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MR. ROOSEVELT GETS IN VIOLENT MOOD

Five Minutes Interview With General Reyes of Colombia Ends With the Letter Being Forbidden the White House.

Washington Bureau of The Journal, Washington, Dec. 8.—General Reyes, the special representative of Colombia, called at the White House today and it was given out later that the five minutes interview with the president was not extremely pleasant. Later information which is of a perfectly palatable kind indicates that no pleasure was evident for Reyes, who evidently made some remark which aroused Mr. Roosevelt's fighting blood. The latter went for him rough and angry words were heard in the adjoining room. The president concluded his denunciation with a brief statement that if General Reyes had any more business to transact with America it would have to be with Secretary of State Hay. He was told not to enter the White House again.

TWO GIRLS ARRESTED FOR ROBBERY

Fresno, Cal., Dec. 8.—Two young girls 14 years of age were arrested on the road to Madera this morning and charged with burglary. They entered the home of Mrs. Kaladera and stole considerable jewelry. Last night they climbed from the windows of their respective homes, hired a rig and in company with two young toughs, started for Stockton. The girls will be sent to the reform school.

THINKS HE WAS SHANGHAIED.

The disappearance of Cola Fisher, aged 19, has been reported to the police by his brother, John Fisher, who believes the lad has been shanghaied. Cola Fisher has not been seen since Friday, and the police have been unable to find him. He has been to sea before, but did not wish to re-ship. He was employed for some time at a blacksmith shop on Davis street.

READY TO BEGIN THE BRIDGE WORK

FINAL CONTRACT PAPERS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF NEW MORRISON STREET BRIDGE SIGNED BY MAYOR AND CONTRACTOR THIS MORNING—WILL COST \$335,000.

The final contract papers for the new Morrison-street bridge, as drawn up by City Attorney McNary, were signed at the city hall today and the contractors will commence work immediately. There is to be no delay and it is anticipated that the new structure will be open for traffic in the latter part of October or November of next year. This will allow two months to get the first of the material on the grounds and work camp established.

Secretary Butler of the Pacific Construction company signed the contract on behalf of that firm and Mayor Williams affixed his signature as representative of the city of Portland. The bridge company furnishes a sufficient bond to guarantee the completion of the work in good faith and within the specified time and a penalty will be provided for any unnecessary delay for which the company may be accountable. Orders are now being placed for the steel to be used in the structure. This will take some time to fill, but it is thought that sufficient material will be on hand to start the work and that the remainder can be shipped as rapidly as required. There will be no trouble on the score of labor, for plenty of workmen can be obtained at short notice.

Mr. Butler leaves tonight for the head office of the company in San Francisco and the shop and detail plans will be rushed out without delay. The general terms of the tender under which this contract is awarded have already been published. The plans submitted by the company were so thoroughly satisfactory that the committee felt constrained to make special mention of their general excellence in returning their report. The total cost will be a trifle over \$335,000.

SEVEN DESERT; WORTH \$385 TO CRIMPS

Two more sailors deserted last night from the French bark Admiral Holgan which is lying at Montgomery dock No. 2. There have been seven desertions from the vessel since her arrival in port, which was about the middle of October.

Her grain cargo will be loaded tomorrow. The more desertions, the greater number of seamen will have to be procured from the local boarding-house combination.

No effort is being made to locate the men, who took French leave last night. Those interested in the matter say that a search for them would be a useless waste of time and energy. It is taken for granted that they will be kept in hiding until the vessel is out at sea, then will be used to make up a crew for some other vessel that is short-handed and willing to pay the regulation price of \$55 apiece for them.

If the boarding-house keepers are called on to fill the places of the seven deserters from the Admiral Holgan, that will net them \$385.

DR. MARTIN EXPLAINS "RABBI BEN EZRA"

Dr. Alfred Martin delivered a lecture on Browning's "Rabbi Ben Ezra" in the Seiling-Hirsch hall yesterday afternoon. Dr. Martin was brought to the city by the Federation of City clubs. The lecture went directly to his subject, but gave some general remarks upon the character of Browning and his writings. He said it had been 35 years since Browning registered his protest against the English public who would not accept with understanding his writings. Logically and conclusively the lecturer showed the gradual unfolding of Browning and the acceptance of his writings, not alone by English, but the world. One of the causes for the misunderstandings of Browning was the way people went about the reading of it. Browning's mid-point time was the victorious truth in all his works. The lecturer dwelt at some length upon the harmony of the author, and in introducing "Rabbi Ben Ezra" said the poem was to the thinking person what the "Palm of Life" was to people who do not think. Section by section Dr. Martin unfolded the meaning of the poem.

