

THE MYSTERY OF THOMAS FLEMMINGS' MURDER IS CLEARED BY CONFESSION

RASSMAN TELLS POLICE THAT KELLY KILLED OLD MAN

Confesses That He and His Companion Held Up the Centennial Saloon on the Night of Dec. 15—Partner Used Pistol

SAYS KELLY KILLED FLEMMINGS AND WOUNDED J. L. ROUSCH

Aged Victim Waited Outside and Attacked the Robbers as They Came Out—Rassman Will Sign His Confession Today.

"Honey" Rassman, arrested at Tacoma on the charge of holding up the Centennial hotel in this city, has made a full confession to Chief of Police Gritzmacher, Police Inspector Bruin and District Attorney Manning.

Despite the reticence of the police, it is known that Rassman has told everything and has been promised a light sentence on the charge of robbery in which he was taken to tell the truth.

Information furnished by Rassman has enabled Detectives Snow and Kerrigan, who worked up the case and placed both men behind the bars, to find the masks with which the highwaymen covered their faces, the empty shells in the revolver they used and the hat worn by Kelly.

The Centennial hotel was held up on the night of December 15 by two masked men. Sixteen men were lined up in the barroom behind the stove and caused to hold up their hands.

When Rousch, who did not move quickly enough to suit the robbers, was told to throw his hands above his head he hesitated and one of the highwaymen shot him through the arm.

Another man escaped through a side door into the dining-room of the hotel, fell over tables and broke a good deal of crockery in his frantic efforts to find an exit.

The force of the blow was sufficient to fall Kelly to his knees, but did not cause him, and rising he shot the old man twice. Flemmings fell to the floor, bleeding profusely, and afterward was

taken to St. Vincent's hospital, where he died. The police worked hard on the case and finally they told Chief Gritzmacher that Kelly a few days afterward. He denied emphatically that he knew anything about the murder or holdup.

Other information was secured by them and finally they told Chief Gritzmacher and Inspector Bruin what they had learned. Word was immediately sent Chief Maloney at Tacoma to place Rassman under arrest.

The prisoner was kept away from Kelly and other prisoners, but little was said to him for two days, in order to let him get a taste of confinement, as the police thought this would help in making him talk.

Rassman was a "pal" of Andy Borch, who committed a series of crimes at Tacoma a few days ago and was convicted and sent to the Walla Walla penitentiary for five years.

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Mayor Lane said he could see no objection to appointing such committees, but would like to have time to think over the matter.

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New photographs of Miss Wilhelmina Busch, daughter of the wealthy St. Louis brewer, and Lieutenant Edward Scherer, who is said to have endeavored to kidnap her.

M'KENNA OUTLINES HIS PLAN

Would Have Waterfront Project Submitted to People by Referendum.

WOULD COST PORTLAND MILLIONS OF DOLLARS

On the Other Hand Business Men Who Favor Public Ownership Scheme Say Profits Would More Than Repay the Outlay Required.

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DEVISIOUS WAYS OF TRUST

Standard Oil Employees Received Instructions to Deceive Public as to Who They Worked For.

ROGERS NOT STARTLED BY FLASHLIGHT BOMB

Ticket Abroad Without Return Coupon Offered to Local Manager to Get Him Out of the Country—Trust Says Hearing is Only for Political Effect.

(Journal Special Service.)

New York, Jan. 8.—Attorney-General Healey of Missouri stated this morning that Wade Hampton, auditor of the Standard Oil company, failed to appear at the investigation. He sent word that he was ill.

H. C. Hardcastle, a former employe of the Standard, says that an official of the Republic company instructed them to represent themselves as independent of the Standard.

One of the counsel for the Standard Oil company today declared that Governor Folk and Attorney-General Hadley were whipping each other over the Standard's deeds and that the present suits were mere policy plays.

Warship Kentucky Rammed by Alabama

EIGHTY MILLION DOLLAR GLUCOSE TRUST FORMED

New York, Jan. 8.—Glucose manufacturers announce today the organization of a combine to handle the by-products of corn. It will be known as the Corn Products Refining company, with \$80,000,000 capital.

WITH BRYAN ON HIS TOUR OF THE WORLD

William Jennings Bryan will publish his first letter from abroad in his first issue of the Journal of Commerce.

CABMAN ARRESTED IN GENTRY MURDER CASE

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HAZING TRIAL AT ANNAPOLIS RESUMED

Annapolis, Jan. 8.—The trial of Midshipman Marston, accused of leading a hazing party at Annapolis, Md., on the morning of Dec. 20, 1905, resumed this morning.



Queen Margaret of Italy, whose fifty-fifth birthday is celebrated throughout Italy.

EXTRADITED THIEF KILLS HIMSELF

Charles M. Meier, Wanted at San Francisco for Embezzlement, Shoots Himself on Ship.

