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SWINDLERS ARRESTED FOR FRAUD

Clever Postal Scheme Unearthed in Portland By Inspector of the Department

N. C. Hulm and Woman He Calls His Wife Said to Have Made Profit of Two Hundred Dollars Daily by Their Shrewd Work.

What is thought will develop into one of the most extensive postoffice frauds ever unearthed in Portland was made public today with the arrest of Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Hulm, 137 East Fifteenth street, on the charge of using the government mails for fraudulent purposes.

Hulm is supposed to have made \$300 a day out of his scheme, which is one of the oldest known to postal authorities and is famous for the number of victims it has caught. The plan is to send out postal cards from one of the two offices which the schemer maintains telling the person receiving the card of a "valuable, unique and pleasant method of obtaining money."

In return for his 50 cents the sender receives 25 postal cards bearing about the same information which Hulm had on his card. With the cards, which are to be sent to prospective persons seeking an easy road to wealth, is the information that if the receiver does not know a sufficient number of persons to whom cards can be sent, a list of names will be furnished by the Pacific Letter Bureau, which Hulm maintained at his home on Fifteenth street, at the nominal charge of 50 cents a hundred or \$4.50 a thousand.

After the person has received the cards and the list of names he is supposed to be on a fair way to prosperity. All he has to do to consummate

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PHANTOM SHIP MAY PROVE TO BE BARK IVERNA

Seen Off Columbia River in Early Morning, She Suddenly Puts Out to Sea Again and is Swallowed Up in Mist Which Envelops Coast.

At 2 o'clock this afternoon the bark looked to be the Iverna was seen 10 miles to the west of the Columbia river lightship. She was cruising off the bar all morning. A pilot will probably board her this afternoon and as soon as the bar becomes a little smoother one of the tugs will be sent out after the strangely maneuvering windjammer.

A four-masted British bark in ballast was seen off the mouth of the Columbia river this morning and it is believed that she is the missing Iverna. One of the tugs started for her, but the bar was too rough and so had to return to Astoria. In the meantime the bark put out to sea again and by noon had disappeared like a phantom ship.

The lookout at North Head made the report of the bark's presence at once to District Forecaster Edward A. Beals of the weather bureau, and all possible details were secured in order to if possible make certain as to the vessel's identity. The captain of the bark for some reason did not display his signal flag and it is impossible for the lookout to read the name. The bark was five miles from the station at one time and had the skipper taken the trouble to display his signals all worry for the safety of the Iverna would probably now be over.

The pilot boat was outside this morning in the vicinity of the bar, but the lookout is of the opinion that the windjammer was still without a pilot when she stood out to sea. The wind was

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PRESIDENT CARBELS WITH TAFT

Secretary's Suspension of Order Discharging the Negro Troops Rebuked

Friction Between Executive and Cabinet Officer May Result in Retirement of Latter From Public Life—Many Protests Fail to Move Roosevelt.

Washington, Nov. 21.—A dispatch was received from the president this morning in which the executive stated that he would not suspend the order for the dismissal of negro soldiers, unless new facts were discovered worth calling to him. He states that his action was taken after due deliberation, and that the only matter to which he can pay heed is the presentation of facts proving the old report wholly or partly untrue or clearly implicating some individual.

This morning Secretary Taft announced that immediately upon his return to Washington, learning that the president had refused to reconsider his order dismissing the negro troops, he had ordered the execution of the order without delay. All reports and speculation to the contrary are unfounded.

Quarrel in Prospect. Secretary Taft acted on his own volition when he suspended the order of the president directing the discharge without honor of three companies of the Twenty-fourth Infantry for declining to divulge the names of soldiers who shot over the town of Brownsville, Texas, and killed a white man. There is likely to be friction between the president and the secretary over this action. The president will now be obliged to make an explanation.

When the secretary returned to the city from his western trip he found a great number of protests against the president's action. These protests came from all parts of the country and were so emphatic and numerous that he took them under earnest consideration. He did not attempt to revoke the order of the president, of course, but did it up until the president could be communi-

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STEALS TO GET MONEY TO PAY HIS ROOM RENT

Philip Birkett in Jail for Taking Revolvers From Honeyman Company's Store and Pawning Them—Relatives Refuse to Help Him in His Trouble.

"I had no money to pay my board until pay-day, and I was too proud to ask my parents for it, so I stole." Such is the explanation made today by Philip Birkett, a 19-year-old son of a respected family of British Columbia and a nephew of W. G. Smith, head of an engraving firm of this city, in defense of his crime of stealing firearms from the store of his employers, the Honeyman Hardware company.

