

PEACE EXPLAINS SALT LAKE DEBT

Says Threat of Arrest Is Inspired and That Kenyon Hotel People Are Content to Wait His Convenience.

News received yesterday from Salt Lake that L. A. Pence was sought by the authorities there on a warrant charging him with obtaining money by false pretenses filed by the ex-congressman and his friends with indignation. The warrant was issued at the request of the Kenyon hotel, managed by Sam Porter. The complaint alleges that July 13 Pence presented a draft on the Lewiston, Idaho, National bank for \$50, which Porter cashed. The draft was returned, marked "no funds." Porter alleges that he then tried to locate Pence by wire, but failed until he read of the Idaho man's part in the late mining congress. Thereupon he took steps towards his prosecution.

No Request Reached Here.
It was stated in the dispatch that the chief of police of Portland had been requested to arrest Pence, but that no such request has been received.

The friends of the ex-congressman declare that the whole affair is the result of Salt Lake's defeat for the permanent headquarters of the congress while delegates from Salt Lake cry down this accusation as "unworthy and shameful." Mr. Pence, when he heard of the warrant issued at Salt Lake, dictated the following statement:

"All there is to it is this: I had the Kenyon hotel accommodate me as I came through Salt Lake on my way to Lewiston by cashing a draft for \$50. I drew this draft on myself, payable at Lewiston. I did not draw it on the bank, nor did I pretend that there was money to my credit in the bank at Lewiston. But I expected to be in myself, and when I returned, I then telegraphed the Kenyon hotel, expressing my regret and saying I would remit shortly, with interest and any costs. I had hurried the surveys to secure water rights and the closing of options on lands at Lewiston as rapidly as possible, and the purpose of my trip to Portland was to meet parties with whom I am dealing and from whom I expect to receive considerable payments within a few days. Then I shall, of course, remit not only this, but such amounts as may be necessary to pay such other obligations as I may have.

"It ought to be perfectly plain as to what prompted this action. Salt Lake City seems to be hit hard by its failure to secure the permanent home of the mining congress and they seem to be especially venomous towards me because I had a hand in defeating them. This is all I have to say on the subject."

Says It Is "Spite Work."
The threatened arrest of Mr. Pence was the main topic of conversation last evening around the Portland hotel lobby. His friends expressed their feelings in no uncertain terms and called the warrant "spite work." This view of the

situation was strongly deplored and denied by the Salt Lake delegation, which is represented now by Harry S. Joseph. "Any statement to the effect that we instigated or inspired the proceedings against Mr. Pence," said he, "is absolutely false. I do not see how an idea of that kind could be harbored in any fair mind. As secretary of the delegation, I handled every communication that went from Salt Lake headquarters to Utah, and the first any of us ever heard of Mr. Pence owing the Kenyon hotel was after the afternoon papers were on the street. I regret that the thing should have happened just at this time.

Salt Lake Not "Hard Hit."
"And the assertion that Salt Lake, being 'hard hit,' took this method of revenge is extremely unfair. As a matter of fact, Don H. Porter, proprietor of the Kenyon, is no longer even a resident of Salt Lake. He has moved to Los Angeles with his family, and what interest he could have in the contest for permanent headquarters is certainly not apparent to me. I don't know that it is a positive fact, but the circumstances surely indicate that until Mr. Pence's name appeared in the dispatches concerning the mining congress, the Kenyon did not know exactly where to address him.

Denunities Satisfied.
C. E. Colbreath of Denver, and three of his fellow delegates to the Mining congress met in the lobby of the Portland hotel last evening, saying parting words to those who were leaving for their homes in other cities.

"We will go home feeling well satisfied and saying very little about the troubles that have cropped out at this congress," said Mr. Colbreath. "The thing that worried Salt Lake most was the fact that Judge Powers came down here as the star orator, and met his match from Denver. We really did not expect to see the congress for the permanent headquarters unless the preference for our city came in a clean and proper manner. We think it came that way, and we are well satisfied. We will go home and make preparations for opening the permanent headquarters, which will be done within sixty days."

Secretary Must Be Good Man.
Speaking of the probable secretary, Mr. Colbreath said that the question would be considered very seriously, for upon the secretary will depend the future success of the American Mining congress.

"He need not necessarily be a Denver man, but he will have to make his residence in Denver," he said. "He must be a man who stands high with the mining men of the country, and who is careful and unbiased in all his actions."

