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WRECKED STORE TO CHECK ATTENTION BEING SHOWN TO HER ATTRACTIVE DAUGHTER

Mrs. N. N. Hildebrand and Big Club Cause a Sensation.

Walter Reed's Choice of Companion Didn't Suit Mother.

Pretty Matie Not for Him--Scandal Stirs City's Society.

The antics of the proverbial bull in the china shop were as summer pastimes when compared with the storm of fury exhibited by Mrs. N. F. Hildebrand, of 409 Washington street, as she entered the optical store of Walter Reed, at 133 Sixth street this morning, flourishing a club with which she scattered destruction on every side. Mr. Reed saw her coming and fled. So did a clerk, and for five long minutes the infuriated milliner had things her own way. Glass eyes rolled about the floor and bounded here and there like ping pong balls. Show cases were attacked and pounded to fragments. Jardiniers and other choice bric-a-brac followed the artificial eyes, and assortments of spectacles suitable for all ages added their broken frames to the heap of debris.

For several weeks past Walter Reed, who conducts an optician's establishment at 123 Sixth street at 319 Yamhill street, has been paying unusual attention to Matie Hildebrand, the pretty 20-year-old daughter of Mrs. N. F. Hildebrand, a widow who conducts a millinery store at 409 Washington street. Mr. Reed, already armed with a reputation for being a good fellow outside the precincts of his home as well as at his own fireside, met Miss Matie, and to see her was to admire her. He formed the young lady's acquaintance and several times when Mrs. Reed was not looking he met her and entertained her with soda water, ice cream, and, it is said, with a seat at the theatre. Whether Miss Hildebrand knew that her admirer is a married man is not of record, but persons who know the girl say that she did not.

His Heart's True Love.

At any rate, chance acquaintance ripened into a deep affection on the part of the man and was met half way by the object of his adoration. Meetings became more frequent, and so bold did Mr. Reed become that he is said to have gone to the home of Miss Hildebrand and there met the mother.

Matters came to a crisis last night when Mrs. Hildebdand ascertained that her youngest daughter, Matie, had been seen in company with Mr. Reed, and then and there made up her mind to take things into her own hands and terminate the disagreeable state of affairs by wreaking vengeance on Mr. Reed in person.

Determined on Revenge.

She studied every phase of the proposition, and little was gained. Thinking the circumstances over she remembered a trusty club her husband once used on a pair of burglars who made the mistake of entering his home. The stick is made from seasoned hickory, and to its end is attached a leather strap. Mrs. Hilderbrand rummaged about in old chests and boxes this morning and at last discovered the article with which she had made up her mind to deal vengence on the offending head.

Leaving her millinery store, she walked down Washington street, gaining courage at every step. When arriving near the store she felt capable of duplicating any deed ever executed by the queen of smashers, Carrie Nation.

Reed Saw Her First.

She boldly entered the optical store, and Mr. Reed saw her, and so did a clerk. Mr. Reed decided to leave. He decided quickly and after him flew Mrs. Hildebrand. The fugitive gained a place of safety at the back of his store and the clerk or the person taken for an employe took to the street. It was then that Mrs. Hildebrand began business. She smashed right and left, and optical goods went below par. Glass eyes met the frantic gaze of the irate widow, and she muttered to herself as she battered them about, "I wish they were the real thing and belonged to Reed." Showcases, jardiniers and bric-a-brac all came in for destruction and before the widow left the shop it is said that several hundred dollars' worth of damage had been done.

After the Battle's Din.

Mrs. Hildebrand, when it was all over, calmly surveyed the scene and believing that Reed had taken to a permanent place of safety, she tucked her war club under her skirts and wended her way home. Ten minutes after her departure, the alleged disturber of her peace came from his hiding place and began gathering up the fragments of his goods. As late as noon today he, assisted by two others, were still engaged in placing things in shade.

Mrs. Hildebrand, when seen at her home at 11 o'clock this morning, about a half hour after the occurrence, said:

Reed Was Persistent.

