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LOOSE'S STORY IS DECLARED CANARD

Confession Now Ready for Publication.

SCHEME PURELY MERCENARY

Published Affidavits Unconnected With Other Plots.

DUNKLE CONCOCTED PLAN

Captain Osbon, of Arctic Club, Writes to Friend That He Has Absolute Proof of Falsity of Story About Observations.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—Captain B. E. Osbon, of this city, secretary of the Arctic Club, has written Captain Joseph E. Bernier and others that Captain August W. Loose's story of his dealings with Dr. Cook, as published in a New York newspaper, was concocted for sale without regard to the truth.

"In the presence of witnesses," said Captain Osbon tonight, "I heard Loose say: 'I was out for the money and I did not care how I got it.'"

Captain Osbon does not believe that Loose's narrative, as supported by his affidavits, was a part of any plot to discredit Dr. Cook.

Had Even Wilder Tale.

"The idea originated with Loose and Dunkle," said Captain Osbon. "They had for sale matter in this controversy so explosive that nobody dared handle it. When they found that out they cast about for something else. Dunkle was the promoter, and Loose the workman.

"Also, Dunkle got most of the money. That's what Loose says, and now he is casting around to see where he stands. He's got a conscience, and it smarts.

"I wrote these facts in a private letter to Captain Bernier and others, and their premature publication is a mystery and may spoil what would have been complete documentary proof of my assertion, sworn to before a notary.

Confession Already Made.

"Loose had an appointment today to sign a confession, which has already been drawn up. He did not appear and now he has just 24 hours grace. If he does not sign tomorrow the substance of the confession then will be printed from notes and conversations on which it is based."

Captain Osbon was not at liberty to name the person who had obtained and drafted the confession. "A shipowner," he designated him, "a former employer of Loose, and a man who has personal influence with him."

"How did this man prevail on Loose to confess?" was asked.

"He told Loose straight out," said the captain, "that Loose was playing checkers with his own nose."

Loose Checked Figures.

Captain Osbon does not deny that Dr. Cook and Loose had business dealings and that money passed between them, but he said:

"I know enough shipmates of the doctor who went into the Antarctic with him to be sure the doctor needed nobody to fabricate observations for him. No doubt he set problems for Loose by which to check his own calculations."

But toward 2 o'clock alarming symptoms appeared. Suddenly the King turned and called to Dr. Thiriar: "J'etouffe, docteur! J'etouffe!" ("I am suffocating.") Dr. Depage was summoned, and the two physicians did everything possible to prolong life, but without avail. The end came quick, and, after a spell of weakness, peacefully.

Prince Albert Weeps.

Prince Albert arrived at the death-bed about 25 minutes later. He was accompanied by Princess Clementine. Albert kissed the dead King, and left the chamber weeping. Baron Goffinet, the King's secretary, started immediately for Brussels to notify members of the royal family. As he was entering his motor car he exclaimed:

"To think that only yesterday we were still full of confidence, and now the King is dead."

It appears that the doctors were totally unprepared for a fatal termination. It was a nun, acting as nurse, who first noticed the heavy breathing of the King. She called Dr. Thiriar to the bedside. Drs. Thiriar and Depage resorted to injections of morphine, but these had no effect.

Soon after the end had come the Ministers were notified. The first official to arrive at the death chamber was the Royal Chaplain. The Ministers remained in the chamber for considerable time, discussing in subdued tones the sudden death and matters of state.

Bribe for Confession.

George Dunkle made the following statement tonight:

"Yesterday Captain Loose showed me a copy of a letter he had received, inviting him to make a clean breast of it. I told him that he ought to remember that he had already made one affidavit, and that any contradiction of that affidavit over his signature would make him out a liar in one instance or the other.

"He told me that he had never made any verbal confession and, therefore, of course, he did not intend to make a written one, although he had been informed that there was $4000 on deposit that would be turned over to him the minute he put his signature to a confession."

