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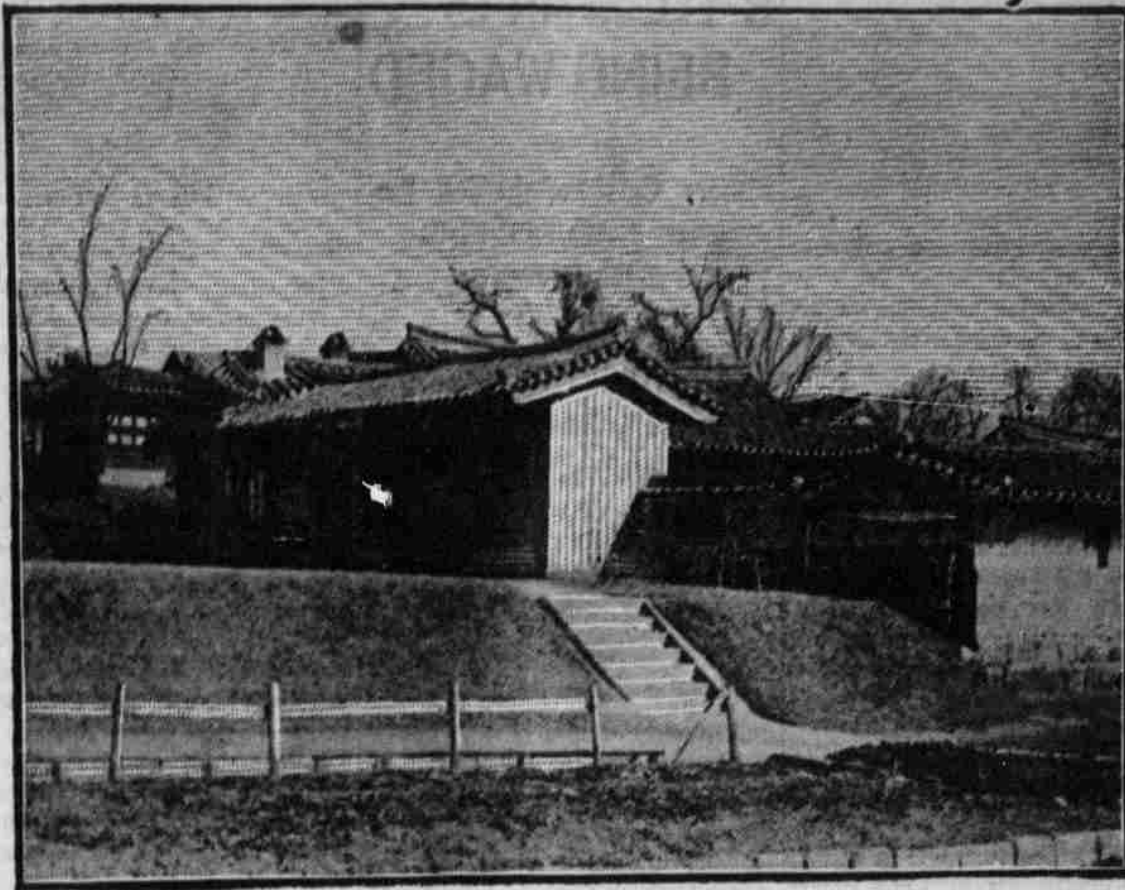
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U. S. LEGATION AT SEOUL, KOREA.

The home of the United States minister to Korea, owned by the United States government, is not a very pretentious-looking building, but is proving a haven of refuge during the present crisis for a number of Americans residing in this storm center of the orient.

**FAMOUS MAIL POUCH THIEF  
 IS CAPTURED AT TACOMA**

Denver, April 7.—The News today says:

Albert F. Bell, arrested in Tacoma, is one of the most noted forgers and mail pouch thieves with which the authorities have ever had to deal. As a result of his operations, he has, it is estimated, secured nearly \$1,000,000. He was arrested in Denver on October 7 by the secret service officer at St. Anthony's Hospital, where he had undergone an operation. On October 16 he was taken to Philadelphia to stand trial for a robbery in which \$300,000 was taken. He left Denver in charge of Deputy United States Marshal Baker and Davis. On October 19 the party arrived at Philadelphia. As Bell's guards went into the toilet room Bell picked up his valise, and left the car, unnoticed by any one, and disappeared in the crowd.