"A short time ago I became aware that my daughter was meeting Reed, and I determined to watch and ascertain if it was true. Persons came and told me that I should warn Matie about the man. I mentioned the matter to her and she told me that she did not know that he was married."

"A week ago I warned Reed in person to have nothing more to do with my

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ALICE ROOSEVELT ENJOYS HER VISIT TO ISLE OF PORTO RICO

SAN JUAN, March 23.—Miss Alice Roosevelt, who arrived here Thursday last for a visit to the family of Governor Hunt, is enjoying her stay on the island immensely. The daughter of the President is being lavishly entertained by the notables of Porto Rico, including the government officials. Saturday she held a public reception at the residence of the Governor. Today she is on a jaunt into the interior.

There is a long-standing friendship between Governor Hunt's daughter and Miss Roosevelt. The girls were schoolmates and since their respective fathers have become prominent in public life they have maintained their intimacy and the friendship has grown stronger.

Miss Roosevelt was brought to San Juan by the steamer Coamo, whereon apartments were specially fitted up for the accommodation of herseld and her traveling companions.

SETTLES FERNIE STRIKE

Mediation Committee Is Successful in Its Efforts.

(Journal Special Service.)

VICTORIA, B. C., March 23.—The long-drawn-out strike of the coal miners of the Fernie collieries has been settled and the men will return to work.

This announcement made this afternoon caused general rejoicing on the part of both miners and employes. The settlement is the direct result of the newly-formed mediation committee of the British Columbia Mining Association, which latter was organized largely for the purpose of adjusting any differences that might arise between capital and labor in the mining industry.

This morning rumor said the strike had been settled, but this could not be confirmed until this afternoon, when the formal announcement was made.

Terms Not Published.

The full terms of the settlement have not yet been given out, but an outline was secured.

The report, which has been accepted, includes an increase of wages for the miners employed in the Morrissey and Michael mines and a slight reduction at Coal Creek.

It is said that the terms as agreed upon are perfectly satisfactory to the Western Federation of Miners and that the latter will officially ratify the decision of the committee.

There is now hope that James Dunsmuir will consent to have the mediation committee undertake a settlement of the tie-up at Nanaimo.

WOOD CLEAR OF CHARGES.

(Journal Special Service.)

WASHINGTON, March 23.—Secretary of War Root today officially dismissed the charges made by Major Rathbone against General Wood, declaring them to be without foundation. He states that all Wood's actions relative to the postoffice in Cuba were taken with full knowledge of the President and with the knowledge and approval of the war department.

CITY TO EXTEND WELCOME

How Portland Will Greet President --- Clark Not Coming.

PROGRAM.

Thursday, May 21, 2:15 P. M.

Salute by Battery A, O. N. G., on arrival of Presidential train.

Escort of Regular Troops, O. N. G., and G. A. R., from depot up Sixth street, past Hotel Portland to Park Blocks, where school children will be assembled. Presidential carriage to go up Park street and down West Park street. Escort at this point to disband, except Regulars, who will act as escort to City Park.

Proceed to City Park, where President will lay corner stone of Lewis and Clark Monument, hear Mayor's address of welcome and response.

Drive around city ending at Portland Hotel for dinner.

Friday, May 22, 7:45 P. M.

Steamer Potter with Presidential party and citizens leaves for mouth of river.

Take train at Kalama and proceed to Puget Sound at 9 o'clock.

This morning the special committee appointed by Mayor Williams to arrange a program for the reception of the President and report at a meeting of the general committee tonight, met at the Commercial Club and arranged the above program. This program will no doubt be approved by the general committee.

Quite a sensation was sprung at the meeting by the statement of Colonel R. W. Mitchell that he had received a telegram from Admiral Clark stating that he would not be in Portland on May 21, because of the condition of his health. This necessarily eliminates the sword presentation ceremony from the program.

Those present at this morning's meeting were:

L. Zimmerman, W. H. Morrow, W. D. Wheelwright, W. L. Boise, F. E. Beach,

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BRITISH SEIZE A WARSHIP

Venezuelan Ship Taken On the Charge of Piracy.