PRESENTS TO COME ON SCHEDULE TIME

RAILROADS EXPECT TO PUT ON EXTRA EXPRESS TRAINS.

Delay at Christmas Time, Heretofore of Great Inconvenience, May Be Obviated This Year.

CHICAGO, Dec. 16.—(Special.)—Fewer people in the territory west of Chicago will be disappointed by the nonreceipt of their Christmas presents this year, if the managers of railroads carry out their present intention.

It has all but been decided to run special trains to carry the enormous tonnage of express packages which flood the railroads during the last week before Christmas. If the plan be carried out, the railroads will begin running special express trains four or five days previous to Christmas and will continue them as long as necessary.

There are several good reasons why the express business of the few days preceding Christmas should be taken care of in this manner and the project will be discussed tomorrow. Heretofore all of the passenger trains carrying express have been delayed by reason of the extra work of loading and unloading at stations. This has disarranged all passenger service.

Furthermore, railroads and express companies have never been able to handle all the business expeditiously enough to get the thousands of presents to their destination by Christmas eve.

SPOKANE WOMAN HEROINE

Mme. C. Winslow Beats Firemen at Own Game and Saves Property.

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 16.—(Special.)—By a dash into flames, a deed which would have done credit to a veteran fireman, Mme. C. Winslow, who operates an ostrich plume factory here, saved $500 of her stock and furniture and tomorrow will be doing business for the Christmas trade despite the fact that the dwelling, a one-story frame affair, was destroyed.

The fire started early in the forenoon from a defective flue. Mrs. Winslow thought she had smothered the small blaze and was returning to her work when neighbors saw the dense smoke and summoned the fire department. Mme. Winslow dashed out of the house and presently, remembering that her valuable property was in jeopardy, made a run into the burning interior and emerged with feathers galore.

CHILD AFLAME IN STREET

Frantic Spectators' Efforts to Smother Fire Are Unavailing.

OAKLAND, Cal., Dec. 16.—Eva May Fuller, a 7-year-old school girl attending the Melrose School, was incinerated before a dozen persons in the street in front of her home here yesterday afternoon.

The child had just returned from school and was warming herself before a fire in her home. She got too close to the stove and her clothing caught fire. She rushed into the street screaming, and frantic efforts made by spectators to tear away her clothing were of no avail.

The child died in acute agony seven hours later.

HAWAII CRIES "HANDS OFF"

Proposed Liquor Legislation Tabooed by Island Legislature.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—"Hands off Hawaii in liquor matters," is substantially the protest received by Congress today from the Hawaiian Legislature.

The Secretary transmitted to Congress a resolution adopted by the General Assembly at Honolulu declaring that any legislation to prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquor in that territory, as proposed in a pending bill, would brand Hawaii as incapable of self-government.

WIND "NO OBEY"; DROWN

Alaskan Medicine Man's Magic Fails and Family Perishes.

JUNEAU, Alaska, Dec. 16.—Sheshen Jim, an Indian medicine man, his mother, his wife, two sons, a daughter-in-law and a grandson were drowned yesterday while trying to reach Juneau from their home at Gambler Bay in a canoe.

The sea was rough when the family started, but efforts to dissuade the medicine man were in vain, for he insisted that his magic could overrule the wind.

LONGER CAR GRANT LOSES

Kansas City's First Referendum Refuses Franchise Extension.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 16.—The proposition to extend the franchise of the Metropolitan Streetcar Company—which now holds the traction rights of the city up to 1925—26 years, or 42 years from the present, was defeated at a special election today by a majority of 7091.

This was the first election held under the referendum law.

MOTHER KILLED IN PLAY

"Not Loaded," 12-Year-Old Thinks of Deadly Gun.

SANTA FE, N. M., Dec. 16.—Calling out playfully, "See, mother, it's not loaded," the 12-year-old son of Mrs. James McLaughlin, proprietor of a hotel at Oro Grande, today shot the woman through the heart, killing her instantly.

