

# EXTORTIONS THE ACCUSATION

## Information Filed by Meier & Frank Company Against Two Editors.

### RECORD GIVEN BY OTHERS

#### Dr. Paul J. A. Semler and A. E. Kern, Proprietors of a German Paper, Charged With a Serious Offense.

### STARTLING RECORD OF ALLEGED BLACKMAIL AND EXTORTION.

Attempt to extort \$500 from Meier & Frank Company by Dr. Paul J. A. Semler and A. E. Kern. Information filed against them in State Circuit Court yesterday afternoon charging them with same.

Attempt to extort \$500 from William Druck two years ago by Dr. Semler, assisted by Mr. Kern.

Extortion of 12 promissory notes from Paul Glutich two years ago by Dr. Kern, several of which were subsequently paid.

Attempt to extort \$1000 or more from Brewster and Wholesale Liquor Dealers' Association at time of local-option fight by Mr. Kern.

Investigation of the methods employed by Dr. Paul J. A. Semler and A. E. Kern, publishers of the Deutsche Zeitung, reveals a record of alleged blackmail and extortion unparalleled in the history of Portland. Statements were made yesterday by three reputable citizens of this city alleging that the two men in question had at various times attempted to extort money by illegitimate methods and that upon one instance Mr. Kern actually received money for suppressing an article.

### Tell of Their Career.

If reliable persons are to be believed, Dr. Semler and Mr. Kern have left behind them an unenviable career which, if they are as incriminating as has been represented, will undoubtedly favor the prosecution in the case of Meier & Frank vs. Dr. Semler and Mr. Kern when it is tried out in the State Circuit Court. Many ugly rumors are about recording the names of the two men, Dr. Semler and Mr. Kern and open charges are made that blackmailing as a nefarious art is not entirely foreign to them.

As a practitioner Dr. Semler is alleged to have gained for himself a disreputable reputation. Dr. Byron E. Miller, secretary of the State Board of Medical Examiners, stated yesterday that Dr. Semler had never been licensed to practice medicine or surgery in the State of Oregon. To practice without a license is punishable, if found guilty, by a fine and imprisonment in the County Jail.

### William Druck's Charge.

William Druck, an old pioneer who has lived in Portland for 33 years and who is well-known here, alleges that Dr. Semler, publisher of the Nachrichten, a German paper issued at irregular intervals, assisted by Mr. Kern, attempted to extort \$500 from him by threatening to publish an article relative to family troubles. "Mr. Kern pretended to be a friend of mine and said he was trying to help me keep the article out," said Mr. Druck yesterday afternoon. "Dr. Semler wanted \$250, and later through negotiations reduced the price to \$150, which I refused to pay. I offered them \$100, and they, thinking they could get more out of me, refused to take it."

G. P. Keller, formerly interested with Kern in the Nachrichten, a German paper, also alleges attempted extortion on the part of Kern. He states that Kern tried to get the Brewster & Wholesale Liquor Dealers' Association to give him \$1000, threatening that unless the money was forthcoming the Nachrichten would oppose them in the local-option fight. Mr. Keller says the association refused to furnish the money and Kern, true to his promise, turned to the other side. At that time Kern had control of the policy of the Nachrichten, but he later sold out because it is alleged that the paper was losing nearly all of its subscribers and business under his management.

### Twelve Promissory Notes.

From a perfectly reliable source the alleged information has been elicited that Emil Glutich, a collector for a local brewery, gave Kern 12 promissory notes for suppressing an incriminating article. Three or four of these notes were paid. From the same source it has been learned that Kern tendered his resignation to the Arion Singing Club upon request, some of his dealings having been questioned by a reputable member of the society. In the information filed in the State Circuit Court yesterday afternoon against Dr. Paul J. A. Semler and A. E. Kern, publishers of the Deutsche Zeitung, by District Attorney Manning, they are charged with attempting to extort \$300 from the Meier & Frank Company. Bench warrants for the accused were not called for yesterday. The witnesses whose names appear on the information are Julius Meier and George W. Joseph, attorney. As has been published, the charges are based on the allegation that Dr. Semler and Mr. Kern tried to blackmail the firm by threatening to publish a libelous article in their paper unless they were awarded an advertising contract for the foregoing sum.

### BRIEF TELEGRAPHIC NEWS

Mexico City.—At the observatory of the Tacubaya University, Thursday, a new comet was discovered, flying swiftly toward the sun.

Washington.—Mr. Takahira, the Japanese minister, will give a luncheon party on the evening of December 7. It is probable that he may return here next Spring.

New York.—John Alexander Dowie, leader of the Zionists, and party, who have been in Mexico inciting the natives for the proposed Zion colony, arrived here today.

El Paso, Tex.—General B. J. Vinton is here, negotiating for land near El Paso on which to found another colony for the Hebrews, who recently abandoned their home in Chihuahua, Mexico.

Washington.—The President has directed the appointment of Rev. Edward S. Travers, assistant pastor of Trinity Church, Boston, as chaplain of the United States Military Academy at West Point, to succeed Rev. Mr. Shipman, resigned.

Dallas, Tex.—(Special)—A telephone message to the Sheriff's office tonight says a cotton dealer returning to Dallas was held up nine miles from the city by two highwaymen, who shot and badly wounded him and robbed him of his money and fled.

