



PORTLAND BANK \$16,500

**Men Do Work Unmasked
in Broad Day Light**

MAKE AN EASY ESCAPE

**President Newhall and His Son
are Helpless at the Point
of Robbers Gun**

TAKE ALL CASH IN SIGHT

**One Man Keeps His Victims Covered
While Companion Watches
Outside and Another Crawls Thru
Teller's Window For Booty.**

PORTLAND, Dec. 7.—An east side local bank, located on East Washington and Grand avenue was held up and robbed at 6 o'clock tonight by three unmasked men. It is understood they secured about \$16,500. The president of the bank, Henry H. Newhall and his son, Roger Newhall, were just closing the day's business when two men armed with revolvers entered. President Newhall and his son were commanded to hold up their hands and while thus under cover of the robbers one man crawled through the teller's window, passed out gold and currency and silver to his confederates and then crawled back into the foyer through the window. The three then made their escape before an alarm could be sounded. From the neatness of the job and the expeditious way in which the robbers made their escape the police surmise they must have had other assistance or had cache somewhere in the vicinity of the bank. As soon as the frightened bankers recovered their senses an alarm was sounded. Newhall and his son started in pursuit, each armed with a revolver and fired several shots at the fleeing robbers. Both sides of the river is being patrolled by a corps of police and detectives but it will be no easy matter to apprehend the criminals. The crime is perhaps the boldest ever committed in this city and evokes a series of murders for robbery and general reign of terror which a gang of yeggmen and hold-ups have created in Portland for the past three months. President Newhall made the following statement to the Associated Press:

"We were just preparing to close up for the night when the robbery occurred. The bookkeeper, Mr. Col-

ROBBED, ABOUT \$16,500 SECURED

ton, had just gone out to post a letter and my son Roger and myself were completing details incident to the closing of the bank when the unmasked man entered. He had a big automatic revolver in his hand, and ordered us to hold up our hands and then commanded us to retire to my private office. We were in no position to make a defense and immediately complied. Almost in an instant another man entered and the

GATHERING EVIDENCE IN DEFENSE OF SISTER

**BROTHER WILL AID DENVER
WOMAN ON TRIAL FOR
EXTORTION.**

FINDS OUT OTHER TROUBLE

**He Had Several Long Conferences
With House Detectives of Auditorium Annex Who Recovered
Other Property.**

CHICAGO, Dec. 7.—After working secretly in Chicago for a week gathering evidence to be used in the defense of his sister, Mrs. Allen F. Read, the Denver woman who is accused of trying to extort money from Mrs. Genevieve Chandler Phipps, a wealthy society leader in the Colorado city by threats of dynamiting, and who obtained bonds worth \$20,000 on a forged check from Babcock, Rushton and Louderback of Chicago, W. C. Campbell, left the city last evening for the West.

Although Mr. Campbell arrived in the city last week, only a few persons with whom he did business knew of his presence in the city.

Mr. Campbell had several long conferences with Frank Repetta, the house detective of the Auditorium Annex, who recovered from Mrs. Read the bonds she secured from Babcock, Rushton and Louderback on a worthless check.

Mr. Campbell wanted to know every detail of his sister's visit in Chicago and all about the trouble she got into here," said Mr. Repetta. From the questions he asked it gathered that he was looking up evidence to be used in her defense. He would talk very little about it here, however.

SEVERAL MEET DEATH.
SHELBOURNE, N. S., Dec. 5.—Several men met death today off the southern coast off Nova Scotia Thursday morning when barge No. 101 of the Barrett Manufacturing Co., in tow of the tug John Hughes bound from Boston to Halifax with coal tar went down with all the crew.

SENATE MOURNS ALLISON'S ABSENCE

**Pall of Sadness Over Assemblage as they Gather
for Second Session of Sixtieth Congress**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—There was a pall of sadness over the Senate when it convened for the second session of the 60th congress, due to the absence of the late Senator Allison, of Iowa, who died in August, after service of more than 35 years in that body. The assemblage was a brilliant one, 82 members being present, while the galleries were filled with representatives of the official and social life of the capital. The session lasted 15 minutes and then adjourned in respect of the memory of Allison.

