

LAST HAUNT OF THE SHANGHAI

Frank T. Bullen Slanders Portland.

ARTICLE IN NEW YORK SUN

Makes This Port Survivor of Barbarism.

MISSTATEMENTS REFUTED

British Consul Laidlaw and Chaplain Bernays Show That Author of "Cruise of the Cachalot" Is Behind the Times.

Frank T. Bullen, now a resident of London, author of "The Cruise of the Cachalot," and other tales of the sea, has succeeded in having printed in the New York Sun of Sunday, May 13, a two-column article in which he declares and attempts to show that Portland, Oregon, is "the last haunt of the shanghai."

Behind the Times. The article would have been well enough and somewhat up-to-date had it appeared in the days of Jim Turk as late as the early '80s, when it is believed that Frank T. Bullen paid a visit, and likely the only one, to Portland.

Statement of Frank T. Bullen. After a lengthy introduction explaining the origin of the curious verb, "shanghai," the writer goes on to explain the ins and outs of the work, and finally concludes with the following paragraphs, intending to show that Portland, Or., is the last haunt of the shanghai:

However, coming to the central point of my article, the last home of shanghai is the wharf of Portland, Or. This is with out controversy among seamen who know and any one who cares to investigate the facts may see in the blue book of American consular courts of desertion by merchant seamen abroad.

When, however, we come to the reasons why this vile business should still flourish in Portland, having been practically stamped out everywhere else, we find some difficulty.

Law Courts for Nothing. Nowhere in the civilized world does the personal element count for so much in the character of cities as it does in the United States of America.

Callao Yields to Portland. Callao, which once held the bad eminence among shanghai ports, has lost it mainly because of the drive out of the sailing ships.

San Francisco and Portland, Or., are the last two ports where sailing vessels may still be met with in any numbers, and consequently it is to them we must look for any lingering traces of the old romance (7) practice of dealing men from one ship to another, or on a pinch, sandbagging a respectable citizen and making it possible for him to find himself some fine morning on the "tomorrow" in the Zephanah E. Shoom, bound for Liverpool, where an order is procured by a kick to awaken the dormant fatalities.

Tribute to the Port. Portland is a place of which her citizens may well be proud. It lies in the midst of a magnificently fertile country, full of splendid timber, growing amazing quantities of wheat and the lovely Willamette River, abounding in salmon. Also it is the most northerly port in the United States on the Pacific Coast.

After it comes the territory of the no-account Britisher, British Columbia and Vancouver Island, where, at any rate, there are law and wisely administered laws.

Why Sailor Suffers. In bare justice, however, to Portland, it should be said that she suffers from an influx

of those least desirable citizens who prey upon sailors and have been driven out of San Francisco in a better-governed community, where they would be punished and sentenced to be hanged, for all of them are candidates for the honor, or serve long terms of imprisonment. But Portland is too busy making money and megaphoning the tale of her amazing virtues and powers to the attendant winds and she has no time or inclination to attend to this plague spot in her midst.

Therefore the sailor still suffers, is still bought and sold like a sheep in the shambles, still says "there" when the United States official cause him to be mustered at the captain before the ship sails, and puts the canonical questions to him which he refuses to answer or misanswers if he dare.

Only in fairness let it be admitted that Jimmy the Turk, or his prototype, no longer dare go aboard an incoming ship and, revolver in hand, chase her crew over the side into his boat to sell them again next tide. No, he must needs now employ his powers of persuasion, backed by a little liquor, the law being powerless, apparently, to keep him out of a ship where he is not wanted, as his like (but far less potentially harmful) have been long kept out of home-bound ships at home.

Indignant at Bullen. Prominent men, familiar with the situation, and residents of the city, when shown the product of Mr. Bullen's pen, became indignant at the manner in which the port has been placed in the wrong light before the reading public, and even those who have admired Mr. Bullen's tales of the sea declare that he is certainly sadly in need of some fresh information upon the subject of which he has chosen to write so freely.

