MADE HOMELESS FOR CHRISTMAS

Guests of Uncle Sam Hotel Flee Flames in Scant Attire.

MANY BRAVELY RESCUED

Firemen and Police Carry Panic-Stricken Lodgers to Open Air, Some Having Narrow Escapes in Climbing From Windows.

Fire in the Uncle Sam Hotel, at the southwest corner of Fifth and Couch streets, early this morning, rendered over 125 persons homeless for Christmas day, and many of them had narrow escapes for their lives. Special Policeman Jack Hoare discovered the flames, sent in an alarm of fire from box 18, rushed back to the house and assisted many of the inmates to escape.

The patrol wagon arrived on the scene first, and Patrolmen Brothers, Ehmsen, Ellis, Tennant and Gruber immediately entered the burning building and assisted as many of the terror-stricken inmates to places of safety as they found rushing blindly through the smoke-filled corridors.

The firemen did heroic work in rescuing the inmates on the top floor. There were some 30 of these, among whom were two women, and all had to be assisted down the ladders. The work of rescuing the inmates occupied the attention of the firemen, and not until they were assured that all had escaped did Chief Campbell and his men turn their attention to the blaze.

Among those rescued by the firemen and police were: John Zeigler, J. B. Gottlieb, Jacob Hunter, Frank Allen, Ed Wilde, August Jennsen, Dave Wilson, Gust Person, Harry Davidson, Sam Waffler and Pete Wilson.

All the persons rescued lost all their effects except what few clothes they could grab before making their exit through the windows to the waiting arms of the firemen, or being escorted down the first flight of stairs by the hustling bluecoats. All the men at the scene worked heroically to save the lives of the inmates.

The first man rescued by means of the fire ladders was Pete Wilson, who had thrown a rope from his room on the third floor and climbed down to a level with the second floor, from which position he was taken by the firemen.

Sam Waffler, the proprietor, stated that he could not make any estimate on his loss, although he believed that it would reach $4000 or $5000. This does not include the losses of the inmates, very few of whom saved anything of more value than an alarm clock. Many were seen carrying clocks and arrayed in but scanty attire. At the time The Oregonian went to press the flames were under control.

RAISULI ARMS FOR BATTLE

Sultan Has Largest Force in Years to Meet Bandit.

TANGIER, Dec. 24.—It is reported here that Raisuli, the bandit leader, who has been in control of the railroad in the neighborhood of Tangier, is actively arming bands of men and there is much anxiety here as to whether he will fight the Sultan's forces or not. The government troops are in camp near here. They number over 2030 men and are better equipped than is usual with the Sultan's soldiers.

The Minister of War has left a garrison of 2000 men at Kas el Kebir, another of 1000 men at Ain Delia, while a third garrison of 1030 men is awaiting instructions at Fez. These forces together comprise the greatest military movement made by the Moroccan government in years.

ACAJUTLA SWEPT BY FLAMES

Forty Beautiful Buildings in Calvadorean Port Destroyed.

SAN SALVADOR, Dec. 25.—A fire which broke out last night completely destroyed 40 of the beautiful buildings of Acajutla, including the market building. A strong northern wind which was blowing at the time, carried the flames to the neighborhood of the plains, which were burned over.

The wharf at Acajutla was completely destroyed.

Birrell to Succeed Bryce.

DUBLIN, Dec. 24.—There is an increasing tendency in Dublin to regard Augustine Birrell, the President of the Board of Education, as the most probable successor to Mr. Bryce as Chief Secretary for Ireland.

Norther Damages Bananas.

KINGSTON, Jamaica, Dec. 24.—A heavy norther during the past two days has caused serious damage in the banana districts.

