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MEMPHIS BANK PRESIDENT IS ACCUSED OF \$1,000,000 THEFT

C. H. Raine Taken Into Custody for Wrecking Mercantile Bank There

TEN DIRECTORS FILE CHARGES AGAINST HIM

Claim That He Manipulated Property and Deceived Them

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Feb. 9.—Ten directors of the Mercantile Bank, one of the most important financial institutions in the city, filed a petition today in Chancery Court, charging that the bank is insolvent as the result of alleged misappropriation of more than \$750,000 by President C. Hunter Raine. It is alleged that Raine obtained the money by a system of handling the bank's property in such a way as to deceive the directors and conceal his embezzlements. The petition was all lost in speculation. The petition states that the bank's liabilities are approximately \$2,200,000 and the assets \$1,400,000.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Feb. 9.—C. H. Raine, president of the Mercantile Bank, one of the leading financial institutions of this city, was charged with embezzlement in a warrant sworn out today. The accounts of the bank, which is a state institution, are believed to be short between \$700,000 and \$1,000,000.

HUSBAND IS ACCUSED

Chas. Manning Held as Accomplice in Double Crime at Newark

NEWARK, Feb. 9.—Charles Manning, sole survivor of the love tragedy, in which Miss Hazel Herdman, mother of his 18-months old son, killed herself with poison after she had confessed to shooting and killing Manning's wife, was held as an accessory to the killing of Mrs. Manning. The police say evidence has been obtained tending to show that Manning was an accessory and that he took Miss Herdman in his auto to Newark before the murder.

WIFE IS GONE; BRETT'S GRIEF

Maimed Man Sustains New Trouble—Has to Go to Medford as Witness

Howard Brett, who has been having troubles of his own for some time, has suffered another calamity. His wife suddenly left him and he thinks that she eloped with another man, in fact he says he is sure of it. He is now endeavoring to ascertain her whereabouts and the circumstances. She has a sister in Portland. Brett married her soon after his accident on the Isthmus Inlet logging road which cost him an arm and a leg. He said everything went nicely as long as he had money and until C. W. Spencer, the forger who was recently sent to Salem, appeared on the scene. Then Mrs. Brett began to show signs of wearing of him. Brett is now practically penniless. He will leave tomorrow for Medford to testify in the case of the hardware store robbery, he having bought the knives that were stolen from there, and then will return to the Bay. He will have to undergo an operation on his return. Friends of Brett have been talking of arranging some sort of a benefit for him.

LOCAL OVERFLOW.

BORN.

OLSON.—To Captain and Mrs. E. W. Olson, Sunday, February 8, a son. Mother and child are doing nicely. The joyful tidings were sent to Capt. Olson just as he was about to cross out over the bar on the Adeline Sunday.

Woman Dies.—Mrs. Beranda, of Bunker Hill, died at Mercy Hospital yesterday following a short illness for which an operation failed to gain relief. Mr. Beranda is an engineer at the Smith mill.

Sheriff Gage Here.—Sheriff Gage returned to the Bay today from Coquille, where he took Wm. Sherman, whom he arrested in a South Slough thieftank on telegraphic advice from Wisconsin. Sherman, who is about fifty years old, says that the charges are the result of a neighborhood row and that he is innocent. His fourteen-year-old daughter is said to be the victim.

M'DONALD IS ARRESTED HERE

Charged With Obtaining Money Under False Pretenses From Hugh Sneddon

Harry G. McDonald was arrested at noon today by Officer Walter Richardson, on a warrant issued in Justice Penneck's court charging him with obtaining money under false pretenses. The warrant was sworn to by Hugh Sneddon of the Eagle saloon. On January 29th McDonald asked Sneddon to favor him by cashing a sight draft for \$25 on a W. H. Chapin located in the Chamber of Commerce building in Portland. McDonald had letters purporting to be from Chapin, a fellow lodge member, entitling him to credit. On the strength of these letters Sneddon endorsed the draft and cashed it. The draft was returned to the First National Bank today, Chapin refusing to honor the paper.

After his arrest McDonald gave his occupation as a school teacher at Eckley. He sent a telegram to Chapin asking him to honor the draft. Justice Penneck then turned the prisoner over to the local police until an answer is received from the telegram. McDonald says he came from Schenectady, New York, to Alaska and lost considerable money in a mining proposition, coming to Coos Bay in the fall of last year. McDonald has been under suspicion of the local officers, having been in company with Vaughan, who was recently convicted of stealing a team at Eckley, and also for having been in company with Miller, the cook, who is now in the county jail at Coquille in connection with the Myrtle Point bank robbery.

