almost incapacitated for duty from loss of sleep and travel. Hereafter, the main idea of the Sheriff will be a quiet search and prompt investigation of all reports from every source rather than a beating of the brush and its attendant accompaniments.

Preparing for a Long Vigil.

The Sheriff, though hopeful that his judgment is in error, is preparing for a long vigil, founded on the belief that buckshot wounds in his body have transformed Harry Tracy from a veritable winged traveler into a cunning, desperate man, who must now use his wits rather than his legs for safety. Many of the deputies and volunteers who have stayed with the chase since its inception will be temporarily relieved from duty tomorrow morning in order that they may be supplanted by men who are fresh and correspondingly alert to the exigencies of the situation. In this connection, probably no more touching incident of the hardship endured by the men who have pursued the outlaw for weeks is in evidence than is seen in the case of Jake Williams, an Oregon reservation Indian, who has been pursued since the day Tracy escaped. With a dogged determination this man has hounded Tracy's footsteps until he is almost a physical wreck. Williams has spent every cent he possessed at the start in defraying his expenses, and appeared at Ravensdale tonight minus funds or food, but yet determined to remain with the Sheriff's forces to the end.

AGAIN DOUBLES ON HIS TRACKS.

Had Tracy Been Strong He Could Have Continued Toward Seattle.

AUBURN, July 14.—Tracy, the escaped Oregon convict, has repeated his old tricks and doubled on his tracks. He was seen this morning on a road near the Muckleshoot reservation by an Indian boy. Last night he was seen by Henry O'Neill, a rancher, on the same hill. Tonight, if not near the reservation, he is only a few miles away, either in the White River or the Green River Valley. His old ruse worked as successfully as ever with the posse and bloodhounds while Tracy was attesting by old roads and trails back from Enumclaw; the bloodhound brigade was on a clamping to Palmer Junction. The outlaw had an open field before him. The few guards which were left in the vicinity of Auburn could not cover all the intricate approaches from Enumclaw. If Tracy's strength had lasted he could practically have walked toward Seattle without opposition. He was near Enumclaw yesterday at 3:30. In the evening he was seen by Henry O'Neill, the rancher, on the reservation hill. The distance by the shortest road is about eight and a half miles, but by the route the notorious criminal undoubtedly went it is much longer. The territory which he covered was phenomenal, and when he reached the ridge of Muckleshoot he was undoubtedly too fatigued to continue further. Otherwise nothing lay in his way.

Tracy at O'Neill Farm.

Tracy's appearance at O'Neill's farm was not reported until this morning, although he was seen early last night. It was dusk. O'Neill and his wife had just reached home after a short drive. Mrs. O'Neill went into the house, while her husband started to feed his pigs. While he was doing so O'Neill happened to glance up and saw a man answering Tracy's description steal from the brush on the opposite side of the road from Auburn. He thought it was simply an Indian boy, and spoke rather sharply to the man, which the farmer saw the man suddenly duck down and run like a deer along the fence which faces the farm. He carried what appeared to be a rifle in one hand. He wore a black slouch hat, and ran with a long stride. An old hopkin faces the road between O'Neill's house and the hoppen. When the man reached the kiln, he disappeared.

The farmer then thought for the first time the stranger was Tracy. Running quickly to the house, he called his wife out, saying he wanted to speak to her. He believed he was joking, and paid no attention to him. When he told her that Tracy was in the vicinity, however, she quickly obeyed. Mrs. O'Neill is in very bad health. O'Neill feared for the result if the murderer should insist on stopping at the house, and so took his wife to the Jones Bros' ranch, half a mile down the

road toward Auburn. They remained there all last night. When Tracy disappeared, he was heading in the Auburn direction, but they saw nothing of him as they walked down to the Jones farm. O'Neill gives a very clear account of the affair. He reported the incident to Charles Reynolds, the Indian agent, at an early hour this morning. O'Neill is a conservative sort of a man, and stands high with all the people in the neighborhood. At first the deputies were inclined to scoff at the report, but after an investigation, C. E. Cady, of Auburn, who has taken an active interest in the pursuit, came to the conclusion that the man was undoubtedly Tracy.