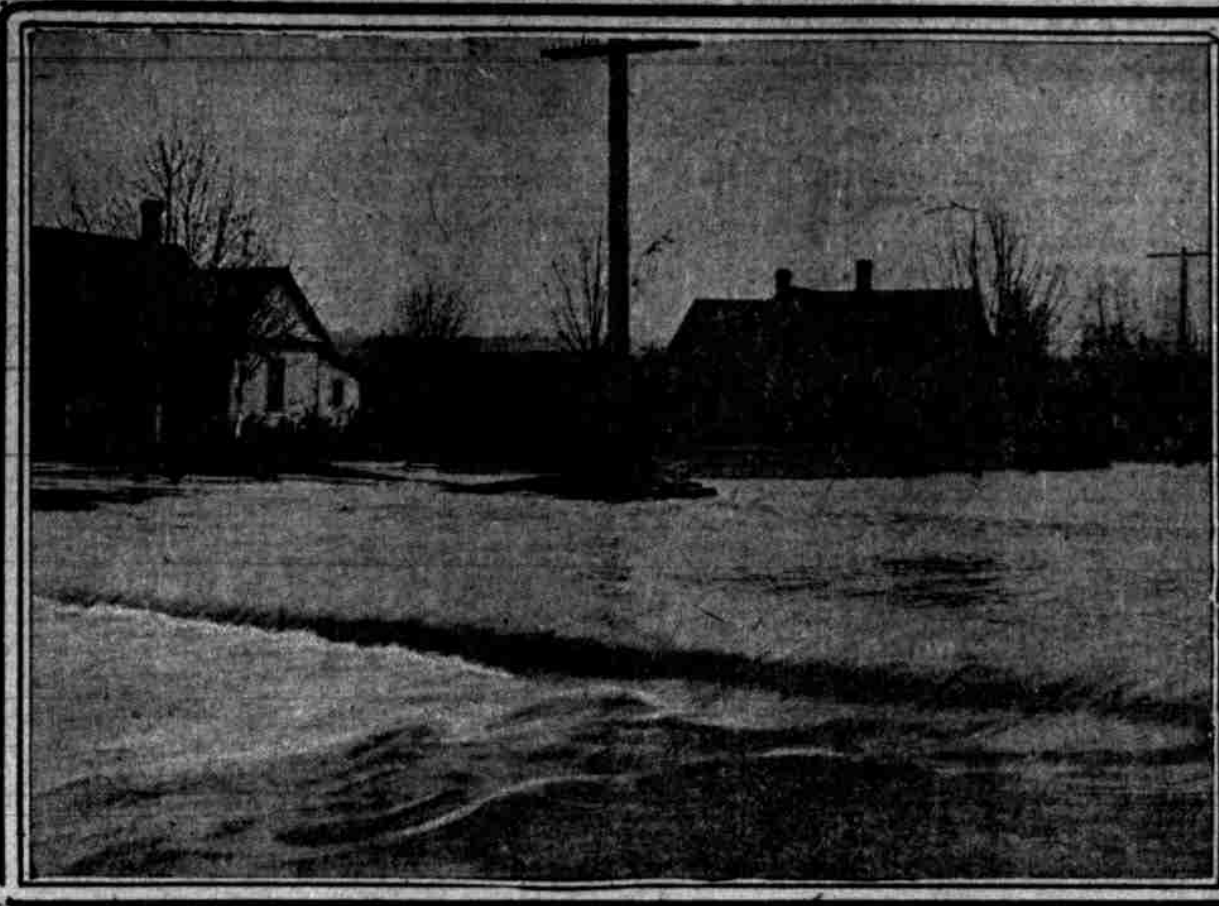
Philip Birkett is the son of Frank Birkett, a retired gunsmith of Vancouver, British Columbia. Less than two months ago Philip came to this city in search of work. He had a good home; but, as his uncle put it, he wanted to live in a bigger city. As a friend of the family, A. J. Winters, head of the sporting department of the Honeyman Hardware company, found a job for the boy in the Alder street store. Young Birkett went to work on October 13 at \$10 a month; but, of course, payment was not to be in advance. Philip rented a room at 348 Third

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PITTSBURG PHIL'S MOTHER ELOPES

Pittsburg, Nov. 21.—Pittsburg enjoys another sensation since it has become public that Mrs. Ella Downing, mother of the late famous turf plunger, "Pittsburg Phil," was eloped at Youngstown, Ohio, with Thomas Woods, a wealthy retired land agent.

