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PORTLAND MAN IS ARRESTED FOR THEFT OF MAIL POUCH

James Whilen Held In Connection With Larceny of \$18,000.

WAS TAKEN OFF STEAMER HUMBOLDT

Accused Man Is Proprietor of Notorious Saloon in Rose City.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 4.—James Whilen, proprietor of a notorious saloon in this city has been arrested in connection with the larceny of a mail pouch containing \$18,000 from the steamer Humboldt en route from Alaska last September. He was arrested on complaint of the United States post office department.

COST OF WOOL GOODS SMALL

President Gooding of National Association, Talks to Portland Convention.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 4.—The convention of the National Wool Growers opened here today with fifteen hundred delegates present. President Fred W. Gooding of Idaho, made his annual report reviewing the tariff conditions as affecting the wool industry, demanding laws for the humane treatment of livestock in transit, denouncing the exorbitant rates charged by the railroads for transportation of wool. Pointing to \$65 suit he had on, Gooding declared the material in suit cost but eight dollars, the rest being for labor and manufacturer's profits. A telegram from Senator Warren of Wyoming denouncing the "dam muck-rakers" for meddling with the tariff, met with great applause. The credentials committee will report tomorrow.

The Oregon Wool Growers today endorsed the Panama-Pacific exposition for San Francisco, elected all the old officers and selected Baker City as the next place of meeting.

ALLIANCE IN EARLY TODAY

Steamship Arrives From Portland and Sails For Eureka This Afternoon.

The Alliance arrived in from Portland early today and sailed this afternoon for Eureka. She had a good cargo of freight and a fair passenger list. She will probably return here Friday and sail the same day or early Saturday for Portland.

Among those arriving on the Alliance were the following: Moore and wife, Mrs. R. S. Davenport, Mary Wilson, F. Wolford, H. Kersten, A. Detmering, Thos. McNish, G. Wilson, J. Wilson, A. Weldman, F. Wagemann, W. Jess, F. Traverso, H. Hale, R. Stain.

CHEER UP. "It's a good man's fault" is the last stand of the Won't-Quits! Try The Times' Want Ads.

WATER WORKS IS DISCUSSED

Councilman Albrecht Wants Municipal System Investigated—Other Matters

The question of securing a municipal waterworks system for Marshfield was brought up at last night's meeting of the city council by Councilman Albrecht who condemned the present service. Mr. Albrecht said that he believed the matter should be thoroughly investigated and unless better service could be secured from the present company that something should be done. Mr. Albrecht said that he believed that Mayor Straw had recommended this to the council in one of his annual messages and thought this would be an opportune time to have it taken up.

Mr. Albrecht said that the lack of pressure was fierce, that there was no mains in many parts of town, that water could not be obtained in many places to flush sewers and that many sections were practically without fire protection.

Mayor Straw said that the Coos Bay Water Company wanted the council to extend their franchise, which has seventeen years to run, so that they could issue twenty-five year bonds to raise funds to enlarge and improve the system.

Tom Coke said that one reason why he had opposed the anti-treating ordinance was because when a man saw the source of supply of the waterworks it made him feel as though he could never drink the water.

City Attorney Goss said that one of the best things about the present franchise was that it has only seventeen years to run. He said under it the city cannot force or require the company to do anything. He said the franchise was drafted by J. W. Bennett for himself so that the council could imagine the benefits the city enjoyed under it.

Finally Councilman Cottle was instructed to consult Manager Flanagan of the Coos Bay Water Company and see what they would do.

Other Business. Councilman Albrecht wanted some other unfinished matters closed up now.

One of these is the water right which Robert Marsden claims on the city park. Mr. Albrecht said that he thought this title should be cleared.

City Attorney Goss said that Mr. Marsden or rather the Bennett Trust company, in whose name the title now is, had a water right. He said that he didn't think it was any good but that probably the holders would retain it in hopes of holding up the city for a good sum for it some day.

There was talk of condemning the old water tower, which stands partly in the streets, and ordering it torn down. The matter will be further investigated.

Mr. Albrecht also wanted the title to the old cemetery cleared and the Southern Oregon Company required to replat its addition around it in proper shape.

As Elijah Smith is soon to return, a committee of the city council will confer with him about it.

TRouble in PORTUGAL. (By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

MADRID, Jan. 3.—A dispatch from Vigo Aras says the garrison at Valencia De Minho, Portugal, has been confined to the barracks upon order from Lisbon and troops have been ordered to move at a moment's notice.

