

CONFIRMS ORCHARD

Steve Adams Reveals Dark Secrets of Inner Circle.

COMPLETE TO SMALLEST DETAIL

Oregon Suspect Breaks Down Under Solitary Confinement and Tells of Steunenberg Murder.

Boise, Idaho, March 3.—The Statesman says this morning:

"The Statesman is authorized to announce that Steve Adams, arrested at Haines, Or., on February 20, in connection with the Steunenberg assassination, has made a full and sweeping confession. This second confession is far more important than that made by Harry Orchard."

This is the statement made for publication last evening by James McParland, the detective, in the presence of Governor Gooding and J. H. Hawley, who is in charge of the prosecution.

Mr. McParland added that Adams' confession fully and exactly corroborated that made by Orchard at every point touched upon by both. Moreover, Mr. McParland continued, Adams knows far more of the workings of the "Inner Circle" than Orchard did and was able to give a mass of detailed information that Orchard's confession did not cover.

The confession of Adams, he said, corroborated that given by Orchard in every substantial point connected with the assassination of ex-Governor Steunenberg. Adams, however, was not at Caldwell at the time of the assassination, nor was Orchard at the time of the unsuccessful effort in November. The man who assisted Orchard on the latter occasion, as set forth in Orchard's confession, was Jack Simpkins. Still another statement made by the detective was that the Adams confession gave the details of a large number of murders that were not referred to in any manner by Orchard. It was further stated that the confession had been reduced to writing, signed and acknowledged. It was a voluminous document, covering a greater field and in more detail than that made by Orchard.

RUN OUT AMERICAN SILVER.

Canadian Banks Collect and Deport It at a Good Profit.

New Westminster, B. C., March 3.—A clean sweep of American silver from the Dominion of Canada has been devised by the Dominion government, and the banks of Canada, on arrangement with the government, put the law into force today. The banks are to collect all the American silver, in all about \$600,000, and transmit the same to the agency for the Bank of Montreal at New York, receiving gold in exchange. This amount will then be replaced in circulation by Canadian coin, while on the \$800,000 the banks will get three-eighths of one per cent, and also on all shipments made hereafter the percentage will be the same.

With the silver market in the present condition, the Dominion government should make about \$400,000 on the deal, besides giving the bank a fair profit and also putting into circulation much Canadian silver that has been held in check by the American money. On several occasions in former years the banks have endeavored to terminate the circulation of American silver by placing a discount on it, but it was found that, in spite of this, the coin was in circulation, but never went to the banks.

However, there will now be no discount on American silver, but the banks will not pay it out. Three-quarters of the silver in circulation in Southern British Columbia is of American origin. The main point the government claims in putting this scheme into operation is to get Canadian currency into circulation.

Failure Again Threatens.

Washington, March 3.—While no immediate break in the conference at Algiers is expected by the government, the negotiations there have reached the stage which, according to the reports received here, threaten the failure of the conference unless there is a change in the attitude of Germany. A long conference occurred at the State department today between Secretary Root and M. Juserand, the French ambassador, during which the negotiations at Algiers were the main subject under discussion.

Deep Snow Covers Utah.

Salt Lake City, March 3.—The heaviest snow storm of the winter prevailed last night and today throughout the inter-mountain country. The storm center is moving east and today is over Colorado. The weather is moderately cold. In Salt Lake City and at several other Utah points the snowfall was fully 18 inches. At Fort Douglas, just beyond the eastern limit of Salt Lake City, the snow lies three feet deep and is badly drifted.

First Infantry at Malta.

Valetta, Island of Malta, March 3.—The United States transport Kilpatrick and the transport McClellan, having the First Infantry on board, arrived here today from Gibraltar on their way to Manila.

ARMY IS READY.

All Details Arranged to Send 25,000 Men to China.

Washington, March 2.—It is possible today to give for the first time the details of the preparations which the War department is making for an invasion of China. In case of necessity, which to military minds seems imminent, it is the intention of the government to dispatch 20,000 regulars from the United States to join a Philippine force of 5,000 men for an expedition to the Chinese empire.