British Consul Laidlaw said: "I don't think there has been a case of shanghai in the Portland harbor for years. There have been one or two people substituted, and one of these came before the authorities, with the result that Faddy Lynch, a notorious crimp of Astoria, was sent to the penitentiary for a term of six years. If I remember rightly, there is no such thing as shanghaiing at present, although I admit that the charges for shipping sailors are higher than they should be. Mr. Bullen is certainly off when he refers to Portland as the last haunt of the shanghai."

Reasons for Desertions. "There is no question but that there are more desertions on the Pacific Coast than in any other part of the world, but this is mainly attributable to the fact that sailors can readily find employment at inviting wages. There are better opportunities for the men here than perhaps anywhere in the world, and they learn of these things before coming here."

Rev. A. E. Bernays, chaplain of the Seaman's Mission, is perhaps better acquainted with the situation than any one else, and he, too, says Mr. Bullen is away behind the times, although he admits the story of "The Cruise of the Cachalot."

No Shanghaiing Here. "I don't believe there is any real shanghaiing going on in this port. They have had some trouble on Puget Sound recently and a particular instance that I recall was the case of the ship Scottish Loch, in which the boarding-house masters led three sailors to believe that they were going to England, whereas the ship was bound for South Africa. The sailors jumped overboard and succeeded in escaping and the sailor boarding-house men were arrested, but the charges were dismissed on account of lack of evidence because the three sailors did not show up when the matter was to come up for hearing."

"It is true that sailors are sometimes robbed, in the sense that they leave the ships and money and that they are indebted to the boarding-houses, but this occurs in every port in this country, and will continue to take place until the charging of a fee for shipping seamen is rendered illegal, as is present in England, where formerly a similar condition of affairs prevailed."

Restrained by Law. "The boarding-masters still go on board occasionally, but not in the same bold manner as before the passing of the recent sailor boarding-house act, which prohibits a boarding-house master or his runners to go on a ship without permission of the captain, and requires every board-

ing to be recorded. (Concluded on Page 2.)

SIR NICHOLAS O'CONNOR, WHO HAS WON A DIPLOMATIC VICTORY OVER THE SULTAN.

Sir Nicholas Roderick O'Connor, whose rigid insistence on British demands in regard to the Tabah boundary has caused the Sultan to yield, thus avenging the threatened naval demonstration by England, is British Ambassador to the Sublime Porte and is distinguished as a diplomat. He has been secretary and charge d'affaires at Washington, Minister at Pekin, Ambassador at St. Petersburg, and also has served his government at The Hague, Madrid and Paris. He was born in Ireland in 1843 and entered the diplomatic service in 1866 as attaché at Berlin. Since 1888 Sir Nicholas has been Ambassador at the Sultan's capital. He is a knight commander of the Bath and grand commander of the Order of St. Michael and St. George. His Irish estate is at Dundermott, Ballymore, County Roscommon. His wife is a granddaughter of the 14th Duke of Norfolk.

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PHASES OF RAINIER OUTRAGES.

About three weeks ago, W. C. Fischer, an attorney of Rainier, Columbia County, Or., and assistant editor of the Advocate, a prohibition paper published at that place, was made the victim of a vicious assault by James Remington, a Portland tough, known as the "Cockey Kid."

Detective Lou Hartman, of this city, was engaged on the case, and secured a confession from the "Cockey Kid," implicating every saloonkeeper in Rainier in the assault, with the exception of those conducting the Gem saloon, and including also Tom Marshall Zwemmer, of that place.

As a result of this confession, warrants were issued for the arrest of A. D. Pierce, proprietor of the Pierce Cafe, at Rainier; bartender Wilson, employed by Leon Capelle, a Rainier saloonkeeper; and Melvin Miles, a boatman, who is alleged to have aided in the escape of the "Cockey Kid" from pursuing officers.

District Attorney Harrison Allen, who has been in Portland since Saturday night attending the fair, will leave for Rainier this morning to conduct the prosecution of those implicated in the "Cockey Kid" confession, as well as take up the investigation of this latest outrage.

Local ministers charge that the recent assaults were instigated by Portland liquor men. This is denied by the latter.

RAINIER, Or., May 20.—(Special.)—Tom Williams, a member of the Anti-Saloon League of this place, was assaulted by a barroom habitue named Gilbert Lacy early this morning. The saloons had just closed, and Williams was passing the Postoffice building, when Lacy came across the street and assaulted him.