LEOPOLD, KING OF BELGIANS, IS DEAD

Passing Sudden After Brave Rally.

NONE OF FAMILY IS WITH HIM

Monarch Awakes Suffocating, Then Quickly Dies.

NEW KING WEEPS LOUDLY

First of Court to Reach Dead Ruler Is Royal Chaplain — Ministers Come and Talk Subdnedly of Affairs of Kingdom.

BRUSSELS, Dec. 17.—King Leopold died at 2:35 o'clock this morning, his aged and wasted body unable to stand the strain put upon it. The collapse occurred suddenly and at a moment when the doctors seemingly had the greatest hopes for his recovery.

Throughout yesterday bulletins issued from the sickroom indicated progressive improvement. The bulletin posted at 6:30 o'clock gave the King's temperature, pulse and respiration as practically normal. Apparently the drainage of the wound was perfect, as no fever was present all day. The King had been able to take nourishment.

Public Expected Recovery.

The public at large was satisfied that the King would recover, but within the pavilion where the King lay, anxiety was felt, chiefly because of Leopold's great age. After a restful day the patient was able to sleep for a brief period early in the evening and the night passed quietly.

The King's coolness and courage in the heroic struggle won the admiration of all, for at no time did he seem to fear the result. Now that he is dead, it is considered remarkable he was able to survive so long by the force of his mentality.

When Goffinet emerged from the high walls of the royal gardens, his pale face startled the newspaper correspondents outside. He paused for a moment and said solemnly, "The King is dead."

NEW KING CONTRAST TO OLD

Loved by People Because of His Fine Home Life.

Leopold II, King of the Belgians, son of the late King Leopold I, upon whose death on December 10, 1865, he succeeded to the throne, was born at Brussels, April 9, 1837. His father was the Prince of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha and his mother Princess Louise, daughter of King Louis Philippe of France.

On August 22, 1853, he married the Archduchess Marie Henrietta, daughter of Archduke Joseph of Austria. She died September 19, 1902. Three daughters were born to them—Louise, Stephanie and Clementine. The two elder princesses have been estranged from their father, but Clementine rmained in his affections.

Crown Passes to Nephew.

In lieu of a direct hereditary heir, the

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OREGON'S INDUSTRIAL GROWTH.

No subject that has to do with the prosperity of Oregon will be neglected in the annual edition of The Oregonian which is to be issued January 1, 1910. Dairying, horticulture, grain-raising and every important branch of agriculture will receive attention. The articles will not be tiresome in length or in substance. They will tell what has been accomplished during 1909, and will also contain much valuable information for those who are thinking of making Oregon their home. One copy of the Annual sent East will convey more information about this state than could be embodied in scores of letters. The New Year's Oregonian has long been recognized as the best possible advertising medium of this land of opportunity.

The Central Oregon articles alone will be a feature that no resident of this state can afford to miss. The pictures used have been taken especially for this edition and illustrate the text in striking manner.

The price of the Annual will be 5 cents. Postage in the United States, Canada and the insular possessions, 4 cents. Foreign postage, 8 cents.

SUBSIDY CAMPAIGN OPENS

New York Chamber of Commerce Suggests Subvention Plans.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—The campaign of the New York Chamber of Commerce to revive the American merchant marine was continued today at a meeting which received a report from a special committee appointed some time ago. This committee reported that the greatest need was Government backing of new mail lines and postal subventions.

Welding Ring, president of the Produce Exchange, suggested free registry for foreign-built ships, and Lewis Nixon proposed discriminating duties which would necessitate the repeal of obstructing commercial treaties.

WARRINER STILL IN JAIL

Trial Postponed Because Attorney Is Absent.

CINCINNATI, O., Dec. 16.—Charles L. Warriner, charged with embezzling $643,000 while local treasurer of the Big Four Railroad Company, did not go to trial today, because of the absence of one of his attorneys. Another date for the trial will be set.

