



## FORMER ASTORIA STEAMSHIP MAN ACCUSED OF MURDER

### Captain Theorian is Fugitive From Justice

### IS NOT APPREHENDED

### Charged With Murdering Rasmussen Watchman of Steamer Washington

### WAS MATE ON SUE H. ELMORE

### He is Said to Have Served Four Years in the Penitentiary For Forgery—Seen in Albany But he Escapes.

PORTLAND, Nov. 23.—That Captain F. Theorian, former mate on the steamer Sue H. Elmore, and later master of the sloop Condor, for whose arrest a warrant has been issued on the charge of murdering Watchman M. C. Rasmussen, aboard the steam schooner Washington, has not only fled the city since he learned he was accused of the crime, but was at Albany this morning, it was positively known to Sheriff Stevens. With what appears to be evidence of an unmistakable character that the suspect is seeking safety in flight, the efforts of the authorities to apprehend him have been redoubled.

The Sheriff received a telephone message from Chief of Police McLean at Albany that Theorian was seen and identified this morning by a man who knows him well.

When it was learned that Theorian had not been in his accustomed haunts since Wednesday, it was believed he had attempted to escape by way of the sea, and one report was received from Astoria that Theorian was on the steamer Rose City, bound for San Francisco. These theories were exploded, however, when it was learned that the accused man was seen and recognized in Portland yesterday morning.

Theorian narrowly missed arrest yesterday morning, the officers being only a few minutes behind him at his room at the Gilman Hotel. It is regarded as a significant fact that Theorian, though he had a room at the Gilman for some time, has been staying at the Nortonia and Oregon Hotels since Wednesday. Close watch was kept all day yesterday, but no further trace of the man could be found, and it was believed that he had fled from the city when he learned that a warrant had been issued charging him with the murder of Rasmussen.

The fact of Theorian's having been convicted of forgery in Lane county and serving four years in the penitentiary will render it still more difficult for him to pass through that county without being apprehended, as all the officers will know him. It will be difficult for the fugitive to make his way back to Portland, but to guard against any effort on his

part to return and attempt to lose himself in the city and the officers have been given a copy of Theorian's description, so as to be able to recognize him with little difficulty.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 23.—The police boarded the steamer Rose City this afternoon on her arrival from Portland but failed to find Captain F. Theorian, who is wanted in the Northern City on a charge of murder. The detectives called the entire crew on deck and thoroughly searched the vessel without finding any trace of the man.

## WORKING UP RELIGIOUS PREJUDICES AGAIN

### MINISTERS ASSOCIATION IN NEW YORK DISAGREES WITH ROOSEVELT

NEW YORK, Nov. 23.—In a resolution adopted today by the Presbyterian Ministers' Association of this city they expressed disagreement with President Roosevelt's statement in his recent letter that the refusal to vote for a candidate for a high office because he is a Roman Catholic is "Narrow, unwarranted, bigotry." The ministers endorsed the letter sent recently by the New York Lutheran ministers to the President, dissenting from his view.

### BUREAU OF SOILS. Systematic Survey of Arid Lands in The West To Be Made.

CHICAGO, Nov. 23.—Conditions existing in the arid lands of the West are to be learned through a systematic survey this winter by scientists of the Bureau of Soils, according to an interview by Wm. E. Curtis with Secretary of Agriculture Wilson, printed in the Record Herald today.

"One of the most interesting pieces of work we have done this year," said Secretary Wilson, "is to make inquiry into the possibilities of the dry region of the United States; that part of our country which lies west of the one hundredth meridian to the foothills of the Rocky Mountains. A great many homesteaders are going out into the possibilities of the dry region of the United States; that part of our country which lies west of the one hundredth meridian to the foothills of the Rocky Mountains. A great many homesteaders are going out into that country so that it occurred to us that would be wise to ascertain conditions through a survey by the scientists of the Bureau of Soils. The soil, as we know, varies from drifting white sand to valleys that will produce crops of certain kinds without irrigation. Nearly the whole work of the Agricultural department is outside of irrigation. The Federal government has arranged to use the proceeds from the sale of public lands to irrigate the dry lands in the West, but after it has used all the water now

flowing in all the streams, there will still remain a very large percentage of that country that cannot be reached by irrigation and that comes under the care of this department. We have, therefore, surveyed this summer forty thousand square miles of the soil of North Dakota and have finished the work in that state. Winter has come and our people now go south to the lower end of that dry belt in Texas and survey toward the north through the cold weather. In the spring they will go back to the North again and continue their work southward."

