

TWO ARE KILLED IN HOLY ROLLER RIOT

Kansas City Fanatics and Police in Battle.

HUNDRED SHOTS ARE FIRED

Policeman and Little Girl Die of Wounds.

CHILDREN CAUSE TROUBLE

Probation Officer Attempts to Take Them From Zealots and Is Repulsed With Threats and Display of Revolvers.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 8.—In the very shadow of the City Hall in this city and less than a half-mile from the business center, a riot in which religious fanatics and police were the participants, and in which 100 shots were fired, this afternoon resulted in the death of one policeman and a little girl, the fatal injury of three and slight injury of two others.

The Dead.

ALBERT O. DALBOW, a patrolman. LORA PRATT, aged 12.

Fatally injured:

John Sharp, known as "Adam God," a street preacher.

Michael Mullane, policeman.

Patrick Clark, a police sergeant.

Slight injured:

Harry E. Stege, policeman.

George M. Holt, probation officer.

The trouble occurred at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, when the streets were crowded with persons. While the battle was in progress, the participants traveled an entire block, the final stages of the fight being enacted directly across the street from an entrance to the police station.

Suspicion Aroused.

George M. Holt, probation officer of the juvenile court and a pioneer in the work of saving boys from the streets in this city, went to Fifth and Main streets to investigate a case of alleged abduction which had reached him. Near that street corner he came upon Sharp, who, surrounded by his companions, was exhorting a crowd of street loafers. With Sharp were A. J. Selzer, a woman and five children. The children ranged in age from 14 to 3 years.

Holt's officer's suspicions were aroused by the manner in which the woman attempted to secure money contributions from the crowd and he decided that she and her male companions were not proper persons to have the custody of young children.

Resisted Officer.

Officer Holt accosted the woman and inquired as to the identity of the children. The woman replied sharply that the officer "had better attend to his own business."

"Adam God," whose long, flowing white beard and hair gave him the appearance of a patriarch, threatened the officer with physical violence. Officer Holt never goes armed and he found himself at a decided disadvantage when the preacher and his companions displayed revolvers. He stood his ground, however, and "Adam God" struck him a heavy blow behind the ear, making an ugly wound, with his big revolver. Holt started for the police station for assistance and as he moved away the preacher tried to shoot him, but Sharp was so excited he dropped his revolver and as he attempted to draw it and when he picked it up and snapped it at the officer, the cartridge failed to explode.

Met With Volleys.

Officer Holt rushed into the Police Station and warned the officers to prepare for trouble. The police sergeant ordered Patrolmen Dalbow and Stege to go out and arrest Sharp and his followers.

The religiousists were within 50 yards of the Police Station when the officers stepped into the street. They served notice that they would "preach right under the eaves of the Police Station, and the police could not prevent them." The officers were not prepared for the volley of bullets that met them immediately. Dalbow was instantly killed, and a bullet passed through Stege's arm.

General Battle Follows.

Other officers rushed into the street, and a general battle ensued. But the officers were unable to shoot without endangering the lives of innocent persons. Lieutenant Clark was shot in the eye and Patrolman Mullane was shot in the back.

In the meantime a riot call had been sounded and policemen were appearing from all directions. The officers crowded in on Sharp and his followers, firing as they went, but taking great care not to injure any of the children and when the firing ceased "Adam God" lay fatally wounded, shot through the head and back.

The children who, in the early part of the firing, tugged at the garments of the officers and tried to hamper their efforts, ran into the "Four Man's Mission," where they were later taken in charge by the officers. The seriously wounded were taken to hospitals.

It was learned that Sharp's male companion was Louis Pratt, father of the

WOULD INSTRUCT WEDDED COUPLES

W. C. T. U. WANTS ADVICE TO GO WITH LICENSE.

Southern California Legislators Are Asked to Enact Laws Providing Advice for Honeymooners.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 8.—(Special.)—That a book of instructions to young wedded couples should be handed out with every marriage license issued in California was the substance of a unique plea made today to the assembled Southern California members of the Legislature by a committee representing the Los Angeles Federation of the W. C. T. U. The demand that this plan be enacted into a law struck the newly-elected solons like a bombshell, but they have taken it under advisement. No definite idea of the contents of the proposed instruction book is vouchsafed, but it is understood that stringent regulations have been formulated by the women and that they bear down rather heavily on mere man.