WEYERHAEUSER IS RICHER

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to the Northwest, and having gobbled up everything in the Mississippi River district, the same machinery that had worked so effectively there was put in operation in the West. For some time Weyerhaeuser had been buying, trading, and by other means taking over lands in the Northwest. It was in 1900 that a big splurge was made. All of the Northern Pacific land west of the Cascades, something over 1,000,000 acres, was taken at a flat rate of $6 an acre. According to well-informed men dealing in lumber onthe Coast, there is already a profit of $20,000,000 in that one deal. Weyerhaeuser opened headquarters in Tacoma, Washington. Here, as was the case in the Mississippi River district, unostentation was the rule. An office was secured in a quiet little red brick house downtown, overlooking the Sound, and R. L. McCormick, a partner of many years' standing, and the man Weyerhaeuser trusts probably more than anyone else, was sent to the Coast to handle the business. McCormick is a big, impressive-looking man, with weight and dignity. He is the dynamo of the Weyerhaeuser machine. Suave, cool, imposing, he is the polished politician of that group of land-grabbing, forest-destroying dollar-hunters. He poses as a philanthropist and public-spirited citizen. He ran for Mayor of Tacoma, and, if current gossip is true, was beaten because he was so close to James J. Hill, of the Great Northern, and Weyerhaeuser. Harriman is said to have feared for his interests if McCormick won in Tacoma, and at the last hour he went in and defeated him. Whether this is true or not, McCormick is there in charge of the Weyerhaeuser interests, and he is the keenest lumberman in tht West. He has been quietly, for the last five years, shaping up the Weyerhaeuser interests, and today the dominion is as complete as it has been for years on the Mississippi."

The article concludes by mentioning an amendment to the Indian appropriation bill, introduced by Senator Fulton, of which advantage was taken by the Weyerhaeusers to exchange certain of its lands inside the Klamath Indian reservation for valuable lands outside.

PLANS OF MEXICAN REBELS

Member of Junta Tells of Revolution Which Miscarried.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Dec. 24.—How the revolution against Mexico was organized was today told by C. V. Marquez, a witness for the defense in the trial of the six alleged revolutionists. Marquez said that he had an agreement with the Magon brothers and Sarabia and others in Mexico relative to bringing about a revolution in Mexico. Continuing, he said:

"Being in Del Rio, I placed myself in touch with all Liberals. Several lots of arms were passed into the interior of Mexico. The group at Jiminez passed arms to another group, etc. They also passed along lots of programmes. We had a great many clubs organized in Texas, California and New Mexico. These clubs did not know the object of the junta at St. Louis. They would contribute money to uphold the publication, but they did not know anything else.

"When September 16 was near, which was the time we were to act, I had to go to visit the groups to organize them, so they would be ready. From Del Rio, Antonio Villareal started to Sonora and Chihuahua. He had instructions from the chiefs of groups in these states; other instructions went to the people of Tamaulipas and Nuevo Leon. Instructions were sent to interests in other parts by mail. The junta in St. Louis was to send instructions when the groups in Mexico should rise.

"The object of the revolution was to place a new government in Mexico."

THREATEN WITH BLUE LAW

Chicago Alderman Plans Revenge If Saloons Are Closed Sundays.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—The Tribune today says:

A Puritanical Sunday for Chicago, with idle streetcars and elevated railroads out of commission, and with no newspapers and no Sunday theaters or even sacred concerts, is the retaliation threatened by Alderman Michael Kenna if he is forced to close his saloons on Sunday.

This will be the last resort if the Alderman and other saloon-keepers are compelled to close on Sundays. It will be taken if Mayor Dunne is directed to obey the state law under the mandamus proceedings in Judge Frost's court next Friday. The Alderman will be backed to the fullest extent by the United Societies for Local Self-Government.

Resolutions demanding a provision in the new city charter for home rule on the Sunday saloon question were adopted at a large mass meeting of Bohemian citizens held yesterday.

Mayor Dunne and Alderman Kenna will be compelled to show reason in Judge Frost's court next Friday why the mandamus should not be issued on petition of the Sunday Closing League.

The most interesting thing in connection with the fight between the liquor interests and the Personal Liberty Organization on the one hand and the reformers on the other, however, is the announced declaration of an intention as a final resort, to invoke the blue laws of Illinois if the broad principle that the cosmopolitan population of Chicago has a right to drink its beer on Sunday is beset too sorely.

Bryan Indorses Beveridge Bill.

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 24.—A. J. McElway, secretary of the National Child Labor Committee, today received from William J. Bryan a letter in which the latter expressed his thanks for a copy of the Beveridge bill, of which he says:

"The plan which Beveridge adopts for the prevention of child labor is identical with the plan I have urged for the suppression of the trusts. I believe the control which Congress has over interstate commerce enables it to apply a very simple and effective remedy."

Christmas Gift From Carnegie.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 24.—The College of Physicians in this city today received a Christmas present from Andrew Carnegie of $100,000, donated to help build a home and library. The offer is contingent upon the college being able to raise a like sum, of which $80,000 has already been raised.

HOLIDAY RATES.

Announced to Ocean Beaches.

To enable patrons to visit ocean beaches during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, the O. R. & N. Co. will, on November 28 and 29, December 24 and 25, and January 1, sell round-trip tickets to all North Beach points at a rate of $2.50. For further information ask at City Ticket Office, Third and Washington streets, Portland, Or.