After being in session for an hour,

third one standing outside. The first man, protected by the revolver in the hands of his confederate, then crawled through the teller's window, always keeping us covered, and commenced to hand out coin and currency to his companion. The third man then entered and between them they took away a bag of gold containing \$8000, a package of currency containing \$3300, mostly in large bills, and a lot of miscellaneous coins, in all about \$16,500, I think. They had a receptacle of some kind to dump a portion of the loot into.

"Having secured practically all the coin there was in sight, the robbers made a hurried exit. My son Roger and myself, each securing a revolver and ran out after them. The robbers ran easterly in the darkness on Washington street toward the slough which lies in that vicinity. We each fired several shots but owing to the darkness we think we did not hit them. They did not return our fire and disappeared as if the earth swallowed them.

"From the time which the robbers selected for the crime I am of the opinion they must have been watching us for some time and knew exactly what time the clerks went home and other conditions necessary to successfully complete the job. I have a fairly accurate description of one of the men.

"The robbery will not affect the bank's stability in the least. We have ample money on hand to meet all requirements."

Up to a late hour tonight the police and detectives had secured no tangible clue to the identity of the robbers nor their means of escape from the scene. A general accepted theory is that the men had a buggy or perhaps an automobile stationed at some point distant from the bank and escaped in it.

IRISH UNIVERSITY.
DUBLIN, Dec. 5.—The title for the new university which has been the subject of an acute controversy for some time, was settled yesterday to the satisfaction of all parties, when King Edward issued letters of patent constituting it as the National University of Ireland.

**RUEF'S DEFENSE WEAK
FOR THIRD TRIAL**

**PROSECUTION HAS YESTER-
DAY AND ALL TODAY FOR
ARGUMENT.**

IN THE FUREY BRIBERY

**Defense Presents Little or no Evidence
in Yesterday's Session of
Court—Assistant District Attorney
Strong Argumen.**

**SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 7.—The
third trial of Ruef on the charge of
bribery of Former Supervisor John
J. Furey in connection with the trol-
ley franchise award is in the argu-
ment stage, defense presenting little
or no evidence. The prosecution had
this afternoon and Wednesday for
argument and the defense all day to-
morrow according to the ruling of
the court. Assistant District Attor-
ney Ogara, who entered the case
when Heney was shot, was sad in in-
cluding his remark today, he said:
"God forbid that any verdict that
you might return should place Abra-
ham Ruef and his band of thieves
again in control of this city. Show
by your verdict that this city has as-
serted its manhood and has relieved
itself of the dishonor and disgrace he
has brought upon it."**

SCHOOL FOR CHINESE.

**BERLIN, Dec. 5.—The colonial
budget includes an original appro-
priation of \$150,000 to be followed
by \$32,000 annually for the erection
and maintenance at Tsing Tao, in the
German territory of Kiao Chau,
China, of schools for the Chinese
natives where instruction in techni-
cal matters will be given.**

WORDS OF COUNSEL FOR HIS FELLOW-CITIZENS

**HON. F. T. TAYLOR HAS AN-
OTHER MESSAGE OF HON-
EST WARNING.**

"Astoria, Or., Dec. 5, 1908.

"Editor Astorian:
"One MAY be stating a truth when he says that 'with the levy fixed at one-third of a mill about 17 cents a year is what a person whose property is assessed at \$500 will pay for the construction of the proposed seawall.' One is stating a truth when he states that '2 and 2 are 4,' but neither statement has any bearing on the seawall proposition as proposed in the pending amendment. However, I have my doubts about the truthfulness of the statement first quoted above, for the following reason:
"A levy of one-third of a mill on the present assessed valuation of the taxable property of the city (\$3,470,478.00) would produce the full sum of \$1156.82, and that wouldn't pay the attorney fee of the commission's attorney, let alone building a seawall. Therefore, the statement should be revised to read 'with the levy fixed at one-third of a mill about 17 cents a year is what a person whose property is assessed at \$500 will pay towards the salary of the attorney for the Seawall Commission.'"