(Journal Special Service.)

NEW YORK, March 23.—On the ground of piracy on the high seas, the British cruiser Pallas has seized the Venezuelan warship Restaurador. It was charged that the Venezuelan boat has been committing bold acts of piracy, capturing vessels, confiscating cargoes and then abandoning them.

This same alleged piratical craft was seized by the Germans but was soon after released and immediately returned to her work of robbery.

She was formerly Jay Gould's yacht Atlanta. A Port of Spain newspaper says: "Such piratical acts prove the unwisdom of the generosity of the powers."

G. N. BLOCKED BY WRECKS

(Journal Special Service.)

SPOKANE, March 23.—Traffic on the Great Northern Railroad has been greatly delayed by a freight wreck near Wenatchee and Essex, Mont. The westbound fast freight struck a rock slide near Wenatchee and the engine and seven cars turned over. Cars jumped the track on a bridge near Essex and delayed matters at that point. There were no fatalities.

MURDER IN SAN FRANCISCO

SAN FRANCISCO, March 23.—As the terminating argument in an altercation over the favor of a dissolute woman, William Schmidt this morning drew a revolver and shot Charles Johnson, inflicting a probably fatal wound. The shooting occurred in a saloon on the "Barbary Coast."

THE RIPPER STILL FREE

NEW YORK, March 23.—The story in the morning papers that the famous "Jack-the-Ripper" had been discovered in this city is pronounced to be a rank hoax.

PARDON IS HERS AT LAST

Mrs. Maybrick to Be Freed by Command of the King.

American Woman Convict Will Be Released in 1904.

Sensational Litigation Is to Follow Over Property.

(Journal Special Service.)

LONDON, March 23.—Mrs. Florence Maybrick, the American woman who is serving a life sentence for the poisoning of her husband in 1889, has been pardoned.

The long years of effort that her friends have made in her behalf have at last borne fruit and the unhappy woman is to be released. The pardon is not, however, to take effect immediately. The stern demand of British justice has not been satisfied as yet, and Mrs. Maybrick must remain in prison until 1904. Then she may leave the cell where she has been incarcerated so many years and once more breathe the air of freedom.

The announcement of the pardon was made this morning by the Home Office. It is said that Queen Alexandra had more to do with this exercise of royal clemency than anyone else, as she has always doubted the guilt of the convicted woman.

Sensational litigation is apt to follow the liberation of Mrs. Maybrick. The announcement of her pardon will be used by her Washington attorney to secure a postponement of the trial of the great law suit bearing on the prisoner's property interests in Kentucky, Virginia and West Virginia.

The property in dispute is valued at several millions. Relatives of the family of Mrs. Maybrick have made determined efforts to obtain possession of this wealth on the ground that the woman, being a life convict, could not hold property in her own right. The suit will be pressed by the defense as soon as Mrs. Maybrick is liberated.

WILLIAM FARRAR DEAD

LONDON, March 23.—The Very Reverend Frederick William Farrar, who has been Dean of Canterbury since 1895, died Sunday after a lingering illness, during which he was totally helpless and had to be carried from place to place. Paralysis was the cause of death. For years the disease has slowly been creeping upon him and when it finally reached the heart, life departed.

Frederick William Farrar was born in Bombay in 1831. He was one of the best known and ablest writers of English history and has contributed to many religious and literary publications. For more than a quarter of a century he was regarded as the most eloquent pulpit orator in England. During the period of his illness, he was a constant attendant at church services, although never able to participate in them.

THE ESTES CASE DRAGGING ALONG

Bulley's Testimony May Clear Labor Leaders.

VICTORIA, B. C., March 23.—There are no new developments in the case in which President George Estes is on trial for bringing about a strike and interfering with the work of men employed on the steamer Charmer. President Estes is the head of the United Brotherhood of Railway Employes and is accused of conspiring to bring about labor troubles, having come here from Portland to take part in the present labor troubles.

