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ACCUSES SULLIVAN

**Capt. Nicholas Says Crimp
Took Two Men From
"Andorinha."**

COMPLAINS TO WRIGHT

**Commissioner Promises to Investigate
and the District Attorney May
Be Called on to Look
Into the Matter.**

Accompanied by another member of the sailor boarding-house crowd "Larry" Sullivan boarded the British ship Andorinha last Monday afternoon and persuaded two of the seamen to desert, says Captain Nicholas, master of the vessel.

"Who are you," demanded the captain, when Sullivan came aboard, "that you should come and take my men away?"

"I am Sullivan," replied the boarding-house keeper.

With that, the captain asserts, Sullivan took the men ashore.

"This is my first trip to Portland," explained the master of the Andorinha, "and at the time Sullivan came aboard I was not familiar with the law regulating the sailor boarding-house. For that reason I did not remonstrate when the men were taken. After Sullivan had gone, however, I thought the matter over and decided to gain redress if there was any possible way to do it."

Promises to Investigate.

"Yesterday I called on Balfour, Guthrie & Co., my agents, and explained the occurrence. They referred me to E. W. Wright, a member of the sailor boarding-house commission. I looked him up and he promised to make an investigation. I also expect to consult British Consul Laddlaw on the subject and get his advice. It is very probable that I will make complaint this afternoon to the district attorney."

"Since Sullivan boarded my ship and made himself so obnoxious I have taken the trouble to familiarize myself with the law governing the sailor boarding-house, and I am convinced it is a good one. If enforced Sullivan would soon lose his license."

His Companion.

"Who was the man with Sullivan?" was asked.

"I don't know, but I think it was Grant. As I said before, this is my first trip here and I am not well acquainted. From descriptions given me of him, however, I am almost positive it was Grant."

"When I first arrived in port the sailor boarding-house gang got two of my men away from the ship while I was ashore. Several of Sullivan's underlings made the vessel a visit after that, and, finally, but no more men deserted. I suppose that is the reason the ring-leader himself put in an appearance Monday."

Apply to Me.

"After he got ready to walk ashore with my men Sullivan had the audacity to say, as a parting shot, that he would need any men soon to have your vessel repainted and cleaned, just apply at the sailor boarding-house, and I will accommodate you."

"If that man ever comes on my vessel again he will get into trouble."

Of the 19 men who were taken from the ship by that gang, they will undoubtedly exhaust every effort to get the other six before many days elapse. I have 12 other sailors who have been with me since we left Europe. They have a considerable amount of wages coming to them, and there is not much likelihood of their being enticed away."

PRESIDENT TALKS OF CHAIRMANSHIP

(Journal Special Service.)
Washington, Dec. 30.—Answering many inquiries regarding the national chairmanship, President Roosevelt issued a statement today in which he says he has not offered it to any one, because it is not his to offer. He assured Hanna that he would be glad to see him get it. The president put especial emphasis to a denial that the place had been offered to Root or Crane.

MIN WERE SCALDED.

(Journal Special Service.)
Cleveland, Dec. 30.—Seven men were scalded, three of them probably fatally, by the explosion of a steam pipe in the Kuntz cabinet works today. Those probably fatally injured are Vincent Kuntz, George Gable and Adolph Gedeon.

ROCKEFELLER GROUP GETS STEEL TRUST

(Journal Special Service.)
New York, Dec. 30.—The control of the United States Steel corporation, the greatest industrial concern in the world, is now completed and is absolutely invested in the Rockefeller group of capitalists and Henry Clay Frick, an enemy of Andrew Carnegie. The formal announcement of this fact may not be made in a set of words, but the effect of the change from the control of Mor-

ARMED TO FACE MOBS

**Russian Jews Ready for
January 7, Says Port-
land Refugee.**

BATTLE NOT MASSACRE

**Roumanian Who Passed Through Kish-
neff Horrors Says Secret Soci-
eties of Hebrews Have Been
Formed to Fight.**

"There will be no massacre January 7, the Russian New Year, the date set for a repetition of the Kishineff horror, but there may be armed conflicts between Christians and Jews. The Jews are ready."

