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EVIL INFLUENCE DEVELOPS IN J. WHYTE EVANS' LIFE

"EXTORTION" CAUSES BIG SENSATION

Prominent Portlander Sells Interests Here and Goes to Los Angeles to Prosecute Dr. J. S. Owens, Who Is Well Known There.

Troubles in Speculators Career Said to Have Made Him Unwilling Victim of System of Blackmail by His Wife's ex-Husband.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
 Los Angeles, Cal., Sept. 8.—Dr. J. S. Owens, a prominent physician of this city, was arrested at his office in the Ramona building last night, charged with sending threatening letters with intent to extort money. The complaint was sworn to by J. Whyte Evans, organizer and former president of the United Railways company of Portland, Oregon. Evans' wife is the daughter of Captain C. H. Hance, city treasurer of Los Angeles, and was formerly the wife of Owens. Under the name of Minnie Hance Owens she was a singer of note. In support of his charges Evans displays two letters signed by Owens. In one the writer demands that claims aggregating \$6,125.00 be liquidated immediately, threatening exposure of past events, which he claims will ruin Evans in sight of the world if made public. The letter was written here on February 25, 1906, and was sent to Evans at Portland.

In an interview tonight Evans stated that Owens has been systematically bleeding him for 20 years, securing immense sums by threats of exposure of certain events in his career. He says that owing to the nature of the deals in which he was interested while president of the United Railways company it was essential that Owens be hushed up, and he therefore submitted to his persecution and demands. Evans has been disposed of his Portland holdings, Evans has come here with the avowed intention of sending to the penitentiary the man who has made his life a torment for the past two decades. He insists that he is entirely willing that his past shall be aired to the entire world.

When arrested Owens evinced great surprise. He requested that he be allowed to go to his Ocean Park home in charge of an officer, saying, "The jail is no place for a gentleman."

His request was refused and in default of \$4,000 bonds he was sent to the county jail.

DISPLAYED SKILL.

J. Whyte Evans Came to Portland as Promoter About Two Years Ago.

J. Whyte Evans came to Portland about two years ago as the principal promoter of the United Railways company, associated with George Lemcke, W. D. Larrabee, W. H. French and other Los Angeles men. He was president of the company, and under his generalship a notable contest covering three or four months' time was carried on for a franchise for the city council, ending in success for Evans and his associates.

Evans several times had, as he believed, completed arrangements for financing and building the lines, but was at length forced to relinquish the franchise and proceed to Chicago because of the failure of his company to secure money for proceeding with construction. During the period of these operations he showed himself possessed of exceptional nerve and skill in handling large undertakings. He purchased the Chamber of Commerce building, an \$800,000 deal, bought other real estate, railroad iron and materials, and property in connection with the railroad project.

When the collapse of his syndicate came Evans stood pat and engaged in the real estate business along original lines. In the last year he has leased numerous valuable vacant business lots and promoted construction of office and business buildings that will aggregate in value more than \$1,000,000. Prominent among his enterprises is the erection of a mammoth department store building on the Fenwick block, and a large theatre and hotel building on the Pittock block.

Evans has shown himself possessed of remarkable resourcefulness and business judgment. For several months he has been in a nervous condition, that was noted by his friends, but not attributed to domestic troubles. At one time he was on the verge of collapse, and was, in fact, confined to his room for more than a week. He recovered quickly and resumed his usual business activity.

Several weeks ago he sold his residence property on Willamette heights and when he departed for California a week ago it was with the understanding that he was going there to join his wife for a brief visit, she having preceded him to visit her parents at Los Angeles.

Friends of Mr. Evans predict that he will emerge from his present trouble successfully and there are many who believe him worthy of confidence and support.

TAFT TALKS OF PEACE, WAR AND ARMY, BUT LEAVES POLITICS MOST SEVERELY ALONE



MOORE TURNING PROPERTY OVER

Receiver Devlin Arranging to Take Holdings of Bank President.

Deeds to approximately 7,500 acres of wheat lands in eastern Oregon and Washington, and warehouse property at the corner of Water and Montgomery streets were completed today and all necessary papers prepared for turning over to Receiver Devlin of the Oregon Trust & Savings bank, these properties belonging to President W. H. Moore, who voluntarily relinquished them for the benefit of the bank's depositors. The transfers will probably be filed before the close of office hours at the courthouse.