Moneyback grocer sells Schilling's Best tea and coffee.

HEAR SPOKANE PLEA

Interstate Commissioners to Come in January.

WILL MEET IN PORTLAND

Inland Town's Claim to Terminal Rates to Be Subject of Testimony in Leading Cities of Northwest.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 24.—Interstate Commerce Commissioners Lane, Prouty and Clark will have a hearing in Spokane January 15 in the case in which Spokane merchants ask the commission to order a readjustment of rates "on a reasonable basis" and will allege that such a basis would give no preference to Coast points. Previously Spokane petitioned for terminal rates, but was denied. It now bases its contention on the "just and reasonable" clause of the new interstate commerce law.

Portland, San Francisco and Seattle and Seattle will intervere. The Commissioners probably will hold a hearing in the same case in Portland and Seattle in the week beginning January 27. It is understood here in the offices of the Commission that the Coast ports will argue that reasonable rates necessarily involve preference to all points having water route competition; that water rates are actually in law the basis for terminal rates.

The Commissioners will also hold a hearing in Seattle January 21 on the car shortage and at any other points when possible.

WILL POOL STEAMER TRAFFIC

Eastern Railroads Reach Agreement Not to Cut Rates.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—An agreement has been reached by the Eastern railroads for the establishment of a pool for eastbound steamship business. The lines which on January 1 shall participate in the steamship business are Michigan Central, Erie, Grand Trunk, Wabash, Nickel Plate and Panhandle. The percentages of the various lines are not made public, but it is understood that the executive officials have agreed to abide by the award which F. C. Donald, of the Central Passenger Association, shall make.

The arrangement is expected to stop all existing demoralization in the steamship traffic. There are fully 50,000 people who go from the Northwest annually to their old homes in Europe, and for these fares the railroads have always competed, paying high commissions.

WILL DEVELOP GULF TRADE

Mexico Will Change Steamship Routes to Suit Railroads.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 24.—Announcement of some of the first of the direct effects upon United States commerce by the absorption of the Mexican Central Railway by the Mexican government was made here today. Important changes in steamship routings and a general effort to develop Gulf Coast trade are included in the plans contemplated.

Officials of the Mexican-American Steamship Company, which is owned by the Mexican Central, announce that after January 12 next, their steamers will sail weekly from New Orleans to Mexican ports, and that the present weekly sailings from Galveston will be supplanted by a semi-monthly schedule. Port Arthur, Tex., will remain on a semi-monthly schedule.

Railroads Yield to Furniture Men.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—An agreement has been reached by the Interstate Commerce Commission with the railroads interested regarding the complaint of the North Carolina Caseworkers' Association. The complaint was that on shipments of furniture from North Carolina and Virginia points to the Pacific Coast the railroads demanded a minimum weight of furniture in 36-foot cars of 20,000 pounds. This weight, the association maintained, was excessive, as it was not possible to load a 36-foot car with more than 16,000 pounds of furniture. Today it was agreed by representatives of the railroads to carry the furniture to Pacific Coast points at the present low weight, with a minimum weight of 16,000 pounds to a car. The agreement contemplates a readjustment of the rates on furniture.

Sues Burlington for Seized Coal.

OMAHA, Dec. 24.—J. E. Woodward & Co., coal dealers, operating a mine at Dietz, Wyo., this morning brought suit for $20,000 against the Burlington Railway Company for coal alleged to have been confiscated recently, and secured from the Federal Court a temporary injunction against further confiscation by that company.

Northern Pacific Man Goes East.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 24.—Arthur B. Smith, assistant general passenger agent of the Northern Pacific Railroad, was today appointed traffic manager of the Consolidated Railway Company, the electric railway system owned by the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company.

ATTORNEY IS DISBARRED

Had Knowledge of Attempted Blackmail and Concealed It.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Dec. 24.—The Supreme Court today disbarred Richard C. S. Reaugh, State's Attorney of Clark County, because Reaugh had knowledge that H. M. Bradford, claim agent of the Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern Railroad, was endeavoring to secure $10,000 from parties in a $100,000 will case, claiming that he could secure an opinion in the Supreme Court favorable to the parties and because Reaugh did not make an effort to bring the guilty ones to justice.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mr. W. B. Addy and family arrived in the city Saturday evening to spend the holidays with relatives at 508 Broadway.

Henry E. Reed, secretary of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition, arrived in Portland last night from Seattle to spend Christmas with relatives.