### PANIC IN THEATRE.

#### Picture Machine Explodes And Five Are Wounded.

CHICAGO, Nov. 23.—One man die and four women are suffering serious injuries as a result of the explosion of a moving picture machine, which resulted in a fire and panic in a five-cent theatre last night.

The injured are: Nick Maros, operator of machine; left arm torn off and badly burned; may die; Grace Noonan; Agnes O'Connell; Mrs. Jerry Dailey; Pauline Hampton.

The theatre was crowded with a large Sunday night audience when a film suddenly took fire and the picture machine exploded.

In a moment the entire front of the theatre was in flames. Mangled and burned Maros jumped out of his blazing cage and ran through a crowd of women and children, holding the stump of his bleeding arm and crying loudly.

A general rush for the exits started. Women were thrown down in the crush. Several women fainted and were half dragged, half carried out of the building by men and boys.

A fire company put out the flames. The damage was slight.

## DR. LOGAN COMES OUT AS CANDIDATE

### ACCEPTS NOMINATION FOR POLICE COMMISSION, AND SMITH ALSO SAYS YES.

A. M. Smith yesterday filed his acceptance of the nomination given him for the mayoralty at the Democrat nomination. Mr. Smith is a Democrat, and now has the Democrat and Citizens' nominations.

From the first it was quite naturally presumed that he would accept this nomination, though last Saturday he announced in rather heated terms in a published article that he couldn't think of doing such a thing. Apparently he changed his mind over Sunday.

It was a busy day yesterday in the political field, and perhaps next in importance to Mr. Smith's acceptance of the Democrat nomination was the filing of a petition last evening for Dr. Logan on the police commission. Dr. Logan accepted. Thus there will be a three-cornered fight for the office of police commissioner, with Dr. Barr, Mr. Carruthers and Dr. Logan as the candidates. Each is well known, each is popular, and each would probably make a first class man for this highly important position. That the new candidate, Dr. Logan, will make a strong run for the place may be taken as a foregone conclusion.

The provision of the charter pertaining to the \$25 tax limit for all candidates for the water commission has caused considerable trouble. Yesterday C. S. Wright tendered his resignation, and the committee named J. E. Ferguson as the Republican nominee for the water commission at large.

The Republican committee also named Maxwell Young for the water commission for the eight-year term from the Fourth ward in place of J. C. Anderson, and also named Charles Goddard for the four-year term from the same ward.

The Citizens' committee named Peter Gimre for the eight-year term and Sofus Jensen for the water commission from this ward.

Over the Fourth ward nominations considerable feeling arose, and there were charges "of treachery" made openly by the Republican committee. The plan of the Republicans was to have Gimre for the four-year term and Young for the

## NAVAL CRITICS ANSWERED

### Admirals Dewey, Schley and Evans Heard From

### WE HAVE GOOD NAVY

### Naval Academy Alumni Gives Banquet in Chicago and Six Admirals Attend

### OUR SHIPS GOODS AS ANY

### Recent Criticisms of Navy Unjust, Misleading and Silly—Dewey, Evans and Schley Resent the Unfair Statements Regarding Our Vessels

CHICAGO, Nov. 23.—Critics of the navy who condemn warships because of minor defects were answered publicly tonight at a banquet of the United States naval academy alumni of the east. Six rear admirals sat at the banquet board at the Auditorium Hotel and letters scoring recent critics and praising the navy were read from Admiral Dewey, Rear Admiral Schley and Rear Admiral Evans. Those rear admirals present were Capps, Ross, Brownson, Higginson, Chadwick and Dayton. Admiral Dewey wrote that "battleship building is one of the most progressive of modern arts and the old ships are not equal to the new, but the vessels which have been recently received with marked consideration in South America, and countries bordering on the Pacific Ocean are equals of the foreign vessels of their date of design and completion and often their superiors."

Admiral Schley wrote "that there is no more possible to create a perfect ship than to find a perfect man," and he took exception to the criticism of the navy because the fact is withheld that many of the minor defects adverted to were common to a large percentage of vessels of every power constructed at the time.

Schley also wrote that the inference sought to be established is that our vessels are inferior to foreign vessels. He declares that one has but to read some of the foreign articles to find that there are some critics who seem to think all is not well in these vessels on their own side of the ocean.

