



VAN AUKER IN PORTLAND

Peculiar Circumstances of the Robbery.

CASHIER IN ASTORIA

Rainier Bank Cashier Said to Have Lost Heavily Gambling in this City.

WAS FREQUENT VISITOR HERE

Residents of Rainier Are Said Not to Believe Van Auker's Story Regarding the Robbery—Hunt Still Goes On.

PORTLAND, Sept. 19.—In company with Sheriff White of Columbia county, Cashier C. S. Van Auker of the State Bank of Rainier, occupied room 523 at the Imperial hotel last night. Van Auker was cashier of the bank which, according to his story, was held up in broad day light on Labor day and robbed of \$2,600.

The cashier was in company of the sheriff during the day. They came to Portland for the alleged purpose of trying to identify the two men who held up an automobile on the Linnton road Friday night as the two who, according to Cashier Van Auker, held him up on Labor day, bound him and robbed the bank of \$2,600 in gold. However, neither the sheriff nor Mr. Van Auker visited the jail where the men are confined.

Since the mysterious robbery of the State Bank of Rainier, the cashier's actions and habits have been thoroughly investigated. It is said that the investigation has revealed that Van Auker prior to the robbery, had been gambling heavily, and also that he had lost heavily. Persons who claim to know him state that he was a frequent patron of the Milwaukee club near this city, and that he also made frequent trips to the gambling resorts of Astoria.

Startling rumors were circulated at Rainier and at other places as soon as the report of the sensational robbery was given out. Few residents of that town believed the statements of the cashier, because of the apparently physical impossibility of the robbers to have performed the deed as the cashier stated.

A peculiar feature of the hold-up and one which those who investigated the case could not fully appreciate, was the statement of the cashier that an even \$2,600 was taken by the bandits. A large amount of silver was untouched, and two gold coins were left on the tray from which the money was taken.

The authorities of Columbia county are said to have learned a number of facts in connection with the case which induced Sheriff White to institute an independent investigation. Officials of the bank at Rainier stated positively today that they knew nothing of Sheriff White's investigation and also stated positively that they knew nothing of his accompanying the cashier to this city.

Efforts to locate the sheriff or the cashier in Portland today were fruitless. They left the city together this afternoon.

The independent investigation that was inaugurated by the sheriff of Columbia county with reference to the habits and practices of the cashier is said to have revealed startling losses at gambling that Van Auker recently sustained. At one time he is said to have lost \$1,700, and is also said to have lost

large sums of money at other times. It is said that on his last visit to Astoria he lost \$300.

ROBBED THE DEAD.

Woman Arrested Charged with Stealing Dead Woman's Diamonds.

CHICAGO, Sept. 19.—A dispatch to the Record-Herald from Los Angeles, Cal., says:

Detective W. W. Freeman, formerly chief of the Pasadena police, yesterday, at Stockton, arrested Emma Howard, charging the theft of diamonds valued at more than \$5,000, from the dead body of the wife of Henry Briggs of Pasadena. The robbery took place Aug. 29, and up to the time of the arrest was kept secret. The Howard woman, it is said, had not succeeded in disposing of the jewels.

The diamonds were stolen from the corpse of the late Mrs. Briggs at Santa Monica, immediately after her death. Mrs. Briggs had been in failing health and finally her husband decided to take her to Santa Monica in the hope that the sea air would save her life. This hope proved vain, and after an illness of weeks, Mrs. Briggs died. Her husband was not in a condition at the time to pay much attention to worldly matters, and Mrs. Howard, with whom the Briggses were living and in whose Santa Monica boarding house Mrs. Briggs died, is declared to have taken the jewels belonging to the dead woman.

COMMITTS SUICIDE.

OAKLAND, Sept. 19.—W. F. Cotter, a recent arrival in this city from Denver, committed suicide yesterday by taking a dose of laudanum or opium. No reason has been assigned for Cotter's act.

