

SLOPS IN HIS FACE

Baker City Bill Collector Given Disagreeable Surprise.

NOW HE IS ARMED WITH GUN

Tragedy May Follow Attempt to Force Payment of a Repudiated Account by Bizarre Methods Used in Eastern Oregon Town.

BAKER CITY, Or., Jan. 7.—(Special.)—Possibly a tragedy may follow the attempt of a bill collector, gaudily arrayed, to obtain settlement on an account during which attempt he was deluged by a bucket of slop. Deluged and delugee are now armed with guns and peace officers are attempting to keep them apart.

The manager of the Merchants' Protective Association has a bill to collect from Louie Mendelson, a leading hide and woolbuyer of this city. Segourney recently came here from Boise, Idaho. His method of proceeding is peculiar to himself. He will take small accounts for merchants to collect on the percentage basis. First, he notifies the debtor, threatening to sue. Not getting a favorable response, he donates a riding suit, mounts a red bicycle with a sign pointed on it 'bad debt collector,' and proceeds to the home or place of business of the debtor where he takes his stand and demands payment of the bill. The red suit and red bicycle, of course, attract the attention of passers-by and the harassed debtor usually produces the money to get rid of his tormentor.

Today Segourney appeared at Mendelson's place of business with a bill which Mendelson refused to pay. He alleged he did not owe it. The man in red camped in front of Mendelson's place of business. Mendelson stepped to the door with a foul-smelling bucket of slop, which he dashed in the face of the man in red. Segourney left then and went to Justice Curry's office across the street and demanded a warrant for Mendelson's arrest, which was refused. He then went to District Attorney Lomax for a warrant, but up to late hour Lomax had not issued the warrant. Several prominent lawyers have tendered their services to defend Mendelson.

Segourney procured a revolver, and it is said Mendelson did likewise. It is certain serious trouble will ensue if the two men meet tonight. The officers have been warned and have taken steps to prevent further hostilities.

SIDE OF THE FISHERMEN. Closed Season Proposed by Packer Declared to Be Absurd.

ASTORIA, Or., Jan. 7.—(Special.)—Secretary Lormier of the Columbia River Fishermen's Protective Union, gave out the following statement today for publication regarding the changes in the fishing laws required by the packers on the Columbia River: "In the Oregonian of the 6th inst., I note the amendments recommended by the fishpackers on the Columbia River to the legislative bodies of Washington and Oregon. The second, fourth and six clauses, I concur in. The third clause is too one-sided and I think the recommendation set forth in section 1 of the proposed amendments adopted by the Fishermen's Union would be more equal.

The fifth clause is the most absurd proposition I ever heard of. Now, after the packers through their agents have succeeded in killing most of the first-class chinook salmon by the use of small-mesh gear on their traps and seines, as well as in catching the salmon above tide-water, the packers now recommend a temporary injunction in the Superior Court restraining Pastor A. B. Sand from exercising any of the rights or functions of a minister of the church. Sands' lawyers are making a motion on account of the court permitting him to preach, but the court refused to modify. Sand announced he will preach tomorrow.

Soon to Be Open for Entry. GRANT'S PASS, Or., Jan. 7.—News here has received word that the timber land in Southern Oregon and Northern California which the Department of Forestry announced several weeks ago would be thrown open for entry, is to be opened in two lots. At the expiration of 90 days from the time the advertising begins the lands will be ready for entry. The sections involved cover a large tract in the sugar and yellow pine timber in Josephine County and parts of surrounding counties, as well as sections in Del Norte and Siskiyou Counties, California. In a portion of the tract in Curry County is the famous redwood, the only tree in the world which grows in the redwood in Oregon, and the giant tree which compare very favorably with the famous "big trees" of California. The tract is valuable in the main, however, for the sugar, maple and yellow and sugar pine that it contains.

Twenty-Two Mills in Marion. SALEM, Or., Jan. 7.—(Special.)—The County Commissioners' Court this afternoon levied a total of 22 mills tax on the 1904 assessment roll, an increase of 12 mills over the levy of last year. This will produce a total revenue of \$27,124.26 from a total assessed valuation of \$10,374,830, against \$12,192, the revenue for last year. The increase of 12 mills is necessary on account of the gradual growth of the county's expenditures.