FUTURE PLANS OF CUDDEHE.

He Proposes to Surprise Outlaw—Merrill Said to Be in Seattle. AUBURN, Wash., July 14.—Without volunteering a word of explanation as to the motive actuating him in taking such a course, Sheriff Cuddehe tonight called in every member of the posse engaged in the hunt for Harry Tracy, the notorious convict and outlaw. It is known, however, that Cuddehe has been informed that Merrill is now in the vicinity of Seattle, and once or twice has actually appeared on the streets of the residence part of the city, where his presence would be least expected.

That Tracy has been given assistance in his efforts to elude capture or death was made known to the officials two or three days previously to the statement of John Anderson that the outlaw-convict had met and held a whispered conversation with four men at South Seattle. From the same source has come the information that, instead of impressing a Japanese boatman into service in crossing Puget Sound to Port Madison, Tracy used a skiff supplied by his confederates in crime. In fact, it is said, he actually was rowed to Port Madison by one of his accomplices, who returned to the Seattle side of Puget Sound with the boat.

New for Decisive Blow.

These things have not come to the Sheriff's knowledge by the voluntary confession of an accomplice or the act of a stool-pigeon. A minor clerk accidentally discovered by Cuddehe shortly after the remarkable career of Tracy in King County had its inception followed by cautious detective work. He did not act upon the knowledge immediately for reasons best known to himself. When the time came for action, so Cuddehe reasoned, he would be sure of his quarry. No error should be made, but the strike should be sudden, unexpected and deadly. Today was the time selected for beginning the work which should end in the downfall of a criminal gang, and the death of the ring leaders. Notification was sent the members of the various posses scattered throughout the county to come in and report at the Sheriff's office.

Posses to Trap Outlaws.

According to the arrangements made for defeating the intentions of the two ring leaders, Tracy and Merrill, the majority of the posse were to be told that when their services were again required they would be notified. Then a few picked men of nerve and determination, noted for their skill with rifle or revolver, were to be selected. The latest rendezvous of the criminals was to be learned and nothing done that would interfere with their plans for meeting. At the proper time, the picked posse would open fire from their hiding-places.

When the order to come in was given today, all but three or four of the posse met it with blank looks and expressions of surprise. Not cognizant of the knowledge said to be in possession of Cuddehe, they were not slow to express the opinion that the work and worry, the loss of sleep, the suspense and the criticism to which he has been subjected in the last few days had proved too much for him. Their natural query was whether he intended to give up the man-hunt and let Tracy leave the country for a spot where he could be a source of trouble and annoyance to others. Many endeavored to excuse what appeared to the majority to be an inexcusable action by declaring that Cuddehe was not satisfied with the results attained by the present methods; that he had evidently concluded to reorganize his forces in a manner which would heighten the chances of success in effecting the capture of the noted desperado, dead or alive. And yet, as his supporters were obliged to admit, Tracy would be given an excellent opportunity to escape while the posse members were away from their former posts of duty and while the work of reorganization was going on. Believing, as he does, that Tracy does

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HICKS-BEACH GOES

British Chancellor of the Exchequer Resigns.

MAY BE MORE CABINET CHANGES

Duke of Devonshire Assumes the Government Leadership in the House of Lords—Orations to Balfour.

LONDON, July 14.—A. J. Balfour was today formally greeted as Great Britain's premier and the new regime began its work. The momentous change was marked by only one really dramatic in-

MARQUIS OF SALISBURY.



RETIRING BRITISH PREMIER.

cident, namely, the resignation of Sir Michael Hicks-Beach from his post of Chancellor of the Exchequer. Yet this lack of outward show and public prelude to a new chapter in English history is by no means representative of the grave balance which the sudden transition created among the undercurrents of political life. It is safe to say that Sir Michael Hicks-Beach is only the first of several whose names have figured largely before the public in the last half century and who now will disappear from the political arena. Nothing absolutely definite is yet settled, but the Unionist party expects to hear of the resignations of Earl Halsbury, Lord High Chancellor; Lord James of Hereford, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, and Earl Cadogan, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland. For Sir Michael Hicks-Beach's place, Right Hon. Robert William Hanbury, now president of the Board of Agriculture, is the favorite.