Bell had many aliases, among them being J. H. Hamilton, A. K. Hammond, J. A. Miller, F. H. Crosby and George Murray. When arrested at St. Anthony's hospital his wife gave the name of Sharp and she stayed at his bedside and was also taken into custody. Bell was charged by the postal authorities with robbing the mails and also by the American Bankers' Association with having raised and cashed checks and drafts secured from the stolen mail pouches. The specific charge upon which the arrest was originally made was the stealing of a mail pouch containing \$500,000 worth of negotiable paper at Philadelphia on the night of September 8.

Bell later admitted having arrived in this country from Crowe, England, last summer, and enjoyed himself at Asbury Park, N. J., posing as a wealthy fruit speculator, and through the Sharpe woman, obtained entrance to the best of society, making the acquaintance of brokers, bankers and wealthy business men of many cities and numerous large interests. Soon after making these financial acquaintances Bell began to deposit different

sums with his banker friends and on September 10 deposited several checks payable to his order, drawn on different Philadelphia firms. Two days later he closed his accounts and withdrew the amounts due him. These checks were the doctored contents of the mail bags.

Bell was also accused of having been implicated in the theft of a pouch at Springfield Junction in April of last year and shortly afterward A. E. Hammond, believed to have been Bell, opened an account with the Lincoln Trust Company in St. Louis and not long after drew out \$2,500 on the account.

According to the criminal records Bell once served a five years' sentence in the Auburn, N. Y., state prison for stealing a mail pouch from the New York Central depot in Buffalo and tampering with the negotiable paper inclosed.

Just before leaving Denver Bell made what purported to be a complete confession of his operations. He admitted having gone into one of Chicago's largest and most influential banks, and after a half hour's talk with the cashier, persuaded him to give him a practically carte blanche letter of credit without the deposit of even a single penny.

At the time of Bell's arrest local detectives had this to say of his record:

"It was in 1894 that Bell was arrested in New York while endeavoring to cash a stolen draft for \$1,700 and he went to the Elmira reformatory on April 19. He was released seven months later, but on April 18, 1899, was again arrested in New York while trying to cash a \$425 draft. This was one of the drafts taken from the pouch stolen at Buffalo. Bell admitted when he stole the pouch he was disguised as a railroad employe. Bell also served three years in the Missouri penitentiary at Jefferson City for the theft of a mail pouch at Kansas City."

**Gets \$300 Launch.**

An enthusiastic crowd gathered at Cordray's theater Tuesday night at Portland to witness the giving away of the \$300 launch of Dr. B. E. Wright. In the fashionably dressed audience were representatives of every section of the state of Oregon, and not a few from the bordering towns of Washington.

A committee of three was elected to take charge of the coupons, and a little girl from the audience was chosen to select the winner. She was blindfolded and led to the well shuffled sack of tickets. With her dainty hands she held aloft a ticket, and all was quiet, so quiet that one could hear a pin fall. As the holder of this coupon did not respond to the reading of the number, another coupon was selected by the little girl. During the second period of looking and sighing no one responded. The third coupon

selected found a claimant in the person of Samuel Galbraith, of Tualatin, Ore. The fortunate coupon, No. 11,661, was brought upon the stage by D. E. Melke, a front street commission merchant, who represented Mr. Galbraith. Mr. Melke exhibited a well-developed case of stage fright, and the audience cheered him with the zest shown the first appearance of a star performer.

In the giving away of this beautiful launch and its boathouse the public showed a keen interest, over 20,000 coupons having been distributed since last October, the time when the offer was first made.

**PATRONS MUST TESTIFY.**

New York Officials Will Use New Law in Anti-Gambling Crusade.

New York, April 7.—Plans are being formulated by the district attorney and the police department to take immediate advantage of the bill just passed by the legislature which compels patrons of gambling houses to testify. The authorities are preparing, it is understood, to push the prosecution of half a dozen well-known gamblers who have heretofore escaped for lack of evidence.

