

GOOD EVENING.

The Weather: Tonight and Saturday, cloudy, with occasional rain; variable winds, mostly southerly.

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PORTLAND, OREGON, FRIDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 11, 1903.

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SUICIDE PERHAPS

Her Companion Says That Bow Kam Was Very Despondent.

AFTER A RUNAWAY

Efforts Being Made to Recover Possession of Chow Sheem Now in a Mission or to Cause Her Deportation.

Efforts to secure possession of Chow Sheem, the young Chinese slave girl who escaped to the Chinese Rescuer home a few days ago, are still being made by the Chinese, and as a last resort, it is reported, they will endeavor to have the girl deported on the ground that she is an illegal resident.

As to whether Chow Sheem can produce a certificate of residence depends her future. If she has one and can produce it she will probably be allowed to remain at the rescue home, provided that Moy Bow, from whom she ran away, does not secure possession of her in a legal way.

Soon after the death of Bow Kam her supposed owner, Moy Bow, left the city, and it is reported that he went in search of the father of Chow Sheem.

Of course," she said, "they may bring a man around purporting to be the father of Chow Sheem, but the next thing is to prove it. We know that the girl has a certificate, and the only thing we are afraid of is that the Chinese will destroy it. Even then we will be able to protect the girl from deportation.

The Chinese of Portland have fought us at every turn since we established the rescue home a number of years ago. It is not so much the losing of the girl, as it is to have the satisfaction of not allowing her to remain in our care. The girl will remain in this home and receive protection as long as she desires to do so.

Chow Sheem is inclined to scout the idea that Bow Kam died other than a natural death, although she said it was not unreasonable to suppose that the woman took her own life. Bow Kam was often despondent, she says, and many times said that if things did not get better she would put an end to it. According to Chinese belief, the most irreparable injury that one individual can do to another is to commit suicide, and have it appear that the other was responsible for the death.

Walking delegates ousted. Chicago, Dec. 11.—All building trades business agents at a meeting held here yesterday resolved to call out all men employed on buildings to which business agents are refused admission.

Locomotives burned. La Junta, Col., Dec. 11.—The Santa Fe's machine shops here and seven locomotives were destroyed by fire, which were beyond the reach of city water, this morning. Two hundred thousand dollars is the loss recorded.

GOVERNOR AT WORK ON HIS MESSAGE

Governor Chamberlain arrived in the city Tuesday evening. He has in course of preparation his message for the special session of the legislature, which will convene on December 21.

WAR CLOUD DARKENS

San Francisco Gives Report That Trouble with Colombia Is Feared.

TROOPS IN READINESS

Despite of Denials It is Known That Panama Will Be Invaded and That Uncle Sam is Very Anxious.

San Francisco, Dec. 11.—Notwithstanding the denials from Washington that no fear is felt of the landing of the force of Colombian troops, the war department is making preparations, both here and in New York, to move men to the isthmus at once.

Troops at Fort McPherson were told to hold themselves in readiness for a rapid move. One regiment at Leavenworth, Kan., was given the same orders today. Transport officials here deny having received word from Washington, but they say they can get all necessary ships ready at a short notice.

The situation is regarded here as of more serious consequence than appears at first blush. Probably this is due to the MacArthur command of yesterday, which told of coming war with Germany, as the latter power held friendly relations with South American republics.

MYSTERIOUS METAL WHICH BEARS LIGHT

San Francisco, Dec. 11.—The state mineral bureau reports the discovery of a new and mysterious metal in a mine in Mariposa county. The metal carries a good percentage of gold and antimony, and traces of copper.

LEGATION CONFIRMS DAVIS' STATEMENT

Constantinople, Dec. 11.—The American legation advises Consul Davis that the Turkish police of Alexandria, he had accompanied Attarian on board the steamer when the police came and ordered Attarian to go ashore to be flogged.

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KAISER WILLIAM FROM PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN JUNE, 1898. LATEST PICTURE OF THE EMPEROR, TAKEN IN AUGUST, 1903.

GERMANY'S EMPEROR SAYS WAR TALK IS NONSENSICAL

Berlin, Dec. 11.—No significance whatever is placed on the report from America that Colonel Jones of the Hawaiian militia says that war in the near future will be waged by Germany against the United States.

SAN FRANCISCO MAY WIN IN FOUR YEARS

Chicago Seems the Choice For National Republican Convention to Be Held Next Year—Pacific Coast Next.

WAR ON GAMBLERS IS IN PROGRESS

Washington Bureau of the Journal. Washington, Dec. 11.—Fred W. Mulkey of Portland is attending the national committee meeting today, holding the proxy of Committeeman Steele.

SENTENCED MURDERER MAKES GOOD ESCAPE

Spokane, Wash., Dec. 11.—Ernest Cashe, who was sentenced to be hanged for murder next Tuesday made a daring and successful jail break last night at Calgary, Alberta, N. W. T., according to a special from there.

EMPLOYERS DECLARE WAR ON THE UNIONS

Stockton, Cal., Dec. 11.—The Holt Hardware & Manufacturing company left the stock of the city yesterday and declared its intention of running an open shop. Later the Federated Trades declared the Holt's unfair.

LEGISLATURE DOES ALL ITS CALLED WORK

Helena, Mont., Dec. 11.—The extraordinary session of the eighth legislative assembly came to an end today. All the legislation for which the session was called to consider has been acted upon and there remained but a small amount of routine work to conclude the business.

BIG THEFT IS FEARED

San Francisco Overrun with Criminals—Many Leave for Portland.

THREE BANK ROBBERS

Leave Bay City for Purpose of Executing Big Job Here—Followed by Two Specials Who Know The Play.

San Francisco, Dec. 11.—Chief of Detectives John Martin said in an interview today that the city is full of Eastern crooks and that many are going north to Portland and Seattle.

PLAN TO SECURE SCHOOL BUILDINGS

BOND ISSUE CONTEMPLATED TO SECURE FUNDS TO REPLACE AT ONCE THE OLD AND UNSANITARY STRUCTURES IN USE—MATTER MAY COME UP MONDAY.

It is certain that at the coming annual session of the school board a number of prominent citizens will ask the board to call a special election to vote upon the proposition of bonding the city schools.

AN OCEAN WAVE IS HARD ON THE PLAYERS

New York, Dec. 11.—A big wave won a jack pot during a voyage of the steamship Oceanic that arrived this morning.

FOG CAUSES AN ALARM OF FIRE

A telephone message followed by an alarm from box 16, sent the fire department to the plant of the Willamette Boiler works at First and Flinders streets in a hurry at 3 o'clock this morning.

INTIMATE MONSTER

Adopted Child Subjected to Tortures by Fiendish Foster Mother.

INFANT THREE YEARS OLD

Court of Umatilla County Interferes and On Investigation Finds a Revolting Case—Insanity the Plea.

Pendleton, Or., Dec. 11.—Mrs. A. L. Turner, the rather handsome wife of a laboring man here, adopted a child three years old at this was a month ago.

JACK JOHNSON TO MEET FERGUSON TONIGHT

San Francisco, Dec. 11.—Jack Welch will act as referee in the fight tonight between Jack Johnson and Sandy Ferguson. Ferguson wanted Grady to act as referee and Johnson wanted Ed Smith.

INDEPENDENT PHONE COMPANIES TO MERGE

Chicago, Dec. 11.—A combination of all the independent telephone companies in the United States is about to be formed and unrelenting warfare will be made upon the Bell Telephone company.

MRS. SOFFEL RELEASED

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 10.—After 25 months imprisonment, Mrs. Kate Soffel, who assisted the Bliddle brothers to escape, was released this morning. She left for the home of her parents.