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EXAMINERS BEREFT OF ALL POWER

State Barber Board Finds Itself Invalid, Rendered so by an Opinion Handed Down by State Court.

Ground Taken is That Law Confers Arbitrary Powers Upon Body.

RIGHTS BELONG LEGISLATURE

By Virtue of Decision Board is Helpless, Being Unable to Prevent Anyone to Become Barber.

Portland, Ore., Jan. 25.—On the ground that the law creating the state board of barber examiners confers arbitrary powers upon that body, and delegates to it rights that should vest solely in the legislature, Judge George, in the state circuit court, this morning rendered an opinion which holds the act to be unconstitutional and invalid.

By virtue of this decision, the board of barber examiners finds itself bereft of power and incapable of preventing

any one from engaging in the barber business.

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY MAKES APPEAL FOR AID

Washington, Jan. 25.—The American Bible Association has issued an appeal, in part as follows:

"The American Bible Society for nearly 55 years has pursued its single aim circulating Bibles without note or comment in this and all lands. Inasmuch as the work of the society is in danger of being seriously crippled from a lack of funds, it appeals for aid should meet with generous responses from all who love American institutions. We owe a debt to the Bible which can be partly paid now by carrying forward this great undertaking with increased vigor."

The appeal bears the following signatures: President Roosevelt, ex-President Cleveland, Chief Justice Fuller and Associate Justices Harlan and Brewer; Secretaries Hay, Shaw, Wilson and Cortelyou, ex-Secretary of State Foster, William J. Bryan; Senators Frye, Lodge, Morgan, Bard, Alger and Cockerell, and Representatives Payne, Dalsell and John S. Williams.

JAPANESE INTERPRETER JAILED

Tokio, Jan. 25.—Takasima, the Japanese interpreter for the Russian attaché, was arrested on Saturday last on suspicion of acting as a spy in the Yokusujia fortification. He has been taken to Yokohama for trial. It is alleged that conclusive evidence has been obtained regarding other suspects which is causing a very strong feeling against treachery, which is a capital offense in Japan.

CONTROL ALL RAILWAYS ASSUMED BY GOVERNMENT

Japan Takes Steps to Provide for Transfer of Military in Event of Any Such Necessity.

London, Jan. 25.—The Tokio correspondent of the Telegraph has sent in the following cablegram:

"The official gazette publishes imperial ordinances empowering the government to assume control of all private railways, etc., for military purposes. The situation is very grave and developments are hourly expected."

London, Jan. 25.—A dispatch to Reuters' Telegram Company from St.

Petersburg says that while the brouse there has been nervous, owing to the uncertainty of the situation, the progress of negotiations inspires increasing confidence among those who are well informed. A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Warsaw says arrangements have been made to recall out 86,000 reserves in Kharkoff, Kieff and Odessa districts, should it become necessary to do so.

TWO HUNDRED MEN BURIED BY MINE EXPLOSION AND ALL HOPE OF RESCUE IS GONE

Foul Air Drives Back Those Who Volunteer to Bring the Unfortunate Men to the Surface.

Mouth of Mine Crowded All Day by Weeping Women and Children Who Wait in Vain for Husbands and Fathers to Come to Them—Noted Pittsburg Engineer Who Went Down is Counted Among the Lost.

Pittsburg, Jan. 25.—From all that can be gathered at this hour, between 180 and 190 men are lying dead in the headings and passage way of the Harwick mine of the Allegheny Coal Company at Chewick, as the result of a terrific explosion today. Cages after cages has gone down into the mine and come up again, but only one miner of all those that went down to work this morning has been brought to the surface.

In addition to the miners at work when the explosion occurred, it is now believed that Helwyn M. Taylor, a Pittsburg mining engineer, who plotted the mine, and who was the first to reach the bottom after the explosion happened, is also among the list of dead. Of those in the mine all are probably dead.

The explosion occurred at 8:20 o'clock this morning and the first warning was when a sudden rumble was heard underground, and then a sheet of flame shot forth. Both mine cages were hurled through a tipper 20 feet above the landing stage. All day long there was a jam of waiting women and children about the mouth of the pit. It was not until 4 o'clock this afternoon that the first attempt at rescue was made. This was a failure, as the two men who volunteered were driven back by the foul air. Shortly after 5 o'clock Taylor was lowered into the shaft. Three times efforts have been made to reach him, but so far without avail.

APPROPRIATION MEASURE PASSES THE LOWER HOUSE

Few Minor Passages Struck Out on Points of Order—Information Desired of Secretary Hay.

Washington, Jan. 25.—The house today passed the army appropriation bill carrying approximately \$75,000,000, after adopting a number of amendments.