FEAR PAPER TRUST

Chicago Paper Dealers Think New Trust Forming.

PRICES ARE GOING UP FAST

Former Schedules Are Abolished and All New Prices Established Are Identical—Combination Not Complete as Former.

CHICAGO, Sept. 19.—A blanket increase of \$5 per ton in the price of wrapping and other grades of wood fibre paper with a corresponding advance in other classes has raised the fear among Chicago dealers that a new trust is forming. This fear is augmented by the fact that notices abolishing former schedules were withdrawn by all the mills simultaneously and the prices listed thus far have been identical.

While it is believed a new combination of paper manufacturers has been or is being formed, it is not thought it will be so complete as that effected under the General Paper company. This concern, which was known as the trust, went out of business last May as the result of an injunction suit brought at St. Paul, Minn., by the federal government. The company refused to show its books, and when ordered to do so by the court, agreed to accept judgment and go out of business.

The theory of the Chicago paper brokers is that this error will not be made a second time, and that no one firm will be allowed to handle the output of all the mills in the combine. It is pointed out that practically the same result could be obtained by an association, if the members adhere to the agreement.

MANY SHIPS DAMAGED.

LONDON, Sept. 19.—A dispatch to the admiralty from Hong Kong says the British sloop Phoenix is hopelessly damaged. The steamer Montangle and the French torpedo boat Francisque will probably be refloated. The French torpedo boat Fronde, it is expected, will be a total wreck, a large sailing vessel being thrown almost on top of her.

ROOSEVELT IS ENDORSED

Washington Republicans Demand Renomination.

AT STATE CONVENTION

Say Roosevelt's Renomination in 1908 is Necessary for Public Good.

JONES REPLIES TO GOMPERS

Congressman Jones Answers Labor Leader's Attack Regarding Panama Canal Labor Question—Congressmen Nominated.

SEATTLE, Sept. 19.—The Republican state convention today nominated: For Congressman, W. E. Humphrey, of Seattle; Francis W. Cushman, of Tacoma, and Wesley L. Jones, of North Yakima.

For Supreme Judges: Herman D. Crow and Wallace Mount, of Spokane; Milo A. Root, of Seattle, and Ralph O. Dunbar, of Goldendale.

The feature of the convention was the adoption by a rising vote of a resolution "demanding" the renomination of President Roosevelt in 1908 on the ground "that it is necessary to the good of the people and the nomination of another man will seriously interfere with the consummation of those great economic ideas" inaugurated by him during his present tenure. It is improbable that another state convention will be held in Washington for the reason that the platform of every Republican and Democratic county convention, as well as the Republican state convention has declared in favor of the direct primary.

Senator Piles acted as temporary chairman and Judge Cosgrove of Garfield permanent chairman of the convention. Jones is one of the members of congress whom Samuel Gompers has opened war on. In his speech to the convention Jones replied to Gompers, declaring he was opposed to American labor constructing the Panama canal, and asserting that the isthmus was no place for Americans, on account of the fevers and other diseases which none but men used to tropical climates can withstand.

PROUD OF AMERICANS.

NEW YORK, Sept. 19.—Herbert Bramble Robbs, of Southampton, England, past high chief ranger of the world of the Order of Foresters, was the guest at a complimentary dinner in his honor last night at the Hotel Maria, given by members of the order. Mr. Robbs said that the feeling toward Americans by Englishmen was one of affection and pride.

Mr. Robbs is making a tour of the world in the interests of the Foresters.

CALL FOR MEETING.

MINEOLA, Tex., Sept. 19.—A. D. Jackson, chairman of the Democratic executive committee of Woods county, has issued a call for a mass meeting of the Democrats of this county at Quitman Saturday, Sept. 29, "to ascertain and express our wishes in regard to instructing our state senator and our representative in voting against J. W. Bailey for United States senator from Texas."

Mr. Jackson states that the call is prompted by recent developments made in the testimony of H. Clay Pierce at St. Louis.

