WITNESS IN DRUCE CASE IS ARRESTED

Robert C. Caldwell Arrives and Is Taken Into Custody at Once.

FIGURES IN CASE SIMILAR

After A. T. Stewart's Death, Caldwell Makes Affidavit Merchant's Will Is Changed and Body Removed. Statements Not Verified.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Robert C. Caldwell, the American who has been one of the central figures in the famous Druce case, in London, was arrested upon his arrival from England today on a charge of perjury. The warrant was sworn out by the British Consul-General here. When Caldwell was taken before a United States Court Commissioner, his counsel declared he was a very sick man. He offered to furnish bail in any amount. Two physicians appointed by the Commissioner reported him desperately ill, and bail of $5000 was furnished for the prisoner's appearance.

The wireless telegraph had carried the report that Caldwell would be arrested as soon as the Kaiserin Auguste Victoria arrived, and this had been read in the daily newspaper printed aboard by Caldwell and all the other passengers.

Arrives in State of Collapse.

When the steamer arrived at quarantine, Caldwell, who occupied second cabin accommodations, was almost in a state of collapse. When told by a newspaper man of a second report denying the authenticity of the statement published in the ship newspaper, a great load seemed to have been lifted from him.

"Thank God," was his comment. Caldwell, however, appeared to be broken in health and spirits.

The temporary relief which came to Caldwell with the news which met him at quarantine was short lived. Almost immediately after he had stepped ashore at Hoboken, he was taken into custody.

Caldwell, on November 8, testified at the Druce trial that he knew the late Duke of Portland, both as the Duke and as T. C. Druce, at Welbeck Abbey and at the Baker Street Bazaar. He added that he treated the Duke at both places for a disorder of the nose.

Says He Arranged Mock Funeral.

He further testified that, in conjunction with the Duke, he arranged the mock funeral of Druce. He said that he, at the Duke's request, employed a carpenter to make a coffin, purchased the 100 pounds of lead and put it in the coffin himself. The funeral occurred on the following day. When shown two photographs, Caldwell swore that they were photographs of the Fifth Duke of Portland in the character of T. C. Druce, and declared he had seen the Duke wear a false beard. Caldwell related in detail the London story of his introduction to the Duke of Portland in 1864, and testified that he received presents from the Duke aggregating about $50,000, besides the fee of $200,000 for medical services.

Leaves London Suddenly.

At the hearing of the case on December 13, the prosecution announced that it could not rely on the evidence given by Caldwell, in view of the suspicions aroused during his cross-examination. On the following day it was discovered that Caldwell had suddenly left London, and a warrant for his extradition was issued. Caldwell, who has a home on Staten Island, at one time had an experience in New York very similar to that in which he figured in of late in London, with the exception, however, that no arrest was made in the previous instance.

Tries to Start Stewart Mystery.

He had been abroad and returned to the United States in 1870. Soon after his arrival here he entered the employ of A. T. Stewart, the dry goods merchant, as a secretary. After the death of Mr. Stewart, Caldwell made an affidavit declaring that he was in possession of startling facts concerning the Stewart estate. One of these was that the Stewart will had been destroyed by a lawyer after the merchant's death and a new document substituted.

In another affidavit Caldwell declared that the stolen body of Stewart was carried from St. Mark's Churchyard back to the cellar of the Stewart Mansion, on Thirty-fourth street and Fifth avenue, where it was buried. The body was not found when the house was torn down several years ago.

WORK ON CALDWELL CHARGE

Conspiracy and Willful Corrupt Perjury—Exhume Druce Dec. 27.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—The charge against Caldwell is conspiracy and willful corrupt perjury in his testimony. Details on the subject are being prepared by the Home offices and will be forwarded.

The opening of the vault supposed to contain the body of Druce has been fixed for December 27. One result of this will be to prove the truth or falsity of one of Caldwell's main statements and probably settle the question of his extradition.

THE DAY'S DEATH RECORD

Joseph Smith, Montana Pioneer.

BUTTE, Mont., Dec. 21.—Joseph Smith, pioneer, aged 74, is dead at Virginia City. He was one of the characters of the famous gold placer mining days of Alder Gulch.

Edward Price, Theatrical Man.

OMAHA, Dec. 21.—Edward Price, of New York City, first husband of Fanny Davenport, the actress, died in Omaha last night of pneumonia. The body will be taken to New York for burial.

At the time of his death Mr. Price was manager of "The Grand Mogul" company, a Klaw & Erlanger attraction. He was also interested in "Blue Beard" when the Iroquois Theater horror happened. "The Grand Mogul" company will disband here tonight.

Price was a 33d-degree Mason and the funeral will be under the auspices of the Masons.

Henry O. Turner, Newspaperman.