Holdings Worth \$300,000.
 The transfer involved property estimated to be worth in the market at least \$300,000. In order to place himself in a position to convey a clear title to the lands Mr. Moore was obliged to pay over a large sum to others who were jointly interested with him in the lands. His brother, H. A. Moore, was a partner in most of the properties.

"It has been our idea that by placing these deeds in the hands of the receiver a deal could be made quickly by which something over \$100,000 could be raised to help the bank pay out," said Judge A. E. Reames, who has been Mr. Moore's attorney in the transactions. "We are hopeful of carrying the matter forward within the next few days to a point where the prospects for the depositors will be decidedly brighter."

No Report This Week.
 Receiver Devlin said today: "It is simply impossible for me to promise a report on the bank's assets and liabilities this week, and I will be fortunate to get it ready next week. I would rather disappoint public and press than to come forward with a report that is not entirely satisfactory to me. This work is almost interminable, and unexpected things come up every day that require more time. I propose to get up the complete and detailed report that will so plain that every man can understand exactly what is here. As to the nature of the commercial paper, or the value of the assets, I can say absolutely nothing at this time."

Devlin said that in expressing himself as to the method of bookkeeping employed in the bank, he did not mean to reflect in any way upon the keeping of accounts, or the management of the bank. The bookkeeping was different from what he would have prescribed as an accountant, but he was disposed to be a crank, he said, on the subject of bookkeeping.

CHINA AND JAPAN IN CLASH OVER TERRITORY

(United Press Leased Wire.)
 Tokyo, Sept. 8.—The number of Chinese troops is increasing daily in Quanton, the territory in dispute between China and Japan. The Chinese commander has warned the Japanese that they must desist from any attempt at administration and withdraw immediately. Japanese reinforcements are proceeding to the territory.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
 New York, Sept. 8.—The trial of the government's case to revoke New Jersey charter of the Standard Oil company was again postponed yesterday until September 11.



WITH HAND ON HIS HIP HE LEANS FORWARD AND BEGINS SMILING



MR. TAFT AND SECRETARY BACON



W.H. TAFT AS STUDENT AT YALE

SECRETARY TAFT IN A VARIETY OF POSES AND SOME PORTRAITS OF HIM DURING DIFFERENT STAGES OF HIS CAREER.

HON. WM. H. TAFT, JUDGE OF U.S. CIRCUIT COURT 6TH DISTRICT OHIO.

Secretary Comes, Sees Portland and Is Captured By Our Leading Citizens

Discusses Philippines Situation and Tells of Government's Policy.

Doctor Who Holds Gastrino Secret Arrested by Los Angeles Officers.

WELLS-FARGO IS VICTIM OF LAWS

President of Express Company Says 54 Per Cent Is Not Enough.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
 New York, Sept. 8.—Although Wells-Fargo Express company earned 54 per cent on its capital stock in the year ended July 31, President Evans, in his annual report to the stockholders issued today, asserts that the company was hindered greatly by restrictive legislation. He says:

"In my last report I called attention to the serious hindrances we were experiencing by reason of restrictive legislation, and I desire to say in this connection that since then an additional number of states and territories have enacted laws appointing commissions, whose duties embrace not only the regulation of railroads, but express companies as well, and the general tendency of such commissions is to seek to reduce our rates. We are now under the jurisdiction of the interstate commerce commission and compliance with so many rulings and requirements subject us to continued additional labor and expense."

While the company earned 54 per cent as compared with 28 per cent for the previous year, it pays dividends of only 10 per cent, and this rate is paid only as the result of the fight made a year ago against Harriman, who controls the company, by the minority shareholders. Previous to last year's contest the company paid 8 per cent dividends.

NOT ENOUGH MONEY TO TRY PETTIBONE

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
 Boise, Ida., Sept. 8.—According to the records at the state house, only a little over \$3,000 remains of the state's appropriation to try the Pettibone case, which would not even be a starter in the matter of expense. A special session of the legislature for the purpose of appropriating for the purpose is admitted to be entirely out of the question. The state auditor has positively stated that he would issue no delinquency warrants for the Pettibone trial expenses. The trial is set for October 1.