TRAGEDY OF THE OCEAN.

San Francisco, Dec. 8.—The steamer Queen arrived from Seattle this morning with two passengers missing. When she left Seattle Mrs. Harry L. Oldt and her little child engaged a berth and went aboard. They were seen by Capt. Cousins and the passengers. The Queen touched at Victoria, but passengers may Mrs. Oldt be seen on the steamer after leaving that port. A few hours later neither could be found.

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CANADA DOES NOT NEED THE BRITISH

(Journal Special Service.) Ottawa, Dec. 8.—Clifford Burton, minister of the interior, spoke some plain words in a speech before the Canada club last evening. He said that Canada did not require the protection of the British navy, but those who purchase its products must protect it by the sea. It does, however, require land defenses but not a big standing army. The militia system has been much improved during late years and he thinks every school boy should be taught to handle a rifle when he is 21 years of age. He maintained that in all negotiations of the future regarding treaties that all commissioners on the British side should be Canadians when Canadian cases were involved.

CHINESE CONCLUDING TREATY WITH RUSSIA

(Journal Special Service.) Peking, Dec. 8.—Prominent officials here assert that China is concluding an agreement with Russia for the governing of Manchuria. Russia will have an advisory share in the government and Chinese sovereignty will be recognized. Several plans were advanced, but as the United States and Japan could promise nothing and war with Russia was threatened if something was not done, they finally agreed to the terms of the pact. The steps were decided upon at the recent peace conferences of the Chinese.

STEEL TRUST WOULD PRACTICE ECONOMY

(Journal Special Service.) Cleveland, Dec. 8.—The steel trust will now practice economy and a number of high salaried officials will lose their positions the first of the year. Some of those who will go out have been drawing \$10,000 per annum. It is estimated that the cut will save \$500,000. In discharging the men President Cory, who is Carnegie's man, says he will not spare Carnegie's young partners. This is a radical step and it is said that Rockefeller influence has brought it about.

BUILDERS OF OREGON

Continued from Page One.) don't hinder us there will be no opposition. Then Mr. Harriman resumed his contemplation of the waterways and chief waterways that lay piled about on the floor of the Arden and marked a blue wall far back into the mysterious recesses of the private staterooms.

FIRE BURNS FAMILY.

(Journal Special Service.) Clarkburg, N. J., Dec. 8.—Five people were burned to death in a fire this morning, which destroyed the residence of Clayton Flower. The dead are Flower and his wife and three children. One son escaped.

MAIL CARRIERS WANT HOUSES NUMBERED

Residents of the districts to be benefited by the increased carrier service of the Portland postoffice have been requested by the local department to place the street numbers on their houses. This is necessary, said Supt. Leigh, in order that the postmen and the right addresses. The numbers of the houses may be found by applying to the city engineer.

MARINE NOTES.

Astoria, Dec. 8.—Arrived down at 9:30 last night and sailed at midnight—Steamer Navarro, for Coos Bay. Arrived down at 10:30 a. m.—Steamer Alliance. Weather at Astoria at 8 a. m., clear; wind, east. Astoria, Dec. 7.—Arrived down at 2:45 p. m.—British steamer Ascot. Italian bark Covour returned; bar too rough. Arrived at 12 noon—Barkentine T. P. Emigh, from Lahaina. San Francisco, Dec. 7.—Sailed at 10 p. m.—Steamer C. C. Lindauer, for Portland.

The schooner North Bend has completed her lumber cargo at the North Pacific mill, and left down the river this morning. Her destination is San Francisco.

Local Inspectors Edwards and Fuller inspected the steamer Victor yesterday.

APPOINTED WATCHMAN.

Joseph P. Galbraith of Albany has been appointed Chinese watchman at this port, and took the oath of office this morning. Mr. Galbraith is an old civil war veteran. His native state is Tennessee, but he has been in Oregon since 1876.

MAHONEY MAKES QUICK TRIP.

The schooner Andy Mahoney has again returned for a lumber cargo, arriving at 8 o'clock last night from San Francisco. She made a quick passage up the river, the Queen towing her from Astoria in less than 10 hours. The schooner is at the Imman-Poulsen mill, where she will receive lumber for the return voyage.

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CHINESE MAY CLASH

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The infatuation of Dock Ho, a Chinese widow, for Chin Bow Sing is believed to be the real cause of the trouble. Between 4 and 5 o'clock on a still morning late last month a hack drove up Pine street, and halted at No. 27 1/2, where the little Chinese woman lives. Dock Ho entered and the cab drove away. But a sentinel was on watch, and no sooner had the vehicle started away than a horde of angry Chinamen were following in its wake. Realizing that she could not escape, she ordered the driver to return and after a few excuses about making a morning call, and changing her mind, returned to her apartments. It is supposed that she meant to elope with Chin.