HOEY TELLS OF WORK ON LINE

Southern Pacific Engineer Outlines Plans for Coos Bay Line Work

The Eugene Register says: If weather will permit, construction activities on the Willamette-Pacific railroad between Eugene and Coos Bay will be resumed within, possibly, three weeks or a month, involving the early employment of upwards of 2000 men. At present virtually all construction is at a standstill, as it has been for six weeks, except for the construction of steel bridges and underground tunnel work. Attempts to rush the work through the winter were a failure because of impossible climatic conditions, and now contractors are looking forward eagerly to an early start, with every day of delay costing thousands of dollars.

The slides and the storms that effectively stopped all work this winter have moved the time for operation of trains to the coast from Eugene from the present time to late in the summer, but beginning next fall the routing of passengers to Marshfield will be through Eugene instead of through Drain and Roseburg. Plans are under way at present for a passenger and freight service from Eugene to Acme by rail, and from there to Coos Bay by stage. This will change the present stage routing from Coos Bay to Allegany or Gardiner, and thence out by way of Scottsburg or Drain, to continue north and strike the railroad at Florence. It will reduce 60 to 70 miles mountain stage trip to 40 miles along the beach. "If the weather will permit," stated H. P. Hoey, assistant engineer in charge of the Coos Bay line, "we shall prepare to continue track laying in less than a month—possibly in three weeks. As I understand, the contractors are also preparing to commence operations again very early and will place a big force of men at work very soon. "We are looking forward at this time to the operation of trains to Acme or Mapleton late next summer, and I do not doubt that beginning next fall, the Coos Bay traffic will be out through via Florence over the new line."

Use Nann Smith.—Chief Engineer Quinn, of the Nann Smith, returned on the Redondo from San Francisco. He has been informed that the Nann Smith will be put into service again about March first.

WILSON FEARS FREE CANAL TOLLS

President Points Out Dangers of Exemption of Coastwise Shipping in Turmoil With Foreign Nations.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 9.—President Wilson let it be known today that from the first he had regarded as an unwise policy the exemption of the Democratic National platform of the plank favoring the exemption of American coastwise ships from payment of Panama canal tolls. President Wilson feels the platform declaration on such subjects is related to circumstances that arise all over the world, as well as in the United States and that the only element which the United States can control in the situation ought to be binding. He feels that a change of circumstances has arisen in the international aspect of the situation which necessarily would change the attitude of the American Government and the attitude of the country on the subject. The President told callers today that the whole international situation and point of view of foreign governments was to some extent involved in a settlement of the controversy. He intimated that platform declarations should be limited to questions of domestic policy and should not embrace the country's relations with foreign governments. It is said to be the President's view that treaty relations with other nations might be embarrassed if what is construed as a violation of the Hay-Pauncefote convention, were to be insisted upon by the United States. It was made clear that only England had protested.

DROPS FAR IN HYDROPLANE

Lieut. H. B. Post Instantly Killed by Accident in San Diego Today

SAN DIEGO, Feb. 9.—Lieutenant H. B. Post, First Aero Corps, United States Army, was killed instantly today when he fell nearly 500 feet in a hydroplane. About 150 feet from the surface of the Bay he was seen to shoot clear of the machine. He was flying for an altitude record.

GRAFT IN PANAMA.

Col. Goethals Investigates Charges of Irregularities There.

PANAMA, Feb. 9.—Colonel George W. Goethals, chairman of the Panama Canal Commission, today suspended John Burke, manager of the commissary department. Colonel Goethals' action came at the conclusion of hearings which gave Burke a chance to clear himself of charges that he had accepted gratuities and had been guilty of irregular transactions. Goethals also suspended W. F. Shipley, chief clerk of the subsistence department.

SCOTCH CLUB IS FORMED HERE

Dan McDonald Elected President of Caledonian Organization—Plans Given

At a meeting of the Coos Bay Scotch residents held at Todd's tailoring shop on Sunday afternoon an organization was formed to be known as the Coos Bay Caledonian Club. The meeting was very representative in attendance, and the enthusiasm that was shown promises to make the organization include every Scotchman, or those of Scotch descent, on Coos Bay.

Dan McDonald of North Bend acted as chairman of the meeting and Alan Todd as secretary. Mr. McDonald made a brief talk, outlining the work which had already been accomplished by the gathering, held in memory of the anniversary of Robert Burns, pointing to the poet as the means of an organization of local Scotchmen.

A committee was appointed to draft a constitution and by-laws and report at the next meeting to be held on February 22. All Scotchmen are cordially invited to attend this meeting as it is the wish of the committee and officers of the club that all should be present. The committee appointed was as follows: E. A. Anderson, Alex McKay, Jay Brown, Hugh Sneddon and Peter Loggie.

