

SLAVERY HOTBED FOUND IN SEATTLE

Grand Jury Quizzes Japanese Traffickers in Women in Their Lairs.

DAMAGING THINGS LEARNED

Underground Passages Discovered Leading From "Respectable" Offices to Disorderly Houses. City Second in Practice.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 16.—The county grand jury today took up investigation of the traffic in women slaves, in which Seattle ranks second only to New York, according to a Government commission. A Japanese gave to the grand jury a list of disorderly establishments operated by Japanese throughout the city, together with information covering the amount of protection money paid by the proprietors of all these establishments and the names of alleged importers of women.

The grand jurors were told that police officers patrolling the Japanese district have distinct orders not to enter alleged disorderly houses on any pretext unless there is some disturbance. The jury was told that all business of the establishments is transacted through plain clothes men.

A committee from the grand jury today visited the Japanese quarter, examining basements of hotels and employment offices. In several places it was discovered that underground passages connected offices of various sorts with disorderly houses and that gambling houses, with apparently reputable offices, were running with underground connections.

Seattle's high rank in the slave commerce is due to its being the port of entry for Japanese slave women and the point of shipment of European slave women to the mining camps of Alaska. A Jackson-street place presented a typical instance of the method employed in the construction and operation of the subterranean resorts. Entrance was gained through an apparently respectable place of business. Leading from the ground floor to the basement was a long winding stairway which ended in a small ante room. The investigators were confronted by a heavily barred door, equipped with a peep-hole, through which a lookout could scrutinize any visitors.

Through this door they gained entrance to a larger room where it was the custom of the watchmen to make further inquiry before permitting prospective patrons of the place to pass.

Underground Passages Devious.

Once past the first outpost they were conducted along an underground passage and up a flight of stairs to another ante-room where a final examination was made, from this ante-room a stairway led down to the main resort, which was equipped as a gambling house, saloon, and poolroom.

Other passages connected with the Japanese gambling houses furnished means of egress in case of a raid, and a method of communication between the gambling resorts and the disorderly houses adjoining.

Several witnesses appeared before the grand jury today but the hearing was behind closed doors and aside from the general trend of the testimony, none of the evidence was made public. No indictments have been returned, as the investigation has not been completed.

YAKIMA MAYOR GOES "WET"

Armbruster Makes Known Definitely His Liquor Belief.

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., Dec. 16.—(Special.)—Mayor P. M. Armbruster today came out flatly in favor of the "dry" and will not be swayed by the campaign now being waged here. It has been supposed that he was against the "drys," but this is his first definite assurance. He says that he is a "National Prohibitionist."

He does not believe that local option will lessen the drink evil. He says it engenders local spirit, embitters citizen against citizen and hampers free speech and public opinion. He says Christ would rebuke the local option people if he came to earth today. He figures that the people of the local option town are a "dry" town. He says that he is a "National Prohibitionist."

NEW JOB PROVES FATAL

Barber Taking Over Shop Is Burned to Death.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 16.—Frank Kennedy, a barber of Ymir, B. C., who had arrived in Salmon town in Kootenay, the day before to take charge of a shop there, was burned to death Tuesday in a fire which threatened destruction of the entire town of Salmon.

Fifteen guests of the Great Northern Hotel barely escaped with their lives by jumping from the windows, and Mrs. Farnell and her two children were saved by the heroic efforts of Fred McArthur, Lorne Eiler and William Kennedy and Lorne Thompson.

The Northern Hotel, with its contents, including the clothing of the guests, was destroyed with a loss of \$3000. The fire started through the overturning of a lamp in Kennedy's room in the hotel.

LUMBER GRAB IS DENIED

Head of Pacific Coast Manufacturers Blames Retailers for Rumor.

TACOMA, Dec. 16.—"There's nothing to it," said Major Everett C. Griggs, president of the Pacific Coast Lumber Manufacturers' Association today, in referring to a San Francisco dispatch, relative to an attempt to control the lumber trade, "so far as our organization is concerned, we don't know where such a report originated unless it was started by the retailers of California in an effort to get better prices, or possibly it might be inspired in the interest of the anti-tariff agitators across the Canadian border."

SMALLPOX IS RAMPANT

Many Cases Discovered in Southern Umatilla County.