The troops for the Oriental service have been selected, the posts from which they will be taken are named in the plans and the proper allotment has been made among the various branches of the service. Not only has this been done by the officers who have been working out the invasion scheme, but they have perfected a plan for the distribution of the troops which will remain in the United States, so that they may be available in case of home disturbances.

The scheme of invasion as at present contemplated is with the view principally of a combination of the American forces with those of other powers, but a subsidiary arrangement has been made to meet the possibility that the United States will be forced to act alone.

If the situation in China demands the dispatching of American soldiers for a march to Peking, within three weeks of the time of the call to arms there will not be a regular infantryman left within the borders of the United States, for it is the intention of the department to send its full force into the field, save only the infantrymen doing duty in the Philippines.

As stated in previous dispatches, the officers of the War College have estimated that 100,000 men will be necessary to make an invading force strong enough to conduct a successful campaign against Peking. If by an unfortunate trend of events it should become necessary that America act alone, there would be no attempt at the outset to reach the Forbidden City. Tentative plans, in case America goes alone into the fight, contemplate a joint army and navy expedition to seize one of the greater coast towns in China. This might or might not have an effect on the Chinese government, but because of recent events, it would seem all powerful in the control of its affairs, and as a consequence such a seizure might be of little avail, save possibly for indemnity purposes.

RAISE PAY OF RURAL CARRIERS.

Cortelyou Recommends an Increase When Routes are Adjusted.

Washington, March 2.—This statement has been furnished the Associated Press for transmission:

"In the matter of rural carriers' pay, it can be authoritatively stated that there is no disposition on the part of the Postoffice department to cut rates. On the contrary, the department has strongly recommended the advisability of congressional consideration of the subject, looking to more adequate compensation.

"In the recent readjustments to complete county service, the number of routes reduced in mileage has exceeded the number increased. These conditions have resulted in lowering the pay of the carriers somewhat. Until the service is completed throughout the country, the average of carriers' salaries based upon present legal allowance will naturally fluctuate from time to time as routes are increased or decreased in length. Under the so-called new rural policy of the department, out of a total of 34,938 routes installed up to February 1, but 27 had been discontinued. These discontinuances were mostly due to readjustments in order to complete service in counties."

Continues Present Rates.

Washington, March 2.—President Roosevelt today issued a proclamation imposing the rates of duties provided by section 3 of the Dingley act upon imports from Germany in return for Germany's concession of minimum tariff rates on United States products. The articles and rate of duty named in the president's proclamation are the same as those now in force, which would have been terminated yesterday, but for the recent action of the German government in giving this country the benefit of its minimum tariff.

Report on Female and Child Labor.

Washington, March 1.—The house of committee on labor decided today to make a favorable report on a bill appropriating \$300,000 for a compilation of full statistics by the department of Commerce and Labor on the condition of women and child workers throughout the United States. This bill grew out of the movement inaugurated by Governor Curtis Guild, of Massachusetts, for the investigation of labor conditions.

Shaw Opposes Souvenir Coins.

Washington, March 2.—Secretary Shaw, of the Treasury department, appeared today before the house committee on industrial arts and exhibitions to discuss the bill providing appropriations for the Jamestown Tercentennial Exposition. He expressed emphatic disapproval of the provision of the bill for the coinage of 1,000,000 \$2 silver pieces upon which the exposition desires to realize \$600,000 profit on the cost of senioreage.

Aid Sent to Famine Sufferers.

Washington, March 2.—The National Red Cross today cabled to the Japanese Red Cross \$5,000, making a total of \$27,000 contributed by the American people and transmitted to Japan through that organization for relief of the famine sufferers.

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

BOOM IN ORCHARD LANDS.

Homeseekers Looking for Locations on Hood River.

Hood River — That Hood River is getting its share of the colonist traffic is indicated by the fact that ten families have arrived here this week looking for land. The newcomers are from Minnesota, North Dakota, Kansas and Missouri. They are anxious to go into apple growing, and real estate men are busy showing them over the valley. Each day records several purchases of land which is now set to apple trees or will be cleared for that purpose, and indications are that there will be a still greater demand for fruit land.

The homeseekers who have arrived say many more will come as soon as spring opens in the Middle West, people there being slow to believe that spring is so much earlier here.