He said that the Denver people believe the Utah men are responsible for the report from Salt Lake to the effect that a warrant had been issued for the arrest of L. A. Pence for obtaining money on false pretenses from a hotel man, and that although Salt Lake denies the responsibility they will have to prove it.

Mr. Pence spoke the evening in the hotel lobby chatting with friends and apparently at his ease.

PIANO FOUND DOWN DEEP IN EXCAVATION

While excavating on the site of a building to be erected for the Council of Jewish Women, at First and Hall streets, yesterday, workmen were astonished to unearth part of a large piano. How the instrument came there is a mystery and has excited lively speculation.

"THIS BLONDE WOMAN NOT 'BADLY USED'"

Ten seconds made a difference of \$1,000 in the fortunes of a pretty little blonde woman at the Irvington park track Friday afternoon. With only that margin of time allowed her before the books closed, as the horses went to the post, she managed to have 425 odds for her on Badly Used at odds of 50 to 1 and went to 75 to one, one of the "bookies" giving odds of even 80 to 1. The play was heavier than expected, and as the horses went to the post the odds dropped back to 50. It was at this juncture that the woman placed her wager on Badly Used.

CREFFIELD DESTROYS HIS REVELATIONS

Rather than allow profane eyes to gaze on revelations he asserts were made to him by God, Edmund Creffield, the chief of the Holy Rollers, tore the fly leaves out of his well thumbed bible and destroyed them. On these leaves, written in a fine line with a lead pencil, were the so-called revelations.

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TROUBLE WITH SALT LAKE

MAN RESPONSIBLE FOR FIRE NEAR TOLLGATE MAY BE PROSECUTED

—FOREST RANGERS RETURN WITH NECESSARY INFORMATION
—WEATHER AIDING FIGHT.

Forest Rangers Anderson and Prout, who have for two days been fighting a fierce fire started by a farmer named Harmond near Tollgate, on the road to Mount Hood, did not reach the city yesterday in time to consult with United States District Attorney John Hall, from whom they will secure aid in prosecuting Harmond under the federal statutes. They are expected to meet the district attorney Monday and cause the issuance of a warrant for the accused.

District Attorney Hall said last night that offense of this character committed on or resulting in damage to government land or timber will come under his jurisdiction.

"The federal laws are very strict on this subject," he said. "All persons are prohibited from setting fires in such a manner or in such localities as may be a menace to the public lands, and campers and hunters are strictly enjoined by the laws to extinguish any campfires they may have started. I think the laws cover adequately all cases, whether of fires started on government land or fires that have originated on private property and have been handled in a careless manner such as permitted them to spread to government timber. The penalties are largely within the discretion of the court. The last man we had up on this kind of a charge was Fred Hill, but the light fire was owing to the fact that but small damage had resulted from the fire for which he was responsible.

Damp Weather Helps.
The fires reported in the last two days are checked by the prevailing damp weather of the last 24 hours before they are impeded by the efforts of the fire fighters. When a fire gets a strong start, as did the fire around Tollgate Friday, it is impossible for men to do anything that will stop it, but in a turn of the weather in their favor. The slight precipitation in the neighborhood of Portland yesterday did much to relieve the existing conditions. No fires four miles from the city have burned themselves nearly out, and are smoldering around the edges of the large acreage burned.

Weather Observer Beals is still hopeful that there will be rains before the weather changes again to clearing. He said last night:

"The sprinkle yesterday was confined to Portland and lasted three minutes. It is the only rain reported in our district. We do not get regular reports from east of the mountains, but I know that there was rain about Baker City and in other places where there were thunder storms today. The fire in the forest near Tollgate is a case of this damp spell."

Fire threatened Rock Point village and a quantity of cord wood belonging to C. E. Davison, west of the city, yesterday burned a portion of a frame owned by the Benson Logging company. The village of Davis and a county bridge near by were also in the path of the flames, but were saved by the fire fighters.

LOSS ABOUT \$50,000.
Forest Fires Near Vancouver, Wash. (Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Vancouver, Wash., Aug. 27.—Now that a large measure cleared away, it is beginning to be possible to estimate the results of the blaze which for a time created so much consternation in this vicinity.