Pending Reconstruction.

In the pending reconstruction, which may not be completed for some time to come, Mr. Balfour, much to the delight of the Unionists, will remain the leader of the House of Commons and First Lord of the Treasury, with Mr. Chamberlain still in command of the colonies, as his first lieutenant. If Earl Halsbury, on account of his great age, fulfills predictions by retiring, Baron Alverstone will succeed to the woolsack, Sir Richard Henn Collins becoming Lord Chief Justice, Sir R. B. Finlay succeeding him as Master of Rolls, Sir E. H. Carson, now Solicitor-General, becoming Attorney-General and probably Charles Cripps, Attorney-General to the Prince of Wales, succeeding to the Solicitor-Generalship.

On one point the members of the House of Commons, who throughout the day animatedly discussed the new state of affairs, seemed practically unanimous and that was that Austin Chamberlain, financial secretary to the Treasury, would be promoted, a majority mentioning him as likely to succeed Mr. Hanbury, should the latter take the Chancellorship of the Exchequer. Friends of Mr. Balfour also said he was certain to require the advice in his cabinet councils of his great friend, George Buchanan, now Chief Secretary for Ireland.

There is apparently no serious anticipation of a general election, though in some quarters it is thought the desire attributed to the King to have a new Parliament after his coronation might cause an appeal to the country, though the new Premier is not believed to see any necessity therefor.

Devonshire Leader in Lords.

Informally announcing Lord Salisbury's resignation in the House of Lords today, the Duke of Devonshire said that His Lordship had also retired from the government leadership in the House of Peers, and desired that he, the Duke of Devonshire, should take up that position. King Edward received Mr. Balfour in audience today at Buckingham Palace and delivered to him the seals of his office and the privy seal.

Perhaps never has a change of Premiership been effected with so little dislocation to business, either public or private, as accompanied the transfer of the seals of office from Lord Salisbury to A. J. Balfour. The occurrence had no effect whatever on the Stock Exchange.

The public showed little interest in the meeting of Mr. Balfour's followers, who were summoned this forenoon. The new Premier, when he entered the conference room of the Foreign Office, accompanied by the Duke of Devonshire, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, Lord Londonderry, and others, received quite an ovation. When Mr. Balfour rose to address the meeting all again stood up and cheered the new chief. Mr. Balfour referred to the loss of the services of the chief who for nearly 50 years had been engaged in active political life. No one, he said, would begrudge him

his well-earned repose, though his loss was irreparable. "I do not flatter myself," proceeded the Premier, "that the gap he has left can be filled. But the place he has left must be occupied, and it is because the King desired me to do my best to take that position that I have asked you to meet me today. I have accepted a great task and a heavy responsibility, certainly not from overweening belief in my own capacity, but because I am sure, or at least have every reason to believe, that in attempting to carry on this work I will have the most important qualification any one can have, namely, that regard and confidence of those with whom he works."

Resignation of the Chancellor.

After a warm tribute to Lord Salisbury by the Duke of Devonshire, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach rose and said there was no one whom he would more gladly or more readily have accepted as leader of the party than the man he had followed for more than seven years. But Lord Salisbury's retirement was a break with the traditions of his past political life. Two years ago he had begged for personal and not for political reasons to be relieved from office, but he had consented at Lord Salisbury's instance to retain it to the end of the war. Mr. Balfour had been good enough to express a strong desire that he should continue to act with him as his colleague, but had admitted that the cir-

SWEPT BY FLAMES

Grant's Pass Is Visited by a \$50,000 Fire.

ORIGINATES IN DEFECTIVE FLUE

Wind Blows a Gale and Half of the City Appears Doomed for a Time—Blaze Is a Very Freak.

