

FRIENDS COME TO AID OF ALEXANDER

Confessed Embezzler of O.-W. R. & N. Funds Has Many Offers of Assistance.

ARREST WILL BE MONDAY

Railway Officials Will Go Before Grand Jury and Give Evidence as to Forgeries—Wild Life Not Led, Says Accused.

While a warrant for the arrest of Temple W. Alexander, self-confessed O.-W. R. & N. embezzler, rests in the pocket of a detective who keeps him under constant surveillance and who will arrest him Monday morning, hundreds of friends have come forward to the young man's assistance, bondsmen have offered their services for the low bond asked by the railroad company and offers of financial assistance running into thousands of dollars have been received by him.

While he sat last night and brooded over his trouble and could see good only in his voluntary return from Chicago, where efforts of detectives had failed to trace him, the telephone bell rang repeatedly with the calls of friends and one telegraph messenger after another delivered messages at the door.

Kindness Touches Heart. "I have been a fool—I know it," Alexander said as he discussed his plight, "but sometimes it almost seems worth being a fool when you can have friends rally to you like they have rallied to me today."

"Never in my life did I imagine I had so many friends. I thought that a man was down his friends gave him an additional kick. I know differently now. All over the Northwest I have heard from one fellow after another by telegraph. Follows that I never thought cared two pins for me, have telegraphed offers of money. If my bail had been \$250,000 instead of \$25,000 I believe I could have secured it today."

"And best of all, I know now that if I get 47 years for this my wife will be waiting at the door for me when I get out."

Mrs. Alexander, who is a beautiful woman, smiled in hearty assent to her husband's remarks.

Court Procedure Mystery. Alexander was nervous. He did not know what would be the court procedure and asked questions concerning legal processes that may now take place.

He learned that it was the intention of the officials of the O.-W. R. & N. to send before the grand jury Monday morning Ralph Blaisdell, auditor, and Richard Koehler, purchasing agent, who will present to the inquisitorial body specimens of forged vouchers.

Koehler's signature, which was forged on a number of the fatal 23, which have proved the young man's undoing, was identified by him. Railroad clerks who have knowledge of the facts will also testify.

Alexander will be left in peace today but a formal arrest will be made tomorrow. At his bond is already prepared ready for filing, the process of serving the warrant will be a formality.

Discovery Is Told. If the young man is indicted, his name will come before the February term of court.

Just how it was that his pecuniary resources were discovered became known yesterday.

When J. D. Farrell was appointed president he desired to put in the purchasing department G. W. Saul as assistant purchasing agent. As there were no duties for such an office the services of Mr. Alexander, who acted as timber clerk, were dispensed with on December 23. Alexander furnished Alexander with an excellent testimonial.

Two weeks later Saul called up Alexander. "Say, come down and see me tonight, will you, Alexander?" he said. "This timber business has me worried."

"Sure," replied the young man, but two weeks returned from his honeymoon.

Then Saul asked Alexander how it was that in one month there had been payment for inspection of approximately \$200,000 worth of ties, when the most that came from Boring in any one month was \$15,000. Alexander explained the matter in generalities, but he was warned.

"Then a friend in the railroad office 'tipped off' that suspicious had been aroused, that hundreds of vouchers were being 'passed' and, terrified and unnerved, Alexander fled the city."

Wife Exerts Influence. As he went he wrote his wife and told her of the trouble he was in. And while she could not reply to his letters until she heard from him in the East, yet she began writing them and there, and the gist of her communications was: "Come back and face it out." "For the sake of the youngsters and me," was one appeal she made, alluding to his step-children.

Although Alexander had offers of financial assistance which would have carried him to Europe, as he was able to prove, he decided to come back and communicated with the railroad officials. He received funds for his trip from Salt Lake City to Portland. His wife traveled to Baker City to meet him and with him returned to the city. While even now Mr. and Mrs. Alexander scout the idea they were under surveillance, there was no form Salt Lake Portland that their location was not known.

"What did you do with the money?" was naturally the first question asked Alexander.

"It's this way," he replied. "I don't exactly know. When I read in the papers that I followed the primrose path, that I led a gay and riotous life, that champagne and cocktails were my evening and morning refreshments, I just got staggered. As a matter of fact, there has never been a time when I led the gay life. Sundays I have taken my wife and the youngsters out for long automobile rides and we know that runs into a good deal of money. I went to the theater—we went together. I patronized a tailor, and tailors will not make clothes for nothing. The money that I had was all, and for my wife I could not say how."

Denial Is Made. "Now, perhaps you've read about my hardwood floors being unpaid for. Well, it's not true; they were a wedding present to me. The furniture is not mine. It belongs to J. G. Mack & Co."