As each day improves the situation, it becomes more apparent that the damage was at first overestimated. There are not so many of the green trees destroyed as was commonly believed, and the dryness of the undergrowth rendered the fire rapid, thus passing through the timber that otherwise would have suffered considerable loss.

In the immediate vicinity of Vancouver, aside from the cord wood destroyed, the damage to forest alone does not reach beyond \$25,000. To this must be added the destruction of several hundred cords of wood, many small outbuildings, a few farm houses and two saw mills.

The damage on these latter can be estimated by the owners only, but probably will add approximately \$45,000.

While this loss is serious enough, there is a feeling of gratification and thankfulness that the loss did not reach several hundred thousand dollars for a time, seemed the only outcome.

Tonight there was a sprinkle of rain that for a time promised a heavy downfall. It brought the smoke to the ground and made the fire appear much heavier than they are.

TOLLGATE FIRE RAGING.
Portland's Water Supply May Be Endangered. (Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Oregon City, Or., Aug. 27.—A party of campers that returned to this city tonight report that there is raging in the vicinity of Tollgate, on the Mount Hood road, a serious forest fire. Henry Harmond, a German rancher who resides one mile north of Tollgate, is said to be responsible for starting the fire and will be arrested by a United States marshal on a charge preferred by Assistant Chief Forest Ranger M. L. Anderson. Harmond is a German and burst into tears when advised of the serious character of the offense for which his arrest will be made.

The fears of the rangers and woodmen now are that the fire will cross the Sandy river, and in that case it would have free progress to the Bull Run country and Portland's water supply property would be in great danger. It is impossible to foretell the probable extent of the damage that will result from the fire that is now raging, but hunters in the vicinity of the blaze say that it will cover several thousand acres of rich timber lands before it can be extinguished.

As it is, smoke is filling all the valleys today. At the government camp people complain that the smoke is so dense that it disturbs their vision. At that point Mount Hood is usually visible, but the smoke is now so thick that objects half a mile distant could scarcely be seen.

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WOULD-BE DEPUTY SORRY HE SPOKE

CIGAR MAN, DECEIT WITH AUTHORITY, AIDS OLDER SIBUTE IN HANDLING CRABED MAN—WRISTLED AND TUGGED FOR HOURS.

Clyde Evans, the cigar man, had an insatiable desire to be made a deputy sheriff. Why, he was unable to explain. It may have been, as Sheriff Word asserts, a talent in his blood. But everything is all right now. It would take a club to induce Evans to enter the field sacred to Old Sleuth and Sherlock Holmes.

A few days ago he went to the sheriff and asked to be made a special deputy. He explained that he wanted to gain the experience.

"All right," replied the sheriff, with that twinkle his eye acquired when he was on the road and didn't know what it was to take life seriously. "We will give you a little experience as a special and then send you forth to conquer."

Deputy Sheriff Grussel was sent to Salem yesterday with Francis Johnson, who was arrested while preaching to telephone poles. He is the man who, when asked by the police if he was a Holy Roller, answered: "No, I am a Holy Roller. Evans was going to Canby, and Sheriff Word let him accompany Grussel as far as that point.

Shortly after leaving the city the "Holy terror" began to justify the title he had picked up. Evans was going to Grussel had one long wrestling match with him as far as Canby, where he was strapped to his seat. Grussel is something of a joker himself, and did not suggest strapping the man down until Evans was about to leave the train.

"That's enough for me," said the cigar man, as he wiped the perspiration from his brow. "You fellows can have the fun of handling all the 'crises' in the future. As for me, give me the life of peace and quiet, or give me chloroform."

PLAYS POLICEMAN AND ARRESTS THIEF

W. Pitchett played policeman last night and captured E. Middleton, whom he accuses of stealing a valuable gold watch from him.

According to the story told by Mr. Pitchett, his watch, valued at \$40, was stolen from his room last May. Some time later he discovered it in a pawnshop, where he says it had been pawned by Middleton.

The matter was reported to the police and Middleton was arrested. Not desiring to prosecute the man if he could get possession of his watch, with the consent of the district attorney, the prisoner was allowed his liberty under promise that he would return Pitchett his property.

That was the last seen or heard of Middleton, according to Pitchett, until last night when he met him on the street. Pitchett grabbed Middleton and dragged him to the police station, although the prisoner struggled violently. A charge of larceny was booked against him.

