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BEN SELLING IS FAR IN LEAD; T. R. IS AHEAD

Bourne Runs Behind in Districts Outside of Portland.

PRESIDENTIAL RACE CLOSE

Eastern Oregon Counties Show Leaning Toward Taft.

FIELDS IS BOTHERING OLCOTT

Contest for Secretary of State in Doubt.

SINNOTT LEADING ELLIS

Aitchison Apparently Nominated for Railroad Commissioner—Cottel Carries Multnomah County, Mickle Being Second.

Scattering returns from 21 counties in Oregon received up to 11 P. M. last night showed a badly split vote on President, with indications pointing to Roosevelt carrying the state with Taft a near second.

Ben Selling has probably been nominated for Senator. In Multnomah County it is a close race between Selling and Bourne, but in the state outside of Multnomah the vote is in favor of Selling is very heavy. In nearly every county the Portland man is leading his opponent by a two to one vote. Gantenbein has apparently been nominated over Lafferty for Congress in the Third district, comprising Multnomah County.

One Contest Close.
The closest contest indicated by the incomplete returns is between Olcott and Fields for Secretary of State. The totals at 11 P. M. gave Olcott a slight lead with a vote of 1623, Fields trailing close behind with 1620. The vote is so close that a prediction of the result is impossible.

For Dairy and Food Commissioner Cottel took a strong lead in Multnomah County, but up-state Mickle is running ahead. Whether Mickle's county vote will offset that of the city given Cottel is problematical.

Clyde B. Aitchison, apparently has been nominated for Railroad Commissioner by a substantial plurality, with Schulderman running second.

Sinnott Leads Good.
In the Second Congressional District (Eastern Oregon) returns are less complete than on President and Senator, but indications point to the nomination of Sinnott, with Ellis second.

Analysis of the vote shown in the early returns on President indicates that Taft has carried several Eastern Oregon counties. Roosevelt has obtained his principal lead in Multnomah and Marion counties. Outside of these two counties the state, as a whole, gives Taft and Roosevelt almost an equal vote. La Follette is running strong in Clackamas and Douglas counties and may carry both.

The vote on President so far as returned is as follows: Taft 1248, Roosevelt 1244, La Follette 1124. Taft is running particularly strong in Morrow, Hood River, Clatsop and Wasco counties. The counties that are giving Roosevelt his pluralities, however, are the stronger numerically in votes. The figures given are based on returns from Clackamas, Clatsop, Columbia, Coos, Douglas, Grant, Hood River, Lane, Lincoln, Linn, Marion, Morrow, Multnomah, Polk, Tillamook, Umatilla, Union, Wasco, Washington and Yamhill.

Selling Well in Lead.
These counties, likewise, furnish the returns which indicate the nomination of Selling for United States Senator. Out of a total of 2610 votes counted, Mr. Selling has a plurality of 724 over Bourne. If the same ratio continues to the end of the count, Selling will have carried the state over Bourne by 14,000 plurality, estimating that 70,000 Republican votes have been cast.

In the counties named outside of Multnomah Bourne is running ahead only in Clackamas and Coos and there the vote is very close.

In the total vote for Senator, Lowell is a bad third, while Morton received sply scattering votes. The figures are as follows: Selling, 1841; Bourne, 1117; Lowell, 193; Morton, 154.

The votes as counted in the 21 counties.

CAPTAIN JUMPED, WOMAN DECLARES

MRS. WIDENER SAYS SHE SAW LEAP FROM BRIDGE.

One of Officers Seen to Shoot Himself in Head as Lifeboat Pulls Away.

PHILADELPHIA, April 19.—Mrs. George E. Widener, whose husband, a well-known financier of this city, and whose son were drowned in the Titanic wreck, said she saw Captain Smith jump from the bridge into the sea and that a moment previous she had seen another officer send a revolver bullet into his brain.

"Mr. Widener and I had retired for the night," she said, "when the shock of crashing into the iceberg occurred. We thought little of it and did not leave our cabin. We must have remained there an hour before becoming fearful. Then Mr. Widener went to our son Harry's room and brought him to our cabin. Harry then went on deck and hurried back and told us we must go on deck. Mr. Widener and Harry, a few minutes later, went on deck and aided the officers, who were having trouble with stateroom passengers. That was the last I saw of my husband or son.