STREET SCENES IN SEATTLE



ATTEMPT MADE TO WRECK TRAIN WITH DYNAMITE

Twenty Sticks of Giant Powder Placed on Track of Hood River Railroad—Train Passed Over, but No Explosion Resulted as Dynamite Was Frozen.

Hood River, Or., Nov. 21.—A big sensation was produced here when Charles T. Early, superintendent of the Mt. Hood railroad, offered a reward of \$520 for the arrest and conviction of the person or persons who attempted to dynamite a train on that road Saturday night. That the attempt was unsuccessful was due solely to the fact that the dynamite was frozen and did not explode.

In all 20 sticks of powder were placed on the track, five of them across the rail and the rest in bunches on either side. An examination of the spot where the powder was placed showed that the train had run over two sticks and mashed them, the broken ends being found on either side of the rail.

As yet there is no clue to the would-be wreckers. At least the authorities have made nothing public. The discovery of the attempt at wrecking was first made known by a carpenter who was walking along the track to work and found the pile of dynamite in a deep cut near what is known as Paasch's bridge. As soon as possible he communicated with Superintendent Early, who cautioned him to keep quiet, and in company with an officer visited the place to investigate.

At the time the train passed over the big bunch of dynamite it was dark and could not be seen and the trackmen knew nothing about the attempt to demolish the train. The train was a mixed one with a passenger coach at the rear in which there were between twenty and thirty passengers.

ROOSEVELT WELCOMED BY PORTO RICANS

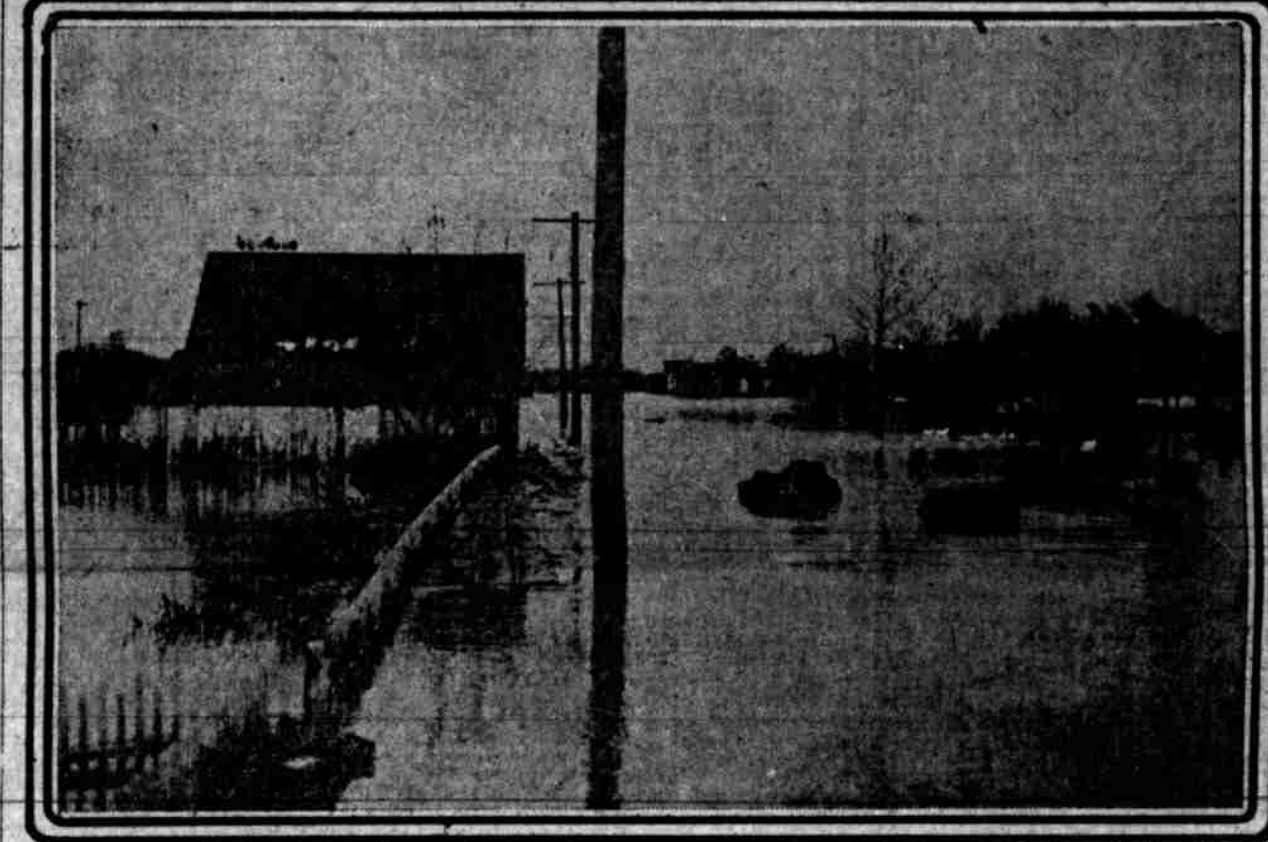
Ponce, Porto Rico, Nov. 21.—President Roosevelt and party arrived this morning. They were received at the landing at 8 o'clock by Governor Winthrop and other officials. The town is profusely decorated and crowded with people from the surrounding country.