REFRESHING RAINS MAY DROWN FIRES

For the first time during several weeks the Willamette valley was visited by a rain last night, and it is believed that it will be the means in a great measure of checking the forest fires which have been raging so fiercely of late. The rain was forecasted in the report prepared yesterday by the weather bureau, which stated that the weather today would be unsettled and showery. The people have long been waiting for a drenching rain, more for the reason that it would put a stop to the fires which are destroying valuable timber all along the western slope of the Pacific coast than for any beneficial effects it would have upon the growing crops and pasture lands. Every one is also anxious for the atmosphere to become cleared of the dense smoke which has hung over the valley for many weeks past.

WASHINGTON MEN SCURRY TO COVER

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mittee are getting under the charge of company in chairman Palmer's assault upon the postmaster's salaries. Even Senator Wilson's organ, the Post-Intelligencer, to which Chairman Palmer has a right to look for support, declares there is nothing in the charge that Chairman Palmer has violated federal statutes.

NEW TERMINAL GROUNDS.
Spokane, Wash., Aug. 27.—Six lots have been secured on Second avenue, between Bernard and McClellan streets, for terminal purposes of the Coeur d'Alene & Spokane railway. F. A. Blackwell, manager of the road, says that the ground was bought for a freight terminal.

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—NO DAMAGE IS DONE BY THE ERUPTION.

A burning chimney at the Portland hotel early last evening called out a large crowd and the down-town fire department, but the guests of the hotel were not aware of the excitement until the belching chimney had subsided. The soot-filled flux caught fire and dense clouds of smoke and sparks were blown in several directions, the only damage done being the setting on fire of one or two awnings, which were torn down by firemen. The chemical engine quenched the ambitions chimney the midst of its eruption.

At no time was there any danger to the occupants of the hotel, and employees of the place went about their routine duties in the usual manner, most of them unaware that crowds were admiring the pinwheels the chimney was setting forth.

While the excitement lasted the streets were thronged near the hotel with those who had heard the hotel was on fire, and though there was but a thin thread of smoke and a sparse offering of dull-red sparks, the excitement-seeking crowd lingered until the last sooty ember had ceased to hover over the black chimney, and then they departed to tell their friends who were headed for the "fire" that it was "all out."

CITY REVENUES NOT SUFFICIENT

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made in expenses if the city is to come out even at the end of the year.

The executive board is expecting to have a conference with the ways and means committee of the city council, for the purpose of determining how the exigency shall be met. Rodney L. Gilsan of the executive board is confident that the will be no serious trouble in making ends meet.

"We shall be obliged to dispense with some things," said Mr. Gilsan, "such for instance as the new engine house. Some reductions may also be necessary in certain departments, but they will not have to be so considerable as to interfere with the efficiency of the service. There will probably be a reduction in the city engineer's department but it will be slight. So far as I know there is no authority for the statement that four of the engineering crews will be laid off."

As Councilman Zimmerman, the chairman of the ways and means committee, is out of the city and is not expected to return before Thursday, it is not likely that any action will be taken until the latter part of this week.

Where Are Our Falls

The two departments in which reductions can be made most readily are the city engineer's and the street cleaning department. The estimated expense of street cleaning and sprinkling for the year was \$64,510, of which \$25,569.93 was expended in the first five months. But this included the purchase of a number of new horses, six new street sprinklers and other equipment, all of which is now paid for. No such expense will be necessary during the remainder of the year, so that it is said that a material saving can be effected, possibly amounting to four or five thousand dollars. This would involve the postponement until after January 1 of some of the work done in the fall, but is not regarded as imperatively necessary.

City Engineer Elliott declares that no material reduction can be made in his force without greatly interfering with the work of the department. He expects to lay off one engineering crew at the end of this month, but that would reduce the payroll only \$320.

"We have all the work we can possibly do," says the city engineer. "All six of my men are busy and we are a lot of work ahead of us that we have not touched yet."

Doubt Need of Force.
Mr. Elliott produced a number of petitions for street improvements and said that upon the majority of them work had not yet been commenced owing to the fact that his force is already overtaxed.