Evans in his letter says that after his experience with our fleet which few men have had, he is convinced that our ships taken as a whole are equal or superior to those built by any other country. Of course, our first ships do not equal latest foreign ships and no sane man would expect them to, but he thinks that our newest craft are superior to all. He says he has studied the recent criticisms of our navy and has no words to tell how unjust, misleading and silly they are.

eight-year term. Then the Citizens' named Gimre for the eight-year term, after having agreed that he should go for the four-year term, according to the representations made. This made Young and Gimre opponents of each other, and left the Republicans in bad humor over what they termed was a palpable "trick."

From the Third ward a nomination was filed yesterday for A. Scherneckau for the water commission for the four-year term, which would have made him an opponent of J. W. Welch. After consideration Mr. Scherneckau stated that he would not take the nomination, though feeling grateful to the men who had signed the petition.

I. Bergman yesterday accepted the nomination on the Independent ticket for the water commission for the Third ward for the four-year term, which will make him an opponent of H. G. Van Dusen.

The time for filing nominations on the Independent ticket closed last night. No other nominations may now be made.

## GIRL KILLS LOVER.

### Lamented Tragedy Is Enacted Through An Accident.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Nov. 23.—Girth Spencer, aged 24 years, a young farmer living at Owen, Ind., was accidentally killed by Miss Ida Reinhardt, to whom he was engaged to be married on Christmas day, at the girl's home in this city yesterday.

The tragedy occurred shortly after Spencer had finished eating breakfast at the Reinhardt home. Miss Reinhardt, her mother and Spencer were sitting about the table talking when the conversation drifted to revolvers and their uses. Spencer said that he had no revolver, whereupon Miss Reinhardt said she had one and she went to a trunk and procured the weapon.

There were two bullets in the revolver and Spencer removed both of these before looking at the revolver. He snapped it several times and handed it back to Miss Reinhardt, who also snapped it several times. She then handed it to her mother who snapped it playfully.

Mrs. Reinhardt handed the revolver back to Spencer and he put the two bullets back into it. Miss Reinhardt did not see him when he reloaded the gun. He handed it back to her and she took it in her hands and again began to pull the trigger and the third time the cartridge exploded and the bullet sped straight into the man's heart.

### DIVORCE LAW PASSES.

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., Nov. 24.—The new divorce law, increasing the period of residence from six months to one year, was carried November 3 in South Dakota by a vote of 2 to 1, according to unofficial figures compiled today.

## BULL DOGS DO BATTLE IN A TOWN HALL

### WILD SCRAMBLE WHEN VIL- LAGE TRUSTEES RAID THE PLACE

CHICAGO, Nov. 23.—After two terriers had torn one another for 56 minutes and had been prevented from rushing into a death grapple by the lightweight pugilistic champion, Battling Nelson, the trustees of the village of Burnham, with a dozen armed deputies at their backs, broke into the city hall in which the fight was held. The 500 spectators jumped to their feet and a wild rush for doors and windows followed. Several shots were fired in the air by the deputies, but they could not stop the stampede.

Through the room in which the fight took place was on the second floor of the building, scores of men did not hesitate to drop from windows, one of the fugitives suffering a broken leg. He was hauled to a waiting buggy by companions and was driven rapidly away. The other men in the audience, made up for the most part of "followers of the sport," formed flying wedges and charged the trustees and deputies in approved football style (old rules) and broke through the ring of officers guarding the exits. Then began a helter skelter flight from the village, some getting away in carriages, a few in automobiles and a regular army on foot. Trustees and deputies, however, managed to capture nine men.

Champion Battling Nelson escaped the same fate by what his followers might call a new exhibition of ring generalship. When the scramble began the battler bethought himself of a deputy's star presented to him by an admirer in O'Baro, Mex., last year. Pinning this on his coat, he mingled with the raiders and finally slipped from the place unobserved.

ALBANY, N. Y., Nov. 23.—Total receipts of \$392,339 and disbursements amounting to \$318,293 by the Republican state committee during the recent campaign are shown by the report of George J. Smith, treasurer which was filed today with the Secretary of State. The Democratic state committee received \$206,360 and disbursed \$204,892 during the campaign according to a statement filed today with the Secretary of State by Arthur McLean, treasurer of the committee.

## JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER THINKS MAKING MONEY NOT ALL

### STAYS AT ANN ARBOR.

ANN ARBOR, Mich., Nov. 23.—Arthur Hill of Saginaw, one of the regents of the University of Michigan, last night denied that Michigan had offered Benjamin E. Wheeler of the University of California the position now held by President Angell. "I called on Dr. Wheeler when I was in California and he informed me he was too well satisfied with conditions there to make a change," said Regent Hill. "Moreover the University of Michigan has tendered him nothing."