SPANKED SCIENTIFICALLY.

Mother Gives Runaway Daughter a Spanking in Approved Fashion.

NEW YORK, Sept. 19.—A sound spanking in the presence of a crowd of theater-goers at Payton's Theater, Brooklyn, last night, was given by the mother of 16-year-old Susie Fisher, who ran away from home. Those who were inside the line agreed that the spanking was scientifically administered. The girl was placed across her mother's knee and the spansks were the kind that hurt, and were heard a long distance. Mrs. Fisher had learned that her daughter was seen frequently near the theater and she took a position in the lobby and watched the audience filing in. In the crowd were a lot of women and girls and among them Mrs. Fisher spied her daughter. Yanking her out of the line, she administered the punishment. When the job was finished, Mrs. Fisher escorted her daughter whose nose was bleeding, to the police station and had her locked up on a charge of vagrancy.

THE REPORT TODAY.

SEATTLE, Sept. 19.—It is probable the report of the Mitchell-Creffield insanity commission will be filed in court tomorrow and the Prosecuting Attorney says if the prisoners are found insane. Judge Frater will order them sent to Oregon, where they reside. He says he is not opposed to sending the women away.

NO CHANGE IN SITUATION.

MANILA, Sept. 19.—There is no change in the condition or position of the Mongolia. The weather continues the same. The passengers are all well.

WILL DEAL SEVERELY

Government Will Stop Attempted Jewish Massacres.

SENDS OUT WARNING TO ALL

Declares That Any Attempted Anti-Semitic Outbreak Will Be Dealt With Stringently—Witte Writes to Stolypin.

ST. PETERSBURG, Sept. 19.—In view of the rumors of an impending anti-Jewish outbreak at Bialystock Saturday, when another religious procession is scheduled to take place, Governor Bogalevski has issued an order announcing that any attempt at organizing an outbreak will be stringently put down and measures taken to prevent such an occurrence by the use of armed forces. The newspapers today print an alleged letter from Count Witte to Stolypin, who, though wishing the latter success, is convinced the Premier's policy will fail. The battery guards garrisoning the fortress of St. Peter and St. Paul have been disarmed by sharpshooters for their refusal to do sentinel work. It was the sharpshooters who fired on Grand Duke Nicholas at Krasnoye-Sele.

GENERAL ASSASSINATED.

WARSAW, Sept. 19.—General Nicolaieff, of the artillery, has been assassinated here. He was erroneously thought to be a member of the field court-martial. General Nicolaieff was walking on Weilka street this morning when he was surrounded by revolutionists and shot dead. The murderers escaped.

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE.

At Portland—Portland, 9; Fresno, 1. At Seattle—Seattle 1; San Francisco, 0. At Oakland—Oakland, 3; Los Angeles, 5.

RESCUE WORK VERY SLOW

Smoker Still Submerged in Cimarron River.

THREE ARE MISSING

Wreck Near Kingfisher Proves Grave of Three—Fifteen are Injured.

MEN CARRIED DOWN STREAM

Swift Watters of Cimarron River Carry Passengers Many Miles Before Rescue Comes—Dying Message of Passenger.

KING FISHER, Sept. 19.—As the result of yesterday's wreck three are missing and probably drowned. Of the fifteen injured two are dangerously hurt and eight seriously and five painfully. A farmer living ten miles below the wreck found a pathetic relic. In a bottle was a slip of paper with the words, "The one that finds this write to Cleo, Oklahoma, to Eldon Camp. I love you." It is believed to be the dying message of someone imprisoned in the smoker.

GUTHRIE, Sept. 19.—A special to the State Capitol says tonight the Cimarron river has fallen eight feet, but the top of the submerged smoker is still six or seven feet under the surface, and it will probably be twenty-four hours before rescuers reach it. One man, his name not learned, was fished out of the river nine miles below the bridge. He was nearly dead when he reached Kingfisher.

