



## BAKER CITY'S FIRE MYSTERY HAS BEEN SOLVED BY BOY

### Makes a Confession That He Set the Fires

### HE BURNED SCHOOLS

### Teacher Reprimanded Him for Insolence and He Retaliated With Fire

### EXCITEMENT ALMOST ALLAYED

### During the Reign of Terror Six Incendiary Fires Occurred Including Three School Houses, one Residence and Standard Oil Tanks.

BAKER CITY, Or., Nov. 27.—Through the confession of a 16-year-old boy named Golden Ormond, the identity of the incendiary who has caused almost a state of terror in Baker City for the past five months has been solved. The incendiary was none other than Golden Ormond himself, according to the confession he is alleged to have made to the Pinkerton detectives working on the case. During the period named six incendiary fires have occurred, three school buildings, one residence, and the Standard Oil tanks in the city burned, and one laundry badly damaged but not destroyed. Losses will aggregate \$100,000. The people of the city became so wrought over the frequency of the fires that Mayor Johnson issued an order to citizens to shoot any one suspected of incendiarism. An innocent cause of young Ormond's depravity is a school teacher who reprimanded the youth for insolence and for putting pins on her chair. The boy swore to get even and the school was burned. Later the other buildings were set on fire, because the boy enjoyed the excitement attendant upon the fires. The detectives employed by the Mayor learned of young Ormond's trouble with the teacher and a comparison of the dates of the fires with the days of his absence from the school furnished what proved a clue that led to the lad's arrest.

### FULTON AT HOT SPRINGS.

HOT SPRINGS, Nov. 27.—Senator Fulton of Oregon had an opportunity today to discuss Oregon affairs with Taft. Taft was the guest of honor tonight at a dinner given by Senator Bourne of Oregon who entertained besides Taft, a number of newspaper representatives and personal friends.

## A COMPARISON OF NAVAL STRENGTH

### London Publication Argues Against Including United States in Two Power Naval Standard

LONDON, Nov. 27.—The Nation publishes today a strongly worded argument against including the United States in the two power naval standard for Great Britain; in other words that the British fleet should exceed in strength any other two powers by 10 per cent. The paper says that American and Germany are the next two strongest naval powers after Great Britain. America, it explains, is practically to build two navies, one for the Atlantic and one for

### THE DOWIE ESTATE.

CHICAGO, Nov. 27.—Overseer William Glenn Voliva of Zion City will submit a proposition to Receiver Thomas and the United States Circuit court to purchase the entire estate of John Alexander Dowie, so that he and his followers may continue in undisputed possession of the municipality. It is hoped by Voliva that \$1,300,000 can be collected among the followers of the faithful with which to make the purchase and efforts to this end are now being made.

## UNITED STATES SHOULD OWN ITS COLLIERIES

### FOREIGN COMPLICATIONS OR COMBINATIONS WOULD MAKE FLEET HELPLESS

### STEPS SHOULD BE TAKEN

### Rear-Admiral Cowles Chief of Equipment Bureau Makes an Interesting Statement in the Navy Annual Report—Foreign Vessels Carry Coal.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 27.—Rear-Admiral William S. Cowles, chief of the equipment bureau in the navy annual report says that if foreign complications had arisen or a combination been affected between the shipowners the Atlantic fleet might have had to remain lying helpless in some foreign port because the United States had not an adequate number of colliers to supply coal to the warships. Foreign vessels had to be chartered to carry coal to the fleet. Cowles recommends that steps be taken immediately to supply an adequate number of colliers for the navy.

### LAMPHERE IN PENITENTIARY

LA PORTE, Nov. 27.—Ray Lamphere, who was convicted of setting fire to the home of Mrs. Belle Guinness, went to prison today. He was subjected to the usual treatment accorded convicts and was given No. 4140.

### MURDER AND SUICIDE.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 27.—Crazed with jealousy over the alleged attentions paid to his wife George Lavin, a salesman, living at 2410 Mission street shot and fatally wounded J. F. Wilbur Sarman, a roomer in his house this afternoon and committed suicide by cutting his throat with a razor.