This is the assertion made by a Roumanian Jew who passed through the first massacre unharmed, though he had to flee for his life. He is at present with friends in Portland, where he intends to remain. He speaks no English, but is fluent in five other languages. He is only 21 years old, a typical Roumanian, dark and handsome.

"I cannot tell you my name," he said. "If I were to do so word would be sent to Russia and agents would be sent here to kill me. In any event my relations in Russia would be marked for assassination."

"After the massacres of last May," he continued, "the Russian government sent strict orders to the governors of the provinces and towns to prevent the formation of Jewish secret societies for self-defense, just at the time when they were about to organize, for this very purpose. But there are now existing systematically organized leagues for defending the lives and property of the Jews in Russia, and there need be no fear of a repetition of the Kishineff massacre, inasmuch as the Jews are now thoroughly prepared for any emergency."

"Concerning the recent massacre at Kishineff, Dr. Theodore Mommsen, in a letter written to Leo Erere, the author of a pamphlet entitled 'The Russian Jews,' said: 'Many hearts will be touched by it in the discovery of the abyss, in which it seems that feeling and humanity sink, but will it be possible for anyone to heal that wound or obliterate that blackest deed of the century?' I think not."

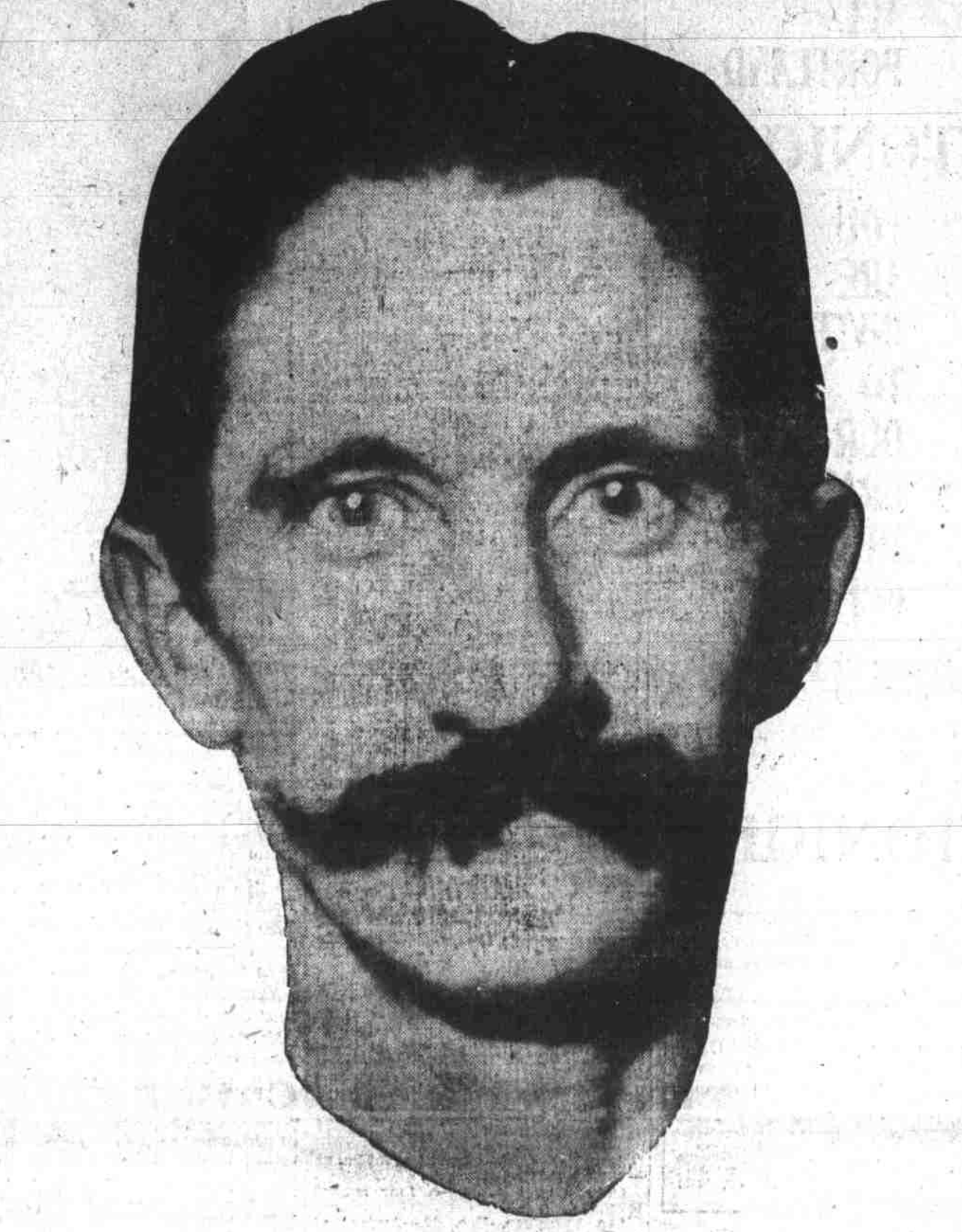
"The earth had not yet absorbed the blood that had been spilled in this century of civilization, when fresh blood saturated Russia's soil—Kishineff and Hamel. Here is the grave of humanity! Here are buried the noblest feelings of Christianity! Horrible! Human understanding is too weak to comprehend the cruelties and human hand is weaker still, in an attempt to write them down. But the bodies of slain mothers, mutilated children and aged men bear witness against the assertion that there is no life in a progressive country. Never has man sunk so deep!"

