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## THIEVES RANSACK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Office building thieves have been plying their vocation for weeks past, but no concerted effort has been made by the au-

thorities toward trailing them.

The burglars seem to operate at will, but the peculiar nature of

their crimes has not been

studied out except by the pri-

city, one of whose agents this

"You cannot catch a thief unless you go after him. When two or more crimes of the same

nature have been committed in

one community it is usual for

well-known lines of detective

work, making close study of the

probable character of the crimi-

would be a good plan to adopt."

Tarpley. Mr. Tarpley is out of the city and before leaving, fearing that his house might be burgiarized, he had the silverware taken to the office and locked in the safe. He also placed a gold watch with Swiss movements and some other valuables in another box. The silverware was not taken but the box containing the watch has disappeared.

Members of Judge O'Day's office are so positive about the safe being locked and the whole combination having been

thrown that it is believed an expert safe man must have been concerned in the robbery. No one else would have been able to have worked the combi-

Cases of valuable papers and the canvas bag containing the money from the O'Day safe were found this morning on the fire escape at the fifth story platform, so it is believed the thieves made their escape via the roof and Board of Trade building.

Overlook Valuables

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Vessel Not Believed to Be in

Much Danger-Passen-

gers for Cordova.

(United Press Lessed Wire.)

while en route from Valdez to Seward

for Cordova and many passengers. No cause is known here for the accident, unless a high storm or fog was prevail-

Valdez, Alaska, Jan. 13:-Steamer Sar-

IN THAW CASE STRIKESMUDBANK

ttorney Garvin opened and closed his atoga of the Alaska Steamship company

der trial this morning and immediately via Cordova, went ashore on the mud following the conclusion of his brief banks at the latter place. Captain

Trade building

nals. I don't think this has yet

been done in Portland and it

police to work out certain

morning said:

Judge O'Day Loses Papers, His Partner \$250 in Coin | -Uses Fire Escapes to Enter Chamber of Commerce Offices.

Another successful attempt to loot offices in the Chamber of Commerce building, the second within a month, was made last night. The thieves, evidently expert safecrackers, secured \$250 in cash and some other valuables from the offices of Judge Thomas O'Day and William W. Banks, while the offices of Williams, Wood and Linthicum were ransacked in the hunt for valuables. As was the case in the last raid on the

building, entrance was secured by building, entrance was secured by limbing through the new Board of Frade building, which adjoins the Chamber of Commerce, getting up on the coof of the Chamber of Commerce and lescending by way of the fire escape. They evidently tried the offices of Williams, Wood and Linthieum first, went hrough them, opening desks and scattering papers over the floor and these contracts of down to the fire escape. went on down to the fire escape the third floor where they secured trance to the office of William Banks through the window opening

Judge O'Day's Safe.

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In Judge O'Day's private office is an old-fashioned square safe, with combination lock. This safe was locked by Judge O'Day's stenographer Saturday noon and was not opened again. In it Mr. Banks had \$250 in currency, there were numerous cases of valuable papers, wills and deeds and a case of solid silverware belonging to L. H.

Walter Vilkeming Identifies

Plans of Madison Square

Garden.

(United Press Leased Wire.) New York, Jan. 13.—Assistant District

tement to the jury in the Thaw mur-

remarks Walter Vilkeming was called

SOUTHERN PLANTER

MONEY STRINGENCY

HURTS CHINA INDUSTRY

KILLS THREE NEGROES

as the first witness.

# **BAD DRAFT**

Collecting \$15,000 at Chicago on Paper Signed by Astoria Bank Cashier for Three Dollars.

. R. A. Bennet's Name Used by Son of Prominent Man to Secure Coin-Forges Letter of Introduction to Complete Scheme.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Astoria, Or., Jan. 13.-Turie Nordstorm, son of the assistant cashier of Scandinavian-American ' bank, charged with having raised a \$3 draft, signed by J. R. A. Bennet, to \$15,000 and eloping with the cash. A draft for \$15,000 was received from Chicago this morning which told the story. No trace of young Nordstorm has been

Mr. Bennet, who is cashler of the First National bank here, gave young Nordstorm a draft for \$3 on Thanksgivnordstorm a draft for young man's departure for Chicago, ostensibly to sell oil stock. Nordstorm is charged with forging a letter of introduction to the Chicago bank and then collecting the large sum on the raised draft.

Nordstorm was a clerk in the First National bank here for two years and bore a good reputation, although it was known that he had trouble with his wife. He was married a year ago and shortly afterward his bride left him.