President Bulley, of the local Steamship Union, occupied the witness stand all of today and the case is dragging along very slowly. Bulley will not admit that Estes was invited to attend the meeting which resulted in a strike being declared on the steamer Charmer. This is likely to result in Estes being acquitted.

RUSH FOR LAND.

"From 10 to 25 persons a day are driving out from Echo, Or., to locate land on the new irrigation ditch now under construction there," said Colonel R. C. Judson, industrial agent for the O. R. & N., who has returned from a trip through Eastern Washington and Oregon. Mr. Judson says that more than two townships have already been taken and that indications are that more than 50,000 acres of land, heretofore entirely barren, will be made productive and tributary to Portland through the operation of this one irrigation project. The ditch is about 45 miles in length and for 15 miles the water it distributes will fertilize sand land and render alfalfa, fruit and live stock possible products.

CARMEN FIRM AT TACOMA

Company Gives Men Few Hours to Return to Work.

Union Demands a Better Wage Scale and Recognition.

Strikers Win Non-Union Men Over to Their Cause.

(Journal Special Service.)

TACOMA, Wash., March 23.—Today the striking street car men appear to have somewhat the better of the situation, although no decided change occurred.

There have been no concessions on either side. The uncompromising attitude of the street car company has given no opportunity for the men to attempt anything like arbitration. The company declines absolutely to recognize the union in any way whatever.

The ranks of the strikers have been re-enforced with the addition of a number of men who did not go out yesterday morning. A number of the non-union men who were induced to handle cars by the company have been induced to join the small army of workers who are on a strike.

Today the company is running more cars than yesterday, but it is able to maintain only a partial service and even this is unsatisfactory. Officials of the company are busy breaking in a few non-union men and declare that they will have a complete service in operation tomorrow.

The strikers say they are holding back their trump cards. It is expected that a sympathetic strike of the switchmen will be ordered, and if this is done the company's supply of wood will be cut off.

This afternoon an ultimatum was delivered to the strikers from the company. A notice was posted notifying all employes to report for duty at 4 o'clock this afternoon or expect no future employment.

This declaration of war to the finish on the part of the company has not in the least tended to clear the atmosphere.

The men are united and firm in the declaration that they will not abandon their union or their demands for a fair day's wages.

Want Increase.

The street car men of Tacoma are on a strike for an increase in wages. Fully 120 men are included in the number of strikers. The relations between the company and the union, which was formed only three weeks ago, have been strained and trouble was expected, but the final announcement of the strike did not come until 3 o'clock Sunday morning. Earlier in the evening a committee of the employes waited upon General Manager Weeks and presented the demands of the men. The reply was that no agreement could be made without consultation with Webster & Stone, of Boston, owners of the consolidated lines of Tacoma and Seattle. The committee reported back to a mass meeting of the employes and the strike was ordered.

The strikers have resorted to no violence, but several of the "scabs" were won over today and persuaded to leave their cars.

Public sympathy is with the strikers. They demand a minimum wage of 20 cents per hour. At present they are being paid 18 cents, a few of the men who have been in the employ of the company 14 years getting 25 cents. The union also asks to be recognized by the company, which has been refused. The men claim that everything possible has been done in opposition to the union movement, and that spies have been in every meeting of the union since its organization.

The men claim that from 12 to 14 hours a day is consumed in working and traveling to and from work, and that the most which can be earned is from $2 to $2.25 a day. On what is known as the "graveyard" or "swing" run they are obliged to work 18 hours per day to draw pay for 11 hours. The pay for the street car men in Tacoma is less than in any other city on the coast.

The union also presented an agreement to the company, which offered to allow the local officers time to communicate with Boston on this matter, but so far the company has utterly refused to recognize the union in any way.

FRED H. BUSHNELL DEAD.

(Journal Special Service.)

SAN FRANCISCO, March 23.—Fred H. Bushnell, the noted photographer, is dead. Following an operation for appendicitis complications arose and the patient died last evening.

Fred H. Bushnell was one of the most widely known protographers on the Pacific Coast. He was an artist of great ability and had developed portraitupe to a high standard. His studios were located in San Francisco, Los Angeles, San Jose and Oakland.

