

RUSHLIGHT'S VICE CRASSEL LIKE DOKE

Portland's Condition Worse Than That of Two Former Administrations.

WOMEN FLOCKING HERE

Police Seem Blind to Social Evil and Open Gambling Dens That Spring Up in New Regime—Graft Hearing Continued.

While the alleged vice clean-up, under the direction of Mayor Rushlight, is supposed to have been in progress for several weeks—six weeks, in fact, for it is just six weeks today since Mayor Rushlight was inaugurated—the vice situation remains unchanged.

It cannot be denied that the moral conditions in Portland today are worse than they have been at any time since Dr. Harry Lane took the Mayor's chair at the beginning of his first term, six years ago. Vice is more general throughout the city than in years. Disorderly houses are conducted more openly than at any time in the administrations of either Dr. Lane or Joseph Simon.

What is more, dissolute women are coming into the city. The parasites who were accompanied by the streams in splendid tatters without molestation. The same is true of gamblers and bunco men, although the one or two Coon Clubs have been "raided" and a few crap shooters have been haled into the Municipal Court. While a few disorderly women have been arrested, it is a fact that nightly and even during the day the business and the residence districts of the city are infested with a small army of housewives and "walkers" who, apparently, are permitted to ply their trade without interference from the police or any other authority representing the Rushlight administration.

Police Seem Blind.

It has remained for private citizens or newspaper reporters to find gambling dens in the heart of the city which, for some reason, have not been "discovered" by the police. One of these resorts, the Astor Club, was put out of business only after its location and the character of the place was reported to Mayor Rushlight. So far as can be ascertained, the gigantic Chinese gambling den on Everett street, described in The Oregonian last Sunday, and others in Chinatown are continuing to "do business at the old stand."

In explanation of these conditions, it is contended by those identified with the Rushlight administration that the extensive habitation of the city by women of the underworld and their male parasites are the inheritances of the preceding administration.

This defense does not hold good when any regard is given to the facts in the case. Disorderly houses undeniably are maintained throughout the city in violation of city ordinances more than at any time since Dr. Lane qualified as Mayor for the first time in 1868, and still nothing is done to abolish them. It is true that one or two of these resorts have been raided and a few women of the underworld have been dragged into Police Court, but several other notorious places have remained open unchecked, although much has been "promised" by the administration.

New Dens Appear.

The charge by the present administration that the situation as to gambling has been "handed down" by a former administration likewise is inconsistent with the facts. It cannot be denied that Mayor Rushlight's most partisan supporters that both the Astor Club, so-called, and the gambling den on Everett street were established in this city after the inauguration of Mayor Rushlight. This disproves the contention of Rushlight's friends that these places are inheritances of the Simon administration.

Both these gambling resorts, and there are said to be others of the same character, were installed at considerable expense to equipment, remodeling of quarters, and with many and mysterious, intricate entrances and exits for the convenience of patrons. Both were established in July, and not long after Mayor Rushlight took his office.

Little Progress Made.

