

SWINDLER ON BOAT IS CAUGHT

Former Watchman of Geo. W. Elder Passed Many Spurious Checks.

PORTLAND, Or., Aug. 4.—Posting as the steward of the steamships George W. Elder, the Rose City, the Bear and the Beaver and a Mason, E. C. Williams, alias Longwell, swindled several local firms with bad checks and fled to Vancouver, Wash., where he was arrested by Detectives Goltz, Coleman and Snow and Chief Kearney, of the Vancouver department.

Williams passed the worthless checks on Olds, Wortman & King, the Powers Furniture Company, the Pierce Electrical Company and the Alaska Fish Company. He would give a small order, which he directed to be sent to one of the steamships and then tender the check, receiving the change. He gathered \$70 by this method and then fled to Vancouver. There he represented he was a Mason in straitened circumstances, but he fell under suspicion shortly after his arrival.

Williams pleaded guilty in the Municipal Court and Judge Stevenson sent him to the "skipple" for 90 days.

FIRES SURROUND EUGENE. Forces Are Fighting Flames on All Sides of City.

EUGENE, Or., Aug. 4.—Forest fighters are battling with small fires on all sides of Eugene and prompt action is preventing serious fires. Fifty workmen from the mill and logging camps of Fischer Bros. on the Mohawk, 20 miles from Eugene, fought fire all day to protect the mill and the flames are not yet under control.

Government Ranger McFarland on the Upper Willamette with a crew of men, worked on a fire near Blakeville.

Word received from Lorane by Carl Oglesby, deputy state fire warden, reports that every man in the community is fighting a grass fire, which has already covered 200 acres on the Hawley place and is threatening timber and homes.

The fire on Wolf Creek, which was subdued once, broke out again and a force of men is fighting it.

The burning of a barn within the city limits of Eugene set fire to the grass, which spread to an orchard and threatened a score of houses until placed under control by 50 men.

PANAMA CANAL WILL BE HIGHWAY OF THE WORLD

Treaty Stipulates That It Shall Be Free and Open to Vessels of Commerce and War.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 4.—The Panama Canal, which will be open to commerce in another two weeks, is destined at the outset to become a strategic highway of the world in the present European hostilities.

Treaty stipulations provide that the canal, like the Suez Canal, "shall be free and open to the vessels of commerce and war of all nations," and "shall not be blocked, nor shall any right of war be exercised nor any act of hostility be committed within it." The liability of search would be hazard to Suez and Mediterranean commerce, if the present war clouds burst, and it was pointed out commercial activities might be more and more curtailed as the parties to the conflict defined more and more sharply the commodities to be included in contraband of war. It was suggested here that a large part of the Suez commerce might be diverted to Panama.

While the vessels of war as well as of commerce of belligerents may freely use the canal, exact rules have been devised to maintain the strictest neutrality of the waterway. The transit of war vessels must be made with the least possible delay and with only such intermissions as may result from the necessities of the service. No belligerent may "embark or disembark troops, munitions of war or warlike materials in the canal, except in case of accidental hindrance of the transit and in such cases the transit shall be resumed with all possible dispatch."

The treaty provides prohibiting any act of hostility in the canal, precludes any war vessel from exercising the right of search of a commercial vessel in transit through the waterway and this provision likewise protects all ships within three marine miles of other terminal.

BERLIN STOPS NOTED RUSSIAN

Dowager Empress of Russia Not Permitted to Proceed to St. Petersburg.

LONDON, Aug. 3.—Dowager Empress Maria Feodorovna of Russia, sister of the Queen's mother, Alexandra, was stopped today in Berlin on her way to St. Petersburg, and given the choice of returning to England or going to Copenhagen.

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COOS BAY AS HEADQUARTERS

Oregon Workmen's Compensation Commission May Have Branch Here.

R. T. Spaulding, a traveling auditor for the Oregon Workmen's Compensation Commission, arrived here today and is conferring with local employers who are under that law and notified the Commission that they would not come under it are not subject to its provisions. However, Mr. Spaulding says that the opposition to the law is largely due to a misunderstanding and that more will come under it when they fully understand or appreciate it.

He says that the Commission will make its headquarters for Southern Oregon either on Coos Bay or at Roseburg, and probably on Coos Bay, as there are more employed in factories in this section.

REVENGE CAUSES WAR.

One Man's Grouch Big Incentive for War in Europe.

BERLIN, Aug. 3.—Tremendous as the statement may seem, the present imbroglio in Europe may be said to have emanated largely from the "grouch" of one man, Count

Berchtold, the Austrian Foreign Minister, whose name was attached to his country's declaration of war, is the real power behind the scene. He is known to be filled with a vindictive spirit of revenge against Serbia for having worsted him on the diplomatic field during the Balkan war turmoil. He wrote the humiliating ultimatum which the Serbs declined to accept.

Count Berchtold was Austria's Ambassador to St. Petersburg in 1909, when Count Aehrenthal, with the aid of Germany, humbled Russia on the occasion of the Bosnian annexation conflict. He is credited with a desire to repeat that historic triumph and wipe out the stain which despised Serbia inflicted on his own escutcheon.

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