There was no special levy for the road fund above the 1 1/2 mills required by law, but a special levy of one-tenth mill for school library purposes.

Court Asks Power to Make Levy. ASTORIA, Or., Jan. 7.—(Special.)—In order to straighten out the difficulty that resulted in the suspension of work on the construction of the new Courthouse, the County Court has prepared a special bill which will be presented at the coming session of the Legislature. The bill declares an emergency and applies only to Clatsop County. It authorizes the court at its regular January term of this year to make a levy of not exceeding 5 mills for a series of years, until sufficient funds have been raised to complete and furnish the Courthouse. The measure also authorizes the court to enter into contracts for doing the construction work.

Tax Levy in Linn County. ALBANY, Or., Jan. 7.—(Special.)—The County Court today made a tax levy of 22 mills on the 1904 assessment rolls. It is divided as follows: State, 9 1/2 mills; school, 2 1/2 mills; county, 3 mills; roads and bridges, 4 mills; special road tax, 2 mills; indigent soldiers' fund, 1 mill; total, 22 mills. The levy last year was 23 1/2 mills, the only change between the levies on the rolls of 1904 and 1904 being the decrease of the tax for roads and bridges from 5 1/2 mills last year to 4 mills this year.

A Habit to Be Encouraged. The mother who has acquired the habit of coughing has a very good reason for doing so. A habit of coughing is a habit of coughing. A habit of coughing is a habit of coughing.

be no further delay from that source and that everything will be ready for work by the time a franchise is obtained from the Federal Government. This franchise cannot be granted until 60 days after application, which will bring it about the middle of next month.

HONORS FOR EX-MAYOR HUMES Body Will Lie in State and Prominent Men Will Attend Funeral.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 7.—(Special.)—It may be said that the money that will be spent for his funeral had been given to the late ex-Mayor Thomas J. Humes, before he went to Alaska. It is quite probable that he never would have left Seattle to make a new start in the far-off North.

The body of Seattle's most famous Mayor will arrive here on Monday from Valdez on the steamer Santa Clara, and the whole city will do him honors. A private service is to be held at his late residence, and later the body is to lie in state in the City Hall, and public funeral services will be held in the Grand Opera-house at 10 o'clock. The most gifted orators in the city will speak.

It is expected that a number of the members of the Legislature will come over from Olympia to attend the public funeral. The friend man had a wide acquaintance throughout the state. The body will be met at the wharf when the steamer comes in by the city officials, and prominent citizens of the city and all will unite in solemn honors for the man who was thrice Mayor of Seattle and who has never lost his hold upon the common people of the city.

HELD TO BE SPOKANE BANDIT Son of Pioneer Banker of the City Arrested by the Police.

SPOKANE, Wash., Jan. 7.—(Special.)—Fred Fairweather, aged 37, son of Sanford W. Fairweather, one of the pioneer Spokane bankers and railway men of the Inland Empire, was today arrested with a one-armed cripple, known as Ben, and the police believe that they have secured the man who is responsible for numerous burglaries and hold-ups recently. The arrest of the two followed the robbery of H. G. Thompson at the entrance of the Chemical building this morning.

The robbery of Thompson was one of the boldest ever perpetrated in Spokane. Thompson is a switchman. He lives in a single undamaged house on the village of the building when he was halted by name. He stopped and turned around, and instantly a tall man stepped up to him and, putting a knife to his breast, commanded him to get into a motor car. A young man whom Thompson identified as Fairweather searched him and took \$5 in cash and a pair of gold-framed nose glasses.

CITY HALL A HOBO CAMP. Startling Discovery Made in Unused Chambers of Spokane Building.

SPOKANE, Wash., Jan. 7.—(Special.)—While the police were busy with a burning through the slums in an effort to curtail the vags believed to be responsible for the prevailing epidemic of hold-ups and petty crime, a bunch of hobos have been using the upper floor of the City Hall for sleeping quarters. The City Hall adjoins the police station.

Today the commissioners visited the upper story to figure on some work, and discovered several rude bunks filled with straw blankets and old clothes scattered about, showing that the place had been regularly occupied. The boldness of the vagrants in sleeping in the City Hall is a reflection on the vigilance of the supposedly vigilant coppers is the subject of much unfavorable comment.