Signor L. Ruzzi, manager, and Signor L. D'Urbano, director of D'Urbano's Royal Italian band, came down from Seattle last night to spend Christmas with friends here. They will return at the end of the week.

The board of governors of the Portland Commercial Club, at a session yesterday afternoon, unanimously adopted a note of congratulation to W. L. Crissey, who has worked with Manager Tom Richardson for three years, and has accepted a position as secretary of the Aberdeen (Wash.) Chamber of Commerce, for which place he will leave January 1.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—(Special.)—Oregonians registered today as follows:

At the Auditorium, M. J. Delahunt and wife, Portland. At the Majestic, T. A. McKinnon, Portland. At the Morrison, G. Weller and wife, Oregon.

Looking Up the Barker Case.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The representative of District Attorney Jerome's office visited the courthouse in Jersey City several days of last week to take a transcript of portions of the record of the trial of Thomas S. Barker, who February 3, 1901, shot the Rev. Mr. Kelly, of Arlington, N. J., for alleged assault upon his wife. It is said the transcript is to be used in the trial of Harry K. Thaw for the murder of Stanford White.

Barker's defense was that the story his wife had told him justified his action, but Judge Blair refused to allow Mrs. Barker to tell her story to the jury. The defense finally got the story before the jury by introducing an expert and reciting a hypothetical case. It did not avail, however, as Barker was convicted and sent to state prison, although he was paroled.

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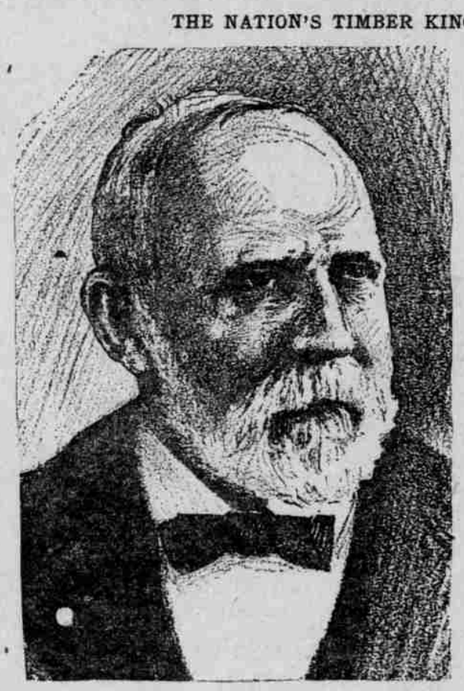

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—From the Cosmopolitan.

WILL REVISE LAWS OF CUBA

Magoon Appoints Commission Preparatory to New Elections.

HAVANA, Dec. 24.—Governor Magoon today signed the long-awaited decree appointing a commission to revise the laws of Cuba. This commission will submit to the provisional Governor the draft of new electoral laws, a law defining the organization and function of the judiciary, a civil service law and also treat on such other subjects of great interest as may be referred to it by the provisional Governor.

The commission consists of Colonel E. H. Crowder, of the Judge-Advocate-General's department of the American Army, president; Jose Miguel Gomez, secretary, and Erasmo Boudet, Francisco C. Justiz, Manuel M. Coronado, Felipe G. Sarrain, Otto Schoemrich, Miguel F. Viodi, Alfred Sais and Major Branton Winship, U. S. A. The salaries of the members of the commission, except those in the employ of the United States Government, are fixed at $400 a month. The first meeting will be held on January 3. This is regarded as the first step toward holding new elections.

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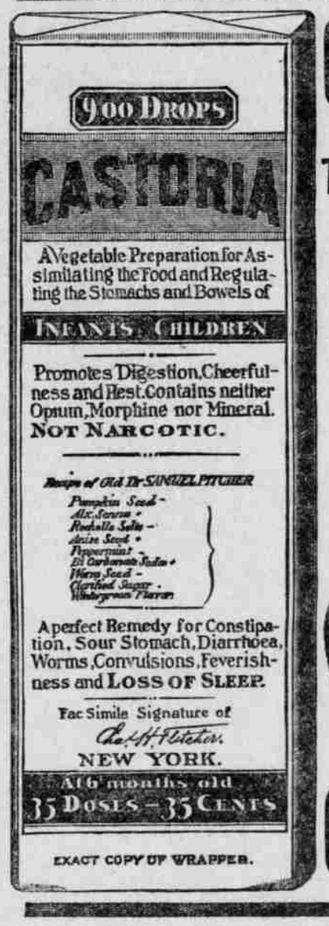

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