Real estate purchases are not confined to Eastern people, as Portland men are investing in apple lands, going as far as back of Mount Hood. They are relying on the effect the Mount Hood railroad will have on land in the upper valley. This road is now nearing completion, and the first car of freight was shipped over it last week, consigned to Moro. Much of the wood formerly burned in clearing fruit lands will soon be marketable at a nominal expense, thus reducing the cost of clearing land. The warm wet weather of the past few days has started plant life into activity and berry growers will soon commence cultivating.

Room for Settlers in Umatilla.

Pendleton — The rapid manner in which Umatilla county is being settled has drawn attention of late to the fact that there is much good wheat land left on what was once the Umatilla Indian reservation. A tract of this land was bought by the government in 1897 and sold in parcels at low prices to settlers. In many cases 80 acres out of a quarter section are to be found, on different parts of the reservation, which were then thought useless. With proper attention this land may yet become as good as the land that was sold. Some of the land sold then, near Weston, Athena and Adams, at from \$10 to \$20 an acre, grows wheat of the finest quality.

Goes to Brazil as Missionary.

Pacific University, Forest Grove — Miss Grace C. Wood, who has been an instructor in Tualatin academy for the past three years, having come to Pacific from Drury college, Mo., has left for Brazil to engage in missionary work, for which she will be peculiarly adapted. Her position will be filled immediately by Mr. Zimmerman, from Riverside academy, Portland. Before going to Brazil to commence her work, she will attend the missionary convention, which is held at Nashville, Tenn., and from there she will go direct to Brazil.

Return Money to Counties.

Salem — State Superintendent of Instruction J. H. Ackerman, one of the promoters of the Educational congress at the Lewis and Clark fair, has prepared his report of receipts and expenditures of the committee. The money which Mr. Ackerman is accounting for was donated on his solicitation by the counties for expenses of the congress. There is a balance of \$269.86, which will be returned to the counties in proportion to the amount contributed. In all, \$1,944.86 was received.

Building Boom on at Baker.

Baker City — The excavation for a one story stone building at First and Court streets, to cost about \$6,000, marks the beginning of the building boom for which the architects have been preparing all winter. In the next six months more building will be done in Baker City than during any previous year in the history of the place. Plans have been made and contracts let for a large number of big business blocks, and many fine residences and cottages will be erected.

School District of "First Class."

Salem — State Superintendent Ackerman has gone to Hood River to assist in the campaign for the organization of a school district of the first class by consolidating six country districts. The object of the consolidation is to establish graded schools, and a district high school. Under the law a majority of voters in each district, as they now exist, must vote in favor of the consolidation. It is thought all the Wasco districts are favorably inclined except one, and public sentiment favorable to consolidation is gaining ground there.

Logging Road on Rock Creek.

La Grande — Work has been resumed on the Grand Ronde Lumber company's railroad up Rock creek. A large amount of the grading and several miles of tracklaying were completed last year, but work was discontinued on account of the winter weather. It is the intention now to continue the work until the road is completed. The road will be used exclusively in bringing logs to the river from an extensive timber district in the Rock creek territory.

Creamery at Wallowa.

Wallowa — The Wallowa Building association has begun work on the creamery to be installed by the Blue Mountain Creamery company, of La Grande. The ice house is to be finished by April 1. The same company will also have a plant at Enterprise. This will secure a profitable industry to the farmers of Wallowa valley which is a perfect dairy country.

PRIMARY LAW CONSTRUED.

Candidate May Run for Office on Two Different Tickets.

Salem — That one man may be the candidate of both political parties has been decided by Attorney General Crawford in an opinion rendered in response to an inquiry from W. J. Moore, district attorney at Lakeview. The hypothetical case submitted was that of a candidate who, in the primaries, was on both the Republican and the Democratic tickets and received a plurality vote for the office in each instance. The ruling of the attorney general is that the office seeker thereby becomes the nominee of both parties, and his name must be so printed on the general ballot at the election in June.

The same would be true if a man were an aspirant for a Republican nomination and his name were written into the Democratic primary ballots, thereby giving him a plurality of the Democratic votes.

Catch Salmon in Closed Season.