PASTOR WILL DEFY THE COURT Says He Will Deliver Sermon Despite Injunction Issued.

EVERETT, Wash., Jan. 7.—The anti-pastor faction of the Zion Norwegian Lutheran church has succeeded in securing a temporary injunction in the Superior Court restraining Pastor A. B. Sand from exercising any of the rights or functions of a minister of the church. Sands' lawyers are making a motion on account of the court permitting him to preach, but the court refused to modify. Sand announced he will preach tomorrow.

INTERVIEW BETWEEN STOESSEL AND NOGI NEAR ARTHUR. Exchange of Compliments on Bravery and Patriotism—Nogi Gives His Sons for His Country.

HEADQUARTERS OF THE THIRD JAPANESE ARMY IN FRONT OF PORT ARTHUR, Jan. 6, via Tien-Tsin.—The meeting of General Nogi and General Stoessel today was an undramatic one. The conclusion of the siege, it had been previously arranged to take place at noon in the single undamaged house of the village of Shushui. This house was a miserable hovel called Plum Tree Cottage.

Through a misunderstanding General Stoessel rode out from Port Arthur at 10 o'clock, accompanied by Colonel Reiss and two staff officers to the Japanese lines and missed the Japanese officer delegated to escort him to the meeting place. The general rode there without an escort and was received by a junior officer, who happened to be on the spot. The latter telephoned to Nogi, who hurried his departure from headquarters and arrived at 11 o'clock, accompanied by Major-General Hiji, his chief of staff, and Colonel Takeda. The Japanese officers were accompanied by General Stoessel's staff officers, and M. Kawakiri, Secretary of the Foreign office at Tokio.

General Stoessel is a large man, of heavy appearance and looks like a good fighter. When Nogi, looking careworn, entered the compound of the cottage, the two generals cordially shook hands and Nogi, through an interpreter, expressed his pleasure at meeting a general who had fought so bravely and gallantly for his Emperor and country. General Stoessel thanked General Nogi for the pleasure of meeting the hero of the victorious army.

General Nogi explained that he had received a message from his Emperor asking that great consideration be shown to General Stoessel and his officers in appreciation of their splendid loyalty to their Emperor and country. Because of this wish, he added, the Russian officers would be allowed to wear their swords.

General Stoessel expressed his gratitude to the Japanese Emperor for this saving the honor of his (Stoessel's) family, and said his descendants would appreciate the thoughtful kindness of the Emperor of Japan. The general also expressed the gratitude of his officers, and thanked Nogi for sending the message from Stoessel to Emperor Nicholas and transmitting His Majesty's reply, which read: "I allow each officer to profit by the reserved privilege to return to Russia his sword and country. Because of this wish, he added, the Russian officers would be allowed to wear their swords.

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PARIS, Jan. 7.—Information received in official quarters here shows that Vice-Admiral Rojstvensky's charts of the waters in which the Russian second Pacific squadron is now cruising are defective and practically worthless. This arouses apprehension of a possible future catastrophe, as it is known that the charts do not show the recent hydrographic dangers of the Indian Ocean.

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Girls' Coats Tailor made. About 50 in the lot, to be closed out at one-third less. \$12.00 Girls' Coats at \$7.95 \$10.00 Girls' Coats at \$6.65 \$ 8.00 Girls' Coats at \$5.35 \$ 5.00 Girls' Coats at \$3.35 Boys' Overcoats \$ 3.95 Overcoats \$2.95 \$ 5.00 Overcoats \$3.95 \$ 6.00 Overcoats \$4.85 \$10.00 Overcoats \$7.95 Every Overcoat in the house reduced.

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acceptable to Russia now as it would have been to the North after the defeat at Bull Run.

The belief is growing that Great Britain's anxiety for mediation is not entirely disinterested. A British official recently said: "If Europe or America does not intervene, Japan and Russia will make their terms of peace without consulting Europe or America."

"This leads diplomats to say that Great Britain is less desirous of peace than to secure a voice in the terms of peace.

"BANZAI" CRY JAPANESE. News of Port Arthur's Fall Received by Both Armies at Mukden.