## In their hasty search of the Williams, Wood & Linthicum suite, which includes seven or eight offices on the fourth floor, the thieves overlooked the private den of Colonel C. E. S. Wood which is full of many valuable art treasures, and much solid silverware. Colonel Wood is out of the city and it is not thought that this room was even entered. The room used by him as a law office contains an open desk, and ST. LOUIS BROKER HAS PIPE DREAM

(United Press Leased Wire.) St. Louis, Jan. 13.-Claude H. Wetmore, broker and an authority on naval affairs and auditor of marine stores, has addressed an open letter to President Roosevelt in which he urges that Evans' fleet be sent around the Horn instead of by way of the Straits of Magelian. Wetmore declares that the officers of the pavy fear Japanese treachery and also says that emissaries of the mikado have been in this country for years seeking information of use to them in the event of war.

There is reason to believe that even now, he says, Japan may have sent a swift cruiser with sealed orders to line the straits of Magelian with torpedoes which will cause at least the destruction of some of our greatest vessels. affairs and auditor of marine stores.

RUSSIA WILL BUILD MANY NEW SHIPS

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Petersburg, Jan. 13 .- The admiralty has resolved on the construcmiralty has resolved on the construc-tion of a complete homogeneous squad-ron of four battleships, eight cruisers and necessary number of torpedo boats. and destroyers. The plans are now being studied of the first squadron with great secrecy but it is known that the class of the Dreadnaught is being sought. The battleships will be some-thing-less than 23,600 tons and will be built in Russia. Shage refused assistance from the steamer Eisle, believing that he would float off with the high tide today.

The steamer has a large cargo aboard

Turie Nordstorm Accused of Old Motion for Separate Trial of Defendant Was in Hands of Judge Bellinger When Latter Died, Two Years Ago.

> Judge Hunt Will Have to Dispose of Matter Before Trial Proceeds—Jury to Be Drawn Tomorrow; Evidence Wednesday.

> distant past, John H. Hall's demand for a separate trial in the land fraud fenc ing case which was opened in the United States district court this morning came up to face F. J. Heney and the government when the docket record was read by Judge Hunt, This motion. never decided because of the death of Judge Bellinger before whom it was argued, will have to be disposed of before the Hall case goes to trial and it is probable that it will be renewed in the morning when the real work of the court opens. Ex-Congressman Binger Hermann will not be put on trial as a codefendant in this case, such an agreement having been reached between Mr. Hency and John M. Gearin, attorney for Hermann.

> three years ago and was arraigned in the early part of April, 1905, he en-tered a plea of not guilty before Judge Bellinger and at that time filed a motion demanding a separate trial of his

Died Before Making Decision.

The motion was argued and submitted to Judge Bellinger for his decision. The judge took the question under advisement, but before he could render a decision his fatal illness intervened and he died without ever making known what his ruling would have been.

Since that time the Hall case has lagged until when the docket record was read by Judge Hunt this morning the unfinished motion hung suspended and will have to be ruled upon by Judge Hunt before the trial can proceed.

John Hall, who made the motion, had almost forgotten the action taken so long ago and is now undecided whether to insist upon its consideration or to go to trial with his codefendants. He will discuss the question with his attorney, Judge L. R. Webster, today and arrive at some conclusion before the opening of court in the morning.

An unfinished plea in abatement filed by Franklin P. Mays, another of the defendants in the same suit, will also be argued by the counsel before the beginning of the trial. This plea was filed by Mays at about the same time the Hall motion was filed. Like that motion it was argued and submitted by Judge Bellinger, but was never decided.

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Hill, attorney for Mr. Mays, and will
be argued before Judge Hunt in the
morning. The plea hinges upon the
old question threshed out during the
Mitchell and Williamson cases regarding the citizenship of George Gustip, a member of the grand jury which re-turned the indictment under which the trial is to be held.

Mr. Hill will contend that the coun-ty court of Clatsop county had no jur-isdiction in granting Gustin's citizen-ship papers

ship papers.

Draw Jury Tomorrow.

The real beginning of the Hall trial occurs tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock. The courtroom in the federal building was crowded with witnesses, prospective jurors and attorneys when Judge Hunt took his place on the bench soon after 10 o'clock this morning. Besides straightening out the record in the case nothing was done.

After arranging for the consideration of such preliminary motions as will have to be discussed Judge Hunt announced a recess until 2 o'clock at which time he listened to such jurymen as had reasons to be excused from service. Draw Jury Tomorrow.

as nad reasons to be accepted as the service.

The task of drawing a jum for the trial of the case will begin at 10 o'clock tomorrow. A venire of 100 men has been drawn from the valley counties and both the government and the defense have been paying particular attention to the antecedents of the various men who make up the list in order to discover any possible grounds for disqualification.

# DIES AT DALLAS

Dies of Heart Disease.