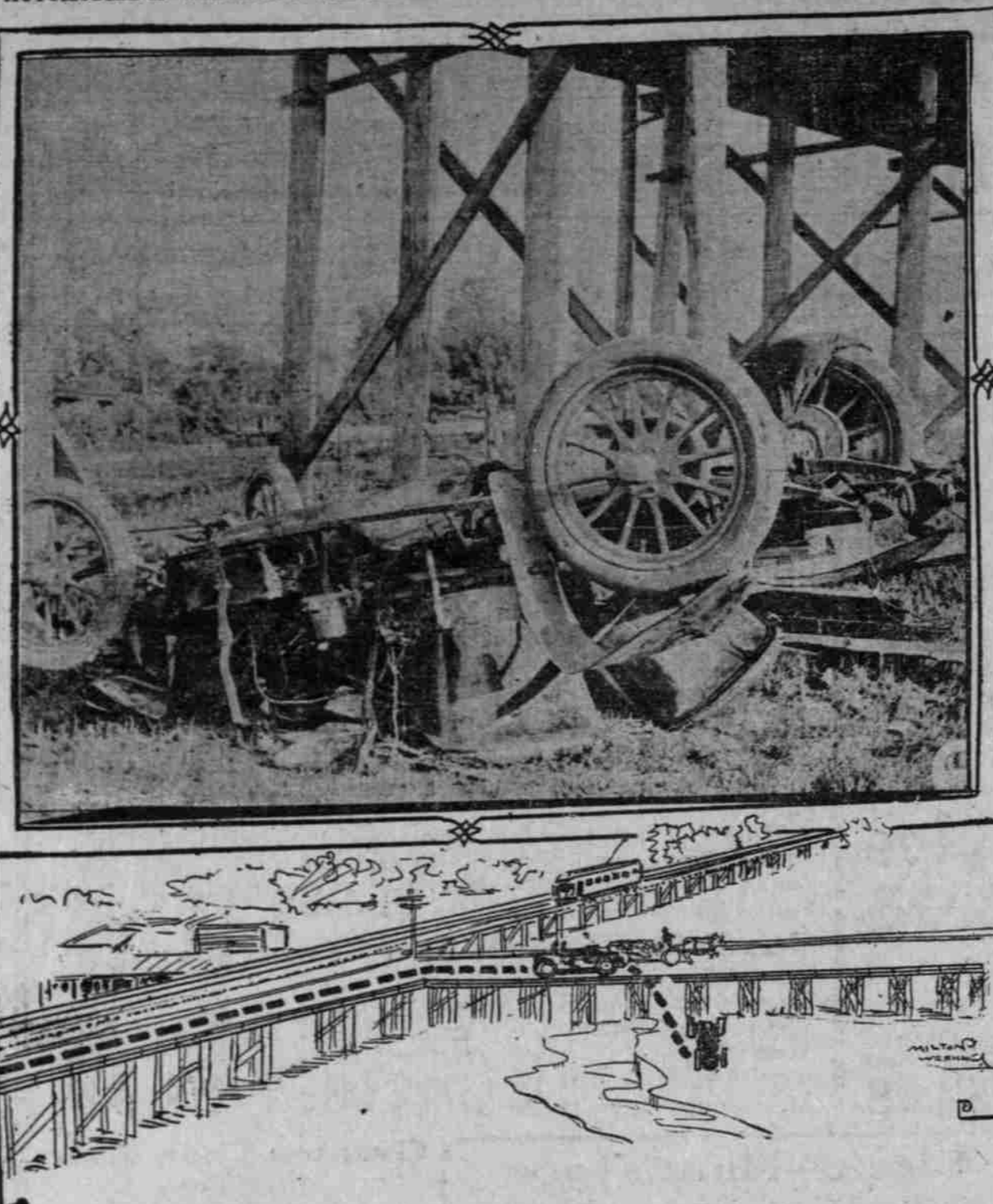
In view of these facts, the really amazing phase of the present situation is the attitude Mayor Rushlight and his associates assume to have taken as real "reformers" and "graft-purgers." The humorous side of the situation lies in the fact that the administration is seeking with blare of trumpets to correct and "reform" a very condition that has developed largely in the short weeks Mayor Rushlight and his subordinates have been in charge of municipal affairs.

Mayor's Methods Mild.

Failure of the administration in any way to cope with the situation as to vice is taken to indicate that Mayor Rushlight does not intend to do anything to remedy conditions. In the recent municipal campaign it was common talk among the denizens of the North and South Ends that "if Rushlight is elected, everything will be all right." Even the proprietresses of several of the parlor houses made no pretense of withholding from visitors their preference in the Mayorial contest between ex-Mayor Simon and Mr. Rushlight.

"Why in the world are you supporting Simon for Mayor?" asked one stylishly-gowned and jewel-bedecked landlady of a visitor ten days before the June election. "Don't you know that if Rushlight is elected everything

AUTOMOBILE IN WHICH ONE WAS KILLED AND ONE HURT IN PLUNGE AT FATEFUL POINT.



WRECKED CAR UNDER HAYDEN ISLAND BRIDGE.

will be lively and an end will be put to the activities of these "moral squads."

Undesirables Are Satisfied.

It is a notable fact that present conditions are not distasteful to the saloon and gambling elements and the habitués of the North and South ends. At any rate, no oral or written protest to that effect has been recorded. These interests gave Mayor Rushlight their cordial support in the election and all they ask is "to be let alone."

Story of "Jackpot" Told.