### IN COUNCIL ZONE. Considering A Code Of Laws For The Panama District.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 27.—At the first meeting of the house committee on interstate and foreign commerce, the suggestion will be made that the committee visit the isthmian canal Congress at the next session and as zone this winter. Several matters of importance affecting the government of the zone probably will come before Congress at the next session and as the interstate and foreign commerce committee has full jurisdiction over next legislation for that territory, it is thought wise that the entire membership acquaint itself with recent developments there. It has been five years since the committee visited the zone. When Congress adjourned at the close of last session it was the intention for both the appropriation committee and the Interstate Commerce Commission to visit the zone this fall, but the election interfered with this arrangement and none of the members of the former committee will go to the isthmus this winter. By arranging for a government vessel to call for the members of the Interstate Commerce Commission at some southern port, probably Miami, Fla., and to return there it is believed that the trip could be accomplished before New Year's. There are no important hearings scheduled for this committee before the holidays as is the case with the appropriation committee and it will be urged that the business of the session would not be returned by the trip. While it is said by members already in the city that a code of laws for the zone probably will not be authorized by Congress until the completion of the canal at least, it is argued that a study of the development of this country will assist materially in framing a code.

### STEINHEIL GOOD WOMAN.

PARIS, Nov. 27.—Count Garlon, whose name was mentioned in connection with Mme. Steinheil and at whose house in Paris Mme. Steinheil stayed for weeks after the murder of her husband, declared today she was an honorable woman. The count said, however, that he was convinced that she no longer possessed her mental faculties. He characterized the story she presented of the death of Felix Faure a base calumny. On the contrary he declared, there is ample evidence to prove that she at that time was ill in her own home.

## HITCHCOCK APPOINTED POSTMASTER GENERAL

### RECEIVES HIS REWARD FROM THE NEWLY ELECTED PRESIDENT.

### AND ACCEPTS THE POSITION

### With His Knowledge of the Personnel of the Party he Will be a Great Aid to Taft—Has Had Much Experienced in That Line.

HOT SPRINGS, Nov. 27.—Frank H. Hitchcock has accepted the appointment as postmaster-general in Taft's cabinet. As chairman of the Republican National Committee Hitchcock became more familiar than any other person with the political phase of questions likely to arise at the beginning of the Taft administration and the knowledge gained regarding the personnel of the party will be of great service to Taft. Besides these reasons, Hitchcock possesses comprehensive as well as technical knowledge of postal affairs gained by a protracted experience as first assistant and as postmaster-general.

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## PAYNE ANSWERS VAN CLEAVE

### People Will Judge Any Tariff Bill Made

### COMMITTEE KNOWS IT

### Payne Answers Letter From Van Cleave of Which He Makes That Statement

### TO ADVANCE JUDGMENT

### Will be Studied in the Light of What May be Learned From the Bill Itself Not Like the Wise Prophets.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 27.—"We are fully aware that any bill reported from the committee will be judged by the people, not in the light or view of those wise prophets or critics who are judging it in advance, but in the light of what will be learned from the bill itself, and from an examination before the convention." In these words Sen. E. Payne, chairman of the house on ways and means committee, replied today to a letter from J. W. Van Cleave, president of the National Association of Manufacturers, criticizing the methods pursued in revising the tariff.

### NATIONAL FORESTS.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 27.—President Roosevelt has signed proclamations creating the Ocala national forest in Marion county, Florida, and the Dakota national forest in Billings county, North Dakota. These two states have thus been added to nineteen other states and the territory of Alaska, wherein land is under scientific forest administration. The Florida forest, the first to be set aside by the government east of the Mississippi river, has an area of 201,480 acres, one-fourth of which has been taken up under various land laws and is well adapted to the production of forest growth. The Dakota forest consists of 14,080 acres and its creation is important as it opens an experimental opportunity in a state having only one percent tree growth.