Dallas, Tex., Jan. 13.—Charles K. Wolf, known as the double of William J. Bryan, died of heart disease at his home in this city yesterday. He was sick less than 10 minutes. Wolf's physical, facial and vocal resemblance of Bryan was so remarkable that he frequently was mistaken for the Nebraska statesman and often made catchy short speeches that added to the deception. He practiced this to a notable extent at the national meeting of Elks in Philadelphia last July.



FRANCIS J. HENEY, PROSECUTOR.

Banker to Take Possession of Title Guarantee This Week and Begin Repayment of Accounts to Depositors-Agreement With Surety Co. Satisfactory.

william M. Ladd will assume posses-on of the affairs of the Title Guaran-on & Trust company by Thursday next. sion of the affairs of the Title Guarantee & Trust company by Thursday next, est at 4 per cent. in all probability, and begin at once the task of returning to the depositors

of the institution their money dollar for dollar. An agreement has been reached beween W. C. Bristol, attorney for the American Surety company and the representatives of Mr. Ladd by which the last obstacle to the resumption of the bank by Mr. Ladd has been removed. This agreement has been drafted and will be signed this afternoon or tomorrow, after which the United States ourt will be asked to grant an order

court will be asked to grant an order turning over the management of the Title company to Mr. Ladd.

By the terms of the guaranty entered into between Mr. Ladd and the surety company, the former is to assume the repayment to the surety company of all funds which the company has been compelled to pay the state by reason of the failure of the bank. Mr. Ladd is to pay the company \$100,000 within two years with interest at 4 per cent. This is the amount which the surety company has already paid the state.

The Surety company has also agreed to pay the state some \$288,000 additional on or before two years with in-

In return for these stipulations the In return for these stipulations the Surety company, relinquishes to Mr. Ladd all of the securities given it by George A. Steel, consisting for the most part of the M. B. Raukin notes given by the Texas and Oregon Land company and amounting to more than \$400,000. The company also waives its contention of prior rights of payment, thus taking its place with the other large depositors in the settlement of its cialms.

As soon as is possible after the agreement has been signed Judge Wolverton will be asked to give Mr. Ladd possession of the assets and holdings of the Title Guarantee & Trust com-pany and grant him permission to han-dle the business of the institution in dle the business of the institution in such manner as may seem to him to be the best way of securing the greatest returns from the assets of the bank.

It is probable that this petition will be presented to the court tomorrow when the pending motions of receiver Mears and the motion of Mr. Bristol comes up for discussion. It is expected that at this time the attorneys for the receiver and the Surety company will withdraw their contentions in favor of Mr. Ladd's taking charge of the institution. Mr. Ladd will assume control of the Institution as soon as the court grants the order.

# A SCREAM

Cliff Haley Was in Point of Being Relieved of Valuables When Customers **Entered His Grocery Store** -Robbers Frightened.

Woman's Companion Departs With Speed When Appealed to for Help-Thief Coolly Leaves After Pocketing Gun.

A big holdup man with a big gun cree ated a sensation on Fifth street oppos site the city hall Saturday night by making an ineffectual attempt to rob Cliff Haley, proprietor of a grocery store at 273 Fifth street. The rough appearance of the highwayman armed with a large revolver, the shouts of a frightened pedestrian and the screams of a woman combined to make the situation sufficiently melodramatic to attract a crowd and furnish nerve thrills for the entire neighborhood.

Haley closed his place of business at 10:30 o'clock and went out for a walk before retiring to his room in the rear of the store. When he returned shortly after 11 o'clock he noticed two

shortly after 11 o'clock he noticed two rough-appearing characters standing on the corner of Jefferson and Fifth streets, but as the men made no attempt to molest him he gave them no further attention. As he was unlocking the front door of his store one of these men approached and said he wanted to buy some cigarette papers.

Haley then went into the store and reached down behind the counter to get the papers asked for by the stranger. When he straightened up he found himself looking into the muzzle of a big revolver held by the stranger and heard the compand to hold up his hands and be quick about it.

"You would not shoet. You are only bluffing me," said Haley, hoping to gain time.

"If that's the way you feel about it I will blow a hole through you and take your money afterward," growled the robber.

At this moment a man and a weman entered the store for the evident purpose of making a purchase. Taking advantage of the diversion caused by their entrance. Haley hastily declared that he was being held up, at the same time appealing to the newcemer for aid.

One glance at the groceryman with uplifted hands confronting the big robber and his big gun was sufficient. The woman screamed and the man, in his haste to get outside and to a place of safety, ran against her and almost knocked her to the floor.

Seeing that the game was up the robber pocketed his weapon, cursed the storekeeper and strode out and was soon lost to view in the direction of the waterfront.