A Slave Worth \$1,300. While a widow by Christian rites, Dock Ho is a slave by heathen law, and no chains were ever stronger than those which bind the woman to her present surroundings. Upon the death of her husband, Wong Noon, a few years ago, she was decreed to be the property of his blood relation, and until she shall buy her liberty she is his slave. Her owners count her worth \$1,300. What a stranger still, either the woman herself or her promised lover could easily pay the amount, but refuse to do so. Dock Ho, it is said, has \$2,000 in bank in her own name.

The Yuen Wa company, Second and Alder streets, is said to be her owner. Wong Chin Wee is manager of the concern which is largely composed of members of the Wong family. Dock Ho has lived in America for six years. She was married to Wong Noon in Astoria, March 31, 1898, by Police Judge Nelson. Noon was later concerned in smuggling operations, and deported. The last news Dock Ho had of her husband was that he was killed in a high-binder war in China, when some 40 other celestials lost their lives.

Dock Ho lives the life of a slave in a house at the corner of Second and Pine streets. A few hours each day she is employed at the gambling house of Bow Wo company, at 22 Second street, where the deals fanth. In spite of her supposed attempt to elope, Dock positively maintains that "Chin is nothing to her and that in fact she rather dislikes him. She said she knew nothing about Chin and wanted no trouble with anyone. Both Chin Bow Sing and the Wong family are affiliated with powerful Tong.

Chin Bow Sing Hiding. In its present state, it will take but a trifle to precipitate a war in Chinatown. Chin Bow Sing is now in hiding, and should the affair blow over, and the federal authorities take no action against him, trouble might be averted. Chin's arrest, however, might be the signal for an outbreak. On the other hand should Chin attempt to again spirit away the slave of the Wong family, the occurrence would probably be marked with a series of bloodsheds.

The present trouble recalls a feud some 15 years ago, when a number of Chinese lost their lives. The shooting occurred in broad daylight, at the corner of Second and Alder streets, but the celestials so thoroughly covered their tracks that not a single conviction was secured. In the present case trouble was precipitated over a slave, and the Hop Sing Tong were one of the opposing factions.

CHIN SING WELL KNOWN.

From Vancouver Comes the Report That the Chinaman Is an Adept in Crime. Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 8.—Chin Bow Sing is well known here in connection with various smuggling operations. His cousin, Chin Mon Sic, resides at 24 Du-pont street. They are reputed to have taken between one and two dozen Chinese across the border in the last eight months. Some are taken across the boundary by the underground route at Cloverdale, and others by launches and fishing boats. Chin Mon Sic denies all knowledge of the letter intercepted at Portland.

"WE SHALL INVESTIGATE."

Immigration Commissioner Sargent Upholds Inspector Barbour. Washington Bureau of The Journal, Washington, Dec. 8.—The department of commerce and labor last evening received from Immigration Inspector Barbour a letter addressed to Chin Bow Sing. The letter is in the hands of Immigration Commissioner Sargent, who declines to give any information concerning it save that it was not obtained in any but a legitimate manner by Inspector Barbour. "There are suspicious

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SHARPENING WEAPONS. Circumstances connected with this letter, Sargent said, "which this department will investigate. No demand for its return has been made. In fact, we would like the addressee to apply for it. The letter has never been opened and is intact."

SUED FOR WAGES; FIRM ASKS DAMAGES. An unusual answer has been filed in Justice Reid's court in the case of Bert Roberts against the Knudsen Transfer & Commission company. Roberts is suing for \$7.50 wages, which he says is still due him. He worked several weeks from October 29 as teamster for the firm and says he was to get \$2.25 a day.

WON'T KEEP GIRLS OF 17 OFF THE STAGE. A telegram was received from San Francisco yesterday by Chief of Police Hunt, asking him to prevent the Mel-witte sisters from continuing to appear at Fritz' theatre. The Melwittes are twins 17 years old. They appeared here in September at the merchants' and manufacturers' carnival. Until a short time ago they were chaperoned by their mother, who is a fortune-teller. They say that they left home because of their stepfather. Chief Hunt decided not to interfere, as the girls are almost of age.

REPAIRING SMOKESTACK. The steamer Undine of the Vancouver Transportation company's live fleet, tied up this morning at the dock of the Willamette Iron Works, where she is having her smoke-stack repaired.

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