Lacy, Joe Brough, the bartender who is under arrest for assaulting W. C. Fischer a short time ago, and Nellie Bereton, a waitress at W. C. Lacy's hotel, were on the opposite side of the street, walking in the same direction as Williams. When Lacy crossed the street to make the assault, Brough and the Sexton girl turned and came back down the street. The City Marshal was not present. Williams is badly beaten about the face and head.

Williams was one of the party who helped arrest the "Cockey Kid" the night of the assault on Fischer. No reason is given for the assault, except that the saloons were running wide open this morning, and Williams was looked upon as a spotter.

Much criticism is heard on the street of the incompetency of the City Marshal to cope with conditions in Rainier at present time. It is predicted that blood will be spilled if a competent Marshal is not secured at once.

Williams was converted about two months ago and joined the Methodist church. Prior thereto he was inclined to be wild, but was always considered a quiet sort of fellow, except when under the influence of liquor. Since his conversion he has not touched liquor until last night, when he is known to have taken a few drinks. There was a ball in town last night, which did not break up until early this morning, and Williams is said to have attended it.

Lee owns the hotel and Log Cabin saloon. Gilbert Lacy was a frequenter of his place.

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ELEVEN PROPOSED MEASURES.

Voters of Oregon should not forget that they will be called upon in the election on June 4 to express an opinion for or against 11 measures which have been submitted to the people for their action. One of these is an appropriation bill passed by the last Legislature, and referred to the people, five are constitutional amendments and five are initiatory laws. Since each measure must receive a majority of all votes cast upon it in order to carry, failure to mark a ballot does not count as a vote against the measure. This should be borne in mind. The substance of these measures has already been published in The Oregonian and further explanation of them will be made from time to time. Copies of them may be secured from County Clerks. Briefly stated, the measures are:

- 1. Appropriation bill of 1905.
- 2. Woman suffrage amendment.
- 3. Amendment changing method amending the Constitution.
- 4. Home rule for cities amendment.
- 5. State printer amendment.
- 6. Amendment for initiative and referendum on special laws.
- 7. New local-option law.
- 8. Purchase of Barlow road by the state for \$24,000.
- 9. Anti-pass law.
- 10. Gross earnings tax on sleeping refrigerator and oil car companies.
- 11. Gross earnings tax on express, telephone and telegraph companies.

fault of Mr. Williams, cowardly and uncalled for."

Mr. Allen stated further that the great trouble in such cases was that the penalty for assault was too light, and that if a law should be enacted making it a felony for one person not being armed with a dangerous weapon to assault another with intent to do great bodily harm, as it is at present, a man may assault another, beat, maim and bruise him until he is almost dead, and if at intervals he is established beyond reasonable doubt by the prosecution, the defendant escapes with a fine or County Jail sentence; whereas a man may murder or stab and bodily wound a person, and the party assaulted may not suffer one-half the pain, and the defendant who does make the assault with a dangerous weapon receive a penitentiary sentence.

"We have ample testimony," continued Mr. Allen, "to secure the conviction of the assailants of Fischer. The 'Cockey Kid' has pleaded guilty, and will be a witness for the state. Detective Lou Hartman, of Portland, and Sheriff White, of Columbia County, deserve the greatest credit for the thorough manner in which they performed the work that resulted in securing the necessary evidence."

Detective Lou Hartman, upon being told about the affair, did not seem at all surprised. Unless they put a Town Marshal in Rainier, he can grasp the situation and knows how to handle the people," said he last night, "there is almost a certainty of bloodshed before they get through with this case. In my opinion, the Sheriff of that county should throw two or three good deputies into the place and let them take care of that crowd. I know one or two men in Rainier who would answer the purpose if clothed with the proper authority, and the Sheriff should take steps to curb this dangerous element before they get into control."

The report of the Columbia County grand jury, published in The Oregonian this morning, will have a tendency to strengthen the hands of the law officers, and I feel confident that this latest outrage will result in Judge McBride imposing the limit of one year's sentence in the County Jail and \$500 fine upon all those who may be convicted of the recent assault upon Fischer."