"I was put into a lifeboat. As the boat pulled away from the Titanic I saw one of the officers shoot himself in the head and a few minutes later saw Captain Smith jump from the bridge into the sea."

RUMOR NAMES FITZHUGH

Vice-President of Grand Trunk May Succeed C. M. Hays.

VANCOUVER, B. C., April 19.—Well-informed railway men predict that E. H. Fitzhugh, vice-president of the Grand Trunk Railway, will succeed the late Charles W. Hays as president of the Grand Trunk Railway. Fitzhugh has been Hays' right-hand man in Grand Trunk affairs for many years. He left that system with Hays 19 years ago, when Hays accepted the position of president of the Southern Pacific Company and removed to San Francisco. With Hays he later returned to the Canadian road.

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TWO EXPLOSIONS HEARD

Artist's Son Declares Second Tore Big Hole in Steamer's Side.

NEW YORK, April 19.—Hugh Wollner, a son of Thomas Wollner, R. A. of London, says there were two explosions before the Titanic sank. He believes he was the last person to leave the Titanic. To a friend he said: "Not long after the ship struck there came the first big explosion; then, a moment later, the second. It was the second explosion that did the most damage. It blew away the funnels and tore a big hole in the steamer's side. The Titanic careened to one side and passengers making for the boats were spilled into the water."

Youth's Body Recovered.

ASTORIA, Or., April 19.—(Special.)—The body of Stuart J. Hardy, the young man employed on the O.-W. R. R. Company's wharf, who fell from there April 8, was found today by the steamer Myrtle, floating in the Columbia River near the railroad drawbridge. Coroner Gilbaugh took charge of the body. Hardy was a native of Missouri, 18 years of age, and is survived by a widowed mother, who is critically ill at her Missouri home. He had worked at the wharf only a few months and was the sole support of his mother.

PORTLAND MERCHANT, WHO WINS NOMINATION FOR UNITED STATES SENATOR.



BEN SELLING.

GANTENBEIN LEADS LAFFERTY IN RACE

Fitzgerald Is Ahead for Sheriff's Office.

EVANS IS DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Roosevelt Carries Multnomah for President.

BOURNE TAKES COUNTY

In One of Heaviest Votes in History of Oregon, Fight for Various Offices Is Keenly Felt Throughout City and Vicinity.

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES IN THE LEAD IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY.

Representative in Congress—C. L. Gantenbein.
Circuit Judge, Department No. 2—R. G. Morrow; Department No. 4—George Teaswell.
District Attorney—Walter H. Evans.
Sheriff—W. H. Fitzgerald.
Assessor—Henry E. Reed.
County Clerk—John E. Coffey.
County Commissioners—W. L. Lightner.
Coroner—Dr. Sam C. Slocum.

Ex-President Roosevelt has carried Multnomah County by a small plurality. La Follette is running second and President Taft third. With 2181 votes in the county counted at midnight, Roosevelt had 1658, La Follette 1644 and Taft 716.

Senator Bourne, judging from early incomplete returns, has also carried the county and if he maintains the same ratio through the remainder of the count he will have a plurality of between 1200 and 1500 in the county. The vote when this estimate was made stood: Bourne, 1193; Lowell, 232; Morton, 71; Selling, 929.

Complete returns from five precincts and incomplete returns from 67 out of a total of 193 precincts in the county for the Republican primary election, at 11 o'clock last night gave Circuit Judge Gantenbein a small lead over Lafferty, incumbent, for Representative in Congress from this district. Shepherd is running third with Clyde in fourth place.

For Secretary of State, Ben W. Olcott, incumbent, has a slight lead over Frank S. Fields. Dr. W. I. Cottel is running two to one ahead for Dairy and Food Commissioner with A. H. Lea second and J. D. Mickle third. Clyde B. Aitchison will have a big plurality in this county for the nomination of Railroad Commissioner from the Second District. Henry J. Schulderman will be second. Having no opponent for the nomination, Robert Eakin, candidate for renomination as Justice of the Supreme Court, will virtually be re-elected.