BANQUET COMPLETES DAY

D. S. Cohen, of Portland, Delivers Address to Masons at Olympia.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 8.—(Special.)—The two days' celebration of the 50th anniversary of the first Washington Grand Lodge of Masons closed tonight with a banquet. This morning the 300 Masons present visited the cemetery, where memorial services were held in honor of the three past grand masters buried there, T. F. McElroy, James Biles and Thomas Milburn Reed. E. H. Var, Patten, of Dayton, past grand master, delivered a memorial address. Later the grand lodge convened and listened to an address by D. S. Cohen, of Portland, on Masonry.

GOULD'S GIFTS PERTINENT

Wife Wins Point Regarding Jewels Given Other Women.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—An attempt upon the part of Frank Gould to have stricken from his wife's complaint in the divorce suit which she has filed against him certain paragraphs relating to gifts of jewelry and other valuables to women failed today, when Justice Seabury denied a motion made by Gould's counsel.

The motion was based on the ground that the statement had no relevancy to the charge upon which the suit is based.

Counsel for Mrs. Gould, however, contended that the statements were material and that in the formal complaint, to be filed later it would be shown that the gifts enumerated were gifts of inducement.

RUMOR WILFLEY REMOVED

Shanghai Has New Version of Change of Judges.

SHANGHAI, Dec. 8.—The China Gazette today publishes a report to the effect that L. R. Wilfley, Judge of the United States Court at Shanghai, has been removed from office. Representatives of the principal firms in Shanghai, as well as a number of missionaries, today express regret over the removal.

REVERSES SMITH DECISION

Supreme Court Decides in Favor of Geisler-Hendryx Company.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 8.—(Special.)—The Supreme Court today reversed the decision of Judge William Smith, of Baker County, in the case of C. S. Voorhies, respondent, vs. Geisler-Hendryx Investment Company and H. T. Hendryx, appellants. A default decree had been entered against the defendants and they sought to have this set aside upon the ground that it had been entered in violation of an agreement to the contrary. Judge Smith refused this request. In an opinion by Justice Bean, the Supreme Court holds that the court below erroneously exercised its discretion and that since the written agreement to postpone entry of decree was violated, the decree should be vacated and permission granted to file an answer.

LOSES SOME BRAIN; LIVES

Ten-Year-Old Lad Recovers From Bullet Wound in Head.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 8.—In spite of the fact that he has lost approximately an ounce of brain matter and has the fragments of a .32-caliber bullet and the shattered remains of a bone in the most vital and necessary part of his head, 10-year-old Ralph Tanner, of North Bend, Wash., is attending school and is declared by the surgeon who performed the operation to be quite normal.

The accident occurred near North Bend nine days ago and the boy was discharged from the hospital and pronounced cured. The boy was shot while hunting.

YOUNG APPOINTED, FULTON PROTESTS

Fight Is On for Portland Postoffice.

BOURNE'S MAN IS OBNOXIOUS

Attacked Taft in Letter Before His Nomination.

MEYER IS ASTONISHED

Knew Not What Manner of Man Young Was—Fulton Declares Young Populist Nonresident.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, D. C., Dec. 8.—If the appointment of John C. Young as postmaster at Portland, which was sent to the Senate today, is objectionable to the people of that city, Senator Fulton will protest against his confirmation and fight the nomination as long as he remains in Washington. Already Mr. Fulton has tied up the nomination in the postoffice committee, so that it will not be reported until he says the word. Discussing the appointment tonight, Senator Fulton said:

"I may be mistaken, but in my judgment Young's nomination will not have the approval of Portland's best citizens. If it shall, they have but to notify me and I will withdraw my opposition to his confirmation. I have never understood that Young was either a resident of Portland or a Republican, but possibly nowadays neither is material. If citizens of Portland are, as I believe they will be, outraged by this nomination, they should so advise me at once and in that case I promise them that, so long as I am here, the nomination will not be confirmed, if I can prevent it. It may be that I wholly misunderstand public sentiment in Oregon, and that freaks and freakism dominate the situation; but I was once in Missouri."