Toulon Docks Burned

Toulon, Nov. 21.—The main portion of the dockyards, great forge and iron works, where a number of foreign warships are building, was destroyed by fire this morning. The loss is several millions. The warships were saved.

Bishop Tigert Dead

Tulsa, I. T., Nov. 21.—Bishop Tigert of the M. E. Church South, of Louisville, Kentucky, died here this morning of tonsillitis. He was taken ill a week ago and grew worse rapidly.



Upper Picture Shows Flood Pouring Down Duwamish Avenue. Lower Picture Shows Scene in Riverside, Chickens on Roof.

Witness Deepens Mystery of Snyder Murder Case WHERE AND HOW PERRY LIVED

MAYOR WILL ASK COUNCIL TO SUPPRESS NUISANCE

Says If Regulations Are Not Enforced That Body Will Be to Blame.

Backed by the written statement of the city attorney that the council has full control of the operation of trains on Fourth street, Mayor Lane will this afternoon present to the council a communication which demands a yes or no answer.

"At this time," writes the mayor, "I urge upon you again the necessity for

WANTED A SITUATION

WANTED—Position with reliable real estate firm by experienced man. Address Box 27, city.

WANTED—By a young married man, to tend bar, have had some experience. Address T 90, care Journal.

I WANT to learn butcher business; had some experience. Address E 88, care Journal.

EXPERIENCED real estate and investment salesman wishes employment; good credentials. Address H 28, care Journal.

EXPERIENCED junior wants a job; office or building. Phone Pacific 2244.

ELDERLY lady wants to take charge of motherless children, one or two; fond of children. Address L 78, care Journal.

FOR OTHER APPLICATIONS FOR "POSITIONS" TURN TO THE CLASSIFIED PAGES AND READ THESE PAGES DAILY

LANDLADY DENIES BEAVERTON STORY

Suspects Said to Have Lived at Boarding House and to Have Spent Night Away.

Hillsboro, Or., Nov. 21.—The officers of this county believe they are on the track of additional evidence in the Forest Grove bank robbery case and the murder of Mrs. Madge Snyder, widow of the murdered man, for Kansas City, Missouri, the officials declared their belief in the guilt of George Perry and Leonard Bell, or Rogers, but claimed the evidence in their possession was not sufficient to warrant arrests. Now evidence seems to be at hand disclosing the actions of the suspects on the night of the murder.

Nothing could be learned of the actions or whereabouts of Perry and his pal immediately following the bank robbery and up to the night of the murder, a period of four days. To this part of the case the officials turned their attention and while so engaged Deputy District Attorney E. B. Tongue received the following peculiar message from Beaverton:

"Come on first train; ask no questions. ENNSIGN."

Mr. Tongue could not understand the message and feared that a joke might

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HILL RAILROAD LINES TO BE PROBED BY UNCLE SAM FOR ILLEGAL COMBINATION

Interstate Commerce Committee to Ascertain Practical Effect of Merger on Country and What the Relations Are Existing Between the Great Northern, Northern Pacific and Burlington Systems Managed by One Man

Chicago, Nov. 21.—James J. Hill and the three great railways he dominates are to be investigated by the interstate commerce commission. What are the relations existing between the Great Northern, the Northern Pacific and the Burlington systems? An effort will be made to find out.

The commission will seek to ascertain what effect the control of all these lines by one man has had, and is having, upon rates in the northwest, and consequently upon the agricultural and industrial development of that section.

