

GOOD EVENING

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Rain tonight and Saturday; southerly winds.



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MRS. GORDON IN CITY JAIL HURLS DEFIANCE AT DETECTIVES

Refuses to Explain Her Daring and Mysterious Operations or Tell Who Are Her Accomplices

LATEST ROLE OF DETECTIVE

Mrs. Gordon Said by Postmaster Minto to Be Woman Who Called for Others' Mail at Postoffice.

SENT UNSIGNED LETTERS, THEN OFFERED SERVICES

For a Fee She Would Tell Who Had Written Anonymous Epistles—Woman Sought Agent to Sell Jewelry of Her Manufacture—Was Patron of Local Marriage Bureau.

Still in the city jail, eagerly awaiting the time for her departure for San Francisco in the hope that she may escape connection with the marvelous series of daring operations that are swiftly being revealed in Portland, Mrs. Bertha E. Gordon is guarding the identity of her confederate with an almost fanatic zeal.

"Find him, if you can," she says, defiantly; "detectives claim to be able to find anybody. Let them find him, and if they do, they won't be assisted by any information from me."

In the background of all the shady transactions with which she is supposed to have been connected is the mysterious figure of a man, the confederate in her schemes, the master who directed her in the daring operations which demanded marvelous cunning and skill, and who shielded her from detection for years.

The man is believed to be her husband, the mysterious principal in the wedding at Vancouver October 21.

Behind her in these transactions appears the same mysterious man who, even though the woman has at last become enmeshed in the law, successfully eluded even identification. His arrest is highly improbable. It was largely through his efforts, officers assert, that the woman's schemes were successful, and that she escaped when once apprehended by Postmaster Minto, who almost caught her in the act of securing another's mail.

Since her recent return from North Bend, Mrs. Gordon gave up detective work and devoted every effort of her active and clever brain to a thorough mastery of the subject of chemistry. It was for the purpose of manufacturing jewelry and carrying on various experiments of a chemical nature that she visited the city library night after night and poured over volumes pertaining to the subject.

Bought a Jeweler. Since her return to the city she has endeavored to employ an assistant in the jewelry enterprise she planned. She visited various employment agencies in search of a jewelry manufacturer who was willing to travel and sell the wares she produced.

On February 12 she visited the office of the Scandinavian-American Employment company, No. 4 North Second street. There she made known her wants and left her address.



E. S. Gordon, the Coos Bay Lumberman.



Mrs. McCord or Gordon, Photographed in Jail.

Three Photographs of E. S. Gordon, the Last Taken With the Woman Now in Jail Here.

JEWELRY MASSACRED NEAR GOMEL

Fifty People Slain and Three Hundred Wounded in Attack on Ghetto by Russians.

DYNAMITE IS USED TO BLOW UP SYNAGOGUES

Troops and Police Make No Effort to Stay Assassins—Men, Women and Children Struck Down and Their Bodies Mutilated.

Odessa, Feb. 22.—Fifty persons were killed and 300 injured in an attack on the Jewish residents of Wjatta, near Gomel, following the proclamation issued by Kleshoff, the leader of the anti-Semitic movement in that part of the empire, calling for a general and ruthless massacre of Jews.

Mobs of armed men marched suddenly on the Jewish quarter. Their coming was expected, and all Jews either fled or barricaded themselves as best they could in their homes and places of business. Houses were broken into. The attack at first was concentrated upon the more prosperous Jews. Troops and police made no effort to stay the assassins, who struck down men, women and children, mutilating their bodies, pillaging houses and shops.

Dynamite was used to blow up two synagogues, the doors and windows being first nailed up, so that the rabbis and others who fled there for refuge could not escape.



WHAT TARIFF ON WATCHES DOES

New Yorker Buys Best American Trust Time-Pieces Abroad, Sells at Home.

HIS PRICE A THIRD OF THAT IN THE STATES

At That He Clears a Profit After Paying Duty and Freight—Nevertheless There Is Not a Move Toward Tariff Revision.

HUNDRED MILLION TROLLEY LINE

Plans Completed for Through Electric Car Service From Boston to Chicago.

TRAINS WILL RUN AT EIGHTY MILES AN HOUR

Pullmans and Express Cars Attached—Up-to-Date Service at Half the Price of Regular Steam Car Cost.