"Bessarabia, whose capital Kishineff, was once a province of Moldavia, Roumania, and was given by the Turks, under whose suzerainty it was, to the Russians in 1821 as a war indemnity. The southern part of this province was once again given back by Russia and in 1878 retaken by her. The inhabitants of Bessarabia, who number 1,420,000, are mostly Roumanians. Kruschew, editor of the infamous 'Bessarabets,' whose anti-semitic harangues are mainly reprints for those outrages, is a Roumanian who was expelled from office by the Russian government for theft, and has no more capabilities than are necessary to edit this basest of anti-semitic paper. Moreover, as he receives pecuniary encouragement from the Russian government in whose interest it lies to give the downtrodden Russian peasants a safety valve for their revolutionary feelings. For his services in the recent Kishineff massacres, Kruschew received, at the express order of Minister von Plehve, 25,000 rubles."

LITTLE CHILD IS BURNED TO DEATH

(Journal Special Service.)
Eugene, Or., Dec. 30.—The little 3-year-old son of Frank Johnson was burned to death near Elmira, 12 miles west of Eugene yesterday. The boy had been playing out in the cold and went in the house to warm himself. He stood by the fireplace a few minutes, and ran out to play again, when his little dress burst into flames. Before assistance reached him all his clothes were burned off and his body frightfully burned. He died in intense agony four hours later. The child's father is a Eugene blacksmith. The little fellow had been living with his mother, who is separated from her husband.

SAYS "HAPPY NEW YEAR" TO HIS DEATH JURYMEN



FRANK H. BURNES.
(Journal Special Service.)
New York, Dec. 30.—The trial of Frank H. Burness, a sailor, for murder, developed in him one of the most remarkable criminals ever tried in New York City. He confessed to four murders on the witness stand and when convicted in the first degree, he wished the jury a happy New Year.

TERRIBLE THEATRE FIRE

(Journal Special Service.)
Chicago, Dec. 30.—A p. m.—The new opera house, the Iroquois, one of the finest in America, is on fire and a panic is now on in the big matinee audience. A general alarm has been turned in. The audience is composed almost entirely of women and children. Many fainting ones are being carried out. It cannot be told at this time how great will be the horror.

"Bluebeard," the big spectacular production, was playing. The fire gained so rapidly that the chorus girls were unable to secure their clothing. Several have been carried out by firemen, who were nearly overcome by smoke. A girl was clad only in tights. A blizzard has been raging nearly all day.

Reports now state that 15 or 20 persons are injured by being trampled upon. Nearly the same number of children are missing. Mothers are being held back by the police. The fire is gaining.

