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MORTON TOWER PASSES AWAY

Well-known Empire Man Succumbs to Injuries Received in Bad Fall

DIED ON SATURDAY

Was in Government Service for Twenty-Four Years at Time of Death.

BODY TO BE BROUGHT HERE

Funeral Will Probably Bring to Coos Bay for Interment and Burial Will Probably Be Held Here Friday

James L. Tower, Government Engineer in charge of the jetties connecting work at Humboldt Bay, died at five o'clock Saturday morning from the effects of a fall from a scaffold while inspecting the work.

Mr. Tower was born in Boston in 1859, but came with his parents to Coos Bay when still a boy and here grew to manhood.

He entered the government service as an engineer on Coos Bay in 1881. He won promotion rapidly and at the time of his death had held the distinction of being the longest serving civilian engineer in his department.

During his long career he has been in charge of the government work on the bay, at the Siskiyou, Fort Stevens and Humboldt Bay.

He was married to Miss Leila Smith in Empire and three daughters have blessed their happy union.

Mr. Tower was particularly hard on his work, and his sudden passing was particularly hard on his wife, Mrs. Morton Tower, of Klamath Falls, who was recently called on to bury the loss of her husband.

Mr. Tower, and now the death of her only child strikes her a severe blow that few are able to bear.

Funeral services will be held at 10 o'clock today on the body of Mr. Tower, which will be brought to Coos Bay to rest beside his wife in the family burial plot.

The funeral will probably be held Friday.

BAD CHECKS SWAMP

GANG SPREADS FORGED PAPER THROUGH BOTH CITIES

Deputy Sheriff Laid Captures Three—Fourth Locked in Prison—Total to \$1000 is Lost

That the gang of Americans that operated here Saturday also cashed checks in Lakeland was the word received here today. Telegrams were received from Chief of Police A. Robinson, Boise, Idaho, and from the William J. Burns Detective Agency, asking for descriptions of the men. It is said such a gang has left a trail of forged checks behind them and have been working this way from Idaho and California, Montana, John Penovitch, one of the four arrested, confessed to Deputy Sheriff Laid that they expected to work Myrtle Point. The Marshal at Coquille picked up a man yesterday supposed to have been the leader of the gang here and turned him loose again. Sheriff Quinn has been notified at Roseburg to be on the lookout. A Burns man is on his way here.

Operating as a wholesale dealer that included the swindling of a dozen business houses of North Bend and Marshfield, a gang of six had cashed men early Saturday evening scattered 27 forged work checks and collected close to \$1000 in cash before being discovered. By rapid work, Deputy Sheriff W. C. Laird rounded up three of the operators in North Bend, while Manager Harris, of the Parkman, captured a fourth by turning the key in his door and calling a policeman. The other two men of the gang are still at large, carrying with them virtually all of the \$1000, but \$125 which was found on the captured men.

All of the checks were drawn on Hauser & Hauser and for amounts from \$15 to \$15. Joe Smith, leader of the gang in North Bend was found with a dozen checks in his work, having well loaded himself before starting on the "get rich quick" scheme.

Deputy Sheriff Laird, from his talk with the men, declares that three of the men have worked at the Hauser concern and that a few days ago Smith came to them and told a word late about how they could make money easily and in a hurry. The men say that they came to the Hauser and that it was Smith who gave them the checks with instructions to get the money as quickly as possible. Outside of this the men have been silent.

If it is stated the men operated in two groups, Smith including the scheme in North Bend, and a tall, raw-boned Austrian, yet at large, the phase of the local plot.

BARNACLE IN MYSTERY MAZE

Claimed that Wilson and Poste Are Not Involved in Plot

TWO STORIES TOLD

One Says Names Given Are Aliases Used by Poste and Wilson

POSTE IS MAN OF MYSTERY

He Has Not Been Arrested According to Report, But Said to be the Directing Genius of the Affair

A man of mystery occupies the center of the three men on the Coos Bay boat, the Barnacle, in San Francisco harbor. The first report contained the names of the original crew, but later statements were to the effect that Harris was the only one of the original three involved in the trouble. Now comes the San Francisco Chronicle with a statement to the effect that the names Young and Huggs were aliases assumed by Poste and Wilson.

J. F. Tolander, however, is reported to be a lieutenant of J. A. Ward stating that Wilson and Poste were not involved, but were at work at the time of the demonstration of the gold machine every day.

The following is the report of the arrests as it appears in the San Francisco Chronicle:

"An apparently innocent visitor of a gold worker and washer in the Oregon building at the exposition attracted enough interest from United States Secret Service officers to result in the arrest of three heavily armed men and a complete confounding of the minds of the San Francisco police."

The machine, which was being operated daily by two of the alleged counterfeiters, W. H. Wilson and D. M. Poste, was on exhibition to demonstrate a process for saving the gold from black sand. Wilson and Poste had been washing sand from Ingleside, in which, it is said, they declared they had found gold.

Before the Barnacle left the harbor of Coos Bay, another secret service man had been watching the machine and the operators as they suspected it was designed for the manufacture of "synthetic gold," a combination of metals and alloys which resembles gold.