Many of the larger houses probably will close at once as it is likely the

police will be furnished with blank subpoenas to be served on sight, making a visit to one of the places rather risky to a person not wishing to be summoned into court.

Oddly enough the fraternity have no criticism for the official of this county who got the new bill through the legislature. They charge the whole affair up to one of their own number, who fought prosecution by the district attorney, they declare, when he might have pleaded guilty and escaped with a fine.

**To Beautify Amherst.**

Chicago, April 7.—At the annual banquet of the Amherst Club of Chicago held at the University Club, announcement has been made that the committee on landscape and architecture at Amherst college will be on the grounds within a week. This committee which has refused requests from other colleges, considers that Amherst offers the best advantages of beautifying. President George Harris of Amherst, Dr. E. C. Dudley, representing Dartmouth college; Trumbull White and C. D. Morton were the principal speakers.

**REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF  
 ASTORIA NATIONAL BANK,**

at Astoria, in the state of Oregon, at the close of business March 25th, 1904.

**RESOURCES.**

Loans and discounts	\$308,620 76
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	2,770 03
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	12,500 00
Premiums on U. S. Bonds	750 00
Stocks, securities, etc.	65,967 10
Banking House furniture and fixtures	2,500 00
Other real estate owned	10,330 00
Due from National Banks, (not reserve agents)	3,775 01
Due from state banks and bankers	4,793 82
Due from approved reserve agents	115,542 62
Checks and other cash items	2,619 34
Notes of other national banks	600 00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents	291 12
Lawful money reserve in bank, viz:	
Specie	\$64,199 90
Legal tender notes	160 00
Redemption fund with U. S. treasurer (5 per cent. of circulation)	625 50
Total	\$595,054 70

**LIABILITIES.**

Capital stock paid in	50,000 00
Surplus fund	10,000 00
Undivided profit, less expenses and taxes paid	15,223 56
National Bank notes outstanding	12,900 00
Individual deposits subject to check	\$251,451 80
Demand certificates of deposit	50,090 53
Time certificates of deposit	206,238 81
Total	\$595,054 70

State of Oregon, county of Clatsop, ss: I, J. E. Higgins, cashier of the above-named bank do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

J. E. HIGGINS, Cashier.  
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 GEO. C. FULTON, Notary Public.  
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**FORTS NOT  
 EFFECTIVE**

Japanese Supply Steamers Are Safely Entering Estuary of the Yalu River.

**COVERED BY JAP GUNBOATS**

Mikado's Troops Are Guarding American and British Mines at Unsan and Gwendolin, It Is Reported.

Tokio, April 7, 2 p. m.—A dispatch from Seoul, Korea, says that the Japanese supply steamers are safely entering the estuary of the Yalu river and are landing their cargoes at various points on the Korean shore.

It is presumed here that the movement of these supply steamers is covered by Japanese gunboats.

If this is true, the Russian forts erected upon the Chinese side of the Yalu river are evidently not effective.

According to reliable Korean reports the American mines at Unsan and the English mines at Gwendolin are safely guarded by detachments of Japanese troops.

**NEW MINISTER TO JAPAN.**

Cho Min Heui to Represent Korean Government at Tokio.

Seoul, Korea, Wednesday, April 6, —3 p. m.—Cho Min Heui, a former minister to the United States, has been appointed minister to Japan in place of Hyun Yong Uu, who was appointed April 1, but who refused to accept the post.

M. Hayashi, Japanese minister to Korea, claims that the murder of three Japanese merchants in the province of Chung Chung was due to internal disorders.

It is also reported that the Tong-Hak risings in co-operation with disbanded Korean soldiers in the vicinity of Pang are nothing but usual perennial disturbances and have no significance politically.

**CHURCH BENEFIT INSURANCE.**

Detroit Minister Advocates Noval Plan for Increasing Interest.

Detroit, April 7.—Rev. W. H. Burch, at the annual meeting of the Michigan council of the Brotherhood of St. Paul which has just closed its sessions here, surprised his audience by advocating a system of benefit insurance for the churches. He said:

"It will be a great day for Methodism and for her church societies when a system of benefit insurance is allied to her work of salvation.

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