Take German Cough Cure for that cough.—RED CROSS DRUG STORE

LONDON AROUSED OVER BATTLE

Great Excitement Over Burning of Anarchistic Gang Who Are Thought to Have Committed Suicide.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

LONDON, England, Jan. 4.—The public excitement on the hunting down of the anarchistic burglar gang continues to be great. Immense crowds assembled today at the scene of yesterday's battle, the like of which has not been known in the history of London's police department.

The claim is established apparently that the building was fired by the desperadoes who, seeing escape impossible, set fire to the building and committed suicide. The police believe some of the gang used anarchy to cloak their crimes. It is also established that women were associated with the gang's operations.

NO PROFANITY MASON PLEDGE

Three Hundred Masons At An Iowa Banquet Take Unusual Vow.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., Jan. 4.—Exactly at the hour of midnight three hundred Masons seated at a banquet table in the new consistory temple in this city, celebrated St. John's day by registering a mental vow never again to utter profane language. The vow was taken at the suggestion of Grand Master Frederick Craig of Des Moines, who was the guest of honor and the principal speaker of the evening. Louis Block of Davenport also spoke.

PLOT TO AID WARS IS FOUND

Americans Alleged to Be Behind Uprisings in Honduras and Mexico.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 4.—Further than a guarded statement that agents of the Department of Justice are watching any violation of the neutrality laws in connection with the revolutionists in Mexico and Honduras, no information of the latest development referred to in the Chicago dispatch is available at the Department of Justice today.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

NEW ORLEANS, La., Jan. 4.—The report published in Chicago that the government is investigating the alleged connection of Chicago capitalists with the revolutions merely elicited smiles from New Orleans men who have had more or less to do with filibustering expeditions from this port.

NO STATEMENT MADE. Government Officials Will Not Discuss Chicago Story.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

CHICAGO, Ill., Jan. 4.—The Record-Herald today prints a news article in part as follows: "Carefully laid plans of Chicago and New York capitalists, owners of silver and copper mines in Northern Mexico and Honduras to finance revolutionists in progress in Central American countries, coupled with the attempted dispatching of two filibustering expeditions into the war scene, have been unearthed in Chi-

Three women are in custody.

The casualties of yesterday's battle are five policemen, a sergeant of the Scottish Guards and half a dozen spectators who were wounded by bullets. Two firemen were seriously wounded, and three slightly hurt in the collapse of the burning building. Three bodies of supposed members of the gang have been recovered from the ruins.

THINK IT BAD ERROR.

English Papers Criticize Killing of Anarchists.

LONDON, England, Jan. 4.—A number of London and provincial papers criticize severely the mauling of so large a body of police and soldiers, to "destroy a little nest of outlaws," and declare it was a mistake in police tactics which make Englishmen appear "ridiculous, and that the affair is one which the country will be glad to forget."

TWO KILLED IN AUTO CRASH

Employees of E. R. Scripps Victims of Accident In San Diego Today.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Jan. 4.—Through the skidding of an automobile running at fifty miles per hour today, Allie McMickan, a chauffeur in the employ of E. R. Scripps, the publisher, and L. E. Oakes, a bookkeeper for Scripps were killed and Miss Ivy Goss, a governess, badly injured. Miss Goss may not survive.

SEVERE QUAKE IN FAR EAST

Extensive Damage With Considerable Loss of Life In Turkish Province.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

TASHEKEBT, Asiatic Prussia, Jan. 4.—A violent earthquake in various points in Russian Turkestan occurred from 4 to 4:30 o'clock this morning. Many buildings were destroyed and there were a number of fatalities though the loss of life is not known. Great fissures opened in the ground. Practically all of the stores and residences at Vyrny, the capital of the Territory of Somryhetchensk, were destroyed or damaged. The city has a population of 23,000. Communication in the disturbed district is interrupted.

FELT IN LONDON.

Earthquake of Gigantic Proportions Is Recorded.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

LONDON, England, Jan. 4.—An earthquake of gigantic proportions was recorded by the seismograph in the observatory of West Bronwich, between 11:35 o'clock last night and 3:56 this morning, apparently three or four thousand miles eastward. The oscillation was so violent that the needle of the instrument collapsed.

More than ten agents of the department have been secretly investigating the war plot and arrests of several well-known financiers may result on the charge of violation of the United States neutrality laws. A "Jackpot" fund for financing the revolutions is said to aggregate several million dollars.

FIVE PERSONS ARE KILLED IN REAR END COLLISION TODAY

TOM COKE IS NEW PRESIDENT

Council Organize For Coming Year—Other Proceedings Last Night.