MUKDEN, Jan. 6, via Peking, Jan. 7.—Though the news of Port Arthur's capitulation was first generally known here today, it was surmised by the Russian army headquarters from the cheering heard in the Japanese camp along the entire line when the cry of "banzai" were distinctly heard. The news created no surprise, because the army had become accustomed to the possibility of Port Arthur's fall from before the battle of Liao Yang and since.

While concerned at the disaster, the Russians are lost in admiration of the wonderful and unexampled defense. Although the deaths of Generals Fock and Kondratenko were not published here, the facts regarding Fock had been accepted for six weeks and the condition of Port Arthur was known throughout. The authorities here as early as December 25 denied that relief vessels had successfully run the blockade, as reported, and candidly admitted the desperation of the heroic defenders. The Russians regarded the expectations of foreign expert visitors to Port Arthur before the war that Port Arthur would doubtless resist for 18 months as being too optimistic, provided there was no relief.

While it is impossible to telegraph the tenor of opinion, yet it is evident that greater events must transpire before the end of the war is apparent.

The Russian army is beginning a cheerful but quiet celebration of the Russian Christmas, which is tomorrow. There was an unusual cannonading yesterday, along the center. It was continued in moderate form today.

(The above dispatch contains the first definite announcement from Russian sources of the death of Lieutenant-General Fock, commander of the Fourth West Siberian division, and of the Russian left wing at Port Arthur. He was reported to have been wounded at the battle of 23 Meter Hill but this was subsequently denied. Later, January 2, General Fock was reported from St. Petersburg to have been killed, but later in the day it was announced that his death "has not yet been confirmed," though it was admitted that he was wounded.)

ADMIRALS IN DISGUISE. Former Commanders of Port Arthur Fleet Fugitives at Chafoo.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 7.—A special dispatch from Chafoo says it is reported that Rear-Admiral Prince Oukhtomsky and Rear-Admiral Dochnyky have arrived there, disguised, on board a launch.

(Prince Oukhtomsky assumed command of the Port Arthur squadron after Admiral Makarov was drowned, as a result of the sinking of his flagship, the battleship Petropavlovsk, at the entrance of Port Arthur, April 12. Later the Prince was replaced in command of the squadron

by the late Rear-Admiral Withoff, and after the latter was killed during the naval battle of August 16, Prince Oukhtomsky again assumed command of the squadron, and it is said, contrary to orders, returned to Port Arthur, for which it was alleged he was to be tried by court-martial. This, however, was denied, but the Prince was succeeded in command of the naval forces by Rear-Admiral Wires. Recently, it is understood, Prince Oukhtomsky has not been attached to any of the Russian ships. The name of Rear-Admiral Dochnyky has not figured in the cable dispatches from the Far East.)

EXPECT HARD FIGHTING. Japanese Not Deceived by Recall of Baltic Squadron.

TOKIO, Jan. 7.—In naval circles here recall of the Russian second Pacific squadron in the Baltic Sea, which Russia does not hope for final success on the sea. It is considered that the authorities at St. Petersburg have realized the improbability of the second Pacific squadron defeating Vice-Admiral Togo and have recalled it to await reinforcements and further train its officers and men preparatory to a supreme effort for the mastery.

A naval officer said to the Associated Press correspondent today: "Japan has confidently awaited the arrival of the second Pacific squadron of the Russian Navy in the Far East. It would have been a splendid fight. Now we must prepare for the future, of which we are not afraid."

Had a Noisy Christmas Eve. GENERAL OKU'S HEADQUARTERS, Jan. 7 (U. S. M. via Peking).—The Russian 12th Christmas eve began a heavy rifle fire at 10 o'clock yesterday evening (January 6), opposite Linshimur. Their artillery joined in at 11 o'clock and kept up two hours of the hardest firing known since the Shalke River was reached, spreading along the whole front of General Oku's army. The Japanese sustained no damage and refused to reply. They simply moved into their trenches preparing to repulse an expected attack, which was not attempted. There were no casualties among the Japanese troops.

More Prisoners Transferred. TOKIO, Jan. 7 (U. S. M. via Peking).—General Nogi reports the following additional transfer of prisoners at Port Arthur yesterday, January 6:

Table with 2 columns: Officers, Men. Rows include Twenty-seventh Regiment, Twenty-eighth Regiment, Third Battalion, Tenth Regiment, etc.