Detective Hartman stated also that District Attorney Allen had asked him to accompany him to Rainier this morning, but he could not do so in the absence of in-

cluding submit to arrest, but attempted to draw a revolver. The detectives quickly covered him with their pistols, but even then had much trouble in getting their prisoner to the police station.

Puter arrived from New York three days ago and went to Alameda, where he took a room in a lodging-house on Park street. Last night he visited his wife in Berkeley, and after remaining there several hours returned to his lodgings. The Secret Service men learned of his whereabouts by shadowing a woman. He was on his way to keep an appointment with this woman when arrested.

Puter had taken the name of James William Barr and traveled under that alias since leaving the East. He informed the detectives that he had engaged passage on a steamer for China and intended leaving for that country in a few days.

According to the Secret Service men, Puter's room on Park avenue resembled an arsenal. Over his bed hung a Winchester rifle and in a drawer was a heavy Colt's revolver, besides the one found in his possession when captured.

WILD FLIGHT OF NEGRO Escapes Fusillade of Bullets and Lincing in New York.

NEW YORK, May 20.—A negro was probably nearer to being lynched in the City of New York today than a negro has been here in several years. The negro was Thomas Jefferson, who lives in the heart of the district known as "San Juan Hill." He now thanks Policeman Carmody for his life. He has also the distinction of having escaped the martyrdom of three citizens, who successively blazed away at him with their revolvers.

Carmody had arrested the negro and two colored women, while the three were engaged in a fight. He handed the two women at the station-house in West Sixty-eighth street, but Jefferson suddenly struck the officer and made a dash for Broadway. As he did so a pedestrian pulled a revolver.

"Don't shoot," shouted Carmody, "I'll get him."

"Save, I'll shoot," responded the man. He blazed away twice, but missed Jefferson, who continued to run. Just then an automobile containing four men came up Broadway. One of them stood up in his seat and pulled a revolver.

"Don't shoot," again shouted Carmody, waving his club. "I'll outrun him."

"You won't have to," responded the

S. A. D. PUTER RUN DOWN AT ALAMEDA

Land Fraud Conspirator Tries to Draw Pistol, But is Covered by Detectives.

ON HIS WAY TO CHINA

Visits His Wife at Berkeley and Was on His Way to Keep Appointment With a Woman When He Was Arrested.

DRAWN BY HIS FAMILY.

Several weeks ago S. A. D. Puter, who had been convicted in the Federal Courts of this state in December, 1904, on account of connection with the famous "31-7" land-fraud cases, and who was under indictment on other conspiracy charges to defraud the Government of its public domain, made a sensational escape in Boston from Secret Service Agent William J. Burns, who had arrested him after a long chase.

Nothing more has been heard of him from that day to this, until apprehended last night. His family resides in Berkeley, Cal., only a few miles distant from the point of his arrest, and it is believed his presence in that neighborhood was brought about through anxiety for members of his household on account of the recent earthquake.

Despite Puter's unsavory reputation, it is known that he possesses the warmest affection for his family, and those in a position to know declare that he would come from the most remote corner of the earth to their assistance if he thought they needed it, or were threatened in any way with danger.

Mission Kept a Secret. WASHINGTON, May 20.—The cruiser Columbia, which is expected to leave Philadelphia tomorrow for West Indian waters with a detachment of marines, will make her first stop at the naval station at Guantanamo. On arriving there further orders will be given to her commander.

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AMERICAN OFFICIAL SHOT Vice-Consul Stuart Murdered at His Country Home Near Batoum.

BATUM, May 21.—W. H. Stuart, the American Vice-Consul, was shot and killed at his country place last night. The assassin escaped.

Batum or Batoum is a strongly fortified seaport of Asiatic Russia, in the Government of Kutais (Transcaucasia), on the east shore of the Black Sea. It has a population of about 20,000.

CONDITION IS UNCHANGED Senator Heyburn Has Lost No Ground, But Does Not Improve.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, May 20.—Senator Heyburn's condition remains unchanged today. He failed to improve further, but lost no ground. His condition is better than it was three or four days ago.

MASCAGNI, WHOSE NEW OPERA IS RECEIVED WITH GREAT PLAUDITS IN FLORENCE.