### MYSTERIOUS MURDERS.

EUREKA, Cal., Nov. 27.—A mystery surrounding the shooting and killing of Bert Porter on a lake near Trinidad yesterday was intensified and complicated today by the mysterious killing of Joseph Viera who was shot down near Glendale. Bullets of the same type killed both men. It is believed both murders were the work of the same individual. A posse is searching for a mysterious man seen near Trinidad yesterday and near Glendale today.

### RABBIT RIDES IN AUTO. To Escape Pursuing Hound It Jumps Into Passing Car.

CALDWELL, N. J., Nov. 27.—A rabbit rode in an automobile and a dog pursuing it dropped dead. These strange incidents sound like a tale from Nun-hausen, but they actually occurred near here yesterday. Chased by a yelping hound, the rabbit jumped on a stone wall and for a while ran parallel with the automobile driven by Chas. Crumney, a New York business man. Suddenly the hound jumped from the wall and landed plump in the tonneau of the car. The hound, not to be thus outwitted continued to pursue the automobile until it dropped dead, either from exhaustion or from a heart attack and taken home by Crumney.

### BATTLE IN MID AIR. Desperate Fighting Between Burglars And Detectives.

CHICAGO, Nov. 27.—A desperate battle between burglars and detectives on a fire escape one hundred feet from the ground yesterday, thrilled hundreds of spectators who surrounded the plant of the Western Metal Manufacturing Company. The detectives were held at bay by the thieves they had trapped. Stanley Cioslinsky, aged 19 years, and Stanley Gierch, aged 20 years, both of whom have been in the hands of the police before, were the men arrested. Cioslinsky was released from the Bridewell only Tuesday after serving time for burglary. The burglars fled across a roof, down a fire escape and into a second story window, where they again held the pursuing officers at bay until a company of firemen arrived, when they were captured.

### PIANIST DEAD. Miss Rosalie Magnusson Lancaster Passes Away In Chicago.

CHICAGO, Nov. 27.—Mrs. Rosalie Magnusson Lancaster is dead at her home in this city. Thirty years ago Mrs. Lancaster, then Miss Rosalie Magnusson, was considered America's greatest pianist. She was the pupil and the favorite of Rubenstein in Vienna and during her concert career in the United States attained high rank among the musicians. The death of her son, Dr. Howard N. Lancaster, in Chicago May 24th, preyed upon her mind and broke her health. Mrs. Lancaster was born in Stockholm, Sweden, Feb. 24, 1848, and came to Chicago when a girl with her parents. As a young girl she was known as the most beautiful in the city. She married A. N. Lancaster and moved to California. After the death of her husband in California she returned to concert work and teaching and won a wide reputation. She returned to Chicago fourteen years ago.

### HAYTT'S BLOCKADE.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 27.—Hayti's "Paper" blockade of the ports of Aquin and Jeremie, which the government admits its ability to make effective by force of arms will not be recognized by the state department. This is in accordance with the traditional policy of the American government. Notice to this effect was sent to American minister Furness at Port Au Prince.

## INJUNCTION RESTRAINING EQUITABLE

### CANNOT SUE THE HYDES FOR RECOVERY OF MONEY TO THE AMOUNT OF \$2,000,000

### MUST AWAIT DETERMINATION

### James Hazen Hyde and His Mother, Anna G. Hyde, Trustees of Hyde Will Secure Injunction—Small Contracts Are Recommended.

NEW YORK, Nov. 27.—A halt in the prosecution of the \$2,000,000 suit against the late Henry B. Hyde, founder of the Equitable Life Assurance Society, was brought about today by the action of Justice Bishoff in the supreme court. On the application of James Hazen Hyde and mother, Annie G. Hyde, trustees under the will of Henry B. Hyde, Justice Bishoff granted an injunction restraining the Equitable Society, its subsidiary concerns, the Mercantile Trust Company and George Turner from proceeding with suits against the Hydes for the recovery of \$2,000,000, which it was alleged they had used improperly in the purchase of rehabilitation of the Western National Bank of this city. The injunction restrains the prosecution of these suits until it is determined whether they or the Equitable are responsible.