In spite, however, of these assertions by the city engineer, there is a widespread impression, shared by some members of the city council, that there is a great deal of unnecessary expenditure in this department and that the payroll is out of proportion to the work done. It is pointed out that most of the engineering and street work is done in the summer season, the payroll is almost as large in midwinter as in midsummer. In January of this year the amount was \$5,875.23 and in July it was \$6,658.01. In July of last year it was \$6,954.75, or substantially the same as in January. The expenditures for the first five months of this year, which included most of the dull season, exceeded their proportion of the estimated expense for the year by \$1,200.

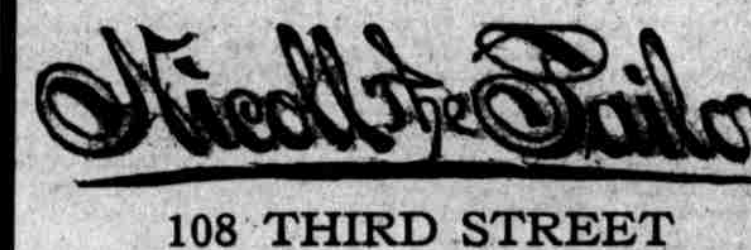
It is notorious that during the political campaign last spring many of the city engineer's subordinates were paying in practically all of their time doing machine politics. The city paid them for their time, but did not get their services. The department was supposed to be an adjunct of the city public machine. The payroll was loaded down with the names of men who owed their places to political pull and whose services to the city were of little value. Only a few months ago the city auditor declined to draw warrants for the city engineer's department until every man on the payroll had verified his claim by affidavit. It was freely charged at that time that the payroll was inflated.

Loading Is Charged.
Complaints are made now that the work of the department is carried on in a very loose manner. Many of the outfits do not put out a full day's work and some of them are said to be habitual frequenters of the Irvington track. Contractors assert that the work of the inspectors is often a sham, and that the inspectors know nothing about their business, said one contractor, "and they do not attend to it that. Often an inspector will spend only a few minutes a day upon a job which he is supposed to be watching all the time."

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SEEKS DEATH BUT CHANGES HIS MIND

CARL SCHELECH, WITH MONEY IN BANK, JUMPS INTO RIVER BECAUSE HE HAS ONLY A NICKLE IN HIS CLOTHES—BATH OPERES IN A TAILOR.

He had \$139 in a local bank and a nickel in his pocket, and because he could not draw sufficient funds to provide him food and shelter until 11 o'clock Monday morning, Carl Schleich leaped from the Alder street dock last night with the intention of committing suicide. When he struck the water, however, he changed his mind and swam for a pile, to which he clung until Capt. L. C. Weir, of the tug Cash, assisted him aboard the boat.

Police headquarters was notified and an ambulance dispatched to the scene to bring the wet man to the station. When he arrived, in charge of Police-men Robson and Isaacs, he seemed quite cheerful, and when asked why he tried to take his life, calmly replied that it was because he could not get into the bank to draw money with which to buy food and shelter until Monday morning at banking hours. He is a German, and speaks very little English, but his words were interpreted by Sergeant Carpenter.

Schleich has been in the city for several months and had been rooming at the Rhinefels hotel. He is 37 years of age, and was being searched before the contract was held by Jap Hiner, who has done such work on the river for a long time.

BIG LOG DRIVE

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Eugene, Or., Aug. 27.—The big drive of logs consigned to the Booth Kelly company at Springfield is now stored in the mill pond at that place. The drive, besides the 3,000,000 feet of logs, includes about 800 cedar poles for the telephone and light companies. The contract was held by Jap Hiner, who has done such work on the river for a long time.

These fines were collected in July, and the city's receipts for that month from the municipal court were about \$5,000. The gamblers ceased to come to the city as an adjunct of the city public machine. The payroll was loaded down with the names of men who owed their places to political pull and whose services to the city were of little value. Only a few months ago the city auditor declined to draw warrants for the city engineer's department until every man on the payroll had verified his claim by affidavit. It was freely charged at that time that the payroll was inflated.

It is apparent, therefore, that the loss of revenue from the gambling houses is not the prime cause of the city's present lack of funds. The shortage is to be attributed in large part to the increased expenditures for the fire department, and probably also the waste in the city engineer's department.

LINCOLN COUNTY FAIR

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Davenport, Wash., Aug. 27.—Extensive preparations are already being made for the Lincoln county fair, which is to be held about the middle of October. The display of horses and cattle will be greater than any heretofore, a number of prominent stockmen having already reserved stalls.



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