The fire in the Iroquois started in the flies and spread all through the mass of spectacular scenery. The entire rear of the building is now a mass of flames. Fifteen members of the troupe and chorus girls are supposed to be dead, in the rear of the building. They were trapped by the flames.

The list of missing children is constantly growing. One who escaped from the auditorium says women fought each other in getting out and that any child which dropped in flight must have met certain death in the awful struggle.

JAPAN-RUSSIAN WAR INEVITABLE

**DISPATCH FROM HONG KONG SAYS
HOSTILITIES MAY BEGIN AT ANY
MOMENT—JAPANESE PEOPLE
ARE GOADING GOVERNMENT TO
MAKE A DECLARATION.**

(Journal Special Service.)
San Francisco, Dec. 30.—Edwin H. Clough, the well known and reliable newspaper correspondent of Hearst's papers, cables from Hong Kong as follows:

"There is no longer any doubt of a conflict between Russia and Japan. It is known here positively that war between the two countries is inevitable, and hostilities may begin at any moment."

A number of orders for war supplies have been placed at San Francisco by Japan. Russia has sent in an order for flour that will be distributed among the coast mills.

JAPANESE WANT TO FIGHT.

London, Dec. 30.—The talk in semi-official quarters today is the most pessimistic since the eastern trouble began, and it is believed a clash is imminent. Novo Vremya today says the crisis in the Far East may cause the beginning of hostilities. Japanese dispatches show the populace are fairly goading the government into war. Dispatches to the German papers from a

CARELESS MOTHER FINDS BABY DEAD

(Journal Special Service.)
Butte, Mont., Dec. 30.—The 14-month-old baby of L. M. Law of the well-known firm of florists of this city met death in a peculiar manner last night.

While Mrs. Law was bringing the baby home an end of a scarf about the little one's neck dangled over the side of the go-cart and became entangled in the hub of a wheel, tightening and strangling the baby to death.

The mother was not aware of her child's fate until she removed the blanket from the cart to take the baby into the house. Life then had been extinct at least 15 minutes.

WAR VESSELS FOR PANAMA.

San Francisco, Dec. 30.—The gunboat Bennington sailed for Panama today as a convoy for the torpedo-destroyers Jones and Preble.

NO ORDER FOR ARMY

**American Soldiers Not
Commanded to Proceed
to Panama.**

OFFICERS IN IGNORANCE

**If General Staff Issued Orders for
Troops to Go to the Isthmus
Officials at Posts Know
Nothing of It.**

(Journal Special Service.)
San Francisco, Dec. 30.—The report received here yesterday from Washington, to the effect that troops had been ordered to Panama, cannot be verified by the most persistent inquiry at the different posts about this harbor. Many officials believe that no action has so far been taken by the general staff at Washington, as matters are not so serious on the isthmus as to warrant sending American soldiers; that as the situation stands the war vessels there now and those to be sent can cope with any difficulty that may arise.

At the Presidio it is learned that no instructions regarding the troops have been received. A high army official at department headquarters adds that it is not necessary to make extraordinary exertions except in the transport service, as the army under its present system of training can be moved out with a 24-hour notice, that is, with transports all ready to receive the soldiers and stores.

Work on the transports here has been carried on systematically for several days and Major Duval, chief of the service, said this morning that his department is ready to answer any call the government may make upon it.

NOT RECEIVED AT VANCOUVER.

Vancouver Barracks, Wash., Dec. 30.—At 1 o'clock today no orders have been received from Washington relative to the transportation of troops stationed here to Panama.

General Funston says that any order of such a character would come to him direct and that he knows nothing of the matter.

A high official stated today that if such an order had been issued by the general staff it is out of the ordinary not to have received it before now.

CAR BARN BANDIT ATTEMPTS ESCAPE

(Journal Special Service.)
Chicago, Dec. 30.—Emil Rieski, a member and accomplice of the car barn bandits, was surprised while cutting away the bars of his cell today in an attempt to escape. The bar was so nearly severed that it fell out. Through the aperture made he could gain entrance to a corridor giving access to an outside window. Officers are unable to find the saw with which the cutting was done. It is supposed to have been given by outside accomplices and a number of detectives have been ordered to reinforce the jail guard.