Appointment Is Held Up.

Mr. Fulton added that Mr. Young's appointment is personally objectionable to him, not only because he believes Mr. Young to be a Populist and a resident of Baker City, but because in a letter published in the Oregonian of May 3, Mr. Young viciously assailed W. H. Taft, then the leading candidate for the Republican nomination.

When Mr. Fulton learned of Mr. Young's nomination, he went directly to Senator Penrose, chairman of the postoffice committee, and protested against any report being made until he was ready to have action taken by the committee. Mr. Penrose said he would gladly hold up the nomination, and informed Mr. Fulton that Senator Bourne had already been

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ADRIAN VON PLANK GETS FATAL WOUND

PORTLAND ACTOR FOUND WITH OTHER MAN'S WIFE.

Shot Down in Hotel at Bakersfield by E. Newton Blacker, Who Gives Himself Up.

BAKERSFIELD, Cal., Dec. 8.—(Special.)—Adrian Von Plank, playing at the Union Theater with the Cunningham Stock troupe, was fatally shot about 5 o'clock this evening by E. Newton Blacker, a prominent transfer man, in Von Plank's apartments in the Grand Hotel.

Blacker claims he traced his wife to Von Plank's room and she was in the room when Blacker broke the glass panels of the door with the butt of his revolver. Von Plank was unarmed, but made a desperate defense, attacking Blacker with a chair. He knocked the gun from Blacker's hand, but the latter regained possession of the weapon and fired five shots, three of the bullets going through Von Plank's body. He fell and is now at the Claire Hospital in a critical condition.

After the shooting Blacker coolly pocketed his gun and, taking his wife, baredheaded and without her coat, left for his home, several blocks away. As they passed the hotel office, Blacker remarked to the clerk, Frank Gunn: "I think you'll find a dead man up in room 23." He later gave himself up to Sheriff Kelly.

Von Plank, before lapsing into unconsciousness, admitted being in the room with Mrs. Blacker. "She is not to blame; it was my fault," he stated to Dr. Long. Von Plank also said that Blacker had shot him.

Von Plank's home is in Portland, where he has a mother at 1035 Eleventh street. He is aged about 23 years and has been playing with the Cunningham troupe about a month.

FRAME TARIFF BILL EARLY

Subcommittee to Be Appointed to Prepare Schedule.

A short hearing was held by the committee today and another has been set for Thursday. In order to get an early start on the consideration of the new tariff bill it is believed that the majority of members of the committee will meet tomorrow as a subcommittee to take the first active steps in framing the bill.

An executive session was held today by the ways and means committee of the House, presumably for the purpose of sending the names of those witnesses whom it is proposed to subpoena to appear at the tariff hearing before the committee.

While nothing was given out it is understood that those whose testimony is especially desired by the committee are James W. Van Cleave, president of the National Association of Manufacturers; Charles Francis Adams, of Boston; representatives of the meat-packers, the wool industry, the leather industry, the steel industry and manufacturers of various articles in relation to which the committee has received no testimony.

CONGRESS HEARS ANNUAL MESSAGE

Roosevelt Vigorously Urges Policies.

MUST CONTROL CORPORATIONS

Many Measures for Relief of Labor Proposed.

STOP WASTE OF FORESTS

Experience of Old World Held Forth as Warning—Courts Criticized for Dilatoriness and Antiquated Ideas.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Congress today heard the last annual message of President Roosevelt, but paid little attention to the reading, which most of them followed merely by reading the printed copies.

The President devoted the bulk of his message to the discussion of the railroad, corporation, labor, forestry and waterway problems. He reiterated his former recommendations for control of interstate corporations and urged that railroads be excluded from the operation of the anti-trust law and be made subject to the Interstate Commerce Commission, which should have enlarged powers. In dealing with the trust question he forcibly insisted on the full use of the dormant National power and took occasion to give a dig to those critics such as A. B. Parker, who continually insist on control of trusts and at the same time uphold the state rights doctrine.