"The seawall amendment proposes a five mill levy, which would produce, if fully collected, \$17,352.39, and the interest on \$300,000 of bonds, at 5 per cent, would amount to \$15,000, leaving \$2352.39 to pay attorneys' fees and other expenses of the commission. There is no provision in the bill whereby the principle debt can be paid off, and the person whose property is assessed at \$500, as well as other taxpayers, can calculate on paying the full tax levy for the remainder of their lives.

"Then, too, it is proposed to construct a wooden seawall, which, like the wooden streets, will soon decay, and a new seawall will have to be built. Then the \$500 property owner will have to pay another tax which will last the remainder of his life, and so on ad infinitum. Query: how long will it take said property owner and his descendants to pay off the seawall debt under those circumstances?

"In a recent communication to The Astorian, C. M. Foley made the statement that the city's indebtedness is about \$800,000. This statement is challenged in last evening's paper, and an attack is made upon the water commission. I do not know who Mr. Foley is, nor where he got his information; but, unfortunately, his statement is nearer the truth than is that of his critic. Here are the figures:
Municipal bonds (auditor's report) \$189,050.00
Street bonds (auditor's report) 4,968.22
Warrants (auditor's report) 122,464.63
School district bonds 87,000.00
School district bonds 75,000.00
School district warrants 16,000.00
County indebtedness, \$150,000, 40 per cent of which will fall upon the taxable property of the city 60,000

Total liabilities for which area of area of city is liable \$779,482.85
It is useless to quibble and split hairs and say that all of the above is not technically city indebtedness. It is indebtedness for which the city will have to put up the last dollar. Because the city has some money in a fund to be applied to some other purpose it cannot be said that such money should be deducted from the indebtedness to show the exact liability. Nor can the assets of the city be properly deducted from the amount of the city's total liability for the purpose of determining the city's indebtedness. The city's assets are not convertible into debt-paying assets. As well might a man argue thus: I owe John Jones \$500, but I have a farm worth \$1000; hence I don't owe John Jones anything.

"The partisans of one department charging another department with responsibility will not lessen the

debt. The important thing to understand is that the indebtedness exists, and that no additional burdens should be imposed upon the city until its present difficulties are somewhat straightened. In order to provide sufficient educational facilities we will soon require additional school buildings, and to protect our present water system large sums will have to be expended. These we must have. A seawall we do not need, at present. It will add nothing to our revenues. It will do nothing for the public health that cannot be done by simply extending our sewers. It will interfere with our sawmills and our canneries, and be a drawback to the construction of other factories along our waterfront, and it will saddle the city with a debt that this generation and their children's children will not be able to get from under.

"It is not pleasant to have to parade our misfortunes before the world, but it seems to be necessary in this instance, in order to avoid continuing a course of treatment which has produced those misfortunes. Incurring further indebtedness to build seawalls would be like feeding a man who was sick from eating mince pie more mince pie to cure him.

"FRANK J. TAYLOR."

BUY HOUSE FOR HIM.

**NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—If the Rev.
Dr. Robt. MacArthur of the Calvary
Baptist Church had his way, the cus-
tom of having Christmas trees would
be abandoned. In his sermon yester-
day after a plea for early shopping to
relieve the tired workers in depart-
ment stores, he said: How came
we to adopt this custom, which is
one of the many taken from the
heathen. We are re-foresting many
portions of our state and country. We
ought to save the trees to prevent
flood and give the proper amount of
shade. To do my share in the work,
I have forbidden the purchase of ever-
green trees in this church for the
coming holidays."**

**CAMPAIGN STARTED BY
RAILROAD ASSN.**

**MANUFACTURERS WANT BUSI-
NESS—EMPLOYEES WANT
WORK, IS THE CRY.**

REPRESENT \$500,000,000

**Urges Legislators to Discourage
All Measures Having Tendency
to Continue Against Corporate In-
terests.**

manufacturing concerns which supply the railroads with equipment, the tradesmen from whom the employees of the manufacturing concern buy the necessities of life, and even the railroad employees themselves, are suffering from the shutting off in part of that vast stream of money which amounted to nearly \$2,500,000,000 in 1907.

The names of prominent manufacturers of equipment and supplies are given as organizers of the movement.