Grants Pass — Fishermen on Rogue river, taking lessons from the cannerymen on the Columbia, are doing a big business even if the season is closed. Last year they shipped from Grants Pass and Merlin over 200 tons of fish to Portland. This year the shipments will amount to considerable more, as they are shipping more than a ton a day. A set net on the Illinois river, about 20 miles from where it empties into Rogue river, is daily making big catches of fine salmon. Fishermen on Rogue river are also doing a good business.

Fruit Cannery at La Grande.

La Grande — An Eastern syndicate, through its special agent, George T. Powers, has purchased from the Oregon Produce company the large storage warehouse No. 2. In addition to the plant purchased, Mr. Powers left instructions with his agent here to select sites for a cannery, fruitdrier, a jelly, vinegar and cider factory. The Oregon Produce company retains warehouse No. 1, and will buy and sell, but will not take fruit on storage or consignment. It will give possession of warehouse No. 2 June 1.

Elk for Harney County.

Burns — J. E. Wallace has returned from the southern part of Harney county, where he went to get an elk presented to the Harney County Fair association by the Pacific Livestock company. It will be mounted and placed in the taxidermy display at the pavilion. The large elk on exhibition at the Lewis and Clark exposition was sold for \$250 before the Harney county exhibit of birds and animals was returned.

Sheep Bring High Price.

Pendleton — About 10,000 head of yearling sheep have been purchased from Umatilla county stockmen within a few days by John Howard, of Dakota, the ruling price being \$3 a head. Those from whom purchases were made are A. Knotts, Charles Johnson, Douglas Belts and Charles Matthews. None of the sheep were select stock.

Inspecting the Sugar Plants.

La Grande — H. T. Dyer, of Ogden, Utah, general manager of the Amalgamated sugar factories, is in the city on a tour of inspection. F. G. Taylor, of Logan, Utah, accompanied Mr. Dyer and will take the place of factory superintendent at La Grande, succeeding Charles Woodhouse, who has resigned.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat — Club, 67@68c; bluestem, 68@70c; red, 65@66c; valley, 71@72c.
Oats — No. 1 white, feed, \$28@29; gray, \$27.50@28.50 per ton.
Barley — Feed, \$23.50@24 per ton; brewing, \$24@24.50; rolled, \$24@25.
Buckwheat — \$2.25 per cental.
Hay — Eastern Oregon timothy, \$13@14 per ton; valley timothy, \$8@9; clover, \$7.50@8; cheat, \$6@7; grain hay, \$7@8.
Fruits — Apples, \$1@2.50 per box; cranberries, \$12.50@14.50 per barrel.
Vegetables — Cabbage, 1½¢ per pound; cauliflower, \$2 per crate; celery, \$4.75@5 per crate; sprouts, 6½¢@7¢ per pound; squash, 1½¢@1½¢ per pound; turnips, 90¢@1.10 a sack; carrots, 65¢@75¢ per sack; beets, 85¢@1.10 per sack.
Onions — Oregon, No. 1, 65¢@70¢ a sack; No. 2, nominal.
Potatoes — Fancy graded Burbanks, 60¢@70¢ per hundred; ordinary, nominal; sweet potatoes, 2¼¢@2½¢ per pound.
Butter — Fancy creamery, 27½¢@30¢ per pound.
Eggs — Oregon ranch, 16@16½¢ per dozen.
Poultry — Average old hens, 13@14¢ per pound; mixed chickens, 12½¢@13¢; broilers, 20¢@22¢; young roosters, 12½¢; old roosters, 10¢@10½¢; dressed chickens, 14¢@15¢; turkeys, live, 16¢@17¢; turkeys, dressed, choice, 18¢@20¢; geese, live, 8¢@9¢; geese, dressed, 10¢@12¢; ducks, 16¢@18¢.
Hops — Oregon, 1905, choice, 10¢@10½¢; prime, 8½¢@9¢; medium, 7¢@8¢; olds, 5¢@7¢.
Wool — Eastern Oregon average base, 16¢@21¢; valley, 24¢@26¢ per pound mohair, choice, 30¢ per pound.
Beef — Dressed bulls, 2¼¢@3¢ per pound; cows, 3¼¢@4¼¢ per pound; country steers, 4¢@5¢.
Mutton — Dressed, fancy, 8¼¢@9¢ per pound; ordinary, 4¢@5¢; lambs, 9¢@9½¢.
Veal — Dressed, 3¼¢@3¢ per pound.
Pork — Dressed, 6¢@6¢ per pound.