The only witness who testified directly was Tony Arnaud, the most notorious of the North End divekeepers, who insists that Arnaud Pericot, another saloonkeeper, had collected the money and that he (Arnaud) had delivered it to Perkins. Other witnesses said they had contributed to the supposed "jackpot" after being told that it was for Maher and Perkins.

Yesterday's hearing developed nothing directly against Detective Maher, who admitted that he had never asked him for money, but had made frequent reference to a new law by which it would be possible to arrest all unemployable persons and send them to the rockpile, the burden of proof being on the alleged vagrants. Maher also, he said, frequently made snide remarks about "making little rocks out of big ones."

Nine Bled, Alleged.

Arnaud said that Detective Maher once told him that he (Maher) was in a position to control the Legislature. He said that nine men—Arnaud, Pericot, Ernest Des Camps, Henry Gallet, Frank Minto, Louis Gaudier, Frederick (Chocolate) Nesme, Ed Donovan, Edward Benoit and he had contributed \$25 each and the balance was raised in some way from the macqueriaux. All those mentioned are saloonkeepers with the exception of Benoit. He runs a bootmaking establishment, but has rooms overhead.

Des Camps prefaced his testimony by telling the court that Detective Maher had threatened to shoot him if he gave testimony. He had not contributed to the \$300 "jackpot" but had overheard scraps of a conversation in his saloon between Perkins and Arnaud in which Perkins is alleged to have said that the saloonmen would have to "come through" again or he would "open up."

INITIATIVE IS URGED

Flat Salary for State Printer Aim of Petitions.

LEGALITY IS QUESTIONED

Attempt to Change Provisions of Term of Office Meets Doubt. Bill Passed at Last Legislature Becomes Effective in 1915.

Bill's Opposition Marked.

The State Printer flat salary bill, introduced in the Senate by Senator Miller, of Lincoln, proved one of the most stubbornly fought bills presented for action during the session.

Printing Board Created.

Briefly, the provisions of the measure provide for a State Printer, elective by the people, at an annual salary of \$4000. At the same time a State Printing Board, consisting of the Governor, Secretary of State and State Treasurer, is created.

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AUTO PLUNGES OFF BRIDGE; ONE DIES

T. A. Shoemaker, Master Plumber, Is Fourth Victim on Hayden Island Viaduct.

COMPANION IS INJURED

Men, Said to Have Been Drunk; Race on Span and Car Deals Death to Driver at Fateful Point—E. Mitchell Hurt.

One man was killed and one was injured yesterday afternoon, when their automobile, propelled at high speed, swerved at a dangerous turn in the viaduct leading from the Vancouver ferry across Hayden Island.

T. A. Shoemaker, a master plumber, was almost instantly killed by receiving the full weight of the automobile on his back. Elmer Mitchell, his employee, received slight injuries.

The fatality occurred at almost the identical spot where Vernal Palmer, of Washougal, was killed and four others were injured by a strikingly similar accident, when on their way to attend the first ball game at Portland, April 18.

Speed Is Remembered. "We were going pretty fast," said Mitchell, but he could not talk coherently enough to say more.

John A. Padden, of real estate man, and William Paul and C. J. Moss, of Vancouver, after giving what assistance they could, proceeded to the police station and gave Sergeant Harms the only connected account of the affair.

"We drove our car on the ferry at 2:50 o'clock," said Padden, "and noticed these men in another car on the other side of the boat. They were back more by teams than we were, and we had a good start of them up the slip."

"As the car came at a rapid rate along the highway, and reached the dangerous turn, it ran into a wood wagon, doing some damage. Then it swerved around the wagon and plunged across in front of the horses, crashing through the railing almost directly opposite where the Washougal party went over."

On arrival of the van at the station it was sent on to the Corner's office, where Shoemaker's body was given in charge, and Mitchell was sent to his home.

Shoemaker resided at 1033 East Eighteenth street, North. He is survived by his widow, a 3-year-old son, Thomas; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Shoemaker, who live in Portland; two brothers, J. W. Page, of Tacoma, and S. S. Shoemaker, of this city, and two sisters, Mrs. W. H. Daub, of Portland, He was 35 years old. The family came to Portland from Horton, Kan.

Mitchell lives at 1104 Vernon avenue.

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