The result will be to bring out facts regarding what has taken place in the northwestern railroad world since the decision of the United States supreme court in the Northern Securities case in 1904, and to show what efforts the decision has produced and to what extent its intent has been nullified.

Parallel Lines Combined. The announcement of the commission's intention to investigate the Hill lines, coming so closely upon the heels of its plans for an inquiry into the Harriman lines, seems to indicate a purpose on the part of the Roosevelt administration to expose and attack the various combinations of parallel railway lines which have been effected within the last several years.

In the Hill, as in the Harriman investigation, the commission will act under an amendment to the interstate commerce act passed in 1891.

It was aimed in the Northern Securities proceeding to prevent the Burlington, Northern Pacific and Great Northern from being so combined as to prevent effective competition in the northwest.

Decision Nullified. Roosevelt and the commission fear that while the proceeding was successful in the courts the effects of the decision have been practically nullified.

The three lines, with a total mileage of 29,845, under Hill's dominion are perhaps even more closely allied than they were before the Northern Securities decision. It has been reported recently that Hill intended to merge them. Even as late as Monday it was said that the Burlington was soon to lose its identity, even its name, but President Harris flatly denied this.

There has been complaint to the commission from shippers that the effect of the present arrangement is to stifle competition in the northwest.

WARLIKE SPEECHES MADE BY CUBAN GENERAL

Havana, Nov. 21.—General Loyax del Castillo is making inflammatory speeches against the Americans, declaring there will be war unless they withdraw promptly, as they promised.

Governor Magoun is shortly going on a tour of the island. The Fourteenth battery of artillery today returned from a practice march through the province of Pinar del Rio, making record time despite the muddy roads and the floods. In some districts the troops were obliged to use pontoons.

WORKMEN KILLED BY COLLAPSED BUILDING

Rochester, N. Y., Nov. 21.—Five were killed and eight injured in the collapse of a building in the course of erection at Kodak park this morning. Some of the injured may die.

The collapsed building was of concrete and brick. The supports were removed and the concrete being undried fell.

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HAS WILD RIDE THROUGH STORM ON RUNAWAY CAR

Hurricane Sends Rolling Stock at Frightful Speed Over Columbia River Extension and Henry Austin Narrowly Escapes Mad Sea Waves.

Henry Austin, watchman on the Columbia river jetty, had a wild ride for life on the night of November 15 that he will never forget. It was most sensational and exceeds anything the most daring performer could ever conjure. He did it involuntarily and his escape from death is deemed a miracle.

Austin was guarding the government property on the six mile extension into the sea and as customary, slept in a pile-driver car on the trestle work about half way from the mainland. The wind had been blowing with an awful velocity all night from the southeast, when all of a sudden it veered around to the west, caught the pile-driver car and a tender car and started them at a break-neck speed towards shore. How the cars got away is almost incomprehensible, for they were not only secured with tackle but had all the brakes set and the wheels blocked. They sped along in the dark and over the bolts of the trestle work, covering about a mile in three minutes, leaving the distance of two and a half miles in exactly nine and a half minutes. Austin was alone and helpless in his car, but retained enough presence of mind to notice the time. To him it seemed like eternity, for he thought every moment the car would leave the tracks and leap into the roaring sea.

The report of the strange happening was made public today by Assistant United States Engineer Gerald C. Bagnall, who has charge of the jetty work. Mr. Bagnall returned from Fort Stevens last night after having investigated the matter and inspected the jetty to see if it had been damaged by the recent storm. The jetty stood the storm well, he states, and the runaway cars were little damaged, considering their wild trip. Watchman Austin's hair-raising experience, as told to Mr. Bagnall, is as follows:

Bagnall's Story. "The wind was southeast all night until 3 o'clock in the morning, when it

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ENTIRE SHIP FOR ELOPING COUPLE

New York, Nov. 21.—The French line steamship La Gasconne has arrived with probably the smallest cabin list on record. Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Gibbons of Philadelphia, a young eloping couple just returning from a wedding trip abroad, had the entire cabin quarters to themselves, besides occupying the most spacious state room on the vessel, and had at their beck and call 24 steward and three stewardesses. Through-

out the voyage, despite the small passenger list, there was a punctilious observance of all the ship's social ceremonies, culminating with the captain's dinner the last night of the trip. The trip of Mr. and Mrs. Gibbons was practically the same as if La Gasconne had been a private yacht.

In the second cabin there was but one passenger, Pierre Larraburu, who became dissatisfied with the stowage accommodations and took passage in the second cabin the first day out.