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—Henry O. Turner, a well-known newspaper man of this city, died at his home yesterday of anaemia. Mr. Turner had been a member of the editorial staffs of many of the leading journals of the country. He was born in Portland, Me., September 9, 1848. His first newspaper work was on the Boston Journal. He was a writer for the Springfield Republican for six years, and came West with a number of Eastern newspaper men to found the Omaha Tribune.

Mr. Turner came to Chicago 26 years ago, and was actively engaged on various newspapers of this city until his final illness.

William Henry Rice, Minstrel.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 21.—William Henry Rice, one of the best known minstrels in the United States, died of pneumonia in a hospital today. He was 65 years old.

Frank Alsip, Forty-niner.

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—Frank Alsip, brick manufacturer and a well-known "forty-niner," died at his home in this city yesterday, aged 80 years.

LOGGERS UP IN THE AIR

MAKE NO MOVE UNTIL RATE CASE IS SETTLED.

Washington Association Decides to Make No Change in Prices on the New Contracts for Some Time.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—Every logger in Western Washington is holding himself up by the boot-straps until rate matters and lumber mill problems are settled up. This in brief is the manner in which Manager A. W. Blake, of the Washington Logging & Brokerage Association summed up the net results of the protracted meeting of the logging operators held this afternoon.

It was a special meeting and men representing timber holdings running up into the millions were there. First under consideration was the action of the Interstate Commerce Commission at Washington postponing the reception of briefs of lumber and railroad attorneys until March 4, in the celebrated rate case. It was brought out that because of the fact that the lumber and shingle mills had not received the expected early decision, no orders would probably be filed for logs in January. The loggers discussed this phase of the situation and then determined to make no change at present in the price of logs to the mills.

The next and most vital question before the meeting was the relation of each individual logger to the association. New contracts are to be made for the year 1908, but it was stated after the meeting that all members of the association agreed that nothing should be done in this line until after January 15, or even later.

MAKE PREPARATIONS

For the cold weather. Get your fireplaces equipped with the M. J. Walsh Company's grates, andirons, firesets and spark guards. It is a well-known fact that they carry the best class of goods in the city in their line. They wish to call your attention to their beautiful line of gas and electric table lamps, just opened up and sampled. You should not miss seeing them. Just the thing for a nice Xmas gift. Salesrooms 311 Stark, between Fifth and Sixth streets.

GREAT WAIST SALE.

One-fifth off at LePalais Royal. All the latest styles; all go at the same reduction. 375 Washington street.

Fight for Tungsten Mine.

HELENA, Mont., Dec. 21.—In the Federal Court today, Judge Hunt ordered the issuance of subpenas and a further hearing January 8, on the application for a receiver for the Montana-Kimberley Mining Company, owned by Chicago men. Minority stockholders are resisting the attempt of the larger owners and certain creditors to have a receiver appointed, alleging a conspiracy to secure control of the Tungsten mine. Tungsten is the best-known steel hardener and is especially valuable for naval purposes.

Acquitted of Land Frauds.

ROSWELL, N. M., Dec. 21.—The jury in the case of C. Leland and B. H. Talmage, charged with conspiracy to defraud the Government out of public lands, tonight brought in a verdict of not guilty.

SAN FRANCISCO PLANS FOR FLEET

Wants It to Come Through the Golden Gate on Day of April 18.

RECALLS THE DISASTER

Big Celebration Planned for Anniversary of Fire, and Arrival of the Fleet Is to Be Made a Part—Committee of 25.

RETURN BY WAY OF SUEZ.

ON BOARD U. S. S. CONNECTICUT, at Sea, by Government Wireless, via station at Key West, Fla., to the Associated Press, New York, Dec. 21.—Rear-Admiral Evans today authorized the statement for publication that he personally believes the Navy Department's intentions are that the fleet shall return via the Suez route late next Summer or Fall.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21.—(Special.)—A request will be sent to the Navy Department asking that the fleet's voyage be so arranged that it shall sail through the Golden Gate on April 18 of next year, the second anniversary of the fire and earthquake. The intention is to have a big celebration on that date and an effort will be made to combine the two events.

The fleet ordinarily would arrive in California waters in April of next year and the local committeemen believe it can be on April 18 as well as any other day.

The celebration will be essentially in the hands of the people of the City of San Francisco. Several bodies endeavored to usurp the honor, but Mayor Taylor ended all discussion today when he named the committee which will assume charge of the celebration. The California promotion committee and the State Board of Trade had sought to take charge of the affair and petty jealousies had already appeared when Mayor Taylor set all squabbles at rest by taking charge himself.

Many Galeties Planned.

The celebration will consist of a naval parade of welcome down the Bay, a reception to the officers, a street military procession, and entertainments of various kinds in honor of the officers and jackies. The officers will be entertained at the Fairmont Hotel at a public reception and at a ball of unusual magnificence. The jackies will be the guests of the city at the Chutes and will be tendered a banquet on the same broad scale as prevailed at the recent naval celebration at Coney Island.

