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LEATON CASE WILL PROBABLY GO TO JURY THIS EVENING

Expect Quick Verdict in Case of Accused Recorder of Eastside at Coquille.

DEFENDANT TESTIFIES IN HIS OWN BEHALF

Says He Had Sufficient Income to Pay Small Loses at Poker—Some Testimony

(Special to The Times.)

COQUILLE, Or., Dec. 17.—The case of W. J. Leaton, former Recorder of Eastside, who is on trial for the theft of \$3080 of the street funds of that municipality, will probably go to the jury late today.

Those who have been following the trial closely say that the verdict will be a quick one and many say that they expected a much stronger chain of circumstantial evidence against Leaton.

At noon Leaton was on the stand in his own behalf. The prosecution closed this morning with John Ferguson and Walter Butler of the First National Bank of Coos Bay as the last witnesses.

Leaton on the stand denied positively of having taken any of the money, told of having put in it greenbacks in long envelopes in the safe when he feared someone was going to attach his bank account and further said that the key to the cash drawer was locked inside the safe when he last closed the vault.

He admitted having played cards some but said that he did it for pleasure. He declared that the most money he had lost at cards was not over \$100.

He said that he had a fair income, receiving \$60 per month from the C. A. Smith Company, \$10 per month from the town of Eastside, in addition to his income for insurance premiums and real estate commissions.

Regarding his desertion from the army, Leaton said that after his enlistment he received a letter telling that his mother was critically ill. He couldn't get a furlough and so after talking with one of the officers of the post, succeeded in getting a brief leave of absence and then came home.

Everybody Lost at Poker. The evidence concerning the poker games in which Leaton played was rather funny, for the crowd for practically every witness told about losing money.

Louis Machino, the Jan servant of J. W. Bennett at Marshfield, testified that he had lost \$5 or \$10. He refused to state how much Leaton had lost.

D. A. Curry, of Marshfield, testified that he had won \$40 from Leaton in one game, and that was all he knew about.

Wm. Warren testified that he had been informed that Leaton had lost \$400 at poker, but he did not know this of his own knowledge.

Joe Sasser, Jack Carter and others testified about the poker games. This morning there was considerable argument between Prosecuting Attorney Liljeqvist and Attorney Graves, who is defending Leaton, as to the admission of evidence.

Jury in Case. The jury in the Leaton case who will soon return a verdict as to his innocence or guilt are:

Clyde Collier, bridge carpenter, of Coquille.

Ellis F. Dement, stockman, of Myrtle Point.

J. R. Sidwell, merchant, of Bandon.

D. R. Lewis, farmer, of Lee.

H. J. Isaacs, real estate man, of North Bend.

ENDS LIFE IN RAILWAY CAMP

Daniel Rakovsky Commits Suicide, Saying "Life Isn't Worth Struggle."

(Special to The Times.)

MYRTLE POINT, Or., Dec. 17.—Daniel Rakovsky, of Medillion, U. S. of Columbia, South America, who has been working in a Willett & Burr camp on the Smith-Powers line on the South Fork, shot himself with a .32 revolver, the bullet entering the mouth and coming out at the top of the head.

OLD COQUILLE PIONEER DEAD

A. H. Snyder Succumbs at home of Daughter, Mrs. C. H. Bunch, Near Coquille.

(Special to The Times.)

MYRTLE POINT, Or., Dec. 17.—A. H. Snyder, an old resident and pioneer of Coos county, died Monday night near Coquille at the home of his daughter, Mrs. C. H. Bunch.

The funeral will be held at Myrtle Point today at 11 a. m., and the services were conducted in the Brethren church by T. G. Bunch of the Seventh Day Adventist church, of which he was a member.

REPUBLICANS MEET AGAIN

Reduction of Representatives From Southern States Considered as One Remedy.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 17.—The Republican National Committee met again to conclude the reform measures undertaken to reunite the party, to clear the convention machinery of certain features, and to reduce representations in national conventions from the southern states and congressional districts which are regarded as hopelessly Democratic.

Only two propositions remained to be acted on today and a report from the special sub-committee offered a solution for each.

Under the proposals of the sub-committee the change in the representation would give to each state four delegates at large, one from each congressional district, and an additional delegate where the Republican vote bears a certain ratio to the total vote.

The exact ratio to determine when a district shall have an additional delegate has not been agreed upon.

The sub-committee presented a unanimous report for the modification of the party's rules, providing for recognition of the state primary rules, the acceptance of the right of the state to choose all or part of its delegates at large and agree that in the future conventions delegates presenting certificates from the proper state authorities should be placed on the temporary convention roll.

ENGLISH AUTHOR WINS

Thomas Hardy Gets Nobel Prize for Best Literature.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

LONDON, Dec. 17.—The Nobel prize for literature for 1912 is to be awarded, according to the Pall Mall Gazette, to Thomas Hardy, English author.

CAPT. HOLLAND left yesterday for Parkersburg to spend some time on the ranch with his brother, W. W. Holland.

The CATHOLIC LADIES will hold a LUNCHEON SATURDAY, DEC. 20. Articles of FANCY GOODS will also be on sale.