Forests and Waterways.

The President entered at length into the necessity of forest preservation to preserve the Nation's natural resources. He cited in support of his argument the devastation which has followed deforestation in China, North Africa and the countries bordering on the Mediterranean.

He insisted that inland waterways should be systematically improved under the direction of a permanent commission. He recommended that fisheries in interstate waters be brought under Federal control.

Criticism of Courts.

In renewing his recommendation of various labor measures he took occasion to criticize the decisions of some of the courts as being based on out-of-date economic theories and severely condemned delays in administration of justice.

The reform of the promotion system in the Army and Navy and addition of four battleships to the latter were recommended.

BOGUS CLAIMS TO OLD AGE PENSIONS

IRISH OFFICIALS MEET DIFFICULTY UNDER NEW LAW.

Claims Exceed All Estimates and Defective Records Open Gates for Deception.

DUBLIN, Ireland, Dec. 8.—(Special.)—Officials charged with paying out in Ireland the old-age pensions of 5 shillings (\$1.20) a week to poor persons of 70 years or over have come across unexpected and almost insuperable difficulty. According to the population, there should be only 152,000 persons of that age in Ireland, but 183,000 claim pensions and hundreds of additional demands are made every day.

It seems that until long after 1828 no register of deaths was kept in Ireland. Thus it is impossible for many peasants and even well-to-do persons to be certain about their ages. In many cases the benefit of the doubt has been given, but in others the attempt at deception admits of no doubt. British taxpayers are creating an uproar on the subject. In the meantime the authorities in charge have stopped disbursements until they can devise a plan to bring order out of this chaos.

Another problem is added by the demands of many naturalized Irish-Americans who have returned to Ireland.

FACTS ABOUT SENATORSHIP

Fulton Enlightens Eastern People About Statement No. 1.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Senator C. W. Fulton today made a column statement to the Washington Post regarding the Oregon Senatorial situation. He recalled briefly the terms of the Oregon primary law and gave detailed figures showing the number of Republican and Democratic votes polled at the party primaries, the number polled at the general primary and at the general election and that the Democrats fraudulently voted in the Republican primaries. In conclusion, Senator Fulton said:

"Every man who subscribed to Statement One did so prior to the primary. The question is, Are Republicans now obligated in good conscience to aid in carrying out fraud?"

Governor Chamberlain declined to answer Senator Fulton's statement further than to say:

"I do not think it becoming in me to enter into newspaper controversy over the Senatorial situation. I have been treated with such uniform courtesy by every one that I do not wish to mar my visit by useless contention."

POISON VICTIMS IMPROVE

No Serious Results Expected Among Sufferers at Launching.

VALLEJO, Cal., Dec. 8.—All those who have been suffering from ptomaine poisoning as a result of the poisoning of the luncheon served at Mare Island on Saturday after the launching of the Prometheus, are improving and no serious results are apprehended. Only a few cases and these of a light form were reported today. The inmates of the Orphan's Home, where a quantity of sandwiches and cold meats were sent after the luncheon and a number of whom were poisoned, are all declared to be out of danger.

The luncheon was served by Leon Cohn, a caterer of San Francisco, and a valiant menu was presented to the guests. Cohn declares the food was all perfectly fresh and the blame for the poisoning of the food served with the meal, which was taken from a well on the island. Surgeons from Vallejo and Mare Island have begun an examination of the food to discover the cause of the sickness, which has followed its consumption, not only in Vallejo, but in many other bay cities, from which guests came to the launching.

GIVES TAFT SAFE MAJORITY

Official Montana Vote in Favor of Ohio Man.

HELENA, Mont., Dec. 8.—The official vote of Montana is as follows: Taft, 32,333; Bryan, 29,326; Debs, 5855; Hagen, 443; Chaffin, 827.

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FAVORS BONDS TO SAVE RESOURCES

Taft and Roosevelt for Federal Action.

IMPROVEMENTS TO BE LASTING

Construction Work to Be Permanent in Character.

