

SIEGE IS RAISED

Sheriff's Office Loses Portland Club.

DEPUTIES THEN REGAIN IT

Coroner Places Deputy Sheriff Under Arrest.

EIGHT WARRANTS SWORN OUT

During the Excitement, Peter Grant Enters Portland Club Office, Places Watchman in Charge, Who is Also Taken in Custody.

STRUGGLE FOR POSSESSION OF PORTLAND CLUB.

At 3 o'clock Nate Solomon and Peter Grant decided to arrest the entire sheriff's force.

The fight is on between the Sheriff's office and the proprietors of the Portland Club, and it will be to the bitter end.

Warrants Are Issued.

The story begins with a consultation of the Portland Club proprietors, past and present, with their legal advisers.

DEPUTY SHERIFF'S STATEMENT.

Chief Deputy Morden, over the telephone, in discussing the probability of his arrest, said: "I have not been served with papers, and will not submit to arrest."

STREET-CAR JUMPED TRACK.

Four Tacoma Citizens Are More or Less Badly Hurt.

JAPANESE FLEET ON ALERT.

Russian Torpedo-Boats May Try to Make Neutral Port.

Cabinet Meeting Is Unimportant.

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charge of his office. When the deputies regained possession of the building from Coroner Finley they found unmistakable signs of some one having been upstairs.

Gorman says he was roughly handled as soon as the deputies got into the office. He says he was punched in the mouth several times, received several blows and was also booted.

Judge George asked Gorman something about the way he had been treated, and the released prisoner said that he had been kicked and punched and dragged on the floor.

After Gorman was released, Peter Grant said: "I took possession of my property this morning, and I have a right to go to the roof to see about some needed repairs, and finding the window to my office open I naturally walked in."

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FIND NEW FLAWS

Mayor's Experts Condemn Sewer Job.

MANY DANGEROUS DEFECTS

Mayor Calls Executive Board to Hear Reports.

NO DOUBT OF ITS BAD STATE

Property-Owners Are Convinced That the Only Way to Make Tanner-Creek Tunnel Safe is to Rebuild It.

RECOMMENDATION OF PROPERTY-OWNERS.

"We are convinced that it would be necessary to tear down and rebuild the present sewer for considerable distances, in fact, for the greater portion of its length, to make it conform at all to the requirements of a safe sewer."

From two separate official sources comes strong substantiation of all that has been said concerning the Tanner-Creek sewer.

As expected, the civil engineers appointed by Mayor Williams made one report, and the two property-owners, also appointed by him, made another report.

At the final session of the league today President Roosevelt was severely criticized for the exemption of the civil service through the executive order made by himself during the last three years.

The Mayor's first move has been to call a special meeting of the Executive Board for 4 o'clock Monday afternoon.

While the Mayor does not care to discuss the subject, it is generally believed that the result of the Monday meeting will be a request for the resignation of City Engineer Elliott.

"There is no doubt now as to the condition of the sewer," said Mayor Williams late yesterday afternoon.

The feature which Engineers Wingate and Goodrich dwell upon was the lack of concrete over the brick tube.

The City Engineer's specifications require that this space shall be filled in and tamped down.

"\$20,000 Would Make Sewer Strong.

But to fill in this space with concrete would cost nearly \$20,000, it is estimated.

The report of the property-owners, R. B. Lamson and N. L. King, is plain and short, but it is very informative.

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NO END OF FIRE

Japanese Display Great Bravery at Arthur.

LOSSES ARE VERY HEAVY

Recent Bombardment by Far the Most Severe.

RUSSIANS BRAVELY RESIST

Maching Guns Mow Down Great Lines of Attackers, but Comrades Still Press On—Trenches Filled With Corpses.

HEADQUARTERS OF THE JAPANESE THIRD ARMY BEFORE PORT ARTHUR, Nov. 24 via Tientsin, Dec. 9.—(Probably held at headquarters for censorship.)—The general assault on Port Arthur, which began at noon November 26, is still in progress.

The attempt failed after the most furious fighting that has been witnessed since Port Arthur was invested.

The front lines of infantry, having been strongly reinforced, began an attack at midnight, along the entire line from East Kekwan Mountain to West Rihlung Mountain.

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PORTLAND MAN IN LIST.

T. N. Strong Is Made a Vice-President of Civil-Service Reform League.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—The closing session of the convention of the National Civil Service Reform League was held today.

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FIGHT TO THE LAST BREATH.

STOCKS HAVE BEEN SENT DOWN \$200,000,000.

LAWSON AND GATES' WORK

Bulls, However, Again Appear to Be in Control.

ADVANCES THROUGHOUT LIST

Members of the New York Exchange Cheer Loudly When the Trading Ceases, and No Failures Have Been Recorded.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—(Special.)—The total shrinkage in the stocks by the Lawson-Gates bear raid against Amalgamated Copper now amount to at least \$200,000,000, but when the stock market closed this afternoon prices had advanced 3 to 5 points throughout the list, and the recovery from the severe slump of yesterday seemed to be complete.

Before delivery time at 2:15 o'clock P. M. there was some uneasiness expressed about the ability of yesterday's buyers to cover and pay for their stocks, but all stocks were accepted, and as soon as this became known the trading became more confident and after that period the highest prices of the day were reached.

At the opening traders were made nervous by a decline of from 1 to 3 points, but this depression was short-lived. The upward movement was quickly resumed, and continued until the closing.

Substantial advances were made in nearly all the active stocks, and, apart from a few intervals at the opening and at delivery time, the tone throughout the day was cheerful and confident.

Among the prominent features were: Amalgamated Copper, which after an early decline of 3 to 5 points, advanced to 87 1/2, closing at 87 1/2; Baltimore & Ohio, which sold early at 57 1/2 and advanced to 100 1/2, closing at 100 1/2; Denver & Rio Grande preferred, which advanced two points to 27; International Paper, Rubber Goods preferred and Union Pacific, all of which made sharp gains, and the Steel shares.

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