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GAMBLERS DROWN WHEN BOAT SINKS

WELL-KNOWN CARD SHARKS BELIEVED DEAD.

Three Members of Fraternity Said to Have Escaped Just Before Titanic Sunk.

NEW YORK, April 19.—(Special.)—Out of the underworld there came today a story that five of the best-known deep sea gamblers had got aboard the Titanic. The men mentioned were Buffalo Murphy, Old Max Jordan, Omie Arnold, Mack T. Silverton and Jimmy Kitchener. The tale had it that Doc Owens and Ernest (Peaches) Jeffery also had lost their lives.

"You wouldn't catch that crowd napping if there was a chance to get away," said a man who knows, when asked his opinion of the story. "Why, Doc Owens has been in Europe for the last two years, and he couldn't get back if he wanted to. Jimmy Bell was here yesterday morning, and if any one knew that Doc was coming he would."

It was learned there were three of this fraternity on board the Titanic, and it is said that the three walked down the Carpathia's gangplank on Thursday night. Their friends said tonight that they were playing bridge when the liner struck, and that they took their places in one of the last boats to leave.

LOST SWEETHEART FOUND

Girl Rescued From Titanic Will Wed Cottage Grove Man.

NEW YORK, April 19.—(Special.)—In the confusion at the Cunard dock Thursday night, Miss Marion Wright, who was on her way to this city from York, Somerset, England, on the Titanic to meet her fiance, Arthur Woolcott, owner of an orchard near Cottage Grove, Or., was unable to find Mr. Woolcott and went to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Milne, 204 West One Hundred and Twenty-eighth street.

Mr. Woolcott, although he knew that Miss Wright was among the survivors, searched hospitals all day in vain and tonight visited the home of Mr. Milne to ask his assistance. He was greeted at the door by his sweetheart of school days in England, whom he had not seen for many years.

MILLIONAIRE NOW CONVICT

C. D. Hillman, of Seattle, to Begin Prison Term Today.

SEATTLE, Wash., April 19.—(Special.)—Clarney Dayton Hillman, the multi-millionaire townsite promoter convicted of using the United States mails to defraud, was taken to the city jail today.

Tomorrow morning he will be conveyed to the Federal prison on McNeil's island to begin his prison term of two years and a half. He already has paid his fine of \$2500 and the costs of the trial. Hillman is probably the richest convict in the United States.

Hillman carried his case to the Supreme Court of the United States and used every resource to avoid being sent to prison.

FUGITIVE COOK IS CAUGHT

Man Alleged to Have Passed Bogus Checks Arrested.

ASTORIA, Or., April 19.—(Special.)—Sheriff Burns received a telegram last night from the Chief of Police at San Francisco, saying that P. J. Smith, who is wanted here for the passing of bogus checks at Clifton amounting to about \$120, has been arrested there. Smith, who formerly was a cook at various logging camps in the lower river district and for a time was promoter for Hindu wrestlers, left here several months ago, after it is charged, he had secured an amount of money on bogus checks.

The prisoner has agreed to return to Astoria without extradition papers and Mr. Burns probably will start after him next Sunday.

STUDENTS STAGE DRAMA

Washington High School to Appear Tonight Again in Play.

Members of Washington High School gave a successful presentation last night of a play adapted from the novel by the gifted English author, Jane Austen. The school auditorium was well filled with an audience that was not disposed to be too critical.

The play, however, was so well presented as to satisfy even the most exacting, a great tribute to all who had given their time, whether players or coaches, especially when it is remembered that the setting and date, 1799, call for careful study of character.

The student orchestra rendered several selections. The candy girls helped materially to swell the proceeds of the performance, which will be repeated tonight at 8:15 o'clock.

TAFT TO BREAK SILENCE

Colonel Likely to Hear From President at Early Date.

WASHINGTON, April 19.—President Taft has decided to abandon his attitude of silence under the severe criticisms which Colonel Roosevelt has made of him in his public addresses which will reply to the Colonel, probably mentioning him by name.