**THREATNING LETTERS
ARE UNSOLVED**

**ARE SIGNED BY "THE KNIGHTS
OF THE WHITE DEATH"
AND MEAN BUSINESS**

WRAPPED ON COFFINHANDLES

Letters of Same Character and Purpose Have Been Received Before Signed in the Same Way by Other People.

CHICAGO, Dec. 7.—The mystery of recent threatening letters signed "The Knights of the White Death" and wrapped around coffin handles and human bones which had lain long in the grave, has dove-tailed into another mystery of two months ago. It became known last night that the target of two of the grisly missives is Dr. Adolph Gehrman, 3816 Ellis avenue, who, in company with his father, Theodore Gehrman, shot and killed Louis Louterbach, an ex-convict, while in the act of robbing the Gehrman house on September 28.

The identity of Louterbach never was explained satisfactorily to the police, and it has been made many times more interesting a study on account of the fact that one of the blackmailing letters to Dr. Gehrman was written the day after the shooting of Louterbach and announced that the burglar was a member of "The Knights of the White Death."

It threatened the physician and his father and mother with death unless \$500 was placed in the confessional box of St. Jarlath's Roman Catholic church, Jackson Boulevard and Hermitage avenue, at 11 o'clock Sunday night, October 25th. It was followed by a similar threat dated October 11th and embellished with rough drawings of daggers and revolvers, similar to those found on letters by the same author addressed to the Rev. W. O. Waters of Grace Episcopal Church and Assistant Chief of Police Herman F. Schuet-

ter. "There are so many undertakers in Chicago that many of them bury but 15 or 20 bodies a year. The result is that for a funeral which should cost \$200, the undertakers invariably charge as high as \$500. Caskets which should be sold at about \$50 at a good profit they sell for \$200 or \$250.

**WINDY CITY HAS
BIG FUNERAL TRUST**

**Too Many in the Business to Raise Prices so
All of Them Can Live**

CHICAGO, Dec. 7.—That Chicago is at the mercy of a "funeral trust" is the allegation of P. J. Hursen, an embalmer, who in a "display" advertisement in daily papers has been stirring up his brother undertakers. He spoke in part:

"When death comes the relatives in the stress of preparation and grief have neither time nor inclination to look into values. They call the nearest undertaker. They select as an expression of their love the finest casket within their means. At great personal sacrifice they pay \$200, say, for a casket that should cost but \$50 or \$60."

Marlow M. Goodale, president of the Chicago Undertakers' Association, declares that the charges made by Mr. Hursen are not based upon fact.

ARRESTED FOR ALLEGED FRAUD IN ASTORIA TIDE LANDS

**H. T. Hendryx of Portland
Real Estate Broker**

CAPT. SILVA'S CHARGE

**Says He Was Victimized and
Declares There are
Many Others**

SELLS SAME LAND TWICE

**Hendryx is Said to Have Gone to
Captain Silva Last March Represent-
ing That he Was Promoting
the Concern.**

PORTLAND, Dec. 7 (Special to the Astorian)—H. T. Hendryx, a real estate broker and promoter, with offices in the failing buildings, was arrested by the police today on a charge of embezzlement. The charge was brought through the district attorney's office by Captain V. M. C. Silva, agent of the Seattle Dock Co. Captain Silva accuses the promoter, who is widely known, of having practiced high finance in an unworthy manner.

Hendryx denouncing his arrest as totally unwarranted, was taken into custody. Hendryx was booked at the police station and gained his release through F. A. Spencer and F. S. Standley, who qualified as bondsmen for \$500 each.

Investment in Astoria tide lands was what brought about the difficulty. Captain Silva says he was victimized only to the extent of \$250, but that there are others.

The specific transaction, as related to the officials, is that Hendryx went to Captain Silva last March representing that he was promoting a new concern to be known as the Columbia Dock & Terminal Company. He said there was a chance to make \$200 on an investment of \$250, and secured that amount, issuing receipt which Captain Silva now has as evidence.

Shortly after that Captain Silva happened to be talking with M. F. Brady, who occupies the same office with him in the chamber of commerce. During this conversation it developed, the two men say, that both had put up money for exactly the same piece of land, a parcel of 33 acres, shown on a blueprint map as being most desirable. Captain Silva demanded the money a number of times, and failing to receive it or

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