LOSSES AT GRANT'S PASS FIRE

City Hotel	\$ 2,500
Grant's Pass Brewery	12,500
Bartlett grocery	1,000
Southern Pacific shops and wood-yard	10,000
A. Lemke, residence	1,500
G. Kutchell, residence	1,200
L. Heberle, residence	2,500
R. O. McCroskey, residence	2,000
Colonial Lodging-House	4,000
Baptist Church	3,500
Other small residences	2,000

GRANT'S PASS, Ore., July 14.—A fire which is believed to have had its origin in a defective flue in a hotel this afternoon destroyed \$50,000 worth of property here. A southwest wind that was blowing a gale scattered the flying embers over all parts of the city and made it practically impossible for the firemen to keep the flames under control. The fire was a most remarkable one in that it did not sweep everything as it went, but skipped here and there, making the situation all the more difficult for the firemen and the citizens, who fought heroically to quell the destructive flames. Nearly all of the residences and buildings burned were insured for one-half or two-thirds of their value.

Origin of the Blaze.

The fire originated in the old City Hotel, on Front street. Flames were discovered breaking through the kitchen roof about 1 o'clock this afternoon, and were probably caused by a defective flue. Fanned by the fierce wind, the flames had completely enveloped the City Hotel and the adjoining buildings before the fire department could reach the scene, notwithstanding its prompt response.

The Grant's Pass brewery was next in the path of the flames, and in a few minutes was reduced to ashes. The blaze then leaped across the street to the railroad yards of the Southern Pacific, where are located the roundhouse, machine shops and woodyards. These were soon a mass of flames. Across the street were the residences of A. Lemke, L. A. Heberle and G. Kutchell. These were the next to go. By this time the whole city was in great alarm. The widest excitement prevailed, for the solid business portion of the town on Front street, and all of the residences of the city, comprising half of Grant's Pass, seemed doomed, as they were directly in the path of the flames. Every available team, drag and truck in the city was hurried into action, getting the contents of stores and residences to places of safety. J. O. Booth, proprietor of the Western Hotel, offered \$100 for a drag for a hour's use. The locomotives and rolling stock of the railroad company were moved out of the path of the fire.

Fire of a Freakish Nature.

It was the freakish nature of the fire, together with the heroic work of the firemen and citizens, that saved one-half of Grant's Pass from utter ruin. The flames leaped from the Southern Pacific shops a distance of two blocks to the brick residence of L. A. Heberle, then jumped to the residence of R. O. McCroskey and on to the large brick Colonial lodging-house. The greater part of the contents were removed, though the buildings were totally destroyed. These structures were burning directly in the rear of the First National Bank building, the Josephine Hotel, Clements' drug store, the City Hotel, the Baptist Church, and C. & S. store, all of which escaped damage. From the Colonial lodging-house the fire leaped two blocks over eight or ten large buildings to the Baptist Church, which was destroyed before the fire company could reach it. A score or more of residences scattered over all parts of the city were set afire, but were saved from destruction by the vigilant watchers. Company H, of the Oregon National Guard, was stationed by squads over all parts of town to protect the residences and buildings from the flying embers.

Owing to the fire breaking out in 20 many different quarters, it was impossible for the local fire department to reach the many sections that were aflame or were in danger, and accordingly aid was asked of the Ashland department. Mayor Thomas Simpson and Chief Evans, of the Ashland fire department, boarded a special train and came rushing to the rescue, picking up more hose and men at Medford. Arriving here, they did good work in subduing the flames that were burning in the Southern Pacific Railroad woodyards. The firemen now have the blaze under complete control, and no more danger is feared. The wind has died down, and the fire is confined to the smoldering ruins of the several structures that were destroyed.

There were a number of minor accidents and three traveling men were injured in working to keep the flames from the Hotel Josephine.

\$20,000 Fire at Astoria.

ASTORIA, July 14.—O'Brien's Hotel, located on Seventh-street, near Commercial street, was partially destroyed by fire this morning, the roof having caught from a spark from the chimney. The roof and upper story were burned off, and the furniture damaged by water. The loss is about \$20,000 and there was no insurance. The property is owned by Mrs. Theresa O'Brien.

Relief Train Starts Fire at Medford.

MEDFORD, July 14.—Fire was started in this city by a special train carrying the Medford and Ashland Fire Departments to Grant's Pass this afternoon. Several small buildings burned, but no serious damage was done. All the mills and shops containing forges were compelled to put out their fires while the wind storm was at its height. The wind gave the firemen some trouble, but the fire was soon under control.