MANY LIFEBOATS GO ALMOST EMPTY

Mrs. Astor Says First Was Not Filled.

SHE SAYS SHE BAILED BOAT

Millionaire's Bride Learns of Husband's Death.

HIS BRAVERY AGAIN TOLD

Physicians Say Young Widow Contrived No Alibi Through Ordeal—Denial Made That Astor Her Is Expected.

NEW YORK, April 19.—(Special.)—When Mrs. Madeleine Force-Astor was met at the pier by her brother and sister and Dr. R. E. Kimball, the Forces' family physician, and Dr. Edw. Wain R. Cragin, a friend of Colonel Astor, she was in a highly nervous condition, and it was deemed best to let her talk as much as she wanted to relieve her feelings.

Dr. Kimball said today of her condition: "She is the same little girl I have always known her to be. She didn't contract any ailment whatsoever, although I understand she had a very trying time in the boat."

Husband's Death Made Known.

Mrs. Astor persisted in believing that Colonel Astor had been saved, and was about some other ship and would turn up, but Dr. Kimball chose to discourage her in this belief, because he thought that it would be better for her in her present nervous state not to hope and worry indefinitely and needlessly.

Mrs. Astor told her story of when the Titanic struck as follows: "We had gone to bed when the jar was felt. We thought it was nothing, but Mr. Astor said he would go on deck and see what was the matter. I called my maid and put on a light dress. Pretty soon Mr. Astor came back and said that he did not think it was anything serious. He said that the ship had struck ice but we didn't know then that it was an iceberg. He was very calm, and so I wasn't alarmed. We didn't put on any heavy wraps but ordinary light clothes, and went out on deck."

Excitement Soon Grows.

"Everything was extremely quiet. No one seemed much excited. I'm sure least of all Mr. Astor and myself. We walked around and people began to pour up on deck. The excitement began to grow, but the ship seemed to be all right. Then the order was passed to get into the boats, but nobody wanted to get into them, and the first ones lowered were only partly filled.

"The situation didn't begin to get grave until most of the boats were gone and there were only two left." Mrs. Astor and her maid and a nurse got into one of the last boats and at her request Colonel Astor got in with her.

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INSANE WIFE KILLS HUSBAND AND SELF

COUPLE 50 YEARS OLD DEAD IN BED NEAR SEATTLE.

Evidence Indicates Double Tragedy Was Premeditated; Revolver Gripped by Woman.

SEATTLE, Wash., April 19.—James Brady, a wealthy sawmill operator, and his wife were found dead in their bed at their home, in Edmonds, 20 miles north of here, tonight. Apparently Mrs. Brady had shot her husband and then had committed suicide.

It is believed that Mrs. Brady, who had been ill for some time and whose mind was affected, planned the murder of her husband with insane cunning and carried it into execution last night. Mr. Brady's body was found facing a mirror in which usually he could have seen every movement that his wife made. She apparently had circumvented this obstacle by covering the glass with a cloth. Mrs. Brady's hand was clutching the revolver when the bodies were found.

The discovery of the tragedy was made by O. G. Garnett, a paperhanger who was working at the Brady home and who found the house closed when he arrived this morning. Unable to arouse anyone, he went away, but returned tonight and forced an entrance. Mr. Brady was about 50 years old and his wife of the same age. Before coming to Washington 23 years ago, he was active in North Dakota politics. He was once a candidate for State Auditor of Washington.

BANK CLEARINGS GAIN

Week's Total Ahead of Last Year by 3.2 Per Cent.

Notwithstanding that this was the week of the primaries, Portland made a most creditable showing in bank clearings. The clearances reached a total of \$14,188,000, as against \$13,745,000 for the corresponding week of last year. This is a gain of 3.2 per cent.

While Seattle is credited with a gain of 3.2 per cent, the totals of that city were still \$1,128,000 less than those of Portland, Seattle's clearings being \$13,070,000.

San Francisco and Los Angeles made substantial increases. Spokane made a good showing, with a gain of 61.1 per cent. The totals of that city were \$6,495,000. Tacoma's totals were \$4,801,000, with a gain of 12.9 per cent.