Mrs. Jeanette Stewart-Ford, "the woman in the case," out on bond under indictments charging her with receiving stolen money and with levying blackmail, will be tried on the latter charge not later than December 29.

Warriner has been unable to obtain bail, and the prospects are that he will spend Christmas in jail.

MINERS STILL ENTOMBED

Rescuers Still Dig in Negaunee Mine to Reach Four Men.

NEGAUNEE, Mich., Dec. 16.—The four miners entombed in the Negaunee iron mine Tuesday had not been rescued this afternoon. Digging was still going on.

More than 100 feet of mud and gravel was removed last night.

PEOPLE CHEER AS ZELAYA RESIGNS

Fate, Says President, Is Against Him.

SUCCESSOR IS NOT CHOSEN

Opposition to Madriz Taking Definite Form.

ESTRADA INFLUENCE FELT

Open Revolt Finds Voice in Managua When Stories of Government Victories Before Rama Are Proved False.

MANAGUA, Dec. 16.—Jose Zantos Zelaya has resigned from the Presidency of Nicaragua. He placed his resignation in the hands of Congress this morning.

Apparently there was no other course to take. The people were aroused at last. The guns of the revolutionists threatened. The warships of the United States lay in Nicaraguan ports.

Managua has been seething for days. The spirit of revolt has spread even to the gates of the palace. Zelaya has surrounded himself with an armed guard. Unchecked the populace has marched through the streets, crying for the end of the old and proclaiming the new regime.

Who will take up the reins no one knows or cares. It is sufficient that Zelaya as dictator will be known no more. There is no doubt that Congress will act quickly on his resignation, for the people have demanded it.

Zelaya Calls It Fate.

Dr. Jose Madriz, judge of the Central American Court of Justice at Cartago, who has been close to Zelaya, and is now his choice for President, is on his way here. He will arrive on Saturday. Madriz has his following, strong and influential, even among the revolutionists, but General Estrada, under whose command the body of fighting insurgents now faces Vasquez' troops at Rama, will have none of him. Estrada's word will bear weight in the choice of President.

Zelaya has known, too, that Madriz is not acceptable to the United States, and he has sought to learn who would be looked up with favor by that Government as his successor, but the American Government, so far as can be learned, has named no man, and the choice probably will lie with those who have gained the upper hand.

Estrada Vetoes Madriz.

Accompanying his resignation, Zelaya sent the following message to Congress:

"The painful circumstances in which the country is plunged calls for acts of abnegation and patriotism on the part of the good citizens who are the witnesses of the oppression of the republic by the heavy hand of fate. The country is staggering under a shameful revolution that threatens the nation's sovereignty and a foreign nation unjustly intervenes in our crisis, publicly providing the rebels

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H. L. WILSON WILL GET MEXICAN POST

MINISTER TO BELGIUM SLATED FOR PROMOTION.

Is Brother of Former United States Senator From Washington and Is Well Known.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, D. C., Dec. 16.—It became definitely known here today that Henry Lane Wilson, United States Minister to Belgium and brother of John L. Wilson, formerly United States Senator from Washington, is to be promoted to be Ambassador to Mexico, the change being in line with the general policy of the Government to advance diplomats who show special fitness for the work.

In view of the present trouble with Nicaragua, in which Mexico may possibly become a factor, Mr. Wilson's new position promises to be one of much responsibility. The news of his promotion has been received by his friends with satisfactory comments, for his ability as a diplomat is generally recognized.

During the political campaigns of John L. Wilson, which resulted in sending him to Congress from Washington from 1889 to 1895, and to the United State Senate in the latter year to serve an unexpired term ending in 1899, his brother Henry served as his manager, and this led up to the appointment of the latter to a diplomatic position.

Henry Wilson was born at Crawfordsville, Ind., November 3, 1857. He graduated from Wabash College with the degree of Master of Arts in 1879. He was editor of the Lafayette (Ind.) Journal from 1882 to 1885. Leaving that work, he went to Spokane, where he practiced law and engaged in banking until 1896.