SAYS WORK IS BEING DONE.

Harrison Returns From Panama and Praises Canal Officials.

New York, Feb. 28.—Ex-Congressman Francis Burton Harrison returned to New York yesterday after a trip of six weeks through Central America. One week of that time he spent in investigating the work of digging the Panama canal. He is convinced, he says, that the administration ought to be upheld in its task. Mr. Harrison found that, although a Democrat, the officials engaged in the canal work were eager to inform him about it. They seemed to have nothing to conceal, and they had work there, he said, to show for their efforts. He found esprit de corps among the higher officials, and he continued:

"Mr. Stevens is working to establish it all along the line. With the minor officials, who are appointed by the civil service, there is little of the spirit necessary for the right kind of work. They seem to fear that Washington will change the plans and change jobs. I think that the canal commissioners should be there on the ground. It would help a vast deal. Not all of them would be necessary—two or three might do. More work would be accomplished."

Mr. Harrison was asked if he approved of the plans for the building of the canal.

"I think it would be folly," he replied, "to array any party against such a work. Criticism might be all right, but not as partisan criticism."

"I believe the canal is being dug honestly, efficiently, and with earnestness and intelligence. Any observant traveler could offer minor criticism as to what has been done and what is being left undone, but we are not dealing with trivialities there, nor is the canal commission to be held accountable like the house committee of a social club. We are building a great canal, and it is going to be built."

BURIAL OF JONES' BONES.

Naval Hero Will Be Interred at Annapolis With Ceremony.

Annapolis, Md., Feb. 28.—Secretary of the Navy Bonaparte, General Horace Porter, Governor Warfield of Maryland and Admiral Sands were in conference yesterday relative to the interment of the remains of Admiral John Paul Jones April 24, the anniversary of his victory over the British frigate Drake. The body of the great sea fighter will on that date be removed from the temporary vault, in which it was placed upon its return to this country, to the handsome memorial hall in the new midshipmen's quarters, and not, as had been expected, to the crypt of the new chapel, as that will not be ready in time for the ceremony.

While all the details have not been arranged, the ceremonies of April 24, which will be held in the armory of the naval academy, will be presided over by Secretary of the Navy Bonaparte, and addresses will be made by President Roosevelt, General Porter, Governor Warfield and the French ambassador, M. Juserand. It was decided to make the display a purely naval one except that various patriotic societies throughout the country will be invited to attend and participate.

AROUSED AGAINST FOREIGNERS.

Whole Population Hostile, Encouraged by Viceroy of Canton.

Manila, Feb. 28.—A leading American firm in this city has received the following cable from Canton:

"The boycott has greatly encouraged the anti-foreign feeling. Teachers, reformers, agitators and the native newspapers now have the power of that association behind them, causing a remarkable growth in the reform party and secret societies, while the anti-foreign, anti-dynastic viceroy of Canton, by his autocratic ruling and his antagonistic attitude to the foreign consuls, encourages the masses of the people in their anti-foreign feeling."

"In the prefecture of Chang Chew, near Amoy, recent outrages against foreign consular procedure, approved by Peking, has strengthened the revolutionary forces, who are now eager to try conclusions with the government."

"In a portion of China between the Yangtze valley and the Hongkong district, dangerous anti-foreign feeling exists which is likely to break out at any moment."

Refuse to Stand Examination.

New York, Feb. 28.—The Mutual Reserve Life Insurance company gave out a statement today relative to the withdrawal of the company from the state of Missouri. The withdrawal followed a discussion as to an examination of the company by Missouri examiners at the expense of the company. The Mutual Reserve objected to the expense in prospect, holding that it was excessive and illegal. The company's estimate of the minimum cost of the examination is \$8,000, while the superintendent's is \$5,000.

Stop Emuggling of Arms.