Victoria, B. C.—The steamer Aurang, from Australia, brought news of the drowning of the schooner of the name of Alice and two seamen of the bark Jordan Hill, of Sydney. They deserted, using a small raft, which is believed to have gone to pieces.

Keokuk, Ia.—The rum which began yesterday on the State Central Savings Bank

# HOWARD ELLIOTT TALKS OF PLANS

## President of Northern Pacific and Party Here to Check Up Affairs.

### MAY SELECT BRIDGE SITES

#### Tell of Work in Progress and Additions to Forces of Men at Various Points Along the Columbia.

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Kansas City.—Fifteen persons were in-

jured and many other shaken up in a collision tonight, caused by a head-on collision between a Missouri Pacific passenger train and a switch train on a curve near Leeds, Mo. Five miles east of this city. Engineer Dunn, of the passenger train, saw the switch engine with its long line box-cars in line to reduce the speed of his train to 15 miles an hour when the two engines met. Both engines were wrecked.

### Bridge Sites Not Determined.

President Elliott fixed that locations of the bridges to be constructed over the Columbia and Willamette Rivers by which trains will enter Portland had not yet been fully determined, and disclaimed any knowledge of the purpose or action of the rival Wallula Pacific Columbia Valley Chinese tenants in acquiring rights of way along the north bank of the Columbia. He stated that work was in progress at many points, that a large number of contractors were established along the line of the Portland & Seattle line, and that more men were constantly added to the forces in the field. Concerning recent large orders for equipment to be furnished by the Northern Pacific, Mr. Elliott said that orders had been placed for 2500 freight cars, to be delivered next Spring, and for 25 engines, to be delivered by the party that came to Portland on the special train composed, besides President Elliott, James N. Hill, St. Paul, vice-president, whose election to that office oc-

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# SPLIT ON LAWSON ISSUE

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### WHAT YOU WILL BE ABLE TO GET

And you will notice we use no qualifying words in the following, for we state facts—hard, solid facts: You will be enabled to get garments cheaper than any store in this city can buy them at wholesale in New York; tailor made—actually tailor made—hand work, made by tailors who have been making men's garments for us for years. Garments made of cloth any man in Portland would be proud to have a suit of—yes, made—made to stay—won't rip; buttons sewed on, not pasted on; won't fade; all wool, every scrap. Shrunken—yes, shrunken; you can wash the river, won't hurt the cloth. Dozens and dozens of only one of a style. Hundreds of different designs of cloth. The elegant designed cloth that you find in gentlemen's tailor cloth—that's what you'll get. Elegant black unfinished-worsted, finished worsted, black and gray, bird's-eye worsted, imported fancy check worsted, plain worsted, red, green, blue, gray check. Imported silk stuff—yes, actually crossed the Atlantic. Tweeds, homespuns, Irish frieze, diagonal chevrons, blue-black, check and mixed. Imported French silk finished drapes—you saw some in our stock Saturday, if you were in—mixed diagonals, wide-wale worsteds and so on. All that you might expect to find in a large, complete stock of men's tailor goods. All these you will be able to find and examine. A lot of these fine ones went out last week. A good bunch will go into stock each day. Come and see them. You will get what you want. Each day we will give descriptions and quote prices on these special garments—that's what we will. So you will be posted, you will know about a good many of the garments as they are placed in stock each day. Yes, we will describe and quote prices. There will be no competition in this city or state with these garments. Other stores have nothing like them. These are facts—strong ones—we are ready to verify.

A large assortment of Coats finished Saturday evening will be placed on sale tomorrow. Special Monday price will be announced in tomorrow's Oregonian.

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And you will notice we use no qualifying words in the following, for we state facts—hard, solid facts: You will be enabled to get garments cheaper than any store in this city can buy them at wholesale in New York; tailor made—actually tailor made—hand work, made by tailors who have been making men's garments for us for years. Garments made of cloth any man in Portland would be proud to have a suit of—yes, made—made to stay—won't rip; buttons sewed on, not pasted on; won't fade; all wool, every scrap. Shrunken—yes, shrunken; you can wash the river, won't hurt the cloth. Dozens and dozens of only one of a style. Hundreds of different designs of cloth. The elegant designed cloth that you find in gentlemen's tailor cloth—that's what you'll get. Elegant black unfinished-worsted, finished worsted, black and gray, bird's-eye worsted, imported fancy check worsted, plain worsted, red, green, blue, gray check. Imported silk stuff—yes, actually crossed the Atlantic. Tweeds, homespuns, Irish frieze, diagonal chevrons, blue-black, check and mixed. Imported French silk finished drapes—you saw some in our stock Saturday, if you were in—mixed diagonals, wide-wale worsteds and so on. All that you might expect to find in a large, complete stock of men's tailor goods. All these you will be able to find and examine. A lot of these fine ones went out last week. A good bunch will go into stock each day. Come and see them. You will get what you want. Each day we will give descriptions and quote prices on these special garments—that's what we will. So you will be posted, you will know about a good many of the garments as they are placed in stock each day. Yes, we will describe and quote prices. There will be no competition in this city or state with these garments. Other stores have nothing like them. These are facts—strong ones—we are ready to verify.

A large assortment of Coats finished Saturday evening will be placed on sale tomorrow. Special Monday price will be announced in tomorrow's Oregonian.

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