NO NEED TO PAY UP CAMPAIGN ASSESSMENT

Washington, D. C., Feb. 22.—Because he refused to pay an assessment of \$170 for campaign purposes assessed against him by State Chairman J. H. Brady of Idaho, the organization refused to recommend A. G. Nettleton, postmaster at Nampa, Idaho, to succeed himself. He was finally told by Senator Heyburn that because of his failure to contribute that he could not have another term. Nettleton's record was good and the people of Nampa were satisfied with him and the candidate of the organization was turned down by the postmaster-general, who urged Nettleton's re-appointment. President Roosevelt yesterday sent to the senate Mr. Nettleton's name to succeed himself at Nampa and the senate will confirm the nomination.

BESIEGED WOMAN GETS FOOD AND DRINK BY MAIL



Arch Bigamist and Wife-Murderer Asks God to Forgive His Enemies While on the Scaffold.

Major Portion of Fair Grounds Purchased by United Railways Company for Two Hundred Thousand Dollars.

Writ of Habeas Corpus Requested from Supreme Court for Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone.

SECRET CODE KEY IS REPORTED DISCOVERED

Orchards' Attorney Denied the Right to Visit Client, Who Is Said to Be Sick, Although No Doctor Has Been Summoned—Suspects Denied Ordinary Rights of Prisoners.

Recent Sales of Major Portion of Exposition Park Have Been Made at an Average Price of About Ten Times What Land Could Have Been Bought for Two Years Ago.

Tract Goes Fast

Within the last week more than 250 acres of land in and about Gull's lake and comprising a part of the Lewis and Clark fair grounds has changed ownership. Two deals, involving about \$400,000, have been made, for large tracts, both of which passed to railroad companies. The O. R. & N. Co. purchased the Willis & O'Connell Land company tracts, embracing about 170 acres, for upward of \$200,000. It is said the exposition site furnishes the most notable instance in the city's history of rapid and legitimate rise in ground values. Prior to the exposition the ground could have been bought for about \$200 per acre. The fair occupied about 400 acres. Today it is estimated the entire site would bring \$800,000.

FRESHMEN HELD BY HAZERS ON ELECTRIC CURRENT

Barely Sensible When Released and Unable to Stand—Ignorant of Electricity.

INSURANCE REPORT IS BLOW TO WALL STREET

BLUEBEARD IS HANGED

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SENSATIONAL ATTEMPT TO DELAY EXECUTION

Doomed Man Sleeps Soundly and Eats Heartily in Shadow of the Gallows—Declares His Innocence—Loses Nerve for a Few Minutes on Failure of Appeal.

Chicago, Feb. 22.—"I want to say something. God forgive them, for they know not what they do. I die an innocent man. Good bye."

These were the last words of Johann Hoch, the modern bluebeard, who was hanged at 1:34 o'clock this afternoon for the murder of his wife, Marie Welker Hoch. Tremendous efforts were made by the doomed man's attorney to save his client, resulting in dramatic scenes at the foot of the scaffold, which postponed for several hours the fall of the fatal trap.

Passed Good Night. Hoch rose about 7 o'clock this morning, after six hours of good sleep. He cheerfully greeted the guard and joked with the jailers. He gave an epigrammatic order for his breakfast. His attorney was trying to file an appeal to the courts to attempt to prevent the execution by investigation of Hoch's sanity.

Hoch refused to lose confidence. He was cheerful and said that as long as there is life there is hope, but told the jailer that he was prepared for death or a sudden surprise. He wouldn't deny or affirm any of the stories about his history. He said that he had heard indirectly from his aged father and within a few days, but said his sire didn't know of his trouble and would never learn. He spent much time with spiritualists of various denominations, including Catholic, although he is a Lutheran himself.

Appeals for Writ. Representative Commerford, Hoch's attorney, filed a petition in the United States court asking interference on the grounds that the proposed execution would interfere with the fourteenth amendment of the constitution. The execution was postponed an hour.

Judge Landis denied the writ of habeas corpus. Hoch says that he will not go to the gallows and says he will resist with physical violence.

Lost O'clock Demanded. At 12:15 o'clock the death warrant was read to the prisoner. When told that the writ had been denied, Hoch said that he had no objection. With supreme assurance he declared he would fight for his life. However, he listened to his death warrant calmly.

Just as preparations for reading the death warrant were completed Attorney Commerford appeared on the scene waving an appeal bond, duly signed, demanding a further stay of execution. The appeal was from the decision of Judge Landis denying the writ of habeas corpus.

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