AGED MILITANT IS FREE AGAIN

Mrs. Pankhurst Successful With Her Hunger Strike and Ambulance is Called.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

LONDON, Dec. 17.—Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst was again released from the Holloway jail at noon today. She had been imprisoned since Saturday, when she was arrested while on her way from Paris to London.

She was in a state of collapse as the result of a "hunger strike" and was taken in an ambulance to the headquarters of the militant suffragettes, where a physician was waiting. Soon she will be able to go to Switzerland to recuperate.

BILL PASSAGE IS PREDICTED

Republican Senators Say Currency Measure Will Be Approved by Saturday.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 17.—Predictions that the currency bill would pass the Senate before Saturday night were made today by Senators Bristow, Burton and Callinger, Republican leaders, after they had rejected the overtures of Senator Horn, the Democratic leader, for an agreement to vote not later than Friday night.

SENATORS TO CONFER.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 17.—At a conference of the Democratic Senators tonight it is proposed to eliminate the deposits guarantee from the currency bill, change the "lawful money redemption" to make treasury notes redeemable in gold, and arrange, if possible, for a final vote Thursday night.

DECIDES MAN WAS MURDERED

FORMER TREASURER OF MOOSE LODGE AT THE DALLES, FOUND IN HOTEL WITH HIS SKULL CRUSHED.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

PORTLAND, Or., Dec. 17.—The Coroner decided today that C. A. Rudell, former treasurer of the Moose Lodge at The Dalles, Oregon, was a victim of murder and did not commit suicide. This is the result of an examination made of the man's stomach after he was found in the hotel here, with an empty poison bottle. Examination disclosed that Rudell had taken no poison into his mouth and no trace was found in his stomach, but the back of his skull was crushed.

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THE MESSAGE FROM SANTA CLAUS.



—Katten in New York Evening World.

AIGRETTES OF ACTRESS TAKEN

Game Warden Finley Seizes Forty-Eight Dozen Plumes From Vaudeville Player

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

PORTLAND, Dec. 17.—State Game Warden Finley has seized forty-eight dozen aigrettes from performers in a vaudeville company now appearing here. The plumes were worn only at performances in the theater and not on the street, but Warden Finley says he warned the theaters some time ago against having aigrettes worn on the stage, as the wearing of them is prohibited in Oregon. He has seized many of the forbidden plumes in the past few months.

BODIES OF 25 VICTIMS FOUND

Wives and Children of Dead Miners Throng Morgue for Glimpse of Bread Earners

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

NEWCASTLE, Colo., Dec. 17.—Twenty-five of the bodies of the thirty-seven miners killed in yesterday's explosion have been recovered from the Vulcan mine of the Rocky Mountain Fuel company. Three bodies have been located in rooms in the west entry.

With the coming of day women and children thronged the morgue for a glimpse of husbands, brothers and fathers. Tentative plans have been made for a general funeral.

MEETING IS TEMPERATE.

State-Wide Strike in Colorado Depends on Future Conditions.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

DENVER, Dec. 17.—The reports of the committees on Resolutions and Policy were matters of interest today at the session of the special state convention of union labor delegates. It seemed particularly certain that the convention would not issue a call for a state-wide strike in sympathy with the United Mine Workers of America now on strike in the coal fields. It seemed probable that the convention would confine itself to the appointment of a committee to call a state-wide strike if "it finds conditions warrant."

PRESIDENT RESUMES WORK.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 17.—President Wilson resumed his routine work today and received callers in his study in the White House.

HEARS SAD NEWS.

Death of Cardinal Rampolla Unknown to Pope Until Today.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

ROME, Dec. 17.—The death of Cardinal Rampolla, the former Papal Secretary of State, was not made known to the Pope until today. Cardinal Merry Del Val and Monsignor Giovanni Bressan, the Pope's private secretary, told him the news.

His Holiness ordered that the highest honors be paid to the deceased cardinal. It has been thought in many quarters that Cardinal Rampolla was the most likely candidate for the papal chair in case of the death of the Pope.

CONSUL LETCHER SAYS REPORTS OF MALTREATMENT ARE UNTRUE

SPANISH WILL BE INCLUDED

United States Undertakes to See They Are Protected as Well as Other Foreigners

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 17.—Through representations to General Villa by American Consul Letcher and through a message conveyed to the American consul at Hermosillo to General Carranza, the United States has successfully interceded in behalf of the Spaniards who complained of mistreatment when Chihuahua City was occupied by the Constitutionalists. Advice to the State Department today say that foreigners generally, with the exception of the Spaniards, have been respected, and the government, on the request of the Spanish ambassador, has undertaken to see that Spanish subjects are included in the protection given other foreigners.

VERMONT HAS MORE TROUBLE

Battleship Disabled Last Week Is Now in Tow of Delaware Across Atlantic Ocean.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Wireless messages from the battleship Vermont, which was disabled last week when she broke her shaft on the way home from the Mediterranean, state that on December 14 she was forced to reduce speed on account of additional trouble.