Last evening, R. A. Copple and Duncan Ferguson assumed their positions on the city council and that body was organized for the ensuing year. There was a question as to whether Ferguson or Copple should take J. N. Nelson's chair, but finally Mayor Straw decided that Copple should and the latter took the seat at the council table that has been occupied by the Nestor of the board.

For president of the council for the coming year, Councilman Powers nominated A. J. Savage for re-election. R. A. Copple nominated Thomas Coke and just as the council was about to proceed to vote by ballot, Councilman Powers withdrew the nomination of Mr. Savage and made Mr. Coke's election unanimous. Mr. Savage was not present last night.

Reserves Want Help.

One of the first matters to come before the new council was a petition from R. O. Graves that the city council contribute \$15 per month to the Marshfield Naval Reserves for armory rent for a few months when the Reserves hope, the state will appropriate money for this purpose. There was a lively debate over the matter, Councilman Ferguson urging it as doing something that was for the welfare of the young men of the city. Councilman Powers favored it. Councilman Copple said that he thought the council better think the matter over for a week. He said it was a bad precedent to quickly jump in and allow the city's money to be used for this and that especially at a time when he believed the city should retrench and cut out all unnecessary expenses. He said that he thought that the Reserves were a good thing and that he personally would contribute \$1 towards the subscription asked but that he did not favor the city granting the full amount without at least one week's consideration. He said that business men had already bought uniforms for the boys—a thing that should be done by the state and he didn't think the city of Marshfield should assume more state bills.

Mayor Straw said that he didn't like to advise the council about the matter because he was senior officer of the Reserves but that he would say that the organization was a good thing.

Councilman Coke took the same view as Mr. Copple and finally the matter was passed over for a week.

Anti-Treating Ordinance.

The anti-treating ordinance which was introduced at the last session of the city council was brought up again. Mayor Straw who had left before its introduction the first time wanted to know about it. He was told it had been introduced by request, having been handed to City Attorney Goss. Mr. Ferguson said that he didn't think ordinances should be considered unless the sponsors made their names known. Finally someone made a motion that if he referred back to City Attorney Goss with instructions to return it to the author. Mr. Goss did not inform the council who the author was but later it became known that Robert O. Graves had drafted it and given it to Mr. Goss to introduce.

Street Cleaning.

The council has reduced the expense of cleaning the streets by not having them cleaned so often. Front street and Central avenue are to be cleaned every day, part of the other down-town streets every other day and the outlying streets once a week.

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North Coast Limited Crashes Into Burlington at Cheney, Washington.

WAS RUNNING AT HIGH SPEED AT TIME

Unexplained Delay of Burlington Passenger In Taking Siding Causes Accident.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

SPOKANE, Wash., Jan. 4.—Rushing through the Northern Pacific yards at Cheney this morning, the North Coast Limited, No. 2, struck the rear cars of the Burlington Passenger, No. 42. Three coaches were wrecked and at least five persons were killed as follows:

- WALTER J. STARR of Seattle, express messenger of the North Coast Limited. G. L. WARREN, superintendent of Spokane Orphans Home. Residence near Davenport, Wash. D. OLIVER, porter, Chicago. W. MASON, porter of rear Pullman, No. 42, east bound. Unidentified man. O. E. BROWN of Omaha is missing.

One porter, whose name has not been ascertained, was fatally injured. Several are reported missing. The search of the wreckage continues.

The Burlington train was taking the siding to let the Limited pass. Before the last cars could clear the main track, the fast train crashed into the rear coaches.

A relief train of physicians and nurses was rushed from Spokane to the scene.

The Burlington arrived in Cheney in plenty of time to make the siding and there is an unexplained delay of five minutes. When he saw the Burlington train still on the main line with the North Coast coming at a terrific speed down the mile stretch of track approaching the yards, the engineer on the North Coast applied the air brakes but could not stop his train.

That the death list is no larger is due to the fact that only six persons were in the two rear Pullmans of the Burlington train.

HEAVY FINES FOR REBATING

Judge Welland Fixes Penalty of Pennsylvania Concerns at \$40,000 Each.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 4.—Following the government's prosecution of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad, the Lehigh Valley Railroad companies and the Bethlehem Steel Company, charged with unlawfully rebating, Judge Welland of the United States District court, inflicted a fine today in the tune of \$40,000 each. The defendants will appeal.

McCRACKLIN IS DEAD. (By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 4.—Commodore McCracklin passed away last night. He was one of the most noted military figures of the present day.

MEET WEDNESDAY NIGHT. Marshfield Lodge, No. 1160, B. P. O. E., will meet Wednesday night, January 4, to transact important business, and all members are urged to be present.

GEO. GOODRUM, Sec.