PILOT ROCK, Wash., Dec. 16.—Smallpox is rampant in the southern part of

Umatilla County in the vicinity of Ukiah and Alba, and the authorities are bending their energies to stamp out the disease. The first cases reported were those of Melford, Marlon and Meri Martin, who live on homesteads three miles south of Ukiah, and who are now recovering. These three young men worked with a threshing machine during the season, and after harvest returned from Eastern Washington to Pendleton, where they stopped at one of the leading hotels, having as a companion another young man, who was "broke out" with a rash. It is supposed that he had smallpox, and that these cases are delayed results.

JURYMAN HAS SMALLPOX

FOREMAN CAUSES SENSATION AS VERDICT IS BROUGHT IN.

After Sitting in Case for Three Days, Moscow Man Is Taken Ill After Decision Is Reached.

MOSCOW, Idaho, Dec. 16.—(Special.)—Much excitement and confusion was occasioned in the District Court today when the foreman of the trial jury, James Wilkins, of Troy, was taken ill with smallpox at the conclusion of a case which had been on trial for three days.

The case of Jean Baptiste Haon went to the jury last night and when it convened this morning Foreman Wilkins had the sealed verdict in his pocket and complained of not feeling well. Judge Steele ordered the rest of the jury in court and Bailiff Buchanan carried the verdict. County Physician Aspray was summoned and pronounced the case smallpox. Judge Steele discharged the jury for the term and continued the remainder of the jury cases.

Several recent instances are reported in which serious fires have been narrowly averted by electric fixtures catching on fire. The various electrical corporations in Tacoma are being asked to investigate the trouble.

NEW BRIDGE CELEBRATED

Ontario Welcomes 800 Visitors From Contiguous Countryside.

ONTARIO, Or., Dec. 16.—(Special.)—Eight hundred persons from rural districts surrounding Ontario were guests of the town today, celebrating the opening of the new \$30,000 steel bridge across the Snake River.

The bridge connects Ontario with the rich fruit-growing and farming communities of the Idaho benches, for many of whom Ontario is the nearest trading point. A livestock show arranged for the occasion proved to be the best stock exhibition ever made in this portion of Eastern Oregon, comprising several bands of sheep from the Butterfield ranches, a fine Percheron and Sussex stallion exhibit, a splendid showing of hogs and a collection of thoroughbred cattle and poultry of many breeds.

Riding tournaments for men and girls, in which the entire High School was in the saddle, and a stock parade on the streets were viewed by the crowd.

Free dinner was served to all visitors by the women of Ontario.

RECITAL HELD AT COLLEGE

Municipal Department of Williamette Gives Enjoyable Concert.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 16.—(Special.)—One of the events of the University year was a recital by the students of the College of Music of Williamette University under the direction of Frederick S. Mendelhall.

A feature of the programme was the first appearance of the University Glee Club, which received an ovation. The ladies chorus was another attractive feature. The choral of the University was crowded to the doors, as these recitals are much appreciated by the people of the Capital City in general. The programme was varied with vocal and instrumental selections, and was the best held since Dean Benedenhall and his wife have taken charge of the music department of Williamette University.

TACOMA LAWYER ARRESTED

Eugene Carr Charged With Assaulting Aged Woman.

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 16.—(Special.)—Eugene Carr, a prominent Tacoma attorney, has been served with a warrant, sworn out in Justice Graham's court, charging him with assaulting an aged woman, 84 Prospect street. The woman is 80 years of age.

L. M. Hoover, her son-in-law, declared to the Assessor Jack Is trying to make a reputation for economy and has made a big cut in the price of making the index for the taxroll. The cost to the county is just \$48, representing the labor of one clerk for 24 days. The index cost \$15 last year.

Lid Breaker's Time Served.

ALBANY, Or., Dec. 16.—(Special.)—Fred Senders, who had been serving 50 days in the Lincoln County Jail for violating the local option law, was released today after paying a \$100 fine imposed by Judge Burnett in addition to the jail sentence.

One prisoner is now in jail for liquor-selling.

Tuberculosis Prevalent in Cattle.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 16.—(Special.)—Only two out of 12 herds near Ridgefield inspected by Dr. J. H. Martin and F. P. Calkins, state veterinarians, were found free from tuberculosis. Out of the 20 head of cattle inspected about 20 per cent were infected.

DANCING FIXTURES WORRY TACOMANS

Electrified Bedsteads Make Folk Careful to Cover Up Their Toes.

BLAME PUT ON WIRELESS

Doctor With One Hand on Telephone and Another on Lamp Gets Electric Shock That Knocks Him Across His Room.