SPOKANE MOURNS LOST

Mayor Proclaims Memorial Day for Titanic's Victims.

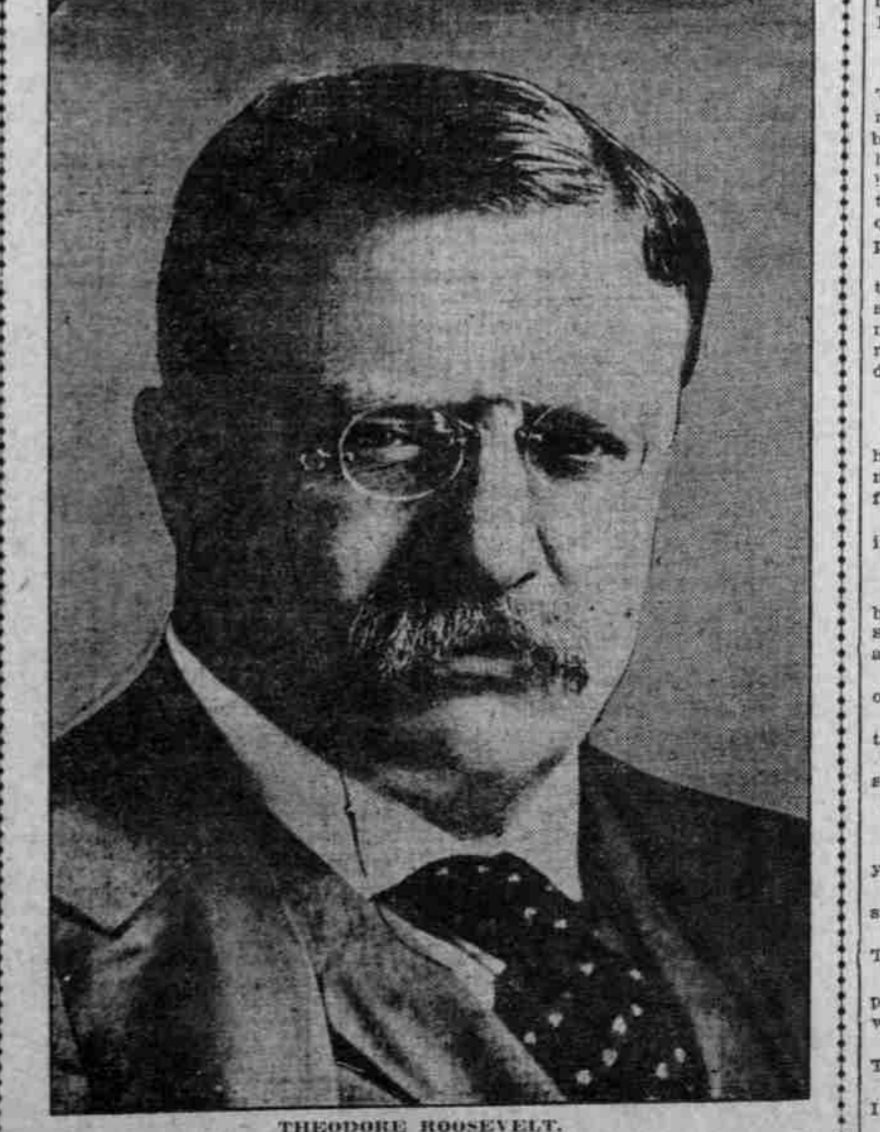
SPOKANE, Wash., April 19.—Mayor Hindley issued a proclamation today calling for memorial services in all Spokane churches Saturday and Sunday as an expression of sympathy for those who lost relatives or friends in the Titanic disaster.

Tramp Starts Fire.

HOOD RIVER, Or., April 19.—(Special.)—Fire started by carelessness of a tramp, who slept over night in the building, the large barn of James Englehart, who resides near Summit, was burned to the ground yesterday. Mr. Englehart saved his teams, but the hay, grain and farming implements stored in the building were burned. The loss will reach a sum of \$3000 with insurance of \$500.

