

PRESIDENT SIGNS PUTER'S PARDON

Land-Fraud Thief to Have Liberty, That He May Turn State's Evidence.

HENEY ASKS THE FAVOR

Conduct of Convicted Man Has Been Model—Great Help to Heney in Giving Evidence to Further Land-Fraud Prosecution.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 31.—Late this afternoon President Roosevelt signed the pardon of Stephen A. D. Puter, and by tomorrow it is expected that the jail doors will swing open and he will walk forth a free man, for notification of his pardon was telegraphed to Portland this evening by the Department of Justice.

While free, Puter is yet under an implied promise to place his services at the command of the Government, and he will be summoned as one of the leading witnesses in the land fraud trials to be resumed in Portland January 13. Later, when the Benson-Hyde case is called in this city, Puter will again appear as a witness for the Government. It is because of the fact that Puter is wanted as a witness here that District Attorney Baker, of this city, joined Mr. Heney in recommending Puter's pardon.

STORY OF THE PUTER CASE

Only One of Those Found Guilty to Serve Sentence.

S. A. D. Puter was arrested and convicted by Francis J. Heney, for what is known as the 11-land-fraud case. With him in this deal were Mrs. Emma L. Watson, Horace McKinley, Marie Ware, now Mrs. McKinley, Dan W. Farley and others. The trial began November 21, 1904, and he was convicted, December 6, and was sentenced to two years imprisonment and to pay a fine of \$7500. All of the defendants were found guilty, but Puter was the only one to receive sentence and the only one who has served a term of imprisonment. McKinley fled the country and went to China, where he was arrested and is now on his way to America. On July 6, 1906, Puter was sentenced to serve two years in the County Jail and to pay a fine of about a year and one-half. In addition to the jail sentence, Puter was fined \$7500, but it is believed here that the fine will be wiped out with the pardon.

KILLED BROTHER OFFICER

Captain Von Goeben's Confession Causes Sensation in Germany.

ALLENSTEIN, East Prussia, Dec. 31.—Captain von Goeben, a distinguished officer in the artillery branch of the German army, has caused a sensation in military circles by confessing that he is the author of the mysterious murder of Major von Schoorebeck, a brother officer, who was shot dead on Christmas day. Von Goeben will be tried by court-martial and, if found guilty, will be executed by shooting in his own garrison.

WAR ON SMELTER TRUST

Montana Miners Say Its Rates Are Exorbitant.

HELENA, Mont., Dec. 31.—Mine-operators of Central Montana, comprising operators of Helena, Butte, Anaconda and other sections of the state, protesting against the alleged exorbitant rates for smelting more reducing areas charged by the Great Falls and East Helena plants, will meet in this city January 16 or 17 to perfect an organization for fighting these rates. They say the present schedule is prohibitive and in restraint of trade.

COOKE STILL ON THE MOVE

Friend Shelters Fugitive, With Girl and Baby.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 31.—Rev. Jere Knods Cooke and Floretta Whaley with their 3-month-old baby boy are believed to still be in this city. After leaving their Green-street flat, they were given refuge by Eugene Martin of 136 O'Farrell street, who took pity on their helpless condition. When an attempt was made to see them today at the Martin residence, it was stated that they already had left their temporary lodgings there.

LIFE OF PUREST DEVOTION

Till Evil Came Between Cooke and His Confiding Wife.

DOUMA IS GUILTY

Members Accused of Treason Are Sentenced.

LOSE POLITICAL RIGHTS

Prominence of Accused Limits Sentence of 167 to Three-Months Imprisonment and Two Are Discharged.

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PROMISE A BIG CONTEST

WILL OF MRS. ALICE BONNIFIELD FILED IN DENVER.

Everything Left to Denver Woman. Mother Will-Fight for Property, Alleging Will Is Changed.

DENVER, Dec. 31.—By the will of Mrs. Alice M. Bonnifield, who died suddenly, at the Shirley Hotel, in this city, last Thursday, which was filed today in the Denver County Court, her entire estate, estimated to be worth \$200,000, is left to Mrs. Lute B. Porter, wife of W. W. Porter, the wealthy landowner and president of the W. W. and M. B. Porter Investment Company, of Denver.

FRAUD IN MANAGEMENT

Receivers Named for Chicago & Milwaukee Electric Line.

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—Receivers for the Chicago & Milwaukee Electric Railway Company and allied corporations were appointed tonight by Judge Tutthill, in the Cook County Circuit Court on petition of Charles J. Monahan, a stockholder. Monahan charges fraud in the management, whereby A. C. Frost, president of the company, gained control. Carter W. Harrison, ex-Mayor; Charles G. Dawes, ex-controller of the Currency, and Gordon Ramsay, vice-president of the railroad company, were named as receivers.

STEAMER BREAKWATER

Will Not Sail Tonight

The steamer Breakwater will not sail on regular schedule Wednesday, January 1st (tonight), but will be delayed one week, leaving Oak street dock January 8th, at 5 P. M.

RISER CALENDARS HALF PRICE

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BOMB FACTORY IN FARMHOUSE

Most Complete Explosive Plant in Russia Seized.

SEBASTOPOLE, Dec. 31.—One of the most complete bomb factories ever discovered in Russia has been unearthed at a farm house 20 miles from here. It consisted of a complete apparatus for the manufacture of high explosives. Twenty-seven loaded bombs of the most destructive kind and 120 implements unfinished were seized and three men were arrested.

PRICE OF LUMBER IS DOWN

Weyerhaeusers Make Deep Cut Because Tendency Is Downward.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—Deep cuts in the price of lumber have been made by the Weyerhaeuser interests. Other concerns have been selling at concessions from their August price lists, generally 50 cents to \$1 a thousand, but the Weyerhaeuser cut is \$1 to \$3 a thousand. The tendency towards general reductions in prices and a decreased cost of logging this winter are given as reasons for the reduction.

SAME RECEIVER FOR BOTH

Mrs. Leslie Carter and Henrietta Crossman Very Much Involved.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Ezra T. Prentiss, receiver for the affairs of Mrs. Leslie Carter-Payne, the actress, recently declared bankrupt, was appointed receiver today also for Henrietta Crossman, the actress, and her husband, Maurice Campbell who filed petitions in bankruptcy yesterday.

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—with phenomenal selling gains for the last two business days of the year. A start for the Clearance Sale that bids fair to make it by long odds the most successful one we have ever held. We have just cause, as we look back, to be proud of our accomplishments for the year just past. We have ample reason to be satisfied with the business we have done and with the large number of new customers we have added, and now that the year is over, we extend to the public of Portland our sincere thanks for their generous patronage, our earnest appreciation of their help in making 1907 the most successful year in our history. In spite of financial flurries that threatened business prosperity, our holiday business surpassed our most enthusiastic expectations—we're sure our friends must have been prosperous and we rejoice with them.

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abouts of James Phegley, who disappeared 10 days ago after starting for Champeog. Yesterday, Phegley's horse was found on the road between here and Barlow, returning home without a strap or bit of harness. A searching party of 30 or 15 men is scouring the country in hope of finding a trace of the missing man.

FOOTBALL! FOOTBALL!

Advertisement for St. Louis University Eleven vs. Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club. New Year's Day, January 1, 1908. CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH. MULTNOMAH AMATEUR ATHLETIC CLUB VS. ST. LOUIS UNIVERSITY ELEVEN. MULTNOMAH GRIDIRON—2:30 P. M.—RAIN OR SHINE. GAME WILL BE THE SEASON'S STAR ATTRACTION. General Admission \$1—Grand Stand Free. Don't Fail to Attend.

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