President Harrison appointed him to be Minister to Venezuela in 1889, but he declined. In 1897 he was appointed Minister to Chile, and was appointed to a similar position in Belgium March 6, 1905, at which place he has remained auntil the present time.

Mr. Wilson will receive his appointment and enter upon his new duties in Mexico City as soon as the term of David E. Thompson, the present Ambassador to Mexico, expires, which will be in the near future. Mr. Wilson's home is now at Seattle.

SON DISLIKES FAMILY JAR

Hornby, Jr., Wants to Announce His Engagement.

REDLANDS, Cal., Dec. 16.—(Special.)—That there will be an early reconciliation between Alonzo Hornby, the millionaire "toffee king," and his wife, and that Mrs. Hornby will withdraw the $100,000 damage suit which she brought November 1 against Mrs. Mabel J. Watson for alleged alienation of Hornby's affections, was announced by close friends of the Hornby family today.

The case was first called to public attention in Los Angeles a few months ago, when Mrs. Hornby sought and obtained from the court an injunction against her husband to prevent him from carrying out his alleged intention of eloping with Mrs. Watson.

The son, Frederick C. Hornby, has been instrumental in bringing about the reconciliation, because, his friends say, he is engaged to one of the wealthiest heiresses in Redlands and desires to, have the unpleasant situation ended before making announcement of the date of the wedding.

WHEELS GRIND UP $250,000

Mail Car Arm Fails to Work and Revenue Stamps Destroyed.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 16.—More than $250,000 worth of internal revenue tax paid whisky stamps, the property of the Government, were mutilated or blown away today when the iron arm attached to a mail car on a fast train failed to connect properly with a registered mail bag and threw it under the wheels.

The accident occurred at Gibsonton, near here.

SCIENCE CASE DISMISSED

Parents Who Refuse Doctor Not to Be Prosecuted Further.

MOUNT HOLLY, N. J., Dec. 16.—At the request of the public prosecutor the Burlington County Court today entered a nolle prosse in the case of Edwin M. Watson and his wife.

They were convicted on a charge of manslaughter in May, 1908, for refusing to summon a physician for their 7-year-old son, who was ill with pneumonia, preferring to rely on Christian Science methods.

CRY IS BETTER SERVICE

East Side Citizens Plan Mass Meeting on Streetcar Problem.

A mass meeting will be held in the near future in Ringler's hall, Grand avenue and East Morrison street, composed of East Side citizens for the purpose of devising ways and means of securing better streetcar service in Portland and especially as it affects the East Side.

The members of the committee were appointed, one from each push club and the movement was started through these commercial organizations.

MORGAN WON'T COMBINE

Newly Acquired Telephone Properties Separate From Bell Interests.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—No additional details concerning the purchase of the two independent telephone companies in Ohio were obtainable today at the offices of J. P. Morgan & Co., except the statement that no merger of the newly-acquired properties with the Bell company is contemplated.

THREE SISTERS HELD FOR MURDER

Mother and Aunts of Ocey Snead in Cells.

EVENTS ARE MOVING SWIFTLY

Aged "Woman in Black" Now Wants to Die.

MYSTERY NEARS SOLUTION

Only Extradition Papers Now Awaited From New Jersey Authorities Before Case Will Come to Trial.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—The three sisters who held the life of Ocey Snead in their hands have, one by one, come within the reach of the law, until tonight separate cells hold them all, charged by the authorities of East Orange, N. J., with the murder of their niece and daughter.

Of the girl's immediate relatives only her bedridden grandmother, Mrs. Wardlaw, 82 years old, and Fletcher Snead, the cousin she married, are still at large. A rumor that Fletcher Snead, the missing husband, had been found in hiding at St. Catharines, Ont., was denied tonight by the St. Catharines police.

Events Move Swiftly.