HAS RECEIVED NO STARTLING NEWS

**UNITED STATES WILL NOT TAKE
FURTHER ACTION IN THREAT-
ENED MASSACRE OF JEWS—CON-
SULAR REPORTS DO NOT INDICATE
SERIOUSNESS.**

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.)
Washington, D. C., Dec. 30.—Simon Wolf, representing the various Jewish societies, called on President Roosevelt this morning regarding the threatened massacre of Jews at Kishineff. No details were given out, but it is known that nothing further will be done in the matter by the administration so long as only a hypothetical case is made out. All consular and diplomatic reports show no recent anti-Semitic demonstration, and no authentic information that fresh outrages were contemplated. The administration feels that Russia is aware of the situation and will take all possible steps to prevent the renewal of the Jewish persecutions.



BURGLARY AT TURNER.

(Journal Special Service.)
Salem, Or., Dec. 30.—The hardware store of Henry Earl, at Turner, was entered by burglars last night and a quantity of cutlery, silverware and gloves was stolen. The burglars are believed to be a gang of tramps which encamped near the town yesterday, but has gone now. The loss is about \$150. Officers from Salem are working on the case.

NO END TO TROUBLES

**Chicago Weary of Strikes
and People Say Some-
thing Must Be Done.**

NEW ONE THREATENED

**Big Buildings May Have Heat and
Light Cut Off and Elevator Serv-
ice Denied—Funerals Trav-
el Under Heavy Guard.**

(Journal Special Service.)
Chicago, Dec. 30.—The people of this city are strike-ridden to such an extent that something may soon occur which will seriously affect that element of organized labor which is continually agitating for the purpose, it would appear, of causing discontent, discontent and strife. The latest threatened affliction is that of the engineers and employees of large buildings. These include elevator men of all classes.

Conferences between the representatives of the engineers and employers were held this morning in an attempt to avert a strike which would leave the greater portion of Chicago's business population without heat, light or elevator service. Occupants of 150 skyscrapers will be the ones to suffer most. The meeting failed to clear the situation. The engineers, while not refusing the arbitration plan, declared under no circumstances would they accept as arbitrators clergymen, judges or attorneys, as in previous cases where rubbish, ministers and priests composed boards the engineers lost instead of gained increase of wages. Engineers get 25 cents an hour and demand 37 1/2. Teamsters throughout the city are in sympathy.

Following in the wake of the new threatened disaster is the carriage-drivers' strike, which is still in great evidence. Funeral processions are under army escorts today and are being driven through snow-covered streets at a zero temperature.

All drivers are supplied with pistols and are instructed by their employers to defend themselves against any attack. The liveliest procession are held a meeting this morning and resolved formally to attempt a resumption of all service tomorrow with non-union drivers if the old drivers refuse to answer a notice sent them today to that effect.

EMPEROR OF AUSTRIA FALLS DOWN STAIRS

(Journal Special Service.)
London, Dec. 30.—Dispatches this morning confirm the report that Emperor Franz Josef was painfully injured yesterday by falling down steps when visiting his daughter. Little credence is given the report that he had a stroke of paralysis, as he is much improved today and arose at his usual hour and expects to hold an audience tomorrow.

MARQUIS OF SLIGO DEAD.

(Journal Special Service.)
London, Dec. 30.—John Browne, the fourth Marquis of Sligo, died at his home at Westport-Mayo today.

HE LOSES HIS LIFE IN ACT OF BRAVERY

New York, Dec. 30.—On New Year's day a fitting testimonial will be made to the memory of the late Fire Chief Coleman. It will be in the form of a substantial sum of money which will be given to the brave man's family.

The above half-tone shows where the bodies of Fire Chief Martin Coleman and Fireman Joyce were found in the ruins of the big Mott-street fire which recently occurred. Coleman had a fine record for heroism and saved up his life in an effort to save young Joyce, when, with a number of comrades, he was buried under a falling wall.