Mayor Taylor received the following reply by mail to his telegram to Rear-Admiral Evans, extending to the battleship fleet a hearty welcome to this port:

HAMPTON ROADS, Va., Dec. 15, 1907.—Hon. Edward Robeson Taylor, Mayor of San Francisco—Dear Sir: Admiral Evans authorizes me to acknowledge the receipt of your telegram of the 13th inst. and to thank you, and through you the citizens of San Francisco, for himself and on behalf of the officers and men of the fleet for your good wishes and your kind assurances of a hearty welcome when the fleet shall arrive at San Francisco. (Signed) F. H. CHANDLER, Lieutenant-Commander, U. S. N.

Personnel of the Committee.

The committee of 25 follows: Chief Justice W. H. Beatty, C. H. Bentley, Judge James V. Coffey, Justice James A. Cooper, R. B. Hale, Frederick W. Hall, Alexander D. Hawes, Rufus P. Jennings, Sheldon G. Kellogg, P. N. Lilienthal, E. J. Molera, Justice W. W. Morrow, Jeremiah D. Mahoney, Walter Macarthur, George A. Newhall, James D. Phelan, P. C. Rossi, W. C. Ralston, John W. Sweeney, Frank J. Symes, Frederick Tillman, Jr., Joseph S. Tobin, Frank I. Turner, Raphael Weill and A. A. Watkins.

The Mayor in a communication to the Supervisors suggests that they name five of their number to act in conjunction with the committee of 25 to take charge of the reception and entertainment arrangements.

GAIN RESPECT OF THE WORLD

If Fleet Makes Journey Without Disaster, Means Increased Prestige.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—General Benjamin F. Tracy, who during his first term as Secretary of the Navy recommended that the United States warships should make a voyage from the Atlantic to the Pacific, stated today that if the Atlantic fleet is able to go around to the Pacific without some great disaster, other naval powers would hold us in much greater respect.

He said that if Japan had any desire to meet the United States in war, she would have seized the Philippines, Hawaii and Alaska without waiting for the American fleet to move.

CHANGE IN PACIFIC FLEET

Reorganization of Rear-Admiral Dayton's Command to Be Made.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—A reorganization of the Pacific fleet, to become effective after January 1 next, was announced at the Navy Department today. It is largely an administrative step and incident to the arrival of the vessels at the Pacific Coast from the Asiatic station and of Admiral Sebree's special service squadron consisting of the cruisers Tennessee and Washington in these waters. As now the fleet will continue in command of Rear Admiral James H. Dayton.

The make-up of the fleet is to be:

First squadron, first division—West Virginia, Colorado, Maryland and Pennsylvania; second division, Tennessee, Washington, Florida and South Dakota, to be assigned later. This division is to be in command of Rear Admiral Sebree.

Second squadron, third division—Charleston, Milwaukee and St. Louis; fourth division, Albany and Yankton.

Third squadron, fifth division—Chattanooga, Galveston, Denver and Cleveland; sixth division (special service), Rainbow, Concord, Helena, Wilmington, Callao, Quiros and Villalobos.

Coast defense—Monterey, Monadnock.

First torpedo flotilla—Barrick, Bainbridge, Dale, Chauncey and Decatur.

Fourth torpedo flotilla—Perry and Preble.

All the vessels of the third squadron are in Asiatic waters.

The intention of the Navy Department at this time is to transfer the Chicago, now at San Diego, Cal., to the Atlantic Coast for the use of the naval cadets at Annapolis.

MISSOURI SENDS GREETING

Signals Message and Lands Man Sick at San Juan.

SAN JUAN, Porto Rico., Dec. 21.—The battleship Missouri, detached from the fleet, arrived off this port today and signalled Commandant Rohrerof, of the Naval station, the "compliments of the season to friends ashore." The battleship then landed Benjamin Northway, fireman, who is ill with peritonitis. He was taken to the Naval Hospital, after which the battleship rejoined the fleet. It is reported that the battleship Illinois has landed two sailors at the naval station on Culeora Island.

No British Pacific Squadron.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—The Associated Press is in a position to state on the authority of the British Admiralty, that there is no truth in the assertion published in the Standard today, that the Admiralty has decided to establish next May, a Pacific North American Squadron, the base of which possibly will be at Esquimault.

"There is no shadow of foundation for this story; it must be obvious to anyone who gives the subject a moment's thought, that such a movement would be the last thing we would think of at the present moment," was the statement made by one of the highest officials of the Admiralty.

The emphasis of this denial indicated that the Admiralty was anxious that the report should be promptly put at rest with view of allying any suspicion that might be aroused in America, connecting the alleged formation of a British Pacific fleet with the sailing of the American battleship fleet.

Fleet Is Off St. Thomas.