The circumstances of the attempted robbery were communicated to the po-

waterfront.
The circumstances of the attempted robbery were communicated to the police over the telephone, but by the time an officer arrived on the scene no trace of the robber or his companion could be found.

# RENT DUE; HOUSE COLLAPSES SPORTING ED KILLEN IN

John Trentem of Houston Post Fatally Injured in Auto Accident.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Houston, Tex., Jan. 13.-In an er ance run in which about 16 a blies participated over country roads an accident occurred on the final run in which John Trentem, sporting editor of the Houston Post, was killed, by a collision with a streetcar. Brown Botts was injured internally and Ray Welss, general sales agent of the Kirby Lumber company, was badly bruised by another car.

## **CINEN TO CORANS**

Secretary Taft Sends Recommendation to President -Action in Spring.

as the first witness.

Garvin simply made a plain statement of facts concerning the firing of the fatal shet. Vilkeming was asked nothing and said nothing of much interest outside of identifying the plans of the Madison Square garden.

Mrs. William Thaw, mother of the defendant, is expected here Thursday. It is not improbable that she will be called to the stand on Friday.

James Cliach Smith followed Vilkeming to the stand after all other witnesses had been ordered from the room. Evelyn Thaw and medical experts were allowed to remain. Etta Fink of Alpha, Washington, Interposes to Save Pet Dog From Victor Smith, Who Coolly Shoots Her, Then Shoots the Dog.

(United Press Lessed Wire.)
Dallas, Tex., Jan. 13.—James Johes, a cotton planter living 40 miles northwest of Dallas, yesterday became involved in a business controversy with a party of negro laborers and opened fire on them, killing three and woundwhen taken before a justice, Jones pleaded self-defense. He was held in \$9,000 ball, which he furnished, and was released from custody. LIPTON HAS NOT ABANDONED CUP

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Chehalis, Wash., Jan. 13.—Ten-yearold Etta Fink was shot at her home at
Alpha. 20 miles east of Chehalis, yesterday by Victor Smith, 18 years old.
Smith had a companion named Moosier with him and said he was going
to kill Mrs. Fink's dog. To save the
dog the little girl rushed to its rescue.
As she approached the animal, Smith

## London, Jan. 13.—Sir, Thomas Lipton has not abandoned the idea of challenging American yachtsmen for another race, according to a report received from Ceylon, where Lipton is visiting. The report says that formal notice of a mallenge for a contest in 1909 will be sent the New York Yacht club in the near future. OILY ABE SMOOTHS WAY TO FREEDOM AS PROSECUTION STUDIES

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 13.—The fate of Ruef and the future policy of the (United Press Leased Wire.)
Limoges, France, Jan. 13.—The North merican money crisis has affected avely the porcelain manufacture of is region, whose products are expred mainly to the United States, we hundred operatives lost work, but is hoped the renewal of business may accompromised as the condition impoves. graft prosecution will be determined today at a conference, to be held between the former boss and District Attorney Langdon. Ruef will be in Judge Dunne's court in connection with some of the bribery cases, after which he will demand an understanding with the prosecution and it will be confronted

with the most momentous question which it has had to consider since it undertook its investigation. Whether Ruef is to remain in the county fail until the remittitur of the opinion of the district court of appeals goes down to Judge Dunne's court or whether he will be released at once on the extortion charges and admitted to ball on the bribery charges is an alternative that the prosecution will have to decide. The prosecution of Ruef on the bribery charges is another matter that must be determined.

## Charles K. Wolf, Who Closely Resembled Nebraskan,

## Within half an hour after Axel E. Schwartz, a bartender living at 107 North Twelfth street, had requested the agent to call tomorrow for this month's rent, which was due today, the house began to tremble, sort of earthquake fashion this morning, wobbled about a bit, and then one side of it went down about five feet while the timbers creaked and cracked and the occupants of the house screamed and ran in all directions. The wooden supports under the four-roomed house, which is in Twelfth, near Glisan street, had collapsed. Schwartz and his family are moving out this afternoon. No one was injured. Miss Sigrid C. ANKENY SAYS THREE SUBMARINES SHOULD BE GIVEN TO COAST

"Come Tomorrow for Payment," Says Renter to Agent-Moment Afterward Dwelling Falls on Heads of

Occupants Who Run Screaming Into Street.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Washington, Jan. 13.—Three submarine boats, two for Puget sound and the third for Grays Harbor, Washington, are provided for in a resolution introduced in the United States senate today by Senator Ankeny and adopted by that body.

The resolution calls upon the secretary of the navy to submit figures giving the cost of the boats, and also requests Secretary Metcalf to report of the necessity of the purchase of the necessity of the purchase of the submarines. This action has awakened by Senator Ankeny and adopted by that body.