EXPERT TO PREPARE PLANS

Chief Executive Outlines Scheme for Conservation of Natural Resources of Nation at Meeting in Washington.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—President Roosevelt and President-elect Taft publicly put themselves on record today in advocacy of the issuance of Government bonds for the construction of permanent public improvements to conserve the natural resources of the nation. President-elect Taft preside at the joint conservation meeting this afternoon at the Belasco Theater in this city. President Roosevelt made the principal address. The incumbent of the White House gave his unqualified approval of the carrying out of expert plans for the conservation of the nation's resources. The coming President seconded Mr. Roosevelt's assertions with hearty accord.

Governor Chamberlain of Oregon, voiced what he termed the advanced ground of the Democratic party in advocacy of the Federal jurisdiction and the audience, which filled the theater and which included Andrew Carnegie, John Mitchell, Senators, Congressmen and the Governors of several states, applauded every sentiment expressed.

Roosevelt's Speech.

President Roosevelt spoke in part as follows:

Largest National Task. I welcome you to Washington and to the work you have gathered to do. The Nation in time of peace could be of greater worth than the work which has brought you here. It is the Nation's task to make this Nation's future as great and happy as the present. It is the largest National task that any man has ever undertaken. If you do more than this, you will do more than the problem you will do vast good. It augurs well for our future that you are here, and it is the greatest of our duty that in this matter it should take the lead among the nations of the world.

The prudent business man regularly takes account of stock, so that he may know just where he stands. I think you have slow to profit by the wise example. The United States is substantially the first Nation to inventory its stock. It has and it has only begun to do so in any definite way within the last few years.

Refers to Meeting.

Last May the Governors of the states and territories met in the White House to confer with the President on the conservation of the material basis of our National welfare. They united in a memorable declaration which was adopted by the wall in every school. One outcome of the conference was the appointment of the National Conservation Commission, whose chief duty is to prepare a plan for the conservation of our country's—those resources which are the lifeblood of the Nation. Its report is to be used by the President in his annual message. Its formation as to the state of the Union as far as natural resources are concerned.

The joint meeting brought together the members of the Conservation Committee and their helpers, the delegates to the great Southern Commercial Congress, the members of the Rivers and Harbors Congress and others interested in working out a comprehensive plan for making the most of the lands, minerals, forests and waters that belong to the public domain of the United States.

The commission consists of Senators and Representatives, members of the executive departments, and public-spirited citizens familiar with particular subjects, and it is wholly without funds and it has therefore depended altogether on the public spirit of its members and the cooperation of the executive departments at Washington and in the several states, especially the scientific and statistical bureaus. It has brought these bureaus into closer and more effective co-operation than ever before, and for this reason its work will rank as by far the most useful statement of the National resources ever prepared in any country. Each bureau, without relaxing its regular work, has collected and summarized the results of its past work, and has contributed them to the Commission. I desire to make special acknowledgment to the men who have so cheerfully and successfully carried out this additional task. They have rendered a real service to the whole Nation at the cost of great personal sacrifice of time and effort to themselves. And the best of it all was the admirable spirit of co-operation which characterized the whole work.

Mutual Benefit.

I am especially glad to welcome the cooperation of the States, through their Conservation Commission and otherwise. Such co-operation gives earnest of mutual assistance between States and Nation, and mutual benefits to follow. Without it the great task of perpetuating the Nation and its people would be almost impossible. If States and Nation work for it together, all in their several fields, and all joining heartily where the field is common, we are certain of success in advance.

The National organizations concerned with natural resources, such as the great engineering societies, the National Rivers and Harbors Congress, and all these and many others have joined in the work in a way to gladden the heart of every patriotic American. A special word is due the National Rivers and Harbors Congress. It is the one organization that is advocating a waterway policy and not a waterway project, and is National in its scope, for it represents practically all the friends of waterway improvement in these United States. The question of river and harbor improvements and the benefit that such will bring to the producer and the consumer has, through its work, been favorably and prominently brought to the attention of the country. Prominent commercial organizations have joined in its work.

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