"Yes," said Mrs. Alexander, "and after this came up I went to Mr. Mack and told him of our trouble and asked him to take away the furniture, as it was unpaid. He declined to do so and we can only call him another friend."

Incidentally, other friends took care

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Alexander is a 23rd degree Mason and was secretary of his class; he is an Elk and a member of the Portland Ad Club and other organizations.

"I have just got this to say," he remarked finally. "I want to take my medicine properly. Whatever I get I am going to 'holler.' I have no kick coming. The railroad company has treated me splendidly. I understand it will assist me in obtaining some element. All I want is some time and somehow to get another start, and you can bet that I shall walk the straight and narrow path from now on."

Railroad officials declare that in all probability no attempt will be made to surcharge the forged vouchers on the banks cashing them. For this to be done the vouchers would have to be restored to get another start, and you can bet that I shall walk the straight and narrow path from now on."

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Almost all the damage to trees was done last night after 6 o'clock, when, in addition to the rain and sleet, the mercury dropped materially and added to the icy burden of the trees. For hours the residence streets resounded with the snapping and cracking of branches.

The destruction of trees is not confined to any particular district, but is general in the residence district. The exact extent of the damage will not be known until today.

In the City Park a number of trees lost branches and others toppled. More than 100 trees in the park were damaged. The ornamental shrubbery, which is mostly hardwood, stood the weight of the ice without breaking. Much damage was also done to the young trees in other parks about the city, despite efforts of park employees to brace the branches.

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Chinese Will Celebrate Portland Residents to Show Loyalty to New Republic.

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COLLEGE BAND IS FEATURE Programme of Winter Function at Corvallis Is Outlined.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Or., Jan. 6.—(Special.)—The Military Band concert at the Oregon Agricultural College will be held on January 2 in the opera-house. This is an annual affair which is one of the most attractive features of the winter season at Corvallis.

Captain Harry Beard, leader of the band, has been fortunate this year in being able to have a large number of candidates to choose from. It has been possible throughout the year to have two bands. For the concert they will be joined.

The programme will contain several interesting descriptive pieces as well as some of the better known marches and overtures.

British Exports Heavy. LONDON, Jan. 6.—British exports for 1911, as shown by the Board of Trade returns, reached a record total of \$2,712,123,000, or an increase of \$119,483,440 over 1910. Manufactures and food account for almost the whole of the increase, cotton textiles alone being \$750,000,000.

Imports for the year totalled \$1,402,738,575, which is only \$11,510,755 over 1910. The importation of raw materials shows a heavy decrease, amounting to \$65,000,000, the largest item of which is cotton, which accounts for nearly \$12,000,000. The most important decrease is \$2,500,000 and oils \$12,500,000. On the other hand there was an increase in food imports of more than \$12,500,000.

MANY TREES TOPPLE

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STORM KING WINDS GRASP

Intense Cold Causes Great Suffering—Chicago Has Food Famine.

MERCURY IS NEAR RECORD

Homeless in Windy City Seek in Vain for Escape From Icy Blasts. Temperature Lowest in Years. 150,000 Are Unemployed.

CHICAGO, Jan. 6.—(Special.)—The whole country north of the Gulf tier of states is in the grip of intense cold tonight and there is intense suffering on every hand.

There is a general, heavy fall of snow throughout the Lake states and the Missouri and Mississippi valleys, which has added to the distress of the situation by tying up traffic in many instances and preventing the measures for relief that would be taken promptly under circumstances more nearly normal. Telegraph and telephone companies have experienced trouble and their wires in virtually every section.

Chicago Poor Suffer. Chicago seems to have led the country in the intensity of the suffering caused by untoward and unexpected weather conditions. It is estimated that the number of unemployed in the city is not less than 150,000, and that it may be much greater than that. There are at least 1200 in the municipal lodging-house and the various police stations tonight, while the number cared for by private charities cannot be estimated with any degree of accuracy. There is a cutting wind, which seems to make Chicago's 15 degrees below zero fully equivalent to 25 degrees below.

The streets are a glare of ice. Horses have been falling all day and the police societies have been called upon to put several to death.

There has been an official effort to relieve the more acute cases, but difficulties of transportation have made these efforts only partially effective.

Food Famine Serious. An order was issued today to double the allotment of food and fuel made to the poor, but those who could not call for and deliver their own supplies in many instances were compelled to go without.

Temperatures in many points in the Missouri and Upper Mississippi valleys have been the lowest in ten years. Forty degrees below zero was reported from Wisconsin and Minnesota to the north shore of Lake Superior cold records for a quarter of a century have been broken.

Many Deaths Reported. A dozen deaths were reported in Chicago as attributable to the cold, and this ratio is believed to have been maintained throughout the country. A news agency from the north reported that even the morgues have been thrown open as places of shelter, so great is the demand upon the authorities.