NORTH AMERICAN ISSUE.

NEW YORK, March 23.—The stockholders of the North American Company met at Newark today and authorized an increase in the capital stock from $12,000,000 to $17,000,000. The increase is to pay for the stock of the Laclede Gas Light Company of St. Louis, which the North American Company has purchased and to enable the company to extend and increase its investment and interest in the gas and electric lighting business in St. Louis and elsewhere.

PRAYER TO STAY FLOODS

Stricken South Invokes Divine Aid to Avert Calamity.

New Orleans Is Still Threatened--People Leave Homes.

Convicts Rushing Work on Memphis Levee to Save the City.

MEMPHIS, March 23.—Throughout the stricken South special prayer meetings are being held today to invoke Divine assistance to stay the destroying floods.

Memphis is still in terrible danger. The river is falling much slower than was anticipated, and it is a question whether the levees will be able to withstand the strain until the swell in the Mississippi has gone down sufficiently to relieve the situation.

Another break occurred today in the vicinity of Vicksburg, where several thousand acres are flooded. Many homes have been washed away, and it is feared the loss of life will be considerable.

Two hundred and fifty convicts were taken from the penitentiary this morning and put to work on the levees, where already every able bodied freeman is laboring to save the city.

Still Threatened.

New Orleans is still threatened by the floods from the Mississippi. Three new breaks occurred this morning in the levees. The Southern Pacific to the west of the cut is deeply submerged. The floods are now overtopping the levees along the Isaquent County water front.

As rapidly as possible the inhabitants of the flooded districts are being moved to a place of safety, but this work is necessarily slow and is fraught with danger. The number of steamers that can be used for this purpose is very small, because of the fact that every craft that moves on the Mississippi increases the pressure on the already straining levees.

CROWDS AT THE INQUEST

BUFFALO, N. Y., March 23.—An hour before the Burdick inquest opened today the court room was crowded with women in fashionable apparel.

Mrs. Burdick, widow of the murdered banker, accompanied by Mrs. Hull, her mother, reached the scene at 2 o'clock. There was a general craning of necks as the women, garbed in deep black and heavily veiled, entered the room. They passed up the aisle and quietly took seats with their counsel.

The first witness was Burdick's attorney.

Miller told nothing new. He was followed by the furnace man of Pennell's house, who told of caring for the furnace the morning after the murder.

It is not thought Mrs. Hull will be recalled this afternoon, as Mrs. Burdick's testimony will presumably occupy the greater portion of the time.

The promised sensation of the furnace tender's testimony did not materialize. Pennell, according to him, acted the same as usual. He often came down and threw in coal. He did not notice any metallic substances in the remnants of buttons or clothing in the ashes.

Pennell's maid on the stand developed but little new.

Mrs. Burdick said her first acquaintance with Pennell was four or five years ago. All were members of the Elmwood Dancing Club. She denied any unusual friendship for Pennell two years ago. The District Attorney referred to the letter containing endearing terms, which was mentioned under date of two years ago, when Pennell met her in the darkness at the gate of the college campus at New Haven. It was written by Pennell to her. He said "the place I met you will always be a shrine."

The witness colored and hesitated. Her attorneys interposed objections and the court announced that only two lines of questioning would be barred, those which tend to incriminate or degrade the witness.

WON'T REINSTATE DISCHARGED MEN

The firm of Meier & Frank Company, a department store of this city, has not reinstated the president of the Drivers' Union nor the secretary of the same association. Some days ago the company had difficulty with its employes who drive the delivery wagons of the concern and the president and secretary of the union, who were employed by Meier & Frank Company, were discharged. Application was made for reinstatement, but this was not granted.

CLARK MAY GET PLACE

WASHINGTON, March 23.—It has been semi-officially announced that President Roosevelt has under consideration the appointment of F. J. Clark of Cedar Rapids as Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Labor. Clark's position as the head of the Railway Conductors and his notably good work on the Anthracite Commission make his selection almost certain.