Events have moved swiftly in the last few days. Soon after the arraignment today of Mrs. Caroline W. Martin, Ocey Snead's mother, who was arrested last night, there followed the third arrest in the case—that of Mrs. Mary Snead, Mrs. Martin's sister, and at once the aunt and mother-in-law of Ocey Snead. She was taken from her lodgings in New York charged with being a fugitive from New Jersey, where a warrant, similar to that issued against her sister, was sworn out.

Mrs. Martin was arraigned this morning in the Tombs Police Court and committed to the Tombs Prison, pending the arrival of extradition papers from New Jersey. In her examination she gave no hint as to whether she would fight extradition.

Mrs. Martin showed today the same aversion to lifting the heavy black veil that completely concealed her features as characterized her sister, Virginia Wardlaw in the latter's examination at East Orange several days ago.

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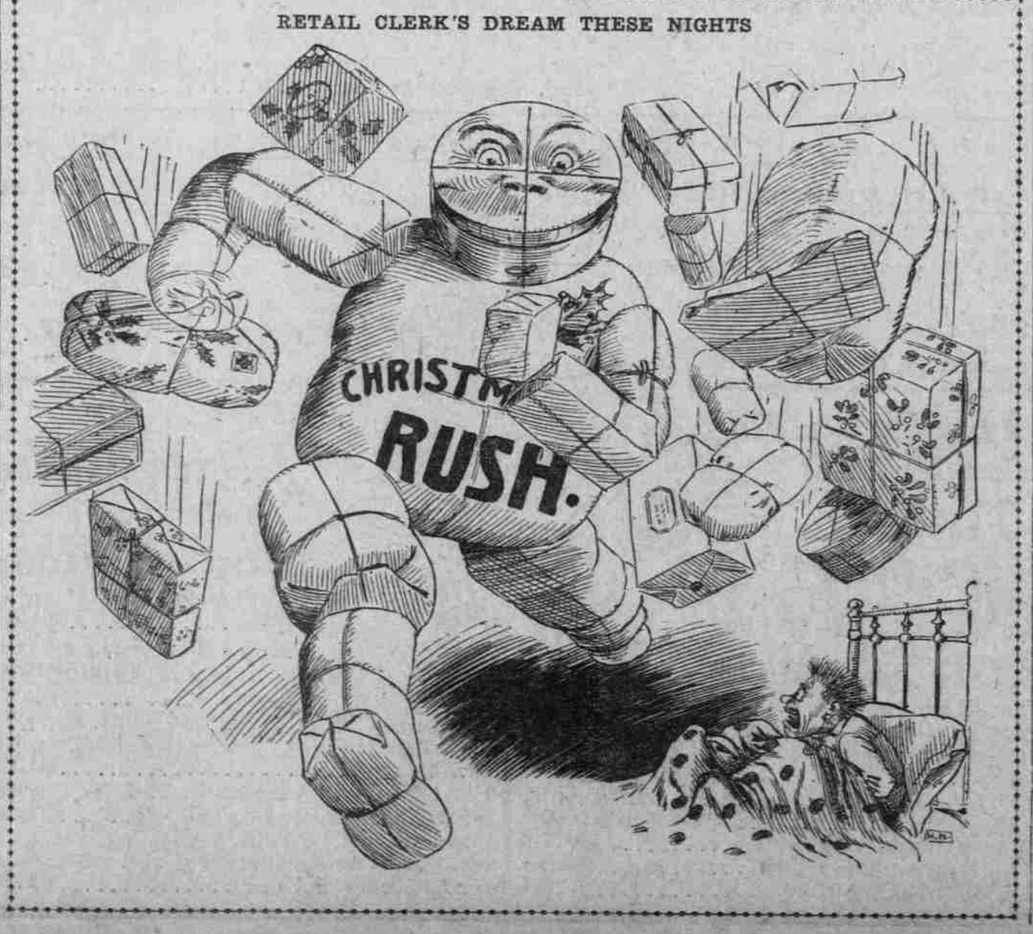
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