Shortly after noon yesterday the cottage of F. A. Countryman, two miles west of the city in the Barrett district, was destroyed by fire.

EX-PRESIDENT, WHO IS LEADING IN OREGON PRIMARY RETURNS.



THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

INQUIRY PRESSED; ISMAY TESTIFIES

Senate Committee Begins Work Quickly.

STORY OF ESCAPE IS TOLD

Official Says He Deprived No Passenger of Place.

CAPTAIN'S ORDER HEARD

Director Leaves Bridge for Boat Deck When Word to Lower Away Is Given—Rescue Providential, Marconi Says.

NEW YORK, April 19.—The United States Senate committee investigating the wreck of the Titanic plunged today into the inquiry. It began by hearing J. Bruce Ismay's version of the tragedy and of his own escape. The Carpathia's captain told of the rescue. For a brief while William Marconi, the wireless inventor, was on the stand, testifying with regard to certain regulations and customs connected with wireless telegraphy. Then the Titanic's second officer, Charles Lightoller, reviewed the whole story, as he had seen it, telling of the captain's order to load the women and children into the boats and lower away and of his efforts to carry out that order. Lightoller himself went down with the ship, but was picked up after he had been in the water with a life belt on for an hour and a half.

Ismay Tells of Own Escape.
The committee began with J. Bruce Ismay, who was on the boat deck most of the time after the vessel showed signs of distress. He was asked first of all the circumstances under which he left the ship and he whispered, in reply: "One of the boats was being filled. Officers called out to know if there were any more women to go. There was none. No passengers were on the deck. As the boat was being lowered, I got into it."

"Kindly tell the committee all the circumstances surrounding your voyage," asked Senator Smith. "Tell us as succinctly as possible, beginning with your boarding the vessel at Liverpool, your place on the ship and as many circumstances as possible."

"First I wish to say that I court the fullest inquiry," said Ismay. "This awful catastrophe, I must say at the outset, I greatly deplore. We have nothing to conceal, nothing to hide. We were the first of April. She underwent her trials safely and arrived at Southampton, Wednesday, April 3, I think. We sailed on Wednesday, April 10, leaving Southampton at 12 o'clock noon. That evening the Titanic reached Cherbourg, having run at an about 548 revolutions.

"We arrived at Queenstown Thursday night. The Titanic was then running at 70 revolutions. The first day, I think, we made about 467 miles. The next day we increased the speed to 72 revolutions and I think we made 519 miles. The next day we increased to 75 revolutions and ran about 548 to 549 miles. The accident took place on Sunday night. The exact time I do not know, because I was asleep. The Titanic sank, I am told, at 2:30.

Vessel Never Run at Full Speed.
"I understand you have been told the Titanic was running at full speed. It never had run at full speed. She was built to go 80 revolutions, and had never been speed up to that. We never had all her boilers working. It was our intention to speed the boat up to her full quota on Tuesday, but the catastrophe prevented it."

Although he came on a "voluntary trip," Ismay said his purpose was to see how the ship worked and in what manner she could be improved upon. A representative of the builder, Mr. Andrews, was on board, Ismay said.

"Did he survive?" asked Smith. "Unfortunately, no."

Ismay said it was arranged between him and Captain Smith, of the Titanic, not to arrive at New York by night before 8 A. M. Wednesday.

"There would have been no advantage in arriving earlier," he added.

None Left in Sea to Save.
"Was there any attempt to lower the boats of the Carpathia to take on passengers after you went aboard her?" asked Senator Smith.

"There were no passengers to take on," said Ismay.

"In your lifeboat what course did you take?" the Senator asked. "We saw a light and headed for it," said Ismay.

"How long were you in this lifeboat?" "About four hours."

"Were there any other lifeboats that you saw?" "Yes, we halted one," he said. He saw no life rafts in the sea.

"How many lifeboats were on the Titanic?" "Twenty, altogether. I think," replied Ismay; "16 collapsible and four wooden boats."

"Were all the lifeboats that left the Titanic accounted for?" "I think so. I've been told so, but I do not know of my own knowledge." "It has been suggested," Senator