

SEATTLE MAN HELD; BLACKMAIL CHARGE

L. P. Sichler Accused of Trying to Get \$2000 From Mining Promoter.

WIFE HELPS PROVIDE BAIL

Additional Arrest in Los Angeles Made—Seattle Investigator Said to Be Prime Mover in Syndicate Preying on Nabobs.

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 23.—(Special.)—Charged with having attempted to blackmail Samuel L. Silverman, a local mining promoter, out of \$2000, Louis P. Sichler, a private investigator, was arrested this afternoon by Deputy Sheriff Brewer and McMillan. Sichler was released shortly afterward on \$5000 bail, which was furnished by Mrs. Sichler, Carl Poeppel and A. P. Winter. Sichler, according to Deputy Sheriff Brewer, is implicated in a confession by a woman who named him as one of the moving spirits in a blackmail syndicate which is believed by the deputies to have bilked several wealthy Seattle citizens out of large sums of money. Mrs. Isabel Clayburg, a milliner, was arrested in Los Angeles Tuesday on the charge of blackmail. Miss Elsie Coote, whose connection with the so-called "blackmail syndicate" is uncertain, was placed under arrest in Los Angeles also yesterday. Miss Lillian Peterson, also named in the statement in possession of the Deputy Sheriff, is now being sought by the Sheriff's office.

Sichler Brands Story as Fake. Sichler branded the "blackmail syndicate" story as a fake and his arrest as an outrage. He refused to discuss his case beyond the statement that he had known both Mrs. Clayburg and Mrs. Peterson. He declares that he will have no difficulty in proving that he had no connection with any attempt to blackmail.

The accused man is married and he has three grown children. He is 47 years old and has lived in Seattle 12 years. For several years past he has had a desk in the office of a local attorney. Sichler has studied law but has never been admitted to the bar.

In 1911, following the collapse of the Washington Orchard & Irrigation Company, his promoter, was indicted by the Federal grand jury and became a fugitive. Sichler was appointed receiver of the defunct concern, which was alleged to have swindled thousands of persons out of millions of dollars.

Complete explanation of how the Seattle "badger" syndicate worked" its victims, all of whom are men of eminence and wealth, is contained in the following remarkable stenographic confession to the Sheriff's writer: "Mrs. Isabel Clayburg, a milliner, who says she has been double-crossed and victimized herself by the more greedy members."

His confession was taken by a Sheriff's stenographer verbatim. "They worked like this: G—, who was a member of the office of the local attorney, did the photographing and had an arrangement with a firm of photographers to use their room and materials after hours to do the developing.

"Then the girls got what they could when they worked and G— took the rest of the money (the money obtained from the victims) whenever they were in the pictures.

"G— then did the bluffing. He would call the man to his office and tell him he had been instructed to bring suit for divorce against some woman, and that this woman's husband had given him photographs of her and had sent for a divorce lawyer to bring suit for divorce against her in connection with the wife in question. He would ask what the man had sent for was going to do about it, and he would tell him to get out of his office."

"Mrs. S— then explained what Mr. S— did when confronted by photographs of himself in G—'s office. Mr. S— is a man Miss Peterson and Miss Clayburg are alleged to have trapped."

Broken Plates of No Avail. "S— was a tough one at the start," says Mrs. S—'s confession. "G— told him he had been running around with another man's wife and that he had pictures to prove it."

"G— asked to see the pictures and G— showed him some. S— got fussed and managed to break one of the plates. "G— just laughed at him and said, 'Why don't you think we are so foolish as not to have duplicates of these?'"

"S— said 'This is nothing but blackmail. I will go right down to the Prosecuting Attorney's office.' "Then G— did give him the laugh and said: 'Wait a minute till I get my hat and we'll both go down to the Prosecuting Attorney's office.'"

"Of course, when a man would come in G— would naturally show him the worst picture to look at with and then he would wonder how many more we had."

"In this case S— told G— he didn't know whether he could get the cash or not. He had told him he would not take a check."

"Finally S— went across the street to the bank and came back with the cash, but they didn't give him all the pictures they had. They never did. They always held back a bunch of them."

"After this happened to S— he never came back. All the pictures I know of were taken at the Twentieth-avenue house."

HABEAS CORPUS WRIT ISSUED

Attorney for Mrs. Clayburg Active; Miss Coote Not Found.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 23.—A writ of habeas corpus, returnable February 29, was issued for the release of Louis P. Sichler, a Seattle private investigator, who was arrested in Los Angeles on the charge of blackmailing a local mining promoter out of \$2000.

RECIPE TO DARKEN GRAY HAIR

This Home Made Mixture Darkens Gray Hair and Removes Dandruff.