STOLE TWENTY THOUSAND AND SKIPPED TO LONDON

Was Trusted Empleado of California Wine Merchant—Disappeared Last September—Commits Suicide as Vessel Enters Port.

(Journal Special Service.)

New York, Jan. 8.—Charles M. Meier, formerly a trusted employe of a San Francisco wine merchant, wanted there on the charge of embezzling \$20,000, committed suicide this morning aboard the liner Carmania as the vessel was entering the port from Liverpool.

Meier embezzled about \$20,000 from John Caffrey, the Pacific coast agent of the Pomeroy wine company of New York, while employed as confidential manager and bookkeeper.

Meier was arrested in London November 8 on the request of the state department and ordered extradited. Detective Reynolds of San Francisco was sent to London and had the prisoner in charge when he killed himself.

The prisoner shot himself through the head with a revolver. The police freely predicted that Reynolds would not succeed in bringing back the prisoner and that the latter would commit suicide.

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KELLNER GETS FIVE YEARS

Chicago Millionaire Lumberman Convicted of Forgery in Land Frauds Sentenced to Penitentiary.

DEFENSE PLEADS FOR A MINIMUM SENTENCE

Court Refuses Leniency on Account of the Magnitude of the Transactions—Ten Days Allowed to File Bill of Exceptions for New Trial—Object to Turner's Testimony.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Salem, Or., Jan. 8.—A. T. Kellner, the Chicago capitalist, convicted of forgery in connection with land frauds, was this morning sentenced to five years in the penitentiary and to pay the costs of the suit.

Contrary to expectations Kellner's attorneys filed no motion for a new trial when the case was called, but made statements that had Kellner taken the stand to give testimony it would show Kellner should receive the minimum penalty of two years.

The prosecuting attorney refused to make a statement, saying the case had been tried.

Judge Burnett stated that the verdict of the jury was a fixed quantity with the court. The jury was authorized to find a verdict as it did, and in so choosing the court could not interfere.

CENTRAL WEST SHAKEN BY SLIGHT EARTHQUAKE

Kansas City, Jan. 8.—A seismic disturbance of from 20 seconds to one minute in length of time was felt in the territory extending from Nebraska on the north to the Indian Territory on the south, and from this section as far west as Salina, Kansas, at 6:17 yesterday evening.

GERMANY MOUNTS BIG GUNS ON FRONTIER

Geneva, Jan. 8.—Germany for several days has been increasing her forces on the Swiss and French frontiers. The garrisons are now on a war footing and big guns have been mounted.

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TAFT REBUKES SHONTS

President of the Isthmian Canal Commission and Directors of Panama Road Severely Censured.

CALLED DOWN FOR NOT CONSULTING SUPERIORS

Sale of Bonds to Raise Money Unauthorized and Market Contract Found Fault With—Motives of Officials Good, But Methods Employed Bad—Promise to Be Good.

(Journal Special Service.)

Washington, Jan. 8.—Secretary of War Taft has felt constrained to administer a severe rebuke to President Shonks and the government officials who are directors of the Panama railroad in a letter to the president, accompanying the report of the canal commission and the president of the railroad, which was sent to congress today.

Two particular transactions failed to meet the secretary's approval, one the selling of railroad bonds. It appears that directors of the road, to meet obligations, decided to sell \$28,000,000 bonds, and did so without consulting either Secretary Taft or President Roosevelt.

The policy is a doubtful one and should not have been done without first consulting a higher authority.

The other transaction is in connection with the cancellation of the canal commissary contract which was awarded to J. E. Markel of Omaha.

He says the work is being admirably done and great progress has been made for the last six months. He also says what has been done gives every reason to believe that the canal will be completed sooner than anticipated and that every charge of jobbery, inefficiency and immorality from whatever source it came, has been investigated and found to be false.

COLVILLE INDIANS.

Bill Presented Congress Looking to the Opening of South Half of Reserve.

Washington, Jan. 8.—The secretary of the interior today submitted to congress a bill along the lines of the agreement reached in September last with the Indians on the Colville reservation, providing for a disposition of the surplus lands in the reservation. It provides for the allotting of lands in the southern part of the reservation to the Indians and the payment to them of \$1,000,000 for the relinquishment of the north half, approximately 1,500,000 acres, the lands thus relinquished to be opened for sale and settlement.

ARMOUR MUST PAY.

Supreme Court Decides Against Fugate in North Carolina Case.

Washington, Jan. 8.—The supreme court today decided that the Armour company must pay a license of \$100,000 each county in North Carolina, imposed by the state law upon beef packers doing business there. Armour sought to evade payment on the grounds that the license was a tax upon interstate commerce.

DR. TRY PUNISHING CASE.

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