Regent Beal says that Dr. Angell has not resigned. "There is nothing to this," said President Angell last night, "and I cannot imagine where it started."

## HENEY EAGER TO BE UP AND DOING

### THE GREAT PROSECUTOR EX- PRESSES DEVOUT THANKS FOR HIS ESCAPE.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 23.—The Call this morning prints the first interview granted to the press by Francis J. Heney, since the assistant district attorney was shot in Judge Lawlor's court room November 13 by Morris Haas while the hearing of one of the cases against Ruef was in progress.

After expressing devout thanks for his miraculous escape, Mr. Heney says:

"In this great human battle against vice and corruption let no one believe that the true source is to be found in the individual dynamites, jury bribers, kidnapers and assassins, and that their extermination means ultimate victory. Such beings are but the bubbles emanating from the pool of filth that has been years in the making. The seed has been sown and we must reap the harvest, but in gathering the tares let us be satisfied with nothing but the roots.

"It has been a terrible sacrifice, but if my blood has not been shed in vain, if the assassin's bullet has suddenly disclosed to the public eye the hideousness of the gigantic conspiracy to defeat the law, then I shall feel that I have not lived in vain, that my poor efforts have met with immeasurable benefit to my beloved city and state."

The foregoing is a part of the statement which is published over Mr. Heney's signature. The wounded man is well on the road to recovery and was able to walk about his room at the hospital today. To his interviewer he stated that he was eager to get back to the prosecution of the graft cases again.

PEKIN, Nov. 23.—The first trustworthy report of a mutiny at Nanking was received here today. A battery of artillery and a squadron of cavalry consisting of not over 500 men, entrenched themselves on November 19th in the old fort and gave out that they had mutined. For a time they put up a successful resistance, but a gunboat was brought to the scene and bombarded their position, whereupon they fled. Soldiers are now in pursuit.

## ROBBER TACKLES THE WRONG MAN

TACOMA, Nov. 23.—Frustrated in an attempt to hold up Charles Blomberg, a bartender in a "C" street saloon at 8 o'clock tonight, two young highwaymen, heavily armed, were arrested and when searched at the police station were identified as the men who held up and robbed the P-street car Saturday night. The robbers confessed that before coming to Tacoma they had held up and robbed crews of two Portland street cars. Both men were considerably under the influence of liquor when taken into custody. Blomberg, when the robber stuck a gun into his face, dodged into the saloon office, returning with a revolver and this display of nerve unnerved the highwaymen, and while he held them at bay, a patron of the resort rushed to the street and summoned Patrolman Nelson. Both robbers put up a fight in the jail office and one of them attempted to get possession of the revolver taken from him, but was knocked senseless by Captain Fitzgerald.

### But it Takes Many Years For Him to Learn Fact

### MEMORY NOT CLEAR

### Gives Credit to Flagler and Todd for Standard Oil, In- ception and Success

### STANDARD CASE STILL ON

### "There is More Important Work Than Making Money," Says Oil Magnate, But he Amassed \$200- 000,000 Before Learning This.

NEW YORK, Nov. 23.—Credit for the creation of the Standard Oil Trust which counsel for the Federal government claims still exists as the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, was given by John D. Rockefeller today as a witness under cross examination to two men, Henry M. Flagler and Samuel C. T. Todd. To these master architects of the oil combine, Rockefeller gave full credit, saying he was sure it was not himself, as he did not possess ability for so progressive a move. Rockefeller spent an arduous day on the stand under the incessant questioning of Frank B. Kellogg, government's counsel and when adjournment was taken until tomorrow, he gave every evidence of delight that the day was done. Counsel hopes to conclude Rockefeller's cross-examination tomorrow, when it is predicted to place John D. Archbold, vice-president of the Standard Oil on the stand. Kellogg, who with other government investigators has been endeavoring for more than a year to locate the missing stock on the transfer books of the Standard Oil Company sought to do so today through Rockefeller who promised to do what he could to find them. Rockefeller's examination today carried him through a period of the Standard Oil Trust and years of its subsequent liquidation which lasted from 1894 to 1899. Rockefeller's memory at times was not clear on definite details of this trust liquidation period and he told counsel that he could not recall many of the incidents and developments of that time. During the day Kellogg developed from Rockefeller that early in the industrial existence of the Standard the presidents of railroad companies together with their directors were stockholders in the oil combination.

After adjournment tonight Rockefeller told an inquiring audience of reporters that they were better things in the world that making money and that since 1891 he had been gradually retiring from business. He added: "There is more important work than making money and there is much for me to do. I belong to the Brotherhood of Man."

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