

MAINE LEAVES ON SECRET CRUISE

Battleship Believed to Have Gone to Venezuela Under Sealed Orders.

TRIP FOLLOWS MEETING

Commander Arnold and Naval Officials Hold Secret Session Before Departure—American Interests in South Unprotected.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The most complete mystery surrounds the destination of the battleship Maine, which left Norfolk today under sealed orders.

Commander Confers With Officers. As the Maine is equipped with wireless telegraphy this offers a ready method of communication with the United States if necessary.

RIDERS WHIPPED WOMAN

she would press the case. Then the men fled into the yard to consult. In a few minutes they returned. Pinton, she said, stepped over to the bed and said, 'Come with us.'

Two others of the band seized the young woman, dragged her roughly from the bed, and hurried her about 200 yards away. They threw her on a log in the woods and one of them beat her across the shoulders with a strap.

Military Guard Ordered.

Judge Jones sent out the jury before court adjourned, and said: 'There are eight defendants here charged with a capital offense. They are not handcuffed and are under guard of only two deputies. I do not think this safe.'

The defense objected vigorously, but the judge refused to withdraw his order. When Fehrlinger was taken into court this morning he was surrounded by a detail of six soldiers with loaded rifles and revolver holsters open.

I swear that I wish to join the Society of Night Riders and that I will never write, tell or talk about anything that happens on the rides, or in conference.

This is the shorter form of the oath. A longer one was administered to others and this will be recited by another witness.

Fehrlinger knew all the defendants and had accompanied them on many night rides prior to the killing of Captain Ranken. The Night Riders' garb consisted of long black coats, black masks trimmed in white and some had false beards attached to the bottom.

Terrorized People by Whipping.

The witness said that on one ride, while the riders were in a victim's house, a rider named Pierson had a fit and his companions had to remove his mask to revive him.

Often the riders whipped men and women without knowing why, except that the captain ordered it. Once, when the grand jury was in session and several men who had been whipped had been summoned, Garret Johnson sent out a general order to hang any of the men who testified.

Several prospective witnesses were similarly treated, but few of them would tell of it even now, so great is their terror. 'Old Man' Bogues, no other name known, had testified as to the burning of fish docks by the riders.

Just before the murder of Captain Ranken, the riders resolved to make a raid on Tiptonville and kill Judge Harris. Tiptonville heard of it and prepared to repel it and the riders abandoned their plan.

Ranken and Taylor Raid.

On October 19, the riders learned that Ranken and Taylor were at the Walnut Log Hotel. The Burdick, one of the defendants, told Fehrlinger to notify the

band to meet that night to attend to Ranken and Taylor. Fehrlinger got one of Garret Johnson's horses and rode all day summoning the band. The riders met near Johnson's farm, and the band included the eight defendants, by name.

They proceeded to the hotel, after Garret Johnson had forced Ed Powell to take the riders there. Garret Johnson was the spokesman who threw the rope and whip and gave the orders to Ranken and Taylor to dress.

Hanging of Ranken.

On the march to the densely wooded bank of the slough where Ranken was slain, Johnson did all the talking, the others about 50 in number, including the defendants, following silently. As they put the rope on Ranken's neck, Fehrlinger said to the victim: 'Do you want to say anything to the Lord? If you do, say it now.'

Ranken replied: 'I have attended to that.' Just as they pulled the rope, Bob Hoffman shot him, and Sam Applewhite then said: 'I know he is dead, for I put a load of bicycle ballbearings into him.'

Men Who Put Rope on Neck.

Jesse Carter, one of the defendants, and a man yet to be tried, put the rope around Ranken's neck. When Colonel Taylor jumped into the slough, Carter shot into the water. Meantime the men holding the rope let go and Ranken's body crumpled and dropped to the ground. His stiff hat fell beneath his head, holding it off the ground, his glasses dropped back into the hat, which rapidly filled with blood from the wound in the temple.

Just before his body fell, a rider, not on trial, emptied 60 25-caliber bullets into the hanging man.

The riders then went to where their horses were hitched and where four men had been left on guard.

Garret Johnson addressed them before they dispersed. 'Burn your masks,' he said, 'and say nothing about this night's work.'

Tell Truth and Get Pardon.

Fehrlinger was arrested by the militia and taken before Governor Patterson, who was personally in command. 'Tell the truth,' said Governor Patterson. 'If you do, I will give you an absolute pardon.'