Provision for the consolidation of the adjutant general's department and the record and pension office of the war department into one bureau, to be known as the military secretary's office, was stricken from the bill on a point of order. The paragraph providing for the construction of a submarine cable from Sitka to Fort Lisicum, also went out on a point of order.

A resolution calling on the secretary of state for information as to the number of carriages maintained by the government for the state department, was adopted.

MAYOR HARRISON IS HELD WITH THE REST OF THEM

City Officials and Theater Men Detained by Verdict of Coroner's Inquest to Await Action Grand Jury.

Chicago, Jan. 25.—The coroner's jury tonight returned a verdict by which the following persons are held to await the action of the grand jury, pending determination of responsibility of the Iroquois fire:

Carter H. Harrison, mayor of Chicago; Will J. Davis, proprietor in part

and manager of the theater; William H. Musham, fire marshal; Geo. Williams, building commissioner; Edward Laughlin, building inspector; William Sellers, theater fireman; James E. Cummings, stage carpenter; William McMullen, who had charge of the lights causing the fire.

THIEVING TREASURER CAUSES BUSINESS TO BE CLOSED

Nashua, N. H., Jan. 25.—The illegal manipulation of notes held by the bank during a period covering nearly a quarter of a century and subsequent attempts to make good the shortage by speculation, are the causes assigned by the directors of the Nasua Trust Company for the arrest today of their treasurer, John P. Goggin, and the closing of the doors of the institution.

Goggin's shortage is estimated at \$100,000, \$25,000 of which is said to have been lost in speculation.

ACCIDENTS INTERRUPT TRAFFIC.

New York, Jan. 25.—Two accidents have occurred on the New American Railway from Oroya to Cerropasco, near Antahuaro bridge, cables the Herald's Lima, Peru, correspondent. Traffic will be interrupted for five days.

WOMAN THREATENS LIVES.

Pottsville, Pa., Jan. 25.—Mary Tamborelli has been arraigned before a justice of the peace on complaint of Louis Gennaccaro and wife, who declare the woman is exerting an uncanny influence upon them. Alleged threats to kill the couple and burn their home over their heads led them to resort to a court of law. Justice Johnston held the woman.

EARLY CLOSING STAKE GUARANTEED.

Syracuse, N. Y., Jan. 25.—Citizens of Syracuse will guarantee a \$10,000 early closing stake for trotting horses to be made the feature of the Grand Circuit meeting here if the New York state fair commission, at its meeting in Albany decides to hold the fair two weeks so as to accept the racing dates offered the local track by the stewards of the big ring.

GOVERNMENT CLOSING CONCERN.

New York, Jan. 25.—This government has ordered the closing of the Banco del Comercio in Oruro, says a Herald dispatch from La Paz, Bolivia. The concern is unable to meet its obligations and its affairs will be liquidated.

TRAINS COLLIDE ON BRIDGE, KILLING THREE

Several are Wounded and Fire Adds Its Deadly Work to Havoc Done.

St. Louis, Jan. 25.—The Denver express on the main line of the Burlington road was run into from the rear by a local passenger train while taking water at Gardene creek about 40 miles north of here tonight, and three passengers were killed, four seriously injured and seven badly hurt. The wreck occurred on a bridge over the Gardene creek. The bridge and two cars of the local train, and the local engine were burned.

ENGINEER'S TESTIMONY DAMAGING

Coroner's Inquest Goes to Show That Captain is Villianous as Well as Being an Incompetent Master.

Kept Passengers on Board Clallam to Save Vessel From Total Destruction.

TUG COULD HAVE SAVED ALL

Master of Holyoke Said Had He Known Extremity, Could Have Put Into Lee Smith Island.

Victoria, B. C., Jan. 25.—Chief Engineer Delaunay, of the Holyoke, gave evidence before the coroner's inquest today to show that the disaster was due to a broken dead light, which had been broken at least three months. Had the rudder been in good condition Captain Roberts would have been able to have gotten the steamer around to the wind. The chief engineer also gave evidence of Captain Roberts' not having informed the master of the Holyoke of the extremity of the Clallam, and how Captain Hall, of the tug Holyoke, had told the witness, after picking him up when the Clallam sank, that had he known the condition of the vessel, he could have taken her into Lee Smith island. Captain Roberts would not transfer his passengers to the tug. He wanted them to help save his steamer.

"In my opinion," said the chief engineer, "had the Clallam been insured for a hundred thousand dollars, not a life would have been lost."

MACHEN TRIAL CONTINUES.

Washington, Jan. 25.—The trial of August Machen, the Groff brothers, and Dr. and Mrs. George B. Lorenz, entered on its third week today. It is expected the government will close its case tomorrow.

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