One of the train crew is authority for the statement that a woman and a child entered the toilet room of the smoker just as that coach plunged into the river. They undoubtedly were lost. W. J. Balsam, who was rescued fourteen miles below the scene of the wreck states that fifteen or sixteen were in the smoker. He says that in some way he does not know how, he managed to extricate himself from the wreckage and the next thing he knew he was in the water. He went down and then came to the surface hanging onto a piece of the demolished coach. The strong current swirled him off down stream, the waves sweeping over his head and the undercurrent dragging him time and again beneath the surface. Each time he went under he felt it was his last and each time he came to the surface, a new force impelled one more effort. Not until fourteen miles down the river did he drift close enough to shore to grab anything. He finally caught some bushes. He does not know how he got out, but when he recovered consciousness he was high and dry on the grass. While the current was bearing him down stream he saw people around him struggling, but was unable to render assistance because all his strength was required to keep his head above water.

ELECTRICITY CURES.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 19.—Electricity as a means of curing disease was discussed yesterday at the opening session of the 16th annual meeting of the American Electro-Therapeutic Association. It was asserted by the various speakers that locomotor ataxia, cancer, and chronic diseases of the stomach are daily yielding to this mysterious force, while the absorption of inflammatory matter is an event of every day occurrence.

REPUDIATES TICKET.

Son Tells Father "Party Ties Are Thicker Than Blood."

CHICAGO, Sept. 19.—"Sorry, father, but I really cannot vote your ticket. Party ties are thicker than blood."

In these astounding words, Mayor Dunne today repudiated the ticket on which appears the name of his father, P. W. Dunne, who is running for county commissioner on the Hearst ticket. Since the formation of the Hearst Independent League, Mayor Dunne has decided that the paths of Democracy and the Hearstites are widely divergent and he has withdrawn all support from the Hearst candidates.

SMITH INAUGURATED.

MANILA, Sept. 19. (Thursday).—James F. Smith was inaugurated governor-general this morning.

Smith in his address declared his policy would be the policy of McKinley and Taft, one of education and preparation of the people for self-government. He said he doubted independence a panacea for ills, asking if Cuba had found that national independence has given good government, peace and contentment.

NEED MORE MONEY.

NEW YORK, Sept. 19.—The Chile Relief committee has received the following cable dispatch from the foreign relief committee at Valparaiso:

"Gratefully acknowledge cable remittances. Funds vanishing, while misery increases. Do your best to stimulate subscriptions." This message confirms previous advice as to the seriousness of the situation created by the recent earthquake and fire at Valparaiso.

HOLD CONFERENCE

Secretaries Taft and Bacon Confer With Palma.

SITUATION IS DISCUSSED

President of Cuba Says Insurgents Demand Annulment of Last Election and Seek to Oust Him from Position.

HAVANA, Sept. 19.—In the conversation of the American secretaries with President Palma today Taft and Bacon subscribed to the sentiment expressed in Roosevelt's letter and hoped that their visit would contribute toward the establishment of peace. In reply to the question, Palma stated the government had taken no part in the steps to effect a compromise, having limited itself to assisting the efforts of the veterans. Palma stated also that the programme of the revolutionists included the absolute annulment of the last election, and if, by compromise, it should be agreed to hold a new election, that Palma no longer would continue as executive, because his prestige would suffer and to do so would be a drawback to the constitutional form of government. Palma believes Congress should pass an electoral law which would amply guarantee both parties.

FATHER YORK ARBITER.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 19.—Rev. Peter C. York of St. Anthony's Parish, in Oakland, has been chosen by the Allied Unions to represent them in the arbitration of the union's demands upon the United Railways.

CODD AND THOMPSON IN DETROIT.

DETROIT, Mich., Sept. 19.—The count of the ballots cast at the Wayne county primaries Monday and Tuesday, assures the renomination of Mayor Geo. P. Codd. City Treasurer William B. Thompson will be the Democratic nominee.