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 16.—(Special.)—Electrified metal bedsteads, heat radiators, telephones and lamps and dangerous fires are causing no end of worry in some Tacoma families. The grantees are attributed by some to a crossing of heavily-charged wires with those of lesser voltage. Others say the trouble is caused by permeation of air with vibrations caused by the wireless telegraph systems, professional and amateur, in the city.

City Electrician Larson says some of the phenomena may be explained, but he scoffs at the statement that metal bedsteads which are not connected with wires or other electrical apparatus are charged with electricity. Some residents of the Whitehall, a Cliff avenue apartment-house, insists, however, that their bedsteads are electrified and that they contemplate with horror the possibility of their feet becoming uncovered at night.

A physician living on Cliff avenue several nights ago was preparing to retire for the night and placed his telephone on a table at the head of his bed. While doing so he attempted to move his electric lamp to one side and received a shock which threw him across the room. The lamp was smashed and the doctor's watch is now in a jeweler's shop for repairs.

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JUROR TELLS TALE

Sensation Sprung in Roselair Murder Trial.

MILK FLOWS; KNIFE FLIES

Fred Clark Tells of Prisoner's Confession in Jail When He Told of Killing After Wife Had Thrown Lactical Fluid in His Face.

HILLSBORO, Or., Dec. 16.—(Special.)—New tack was taken and a surprise sprung in the Jacob Roselair murder trial today when Fred Clark, one of the jurors who was previously challenged because he had talked with Roselair in the jail after the crime, told how Roselair had related the killing and how he commenced to slash with the knife when Mrs. Roselair had thrown the milk in his face.

J. A. Thornburgh, foreman of the grand jury which indicted the prisoner, testified that he told Roselair what his rights were before the grand jury and that he did not have to testify unless he wished to do so and voluntarily.

POWDER PLANT BLOWS UP

Two Chinese Killed by Explosion in Mixing-House.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 16.—The mixing house of a powder-making plant, owned by Ironsides, Rennie & Campbell, of this city, blew up today, fatally injuring two Chinese.

The powder plant is situated 15 miles from Vancouver, on the north arm of Burrard Inlet.

Vancouver Sells Red Cross Stamps.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 16.—(Special.)—The Daughters of St. Luke, an organization of the St. Luke's Episcopal Church, will open a booth in Chinatown this morning and sell Red Cross Christmas stamps. C. W. Hall, the president of the guild, will have charge of the booth.

Vancouver Couple Seek Divorce.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 16.—(Special.)—The divorce case of Henry Wilson was tried before Judge McMaster today and the Court took the case under advisement. The plaintiff seeks a divorce on the ground that his wife was untrue to him and the defendant filed a counter claim, charging her husband with drunkenness and non-support.

New Film Company Forms.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 16.—(Special.)—Only one corporation filed articles of Incorporation in the office of the Secretary of State today, as follows:

Alliance Film Service; principal office, Portland; capital stock, \$25,000; incorporators, P. W. Jewell, Havelock Sinfeld and J. G. Wilson.

Freight Depot to Be Enlarged.

LEBANON, Or., Dec. 16.—(Special.)—Assurances have been received here that the Southern Pacific freight depot in this city will be enlarged at once.

NO RUNNING FIGHT.

You don't run when you are fighting riotism. You can't.

You can cure it with Bark Tonic. It drives all impurities out of the system. Get a bottle of the J. A. Clemenson Drug Co., cor. Front and Morrison sts.

Salem Gets Battleship Head.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 16.—(Special.)—The figurehead of the battleship Oregon arrived today and will be placed in position in the lobby of the State-house on the second floor.



Our goods are from the best-known manufacturers in the world. They carry our personal guarantee, which has stood the test for the past 15 years of active business. We solicit your business because dollar for dollar you cannot do as well elsewhere.

Figure for yourself what this reduction means. A \$50 Diamond Ring, \$42.50. A \$25.00 Watch, \$18.75, and in like proportion every article in the house.

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Dumb jewels often in their silent kind. More quick than words do move a woman's mind. —Shakespeare.

LEFFERT'S GREAT SALE

Cause THE LATE EXPLOSION

15% Off on Diamond Jewelry
25% Off on Gold Jewelry

Silverware Cut Glass Watches
Everything in the Store Except Diamonds

This is a genuine reduction made to offset the impression which prevailed that our stock sustained damage through the late explosion. Nothing was damaged and we are showing and selling the finest stock of Diamonds and other goods carried in first-class Jewelry Stores, at the lowest prices ever quoted during the holiday season. It will pay you to call and see for yourself.

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