## MORE OF THE STEINHEIL CASE THAT AGITATES PARIS

### LABORERS DROWNED.

MANILA, Nov. 27.—The coasting steamer Ponting, carrying a large number of laborers from Narvacan to the rice fields in Pangasinan province, struck a reef and sank last night during a storm off San Fernando in the Union province. It is estimated that 100 passengers and crew were drowned. The steamer Vigcays rescued 55. Many bodies are coming ashore. It is not known whether any Americans or Europeans were aboard wrecked steamer.

## NO PUBLIC DISCUSSION BY NAVAL OFFICERS

### PRESIDENT THROUGH METCALF ISSUES ORDER TO THAT EFFECT

### PERMISSION MAY BE GRANTED

### The President Has Concluded That Public Discussion of Alleged Defects of Battleships do Not Serve Any Good Purpose.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 27.—That there shall be no further public discussion by naval officers concerning the Newport conference without permission of the President was the purport of an order issued today by Secretary Metcalf at the direction of Roosevelt. On October 30 the department issued a permit to officers to discuss the work of this conference except so far as applied to changes made on ships to be authorized in the future. The President has concluded the public discussion of the alleged defects of the battleships do not serve any good purpose.

### TROOPS WITHDRAWN.

HOPKINSVILLE, Ken., Nov. 27.—Over the protests of a large number of citizens who fear resumption of night rider attacks the withdrawal of troops in the night rider district of Western Kentucky began today. Guards will be retained at Murray and Eddyville where conditions are still regarded critical.

### WANT TARIFF REVISION.

NEW YORK, Nov. 27.—Resolutions asking the creation of a permanent national tariff commission were passed today by the board of directors of the Merchants' Association of this city. The association asks for an early comprehensive and thorough revision of the tariff.

## VERY IMPORTANT ARGUMENT MADE

### United States and Japan Form an Agreement of Far Reaching Importance to All the Nations

WASHINGTON, Nov. 27.—Despite official reticence information from reliable sources has been obtained of an agreement of far reaching importance between the United States and Japan covering the policies of the two countries in the Pacific. The agreement is based on the idea of encouraging and defending the free and peaceful commercial development of that ocean. It contains not only a mutual guarantee to respect one another's territorial possessions there, but defines the atti-

### Various New Theories for Crime are Advanced

### NO MORE ARRESTS

### Magistrate Has Begun New and Independent Investigation of Case

### A POLITICAL SIDE AFFAIR

### George and Denys Cochin, Conservative Members of the Chamber of Deputies, Announce Their Intention of Interpolating Government.

PARIS, Nov. 27.—George and Denys Cochin, conservative members of the chamber of deputies, announced their intention of interpellating the government on the attitude of the magistracy in the Steinheil case. This action is desired to raise a political side affair with which the newspapers are becoming more and more occupied. Various new theories for crime have been advanced since the arrest of Mme. Steinheil and tonight there are many reports of impending important arrests. Up to midnight, however, nobody taken into custody. Magistrate Andre has begun a new and independent investigation of the whole case, starting with the lengthy examination of Remy Couillaud arrested last Saturday, charged with the murders and subsequently released, and all the events connected with the discovery of the crime, the particular position of the body of Mme. Jopey when it was found, and the manner in which it was bound to the bed.

### DRIVEN OUT BY FIRE.

CHICAGO, Nov. 27.—Thirty families were driven panic stricken into the streets last night by a fire which threatened part of the business section of South Chicago. Women and children were carried by firemen and policemen to the streets. The blaze started in the basement of the three-story brick building occupied by the commercial National Bank and Ingraham Banks and Company. The interior of the building was destroyed. Two hundred members of the Teamsters' Union were gathered in a hall on the second floor and they were stampeded by the dense smoke. The loss is \$40,000. The fire is supposed to have been started by incendiaries.