Some holding rivets of the port cross bearings were carried away, the message stated, and the following day she was forced to stop. The Vermont is now in tow of the battleship Delaware, proceeding at a three-knot speed for Norfolk, Va. Their position yesterday was 567 miles off the coast.

TO START ON NEW WHARVES

C. A. SMITH COMPANY WILL BEGIN DRIVING PILES FOR ONE SECTION OF WHARVES TOMORROW.

Actual construction of a section of the new wharves to be built by the C. A. Smith Lumber Company south of the Alliance dock will be started tomorrow, when a force of men will shift the company's pile driver at high tide from the harbor to the present wharf. The placing of piling opposite the lumber drying sheds of the company will be commenced as soon as the pile driver is in position.

This work will be rushed so that the drying sheds can be shifted eastward, out of the right-of-way of the Willamette Pacific Railway recently acquired through the company's yards. For the length of the drying sheds, the piling will be out into the harbor for a distance of sixty feet, allowing a space of twenty feet between the edge and the harbor line. This will provide just sufficient room to place the building out of the way of the railway company, so that the laying of tracks may be commenced on the right-of-way.

Officials of the C. A. Smith Company stated this morning that the rest of the dock construction would be commenced immediately upon the completion of the filling of Mill Slough and the building of bulkheads by the railway company. It was stated that the carrying out of this work before the fall is made would entail endless confusion and useless delay, so the main work will be commenced some time in March.

DE. MORTON PARDONED.

Julian Hawthorne's Accomplice in Frauds Freed by President.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 17.—Dr. William J. Morton, who served a term in the Atlanta penitentiary with Julian Hawthorne for complicity in mining stock frauds has been pardoned by President Wilson.

El Paso Dispatches of Discourtesy to Americans Are Declared Unfounded.

BRYAN SEES TROUBLE IN MEXICO CLEARING

Asks for Appropriation for Embassy Building—Has Confidence in Future.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 17.—Consul Letcher has advised the state department that many of the reports of maltreatment of Americans in Chihuahua are without foundation. The department issued the following statement: "Consul Letcher reports that many statements published in the El Paso press relative to the treatment of Americans since the entry of the Constitutionalists into Chihuahua are without foundation, as also are the reports of discourtesy to them on the part of the revolutionist leaders."

Rear Admiral Fletcher reported that normal conditions are being restored in Tampico. He reported that the weather had moderated and he had been able to transfer all the refugees back to Tampico. Rebels to the number of about 4000 are reported to be camping about 18 miles northward from Tampico.

BRYAN HAS CONFIDENCE.

Asks for Appropriation for Embassy Buildings in Mexico.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

Secretary Bryan has asked the House Foreign Affairs Committee to include in the pending diplomatic and consular appropriation bill \$150,000 each for embassy buildings in Mexico and Tokio. Asked if he did not think it would be advisable to pass over the Mexico City building for the present he replied that he had confidence in Mexico's future, and that there was no reason why the United States should hesitate about buying embassy property there.

Bryan emphasized that the government should provide embassies so that poor men would not hesitate to accept diplomatic posts. "We should not force the government to choose its diplomats from rich men only," he said. "There are not enough men among our money makers fitted for the best diplomatic service."

TWO FIRE FATALITIES.

Incendiary Blaze Burns Down Cincinnati Salvation Army Home.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

CINCINNATI, Dec. 17.—Fire, declared to be incendiary in origin, last night caused the known death of two persons in the Salvation Army home for men, and many more are reported missing. The exact loss of life can not be ascertained until the search of the building is completed. Eight victims of the fire who are in the hospital are said to be in a serious condition. The property loss is \$100,000.

CALLS IT TRANSITION.

Gompers Says No Real Depression—Speaks of Labor's Needs.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 17.—President Samuel Gompers of the American Federation of Labor told the House Judiciary Committee today that while the number of men out of employment in the United States might possibly be a trifle above the normal, he believed it was "due to the transition we are under rather than to any real depression."

Gompers made the statement during the course of an argument for the Hartlett bill. He pointed out the recent indictment of labor leaders in Colorado for violation of the Sherman law to emphasize his contention that they should be exempt from prosecution for combining to better wages and conditions.

PLEADED FOR MERCY.

Man Who Slew Three Is Given No Mercy by Angry Mob.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WILLISTON, N. D., Dec. 17.—Cleve Culbertson, the murderer of three members of the Dillon family, was taken out and hanged shortly before daybreak, according to further particulars of the case. A large number of masked men battered down the door of the jail here in the pitch darkness, tore off the door of the cell occupied by the prisoner and dragged him from the building. They took him a mile and a half from town, where he was hanged from the wagon bridge. When the body was cut down afterwards it was found riddled with bullets. Culbertson pleaded for mercy while being taken from the jail. Policeman Lundford and James Johnson, a laborer, attempted to interfere and were badly beaten. After the conviction of Culbertson last week, when he was sentenced for life, there was much dissatisfaction expressed and threats of lynching were made. Culbertson was to have been taken to the penitentiary today.

DANCE AT FINISH HALL SATURDAY.

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