Helsingfors, Finland, Feb. 28.—In order to check the constant attempts to smuggle arms and ammunition into Finland for the use of the Finnish and Russian revolutionists, the Finnish administration has decided to charter two additional steamers, and to increase the number of posts and guards controlling the fjords. Four chests of dynamite and rifle cartridges were confiscated by the Helsingfors customs.

Kills State Primary Bill.

Des Moines, Ia., Feb. 28.—The state primary bill met defeat in the state senate today by a vote of 29 to 21. This ends the fight on this subject for this legislature.

KILLS TIMBER BILL

Repeal of Timber and Stone Laid on Table.

NO HOPE NOW FOR ITS REVIVAL

Three Northwestern Members of House Oppose Measure Favored by President and Commission.

Washington, March 1.—By a vote of 9 to 4 the house public lands committee today voted to table the bill to repeal the timber and stone act and substitute therefor a law authorizing the sale of mature public timber at its appraised value. The action of the committee in line with its action taken in the congress, and effectively kills the pending bill, which was endorsed by the president and the public lands commission. The committee's action makes it impossible to bring the bill up on the floor of the house, even for discussion.

Mondell, Wyoming, French, Idaho and Dixon, Montana, are among those against repeal.

The public lands commission, after a careful study of the operation of the timber and stone law, condemned and recommended its repeal and substitution of a law which would permit the government to realize something like the real value of its timber. Such a law as recommended by the commission and favored by the committee would yield from 100,000 to 150,000 acres for the choice lands of the West, where the government now receives a beggarly 25¢. Moreover, a law such as proposed would tend to put a stop to the timber monopoly that has been taken in the Pacific Coast states, that it would require lumbermen to pay a fair price for timber, instead of permitting them to get it for a nominal sum.

The most vigorous opponent of repeal on the house committee is Mr. Mondell, who believes in legislating under the best conditions in his own state, notwithstanding the effect on the rest of the country. Mr. Mondell contends that the timber and stone act has been beneficial to Wyoming. The timber of that state perhaps worth no more than 25¢ per acre, for the Wyoming forests compare with those of the Northwestern states, either in extent or in quality of timber. Mr. Mondell argues that, inasmuch as the act has benefited Wyoming and has led to no other benefit, therefore it must have benefited the entire West and should not be repealed.

KAISER GETS READY.

Fortifies Kiaochou and Prepares China Squadron for Action.

Berlin, March 1.—Admiral von Tirpitz stated in the reichstag Wednesday that the government had decided to fortify Kiaochou in order that it be made impregnable from both land and water sides. He expressed the belief that German residents of port were in danger from a threatened uprising in China.

This is the first admission official that Germany is anxious as to the outcome of the present anti-foreign agitation throughout China, and is here to mean that the situation is more serious than formerly has been admitted.

The German warships on the Chinese station were recently ordered and are in readiness for any action that may become necessary to protect German interests at any point on the Chinese coast. Arrangements have been completed by which the admiral in command is keeping in touch with the German embassy at Peking, and will act under orders from there. Vessels in the squadron, according to the latest advices, are well provisioned and coaled and ready for action at any moment's notice.

Increased Postal Appropriation.

Washington, March 1.—The committee of the committee of offices and postroads, which has been considering appropriations for the office department, practically adopted the bill today, fixing the appropriation for the department at about \$190,000 or \$10,000,000 more than the appropriation. The bill provides some changes in the department's methods and contains a provision to prevent the shipment of anything but actual mail matter through the mails of the government.

Government Has a Surplus.

Washington, March 1.—For the first time since May 1, 1904, when the government made its payment of \$50,000,000 for the Panama canal property, \$4,600,000 was loaned to the Louisiana Purchase Exposition company. Daily statements issued today show the fiscal year a surplus of receipts over expenditures. The surplus amounts to \$1,102,003. This is regarded by the treasury officials as remarkably fine showing.

Castro Not Aggressive.

Washington, March 1.—Senator Chibrias, the newly appointed chargé d'affaires of Venezuela, who arrived in this city last night, took charge of the condition of affairs here. He stated that nothing new had developed. He said that President Castro had no aggressive plans.