VOLCANO ON PERRY ISLAND IS ACTIVE

(United Press Leased Wire.)
 Nome, Alaska, Sept. 8.—The steamer Olympian arrived from Funot sound covered with ash, from a volcano on Perry Island. The cook found a quantity of colors in the sediment which was saved by the crew and passengers.

PORTLAND'S POPULATION IS 215,000

Such Is Showing According to Lowest Possible Estimate of Polk Directory, People—Two Months Before Directory Is Compiled

Figures at Hand More Than Justify Actual Facts Basing Growth on Increased Birth Rate, School Attendance and Postoffice.

Portland's population today, according to the lowest possible estimate which can be furnished at this time by Mrs. Ella J. Clinton, manager of the Polk Directory company, is 215,000. This figure includes 200,000 within the city proper and 15,000 in the suburban districts which lie within the corporate limits.

With the completion of the Polk city directory still nearly two months distant nothing more tangible than the birth rate, which has largely increased during the past 12 months, the school attendance and postoffice statistics is accessible to go on, but these compared with the large increase in the number of names which will appear in the new volume and other avenues through which an estimate is based more than justify the figures given.

Mrs. Clinton states that 215,000 is the most conservative estimate which can be made, and when the directory finally makes its appearance and the work of compiling the census is completed it is probable that Portland's population will run considerably in excess of the figures noted.

New Directory Next Month.
 The directory will appear the last of October, although the work of adding names, making corrections and otherwise bringing the volume up to date will not stop until the final page has been handed to the printers.

Portland's population, based upon the figures furnished by the Polk people last year at this time, was 145,000, showing an increase during the 12 months of 30,000. This increase, while large, has been steady, is not extraordinary and is borne out by the addition of hundreds of new people who have come to Portland to live since last fall and whose names appear for the first time in this year's catalogue of city residents and their addresses.

During the work of taking the city census this year 25 canvassers have been employed. Every district has been carefully covered and a call will soon be made through the newspapers for the names of new residents who have arrived since the completion of the census taking.

New Names By Hundreds.
 "Hundreds of new names will appear in the directory this year," said Mrs. Clinton this morning. "An estimate of 215,000 population is based upon these additions to the directory, the birth rate, which shows a high increase in the larger families, and attendance comparison of these figures with postal receipts, letter deliveries and the other statistics which are always based upon the census and with the pleasing fact that they all agree, one is simply in substantiation of the other. Consequently, the most conservative estimate of the city's population is in the figures named. I believe that it will largely exceed this number when we have the directory completed and can then furnish an authentic and reliable estimate."

BORAH'S FRIENDS CONFESS FRAUD

Men Indicted With Senator Turn State's Evidence to Secure Immunity.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
 Boise, Ida., Sept. 8.—It has developed that Willis Sweet, one of the men indicted along with Senator Borah, former Attorney-General Frank Martin and others, has turned state's evidence on his promise of immunity, and it is on his testimony that the government relies largely in the lumber, land fraud case. Friends of Borah claim Sweet's confession is untrue and was secured only through a promise of immunity and threats.

There will be no delay in bringing the Borah case to trial and witnesses are being subpoenaed for September 25, the date agreed upon.

RYAN PLANNING TO CORNER TYPEWRITERS

(United Press Leased Wire.)
 New York, Sept. 8.—Rumors have been heard for some time that a group of American capitalists with Thomas F. Ryan at their head were forming a large company to acquire all the largest typewriter interests in the country to control the business over the world. Among the largest shareholders are Ryan and his son, Alvin A. Ryan, and Guggenheim, Charles M. Guggenheim and Harry Payne Whitney.

NEW NAVAL STATION FOR PACIFIC COAST

(United Press Leased Wire.)
 Washington, D. C., Sept. 8.—That a long recommendation made by Rear-Admiral Capps, chief of construction of the navy for building a naval station at San Diego is practically assured. It is believed his views are endorsed by Rear-Admiral Cowles, the admiral's brother-in-law.

STANDARD CASE IS POSTPONED BY COURT

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