QUITS BASEBALL FOREVER

FIELDER JONES DELIVERS ULTIMATUM TO CHICAGO.

Only Wants \$20,000 a Year to Stay in Game—On His Way to Portland.

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—(Special.)—'I have quite baseball forever, and there is nothing smaller than \$20,000 a year can lure me back on the diamond. Tell the Sox fans I am sorry to leave them, but they'll not see me in the lineup any more.'

Fielder Jones, who styles himself 'ex-manager' of the White Sox now, stopped off here en route to give the above information to number of his friends who met him at the depot. Jones arrived here from Bolivar, N. Y., on his way to Portland, Ore., where his partner is engaged in active duties in the lumber business, in which the fielder is now established.

BIGGY'S DEATH ACCIDENT

All Witnesses Say No Apparent Reason for Suicide.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21.—Examination of a hat taken before a coroner's jury today failed to throw any additional light upon the manner in which W. J. Biggy, late chief of the Police Department, met his death in the waters of San Francisco Bay. All the witnesses agreed that Biggy was in his usual spirits; that he showed no evidences of intoxication and that there was no apparent reason why he should commit suicide. On the afternoon in question, however, the chief had complained to several persons that he was being shadowed by private detectives, but the circumstance was a source of annoyance rather than depression.

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GRAND JURY CASES SET

DEFENDANTS INDICTED BY COUNTY BODY APPEAR.

Charges Range From Criminal Libel to Larceny—Most Trials Set Immediately.

Dana Sleeth, editor of an afternoon paper, Melvin H. Voorhees, his business manager, and Hyde Gowen were yesterday arraigned before Judge Gantenbein to answer to a charge of criminal libel preferred by William Hanley, of Burns, Harney County, Ore., on which charge they were last week indicted by the grand jury.

John Manning appeared on behalf of the defendants and entered demurrer to the indictment. The case was set for January 4.

R. B. Harlow, charged with embezzling \$50 belonging to his employers, Willet & Burr, was also arraigned before Judge Gantenbein. He pleaded not guilty and his trial was set for tomorrow at 2 o'clock.

Others arraigned yesterday were Charles Johnson, charged with contributing to the delinquency of a child, pleaded not guilty, and will be tried tomorrow; Ed Fera, charged with obtaining money under false pretences, pleaded not guilty, and will be tried tomorrow.

Jack Howard pleaded not guilty to a charge of larceny, and will be tried tomorrow afternoon; Pat O'Brien, R. L. Laffel, and M. A. Needham pleaded guilty to a charge of larceny, and will be sentenced tomorrow. William Brayles and George Gray will be tried on a charge of larceny tomorrow afternoon.

Sigurd Johansen, E. Osberg and Carl Carlson were arraigned on the charge of assault on John Bunderson with intent to commit robbery, pleaded not guilty, and will be tried tomorrow; Joe Zakogi, charged with assault with a dangerous weapon, entered a plea of not guilty, and will be tried tomorrow; Frank Smith entered a plea of not guilty to the charge of assault, and will be heard tomorrow.

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to an early temporary retirement from active business. Mr. Hawley stated that the Burlington has purchased practically all of the common stock of the Colorado & Southern, which he and his associates had held. It was understood that Mr. Hawley continues to hold Colorado & Southern first and second preferred stock and that President Trumbull retains his interest in that property.

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—The Tribune, in a news article on the acquisition of the Colorado & Southern by James J. Hill for the Burlington and the Northern Pacific, declares it is simply another step in the long-protracted contest between Harriman and Hill for supremacy in the traffic control of the West.

Continuing the article says: 'By securing 225 miles of the Colorado Southern system, Mr. Hill has not only swelled the total of the lines controlled by him to nearly 24,000 miles, but by securing the long-distance outlet to the Gulf of Mexico and completing his route from the far Northwest to Galveston, he has invaded his rival's territory, just as Harriman has persistently strengthened his position by pushing out new lines into the Northwest.'

'The Colorado & Southern connects with the Burlington at Cheyenne, Wyo., and at Denver, Colo., and in order to secure a shorter and more direct route from Denver to the Northwest, it would be necessary to build the shortest connecting lines already surveyed by the Burlington from Lyons to Cheyenne, Wyo., and from Orin Junction to Gillette or Sheridan, Wyo., to a connection with the Burlington line at Billings, Mont., where it joins the Northern Pacific.'

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THIRD PARTY IS GIVEN

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