To a half pint of water add: Bay Rum.....1 oz Barbo Compound.....a small box Glycerine.....1/2 oz These are all simple ingredients that you can buy from any druggist at very little cost, and mix them yourself. Apply to the scalp once a day for two weeks, then once every other week until all the mixture is used. A half pint should be enough to darken the gray hair, rid the head of dandruff and kill the dandruff germs. It stops the hair from falling out, and relieves itching and scalp diseases. It promotes the growth of the hair and makes harsh hair soft and glossy.—Adv.

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NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—Abnormal export trade of the Eastern states due to enormous orders for war materials and provisions from European countries, has resulted in the Eastern railroads detaining thousands of cars owned by Western companies, thereby threatening disaster to Western crops, according to F. H. Funk, a member of the Illinois Public Utilities Commission, who arrived here today. Accompanied by E. I. Wayne, a director of the Illinois Grain Dealers Association, Mr. Funk left tonight for Washington for a conference with the Interstate Commerce Commission. Approximately 50,000 cars must be provided for the movement of corn in Illinois alone within the next 30 days or a serious loss will be entailed, Mr. Funk asserted.

"The situation in Illinois is perhaps more precarious than in any other grain state," declared Mr. Funk. "The elevators are full of corn, much of which is of poor quality. Wheat and oats can wait for some time. The other grain states are not as seriously hampered by the car shortage as Illinois."

Mr. Funk said the excuse given by the railroads is that there are not enough vessels available for the growing export trade. It also is pointed out by the railroads, he said, that they were unprepared for this unexpected increase in business, many lines having neglected to keep up their supply of equipment.

There is a reciprocal agreement between the railroads, according to Mr. Funk, by which one road receiving a car owned by another road is required to pay the owner only 45 cents a day until the return of the car. "It is readily seen from this," declared Mr. Funk, "that the Eastern railroads can well afford to pay 45 cents a day for the use of a car owned by the West. The per diem charge is nothing as compared with the earning capacity of a car in such times."

CHEF STILL IN HIDING

POSTAL CARD FROM PORTLAND REGARDED AS HOAX.

Police of Two Cities Agree in Discrediting Theory That Anarchist Prisoner Is in West.

CHICAGO, Feb. 23.—After a day of numerous investigations by Chicago police and Federal authorities, the chief of police had no definite information concerning the whereabouts of Jean Cronos, who is believed to have put poison in the soup at a banquet at the Waldorf-Astoria several weeks ago. A post card signed "Jean Cronos" and mailed at Portland, Ore., was received from Portland by the anarchist-poisoner, Jean Cronos, evidently was a hoax, as the Portland police have no evidence of an anarchist ring in this city.

At no time within recent years has there been a tendency toward the propagation of doctrine by anarchists in Portland. They have been discovered and hunted on, and no doubt is expressed that a single sincere member of the cult can be found in the city.

In view of this fact the police are certain that Cronos has not taken refuge in the camp of the enemy, far from his brethren. The nearest known colony of anarchists is situated near Tacoma, according to information from the United States Secret Service Department.

ALBANY CLUB PLANS HOME

Purchase and Remodeling of Two-Story Building Proposed.

ALBANY, Or., Feb. 23.—(Special.)—A permanent home for the Albany Commercial Club is contemplated in plans now being consummated here. It is proposed that the club purchase a two-story building on Ferry street, between Second and Third streets, and remodel it.

The structure has been used for many years by the Woman's Christian Temperance Union and the Grand Army of the Republic, being owned jointly by those organizations.

MINER DROWNS IN ROGUE

Edgar Batty Loses Footing While Crossing Submerged Footbridge.

GRANTS PASS, Or., Feb. 23.—Edgar Batty, a mining man, was drowned last night while crossing the Rogue River near the Alameda mine, 20 miles down the river.

Batty attempted to cross a swinging footbridge which was submerged by high water. He stepped into a hole, lost his balance and fell into the river. The body has been recovered.

Vancouver Elks Show Visits Camas.

YANCOUVER, Wash., Feb. 23.—(Special.)—Forty persons, the cast of the Elks' show given here last week, went to Camas this afternoon in automobiles.

Tonight the show was put on at Camas. The amateur actors were given a royal welcome by the Elks who live in Camas, their families and friends. After the show the members of the cast returned to Vancouver.

Prosecutor Sues Caldwell Paper.

CALDWELL, Idaho, Feb. 23.—(Special.)—H. A. Griffiths, Prosecuting Attorney for Canyon County, has filed suit against the Caldwell Printing Company, publishers of the Caldwell Tribune, demanding \$10,000 for alleged libel. Articles alleging that the anti-nepotism law was being violated form the basis of the suit.