High Old Time at Tokio. TOKIO, Jan. 7.—A celebration at Hibya Park today, under the auspices of the Tokio Military, ended the week's jubilation, begun upon the return of Vice-Admiral Togo from the front. There was specknaking and fireworks, and the students and merchant guilds paraded the streets, which were gay with flags and lanterns. Five hundred of the wounded men from Port Arthur were permitted to leave the hospitals and were feted at the Imperial Hotel.

Blockade Nominally Raised. TOKIO, Jan. 7.—Admiral Togo has issued an order abolishing from today the blockade of the Liao Tung Peninsula.

LONDON, Jan. 7.—A dispatch to the Japanese Legation from Tokio, in confirming the announcement of the raising of the blockade of the Liao Tung Peninsula, adds: "For the present, however, no ships except those of the wounded men from Port Arthur will be allowed to enter Port Arthur."

Russian Troops in Fighting Trim. MUKDEN, Jan. 7.—The town is filled to

overflowing with officers and soldiers buying Christmas presents. All of them look healthy and vigorous. Many officers who have been interviewed declare that they are in good health, and are not suffering from the cold, being quartered in huts which are more comfortable than the Mukden hotels.

Russian Vessels Disarmed. TOKIO, Jan. 7 (U. S. M. via Peking).—Rear-Admiral Kataoka, in a report received at 2 o'clock yesterday morning (January 6), said that the commanders of the flotillas sent to Kiao Choo and Chefoo have returned at last, satisfied that the German and Chinese authorities have completely disarmed the Russian vessels which have sought refuge in those ports. The armored cruiser Chelyudsk and a flotilla of destroyers were captured at Talyon, the harbor until 6 P. M. Wednesday (January 4).

Japanese Officer Held as Spy. SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 7.—The officers of the steamer Harold Hollar, which recently arrived from Petropavlovsk, of the Japanese Army, is a prisoner in the hands of the Russians. They say that the Lieutenant was captured on the western side of Kamchatka Peninsula, and that he is held as a spy by the Russians. Fearing that he intended to escape, the Russian authorities put him behind the bars, and he was in confinement when the vessel put to sea.

Thanks for Work Well Done. TOKIO, Jan. 7.—The Emperor today issued a rescript thanking General Nogi of the third army, Admiral Togo and the combined fleet for the taking of Port Arthur.

CATARRH OF THE STOMACH A Pleasant, Simple, but Safe and Effective Cure for It.

Catarrh of the stomach has long been known as the most common and annoying of the usual symptoms are a full or bloating sensation after eating, accompanied sometimes with sour or watery risings, a formation of gases, causing pressure on the chest, and a general feeling of nervousness, headache, sickle appetite, nervousness, and a general play-off languid feeling.

There is often a foul taste in the mouth, coated tongue and if the interior of the stomach is examined, it will show a slimy, inflamed condition.

The cure for this common and obstinate trouble is found in a treatment which causes the food to be readily, thoroughly digested before it has time to ferment and irritate the delicate mucous surfaces of the stomach. To secure a prompt and healthy digestion is the one necessary thing to do when a local condition is secured the catarrhal condition will have disappeared.

According to Dr. Harrison the safest and best treatment is to use after each meal a few capsules of Dr. Cassell's Food and Fruit Tablets. These tablets can now be found at all druggists under the name of Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets and not being a laxative, they can be used with perfect safety and assurance, they will give a healthy and thorough digestion will follow their regular use after meals.

Mr. R. S. Workman, Chicago, Ill., writes: "Cassell's is a local condition resulting from a neglected cold in the head, whereby the lining membrane of the nose becomes inflamed and the poisonous discharge therefrom passing backward into the throat reaches the stomach. This produces catarrh of the stomach. Medical authorities prescribed for me for three years for catarrh of stomach without cure, but today I am the happiest of men after using only one box of Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets. I cannot find appropriate words to express my good feeling. I have found health, appetite and sound rest from their use."

Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets is the safest preparation as well as the simplest and most convenient remedy for any form of indigestion, catarrh of stomach, biliousness, sour stomach, heart burn and bloating after meals.