Among those present at the meeting and whose suggestions were valuable were Dan McDonald, Tom Davie, J. McCutcheon, R. McLain, Peter Devlin, E. A. Anderson, W. McCahey, Marshall, Hugh Sneddon, J. P. Maxten, P. Scott, M. A. McLaggan, Alex Ross, Jay Brown, Wm. Slevin, Chas. Sneddon, Sam Archer, J. McKinnon, Fred McLain, S. Simpson, A. Todd, B. F. McCullum, F. Todd and P. Boyd. The following officers were elected unanimously: Dan McDonald, president; Hugh Sneddon, vice president and Alan Todd, secretary.

PUSH ASIATIC EXCLUSION BILL.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 9.—Representative Raker, Democrat, of California announced today his purpose to call up his bill for Asiatic exclusion at Thursday's meeting of the immigration committee, despite the disposition to defer to Secretary Bryan's request to postpone it.

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FAIL TO FIND ANY VICTIMS

Mexican Revolution Lost Sight of in Cumbre Tunnel Disaster

JUAREZ, Feb. 9.—It may be several days before exploring parties can reach the bodies in Cumbre tunnel. Rock and earth have fallen at both ends and as the fire is still burning the work is slow. General Villa, who returned to Juarez yesterday, said he would redouble his efforts to crush the bandit, Maximo Castillo, who is held responsible for the disaster.

\$6,895,200 APPROPRIATION.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 9.—The Senate passed the fortifications appropriation bill carrying \$6,895,200 and materially increasing the House appropriations for artillery ammunition.

DEFER WOMAN SUFFRAGE

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 9.—Consideration of the constitutional amendment for woman suffrage was deferred by the Senate today.

CURRY COUNTY TOWN DAMAGED

Little Village of Harbor Almost Swept Away by Recent Storm

HARBOR, Or., Feb. 9.—The greater part of the townsite of what once was a quiet and contented little seacoast community is now covered with driftlogs, sand and gravel and ocean wreckage, the result of what the "oldest inhabitant" says was the most severe storm which ever struck this southwest corner of the state.

Fortunately ample warning was given of its approach to allow the inhabitants to get out of the danger zone, but many lost all their belongings, including fowls and livestock. With the exception of the Postoffice building, which is piled about with driftlogs, scarcely a building remains intact.

Wood Brothers' livery barn was completely washed away. The garage belonging to Ed Plastid and his automobiles were inundated. A driftlog was driven completely through one house, which later was demolished by wind and water. Because of the remoteness of Harbor and the difficulties of communication with the outside world, what little assistance was needed in the way of food and supplies was late in arriving. The town will be rebuilt. The Postoffice, the only building remaining intact, is wedged in piled driftlogs.

MAJOR MORROW PLEASED

Colonel P. S. Michie Digs 4500 Yards on Bar in Four Hours

A Portland paper says: With a fairly heavy sea running, the new Government dredger Colonel P. S. Michie, at work on Coos Bay bar, dug 4500 yards of earth from the bar in four hours of actual pumping. The ship was away from the dock at Marshfield from 8:30 till 4:20 p. m., in completing the task. Performance of the new dredger have completely set at rest all the stories as to her impracticability circulated along the waterfront during the time she was in course of construction at Seattle. Major Jay J. Morrow, who has had faith in her ability all along, is more than pleased with the work of the new dredger. This record was made on the second deep sea trial of the ship at Coos Bay Monday.

SEATTLE POWER COMPANY IS ACCUSED OF GRABBING STREAMS

DENVER POST EDITOR HURT

Thomas J. O'Donnell, Politician, Arrested for Assaulting Bonfils.

DENVER, Feb. 9.—A warrant charging Thomas J. O'Donnell, a prominent Democratic politician of Colorado, with assault upon F. G. Bonfils with intent to kill, was issued from the sheriff's office today upon complaint of Bonfils, who is one of the owners of the Denver Post. It is alleged the assault occurred at the court house, where both men were going to attend a case in which Bonfils was plaintiff and against which an organization of voters of which O'Donnell is an officer is fighting. Witnesses say that after an exchange of words Bonfils hit O'Donnell in the jaw. O'Donnell, it is said, then drew a revolver and attempted to fire it at Bonfils, who prevented the discharge of the weapon. O'Donnell said he drew the revolver in self-defense. The clash grew out of a bitter campaign involving Denver's water supply.

UNABLE TO GET CARD PLAYERS

Police Heard Noise of Game, But Are Foiled—Eleven Offenders Saturday

While rounding up a few offenders in the former place of Josie Hoyt on North Front street Saturday night, the police almost rounded up a good sized poker game. The Hoyt place was closed except for a negro who is looking after the place and she telephoned for the police owing to some men being around trying to get in. Mike Sullivan and one or two others were arrested.

The police heard the card game going on in the front-house formerly owned by G. W. King. When they tried to line them they failed. Gordon Smith, the "white hope" of the Marshfield police department, almost got a workout Saturday night. He started to arrest John McRiver, who was in a maudlin condition and McRiver struck him. Smith struck at him but did not get in a fair lick, and injured his hand. McRiver went down but tried to fight with his feet. He was landed in jail. Smith was without his club or other official weapon when McRiver took a poke at him.