ON BOARD THE FLAGSHIP CONNECTICUT, Dec. 21, 1:20 A. M.—By Wireless Telegraphy to New York.—The fleet has run into the trade winds and the sea is now choppy. We expect to reach the Virgin Passage tonight.

ST. THOMAS, D. W. I., Dec. 21.—A steamer which has just come in here reports that she saw the American battleship fleet maneuvering yesterday on the north side of the Island of St. Thomas.

All Hands in White Dress.

CHARLESTON, Dec. 21.—The DeForest station tonight picked up the battleship Connecticut and received the following message:

"U. S. S. Connecticut, December 21.—From Wednesday to Thursday we have made 240 miles and are now 600 miles due east of Jupiter Inlet, Florida. Speed has been increased to 11 knots. We are still in double column formation. All hands in white dress."

Steamship Line Vanishes.

ASTORIA, Or., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—A meeting of business men held in the Chamber of Commerce rooms last evening decided not to further entertain the proposition made by W. H. Garland to establish steamer lines between this and the Orient and Alaska points, for the reason that Mr. Garland had declined to inform the committee as to his financial backing and his ability to float the project.

HEARST STILL ACTIVE

Working in Secret for His Independence League.

FORGETS "NEVER AGAIN"

Promise Made in Last Campaign Never to Run Again for Office Is Thought Not to Be Binding. His Work Is Secret.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—(Special.)—In the face of a recent declaration announcing his intention never again to run for public office, William Randolph Hearst is continuing the work of secretly building up the Independent League for presidential purposes.

This fact is beginning to cause comment and uneasiness in political circles here, and there is considerable speculation concerning the attitude the editor will assume in the coming campaign. The developments of the past few weeks have convinced the sages that the "never again" statement was issued merely to serve as a sedative to the public and the press while Max Ihmsen's secret service squad is working.

Within the boundaries of New York state the Independence League promoters seem satisfied to retain their present enrollment, and are not openly seeking proselytes, except in the rural districts. In New England, the South and the West, on the other hand, they are following the "organize, organize, organize" motto to the letter.

All the cities of importance, as well as the towns and villages, are being equipped with skeleton associations to which the sinews will be supplied when necessary. Money is not so plentiful as in the days of old, but promises are used instead.

New York state politicians incline to the belief that Hearst will attempt to bully the Democrats into some combination, whereby, if he cannot win the nomination himself, then second place on the National ticket will go to an Independent Leaguer.

LEAGUE ANNUAL MEETING

Another Club to Be Added, but Doubt as to Which City.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 21.—(Special.)—The annual meeting of the Pacific Coast Baseball League will be held in San Francisco Thursday, January 2, according to a telegram received here today by Manager Berry, of the Los Angeles club.

The principal business that will receive attention is the proposal to increase the number of league clubs from four to six. Manager Berry said today that Southern California would be ready to supply one of the desired clubs, and Mayor Harper, Charles Fox and other interested persons are now anxiously waiting to see what the league will do.

Information comes from the north that the other club will be supplied by some city in the Northwest or Sacramento, Stockton or San Jose. It is understood that the real difficulty now is in selecting one of the four that will make good in the league and continue through the season.

Open Automobile Department.

Studebaker Bros. Co., Northwest, have recently added an automobile department to their business, and propose to use part of the building at 330-336 East Morrison street for show and salesroom, where they expect soon to have on display a large line of gasoline cars, electric pleasure vehicles, also electric trucks and delivery wagons. They have under process of construction a new garage near their salesroom. The management of this department of their business will be under the direction of C. H. Tyler, formerly of Buffalo, N. Y.

Black Hand Threatens Pugilist.

DENVER, Colo., Dec. 21.—Patrick Gallagher, ex-pugilist and well known throughout the country as a fight promoter, received through the mails yesterday a letter demanding $500 or forfeit his life. The letter, which stated that the demand came from the Black Hand, warned Gallagher to send the money within three days to "L. F. Jones, General Delivery, Denver," and cautioned him not to say anything to the police about the matter.

San Francisco, Dec. 21.—Arrived—Steamer Harold Dollar, from Everett; steamer Admiral Excelmana, from Seattle; steamer Catania, from Seattle; steamer Bandon, from Bandon. Sailed—Steamer City of Panama, for Portland; steamer Buckman, for Seattle; steamer Washington, for Portland; steamer Geo. W. Elder, for Astoria; steamer Mayflower, for Willaps.

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FOR SON

Pair Military Brushes, Umbrella, Scarf Pin, Fob, Wallet, Inkwell, Purse, Pipe, pair Link Buttons, Pocket Knife, Penknife, Locket.

FOR BROTHER

Scarfpin, Fob, Whisky Flask, Charm, Umbrella, Wallet, Umbrella, pair Link Buttons, Stickpin, Shaving Cup and Brush, Locket.

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