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NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—(Special.)—Prince Mishkinoff is not a father, after all. The baby he thought his was a foundling girl whom the Princess, the former Aimee Crocker-Gouraud, had been mistaken. He is going back to Russia to fight. The separation suit is ended except for the formal order of discontinuance expected from Justice Clark Friday morning. As to a reconciliation, that is another matter.

The curious trial ended abruptly today after the Prince finished his testimony regarding the episodes of his life with his wife, on which he based the charges of cruelty. The Prince's attorney, John O. Oldmixon, and the lawyer for the Princess, Malcolm Law, whispered to each other and then to Justice Clark. The court then recessed half an hour. After the recess the lawyers again talked privately with the judge, who after a few minutes, said court was adjourned to Friday morning.

Agreement Is Reached. The lawyers had intimated to the justice that they could reach an agreement. He replied that one important matter would have to be established to everybody's satisfaction—the identity of the baby, which the Prince had asserted was born while the Princess was in a hospital, April last.

In her counter claim, the Princess had asked the court to decree there had been no issue by her fourth marriage. If the baby question could be settled, the judge said, he would be in a position to consider a dismissal of the separation suit.

Principals, attorneys and a court stenographer adjourned to a separate office. There depositions were taken in affidavit form, but not sworn to. They will be submitted to Justice Clark.

Dr. George Foster joined the party. He said he attended the Princess when she was at Miss Alston's private hospital in West Sixtieth street and that no baby was born to her. Mr. Oldmixon, the Prince's attorney, did not cross-examine Dr. Foster. The Prince admitted, he said, his mistake in the matter of the baby.

Prince Is Not Angry. The Princess told her story, and it agreed with that of her physician. After the conference Mr. Oldmixon said: "An amicable settlement has been reached and there is no financial agreement. Mishkinoff is not angry at the Princess. His feeling toward her is friendly. He is honestly mistaken about the child. He now is satisfied no child was born, and the case should be closed."

Questioned by a reporter concerning the child, the lawyer for the Princess said the baby that figured in this controversy was a poor little girl named Vera, a foundling who was fortunate enough at the age of 2 months to win the friendship of Mrs. Gouraud. "Her identity never will be ascertained," he declared. "She will be reared and properly educated and provided for. The Princess never told the Prince a child had been born to her."

Coos County Highway Damaged. MARSHFIELD, Or., Feb. 23.—(Special.)—The highway between Coquille and Bandon was damaged to the extent of several thousand dollars during the high water early in February. They have been entirely removed. Where piling is driven bulkheads will be made, that future high water may not cause a recurrence of the trouble.

Port Orford Beach Combing Good. MARSHFIELD, Or., Feb. 23.—(Special.)—Beach combing at Port Orford, although there hasn't been a wreck there in years, has spurts when the following is remunerative, as was shown in a recent instance. During the heavy storms of January, several

DYSPEPTICS! END STOMACH MISERY, GAS, INDIGESTION

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People with weak stomachs should take a little Diapepsin occasionally, and there will be no more indigestion, no feeling like a lump of lead in the stomach, no heartburn, sour risings, gas on stomach or belching of undigested food, headaches, dizziness or sick stomach, and besides, what you eat will not ferment and poison your breath with nauseous odors. All these symptoms resulting from a sour, out-of-order stomach and dyspepsia are generally relieved five minutes after taking a little Diapepsin.

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THREE DAYS ONLY—THURSDAY, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

THREE STARS—BESSIE BARRISCALE, LEWIS STONE AND WALTER EDWARDS

In a Wonderful Story of a Self-Made Man's Rise From the Ranks—And a Wife's Love That Stands the Test

"HONOR'S ALTAR"

If your wife stood by you when you were poor, would you try to get rid of her when you were wealthy? Mallery did.



redwood logs which evidently were lost from some California port came ashore at Port Orford and were hauled to the sawmill by D. Quellen and Charles Neuman, who, when the logs had been manufactured, had 3000 feet of the finest lumber, worth about \$50.

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James McDonald and L. Haffey were indicted for theft of an automobile in Medford last Summer; E. H. Hughes, for forgery; Frank Reed, for larceny; John O. Dowd, for burglary; Hobbs Smith, for non-support of a child, and Cunningham and Brady, for juvenile delinquencies. A not true bill was returned against J. Frank Carson, for mayhem, charged with having chewed off a neighbor's ear in a fight last June.

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Dallas Looking Toward Puget Sound Country Before Building Factory.

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