From St. Louis, Omaha, Kansas City and other Western cities come similar stories. The streetcar service of St. Louis was brought to a complete stop by the heavy fall of snow, though St. Louis, with a temperature five degrees below zero, was one of the relatively warm cities of the valley.

It was much colder in the northwestern part of Missouri and in Omaha.

Gas Supply Frozen. A Kansas City courier added discomfort of a frozen gas supply. Many thousands of families depend upon gas exclusively for heat as well as light and were prodded with neither substitute fuel nor stoves in which to burn it. These instances were frequent and many of them were acute. Those who had facilities for burning gas were confronted with the greed of dealers who charged exorbitant prices.

Reports from the country districts are uniformly that livestock are suffering from cold and hunger, but it has been a prosperous fall and most of the farmers are supplied with feed and are able to maintain the situation as well as they are able to move about more freely. It is doubtful whether there will be any serious loss in this regard.

More discouraging than tonight's weather itself is the fact that the weather forecasters at local points and at Washington, hold out little hope for immediate improvement. Everything points to at least another day of bitter cold, and it may last indefinitely—the forecasters themselves will not say. Sunday, at least, will be in every respect a repetition of Saturday, they say, except that it may be worse.

PORTLAND IS CUT OFF (Continued from First Page.)

The Portland Railway, Light & Power Company are all tied up.

Telephone service into and out of Portland was badly crippled last night. Both the Western Union and the Portland companies were at times reduced to one wire each. The Postal Company late last night was operating to Seattle and San Francisco direct, while the Western Union reached San Francisco by way of Chicago.

Astoria Rainfall Heavy. In the vicinity of Astoria a constant rain has been falling for the past 36 hours, accompanied by a cold east wind. Later in the day in the City of Astoria snow, which fell for a short time only.

According to information late last night the total rainfall for the past 24 hours in Astoria was 2.55 inches. At 11 o'clock the barometer stood at 30.20, which is indicative of colder weather, and with a moderate east wind, the city and the Columbia will be blocked with ice and slush.

To the north of Portland news comes that Centralia is experiencing one of the heaviest snow storms in several years and it has wrought considerable damage. Telegraph and telephone wires are down and the city, with the exception of one wire, is practically cut off from the outside world. The switchboard at the Centralia depot blew out in the afternoon, setting the station on fire, and hundreds of telephones in the city have been put out of commission by wires breaking under the weight of the snow.

Worst Storm Is Seen. At Chehalis a heavy snow storm of the winter is in progress. Many of telegraph and telephone wires are out of

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THIRD AND MORRISON

CHICAGO LOSING FAVOR

ST. LOUIS AND BALTIMORE CONVENTION POSSIBILITIES.

City on Lake Limits Money Offer to Expenses Only and Insists on Auditing Bills.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—Among members of the National Committee in the city, the belief is growing that the contest for the Democratic convention soon will narrow down to Baltimore and St. Louis. New York and Denver, however, will continue in the fight to the end. Each of the four cities named, it is said, will make an offer of \$100,000 to cover the expenses of the convention and to be put to such future use as the committee desires.

Chicago's chance for the convention is said to be suffering from two handicaps. A number of the Democrats are opposed to meeting in convention, "dedicated" only a week or two ahead by the Republicans. Chicago's monetary offering is said to be limited strictly to the expenses of the convention, the Chicago convention committee to audit all bills.

Urey Woodson, secretary of the National Committee, expressed the belief today that no action would be taken looking to Presidential primaries.

"The expenses will be far beyond our means," he said. "It cost the Democrats \$40,000 to hold primaries in Kentucky alone."

ROOSEVELT FELS TREES

Despite Vow of Silence, Colonel Is Again in State of Siege.

OYSTER BAY, N. Y., Jan. 6.—Colonel Roosevelt and half a dozen other men chopped down trees today in the woods surrounding the ex-President's home at Sagamore Hill. When Colonel Roosevelt was not wielding an ax he was giving directions. To all inquirers the Colonel sent word that he would say nothing.

After more than a year of comparative obscurity Oyster Bay is again achieving prominence. When his unsuccessful tour through New York State, in 1910, in behalf of Henry L. S. Republican candidate for Governor, ended, Colonel Roosevelt went into retirement, but as a result of recent political developments Sagamore Hill once more is in a state of siege. Despite Colonel Roosevelt's refusal to talk politics, a squad of correspondents has camped in the village.

Revival Meetings to Close. The engagement of Dr. Herbert Yell at the Central Christian Church revival will close Sunday night. An effort has been made to persuade Mr. Yell to remain another week, but he says he is late for his next meeting at Bloomington, Ill. A movement is on foot to obtain the doctor's promise to return for an extended meeting.

CELLO BRIDGE OPENED

ACROSS THE COLUMBIA RIVER

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