Pietro Mascagni, whose new opera, "Iris," was received with acclaim at Florence, is the son of a baker and was born at Lughorn in 1863. He first studied the piano, and some years later played the role of troubadour, following the fortunes of a small opera company. In 1888 he began work on his most celebrated production, "Cavalleria Rusticana," a prize having been offered by a Milan manager for the best short opera. Mascagni won, and when the work was produced in 1890 it created a musical sensation. It is the most popular of our time of this country, but troubles beset him. His music failed to arrive on time, his musicians struck, he was twice arrested in Boston, and when he arrived in Chicago his personal property was attached. Then he abandoned the work. When he got back to Italy, Mascagni declared a "musical Monroe doctrine" had caused his trouble.

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RUSSIAN DEPTITES WILD WITH ANGER

Czar Refuses to Receive House Delegation.

CIVIL WAR IS THREATENED

Leaders of Democrats Prevent Radical Action for the Time.

SCENE EXPECTED TODAY

Reply to the Address to the Throne Ordered by Nicholas to Be Presented to Him Through Ministry of Courts.

COLUMBIA HAS ORDERS TO PROCEED TO SANTO DOMINGO.

Marines From Other Vessels to the Number of 600 Are Put Aboard Vessel.

PHILADELPHIA, May 20.—The cruiser Columbia is being hastily prepared at League Island for sea and will leave for Santo Domingo tomorrow with 600 marines. Under hurry orders from the Navy Department, detachments of marines from Boston, Brooklyn, Washington and Norfolk arrived here during the day and are on board the Columbia.

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ST. PETERSBURG, May 20.—A bomb was thrown into the Parliamentary camp this afternoon by a note received by President Mouroumteff, of the lower house, from Peteroff, which, instead of making an appointment for an audience at which a deputation could present the address in reply to the speech from the throne, contained the information that Emperor Nicholas would not receive the deputation and that the address must be presented through the Ministry of the Court.

Disconcerted utterly at this unexpected development, the leaders of the majority in the House hastily summoned a caucus of the Constitutional Democratic members. President Mouroumteff, instead of sending the address to Baron Fredericks, Minister of the Imperial House, immediately issued a call for a meeting of Parliament at 11 o'clock tomorrow, at which he will report the occurrence and ask for further instructions. A most heated meeting is in prospect.

First Regarded as Challenge. The first disposition of the caucus of Constitutional Democrats, which was in session all afternoon and evening, and at midnight had not been concluded, was to regard the refusal to receive the deputation as a challenge and an open affront, which, in answer to a counter declaration of war, the Deputies were wild with rage, but after the first passion had cooled the leaders recognized the danger of too precipitate action, and set for themselves the task of bringing their enraged followers under control.

Outsiders not admitted to the caucus, but through the glass doors of the great hall of the Constitutional Club, where the session was held, it could be seen that Professor Millukoff, Prince Dolgouroukoff and others were on their feet time and again, pleading with and commanding their auditors to act deliberately and firmly, and not to run all by unreasoning passion. Cooler counsels seemed ultimately to be prevailing, but it is almost certain that the radical group, accompanied by a portion of the peasants, will break away tomorrow and endeavor to force the House to take some definite action against the Emperor and the government, which might compel an immediate rupture, entailing dissolution and civil war.

Constitutional Point Involved. An interesting constitutional point is involved in the refusal of a personal audience by the Emperor. According to the parliamentary law, "the president submits to the consideration of the Emperor the transactions of the lower house," but it is not stated whether he does so personally, and a deputation is nowhere authorized.

The Associated Press is informed by a member of the Ministry that Emperor Nicholas was willing to receive President Mouroumteff, but that the action of the House in appointing a deputation to accompany him was regarded as a dangerous precedent, capable of being stretched to include a deputation of any size—even the whole of the membership of the House.

Way to Avoid Rupture. This Minister intimated that if the leaders of the House desired to avoid a rupture they could do so either by accepting the instructions to present the address through the Ministry of the Court, as a proper and justifiable matter of routine, or could, by keeping within the limits of the constitutional provision, direct the President of the House to apply alone for an audience. It was pointed out, however, that had been made between the lower house and the Council of the Empire, and that the last named body has also been instructed to present its address through the same channel.

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