Watched by Secret Service. Therefore, when the little tug-tugger, first laid out into the harbor about five weeks ago, local secret service men were ordered to keep the ship and her crew under surveillance. Chief of Secret Service Harry M. Moffat, detailed some men to watch the daily workings of the mysterious ship, which later developed the various phases of changing her identity every few days.

It is believed that the gold tugger at the exposition was used merely as a blind to divert attention from the real purpose of the defendants of the small craft. The operators differ little from the usual kind of worker, having a copper placard underneath to catch the gold dust.

William A. Goveal, secret service agent in Portland, had his suspicions aroused about the machine and the three men who worked the Barnacle, and he made a special trip to Coos Bay before the boat left for the South.

Under a Check. The Barnacle left Marshfield on a check of money, although it was stated that it was allowed to exhibit at the exposition and then sail on a trip to Oakland and back to San Francisco. The arrest party landing was no surprise to secret service men of the coast.

The men arrested are Charles A. Young, alias Thomas H. Huggs, alias J. A. Ward, Wilson, in Coos Bay, and David Poste, and Frank Harris, all of whom were known to secret service men as the "Barnacle" crew.

Young did not come down on the ship and his companions refer to him as the "man of mystery." He says he has been in the newspaper business.

Surprised While Sleeping. Secret Service Agents Harry M. Moffat and Rufus C. Conner, accompanied by Detective George Rich and Harry K. Knicker, made the arrest. They left the ship about midnight on the Pacific and failed to check on the Pacific and failed to check on the Pacific.

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LOUIS SIMPSON, TOO FRANK LOSES FIGHT FOR LIFE

United States Supreme Court Decides Against Defendant in Murder Case

CASE MADE FAMOUS

Leo. M. Frank's Legal Fight for Life One of Most Celebrated in the Country

THREE DEATH SENTENCES

Second Appeal to the United States Supreme Court Results Unfavorably, the Same as Previous One—Last Chance Gone

WASHINGTON, April 18.—The Supreme court of the United States today decided against Leo M. Frank in the famous case. Justice Brandeis delivered the opinion of the court, and concluded by saying: "In all proceedings in courts of Georgia the full rights and opportunities to be heard according to established modes of procedure have been accorded to him."

THAW'S APPLICATION FOR JURY TRIAL HEARD

Attorney Max Nathan Declares—Anonymous Division Will Be Denied Thursday

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 18.—Supreme Court Justice Woodruff received today a letter on the application of Harry E. Thaw for a jury trial to determine Thaw's guilt. He requested counsel to submit briefs and announced he would return a decision Thursday.

The Thaw case has been a long and bitter one. Thaw was charged with the murder of Dr. George H. Brown, a wealthy physician of New York. Thaw was acquitted by a jury in New York in 1906, but the conviction was reversed by the Supreme Court in 1909. Thaw was then retried and convicted again in 1911.

Thaw's application for a jury trial was denied by the Supreme Court. The court held that Thaw had already had a jury trial and that the issue of his guilt had been determined.

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PORTLAND BIG FIRE

MANY FIREMEN INJURED IN A BAD BLAZE

Blaze at Mill Paper Company Building Destroyed in Flames of \$200,000 Last Night

PORTLAND, Ore., April 18.—Portland today was suffering from a fire which destroyed the building of the Mill Paper Company last night, causing damage of \$200,000. Investigation was started today to determine the cause.

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BRITISH WIN OVER GERMANS

Capture 200 Yards of German Trenches in Belgium Yesterday

RESIST RECAPTURE

Several Counter Attacks by Germans to Retake Trenches Prove Unsuccessful

FRENCH GAINS IN ALSACE

French Official Statements Say the Progress are Making Steady Progress and Captured Division of German Mountain Artillery

PARIS, April 18.—The official statement this afternoon says: "The British troops yesterday captured 200 yards of German trenches. These they resisted in spite of several counter attacks."

"We have been successful on both banks of the River Foy in Alsace and our advance is being pressed forward on the North bank. We gained possession of it against all opposition, notwithstanding the fact that the German troops were heavily armed and equipped with machine guns, and were making a desperate stand."

"A German airplane dropped four bombs on British positions. Two hit the British camp."

"The French troops in Alsace are making steady progress and are capturing divisions of German Mountain Artillery."

SAY REPORTS FALSE

GERMAN OFFICIAL STATEMENT DENIES REPORTS OF BRITISH ADVANCE

Claims that French and British Reports of Advance are False

BERLIN, April 18.—Official German statement today says: "Reports of the British advance are false. The British troops are still in their positions. The French troops are making progress in Alsace, but the German troops are resisting their advance."

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ROOSEVELT TRIAL

EX-PRESIDENT IN CHARGE ON 12-BELL CHARGE

Bill of War Against American Born with for \$200,000 Damages

ST. LOUIS, April 18.—Theodore Roosevelt and William Burke today were taken to the St. Louis Court house where they will be tried for the \$200,000 damages claimed by the St. Louis Trust Company.

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GERMAN COMMANDS TURKS

For the First Time Since Arriving Head of Front Turkish Army in the Field

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FAMOUS ENGLISHMAN COMMITS SUICIDE

Reason the Suicide of Englishman in Death of Wife and Son

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FAMOUS FRENCH AVIATOR CAPTURED

German War Office Announces That Allied Aviator Has Been Made Prisoner

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