Several Arrests. There were eleven offenders in jail Saturday night. They gave their names as George Matheny, John McRiver, Ed Thiel, E. A. Matson, M. McCulloch, Mike Sullivan, Alex Bloom, Frank Erickson, E. Johnson and Don Peterson.

Peterson was picked up asleep in the street near Second and Commercial. Erickson and Johnson were together and Erickson first put \$10 cash ball up for himself and soon returned with \$10 more for his pal and then the two hired a taxicab and departed for North Bend.

SHERIDAN CASE UP

Federal Grand Jury Subpoenas Served in Roseburg. A Roseburg paper says: "That the operations of T. R. Sheridan while acting as President of the First National Bank of this city are to be thoroughly investigated by the Federal grand jury, at Portland, within the next few weeks, is attested by the arrival here of Deputy United States Marshal Jackson, laden with subpoenas."

"Ben Ages, who lost approximately \$12,000 through Sheridan is one of the local men summoned by the Federal grand jury. From a complete inventory of Sheridan's liabilities by local officers it is believed his debts in the state will amount to more than \$200,000. Of this sum, something over \$1000 is due to Douglas county creditors."

SHERIDAN TRIAL.

Unless something unforeseen occurs to change the present plans of the prosecution, the trial of T. R. Sheridan, charged with forgery, will be one of the first criminal actions to be taken up during the February term of the circuit court. Many witnesses will testify, and it is believed the trial will consume nearly a week. District Attorney Brown will have charge of the prosecution, while Attorneys O. P. Coshov and J. O. Watson will represent the defendant.—Roseburg News.

Government Begins Action to Regain Valuable Water-power Rights

TAKEN AS MINERAL CLAIMS BY COMPANY

Million-dollar Plant Built on Site Valued at Many Million Dollars

SEATTLE, Feb. 9.—Suit was begun in the Federal Court today by the United States Government against the Puget Sound Traction, Light & Power company to cancel the patent issued for five mineral claims situated so as to control the valuable waterfalls of the Nooksack River in Whatcom county. One of the claims is located at a power plant of the Bellingham Bay Improvement company, which furnishes light and power to the city of Bellingham. The plant is valued at more than a million dollars and the power site is valued at several millions. The surrounding country is national forest and it is alleged by the Government that the claims contain no valuable mineral and that the locations were made for the sole purpose of gaining possession of the power sites. The claims have been in the Landoffice and courts for several years.

DIGGS STILL IN JAIL.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 9.—Maurice I. Diggs, former state architect, and Walter Gilliam, his companion on New Year's eve, were held today to answer in the Superior Court on charges of criminal assault preferred by Ida Penning, a girl who swears she is seventeen. In police court bonds at \$10,000 or \$5000 cash bail were fixed. Neither Diggs nor Gilliam have been able to furnish bail since their arrest ten days ago.

LABOR WAR IS UP IN SENATE

INVESTIGATION OF COLORADO STRIKE COMES BEFORE THE UPPER HOUSE OF COLORADO LEGISLATURE.

DENVER, Feb. 9.—Colorado's labor struggle today was transferred from the coal mines, militia barracks and strikers' tent colonies to the senate chamber of the state capital, where a subcommittee of the House Committee on Mines and Mining opened the congressional investigation of the strike. Presidents of the big corporations lined up on one side of the chamber while on the other sat labor's nationally known leaders. Martin D. Sherman called the session to order and summoned Professor Russell D. George, state geologist, to the witness stand to give the committee a preliminary outline of mining conditions in the state.

BOATS BRING BIG FREIGHT

The Alliance sailed yesterday for Eureka. She had a big incoming cargo and with the Redondo's freight, the Allen & Lewis warehouse, H. W. Painter's warehouse, A. T. Haines' warehouse, the Alliance warehouse and F. D. Fletcher's warehouse were crowded to the guards.

The Alliance will sail from here Wednesday morning at 10:30 for Portland. Among those sailing on the Alliance were: Will Locking, J. W. Tracey, T. G. Hoaf, Wm. Neal, G. C. Gouthrie, M. H. Stadel, Geo. W. King, D. H. Mann, H. B. Wyman, W. Hardcastle John Purich, F. D. Layton, A. Ronilo, L. Train.

ALONG THE WATERFRONT.

The Hardy arrived yesterday with freight from San Francisco and will load at North Bend. The Brooklyn is back on the San Francisco-Bandon run. The Gleaner is here from Gardiner to take out merchandise. The Randolph came down from Porter yesterday and is loading for Rogue River. The Whittier, which brought in a cargo of oil for the dredge Seattle, and the dredge Michie, sailed today. The Oregon Power company's tank at Porter is used for it.