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THE NEWS RANGING THROUGH THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

BURGLARS CRACK SAFE OF O'DAY AND BANKS

ROB OFFICES AT LEISURE

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 Linticum were ransacked in the hunt for valuables.

FIRST WITNESS IN THAW CASE

Walter Vilckering Identifies Plans of Madison Square Garden.

New York, Jan. 12.—Assistant District Attorney Garvin opened and closed his statement to the jury in the Thaw murder trial this morning and immediately following the conclusion of his brief remarks Walter Vilckering was called as the first witness.

SOUTHERN PLANTER KILLS THREE NEGROES

Dallas, Tex., Jan. 12.—James Jones, 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 wounding one.

LIPTON HAS NOT ABANDONED CUP

London, Jan. 12.—Sir Thomas Lipton has not abandoned the idea of challenging American yachtsmen for another race, according to a report received from Cayton, where Lipton is visiting.

MONEY STRINGENCY HURTS CHINA INDUSTRY

Lima, Peru, Jan. 12.—The North American money crisis has affected gravely the porcelain manufacture of this region, whose products are exported mainly to the United States.

Office building thieves have been playing their vocation for weeks past, but no concerted effort has been made by the authorities 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 private detective agencies of the city, one of whose agents this morning said:

Tarpley. Mr. Tarpley is out of the city and before leaving, fearing that his house might be burglarized, 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 a money box. The silverware was not taken but the box containing the watch has disappeared.

ALASKA STEAMER STRIKES MUD BANK

Vessel Not Believed to Be in Much Danger—Passengers for Cordova.

Valdez, Alaska, Jan. 12.—Steamer Saratoga of the Alaska Steamship company while en route from Valdez to Seward via Cordova, went ashore on the mud banks at the latter place. Captain Shaugh refused assistance from the steamer Elsin, believing that he would float off with the high tide today.

CHILD SHOT BY COWARD

Etta Fink of Alpha, Washington, Interposes to Save Pet Dog From Victor Smith, Who Coolly Shoots Her, Then Shoots the Dog.

Chehalis, Wash., Jan. 12.—Ten-year-old 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 Mosser with him and said he was going to kill Mrs. Fink's dog. To save the dog the little girl rushed to rescue. As she approached the animal, Smith directed his aim toward her and fired, then shot the dog.

OILY ABE SMOOTHS WAY TO FREEDOM AS PROSECUTION STUDIES

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 12.—The fate of Ruff and the future policy of the graft prosecution will be determined today at a conference, to be held between the former boss and District Attorney Langdon. Ruff 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.

GETS SMALL FORTUNE ON BAD DRAFT

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

J. 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. 12.—Turie Nordstorm, son of the assistant cashier of the Scandinavian-American bank, is 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 found.

ST. LOUIS BROKER HAS PIPE DREAM

St. Louis, Jan. 12.—Claude H. Wetmore, broker and an authority on naval affairs and admirals 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 Magellan, and also says that empires of the world have been in this country for years seeking information of use to them in the event of war.

RUSSIA WILL BUILD MANY NEW SHIPS

St. Petersburg, Jan. 12.—The admiralty has resolved on the construction of a complete homogeneous squadron of four battleships, eight cruisers and necessary number of torpedo boats and destroyers. The plans are now being studied at the first squadron with great secrecy but it is known that the class of the Dreadnaught is being sought. The battleships will be something less than 23,000 tons and will be built in Russia.

TAG GAME BEGINS IN HALL CASE

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.

Like a forgotten voice from the long distant past, John H. Hall's demand for a separate trial in the land fraud fencing 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.

BRYAN'S DOUBLE DIES AT DALLAS

Dallas, Tex., Jan. 12.—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 to 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.

ANKENY SAYS THREE SUBMARINES SHOULD BE GIVEN TO COAST

Washington, Jan. 12.—Three submarine boats, two for Puget sound and the third for Gray's Harbor, Washington, are provided for in a resolution introduced in the United States senate today by Senator Ankeny and adopted by that body.



FRANCIS J. HENEY, PROSECUTOR.

LADD TAKES HOLD THURSDAY

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 possession of the affairs of the Title Guarantee & Trust company by Thursday next, in all probability, and begin at once the task of returning to the depositors of the institution their money dollar for dollar.

RENT DUE; HOUSE COLLAPSES

"Come Tomorrow for Payment," Says Renter to Agent—Moment Afterward Dwelling Falls on Heads of Occupants Who Run Screaming Into Street.

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 Gilean street, had collapsed. Schwartz and his family are moving out this afternoon.

THUG WAS FOILED BY A SCREAM

Cliff Halev 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 created a sensation on Fifth street opposite the city hall Saturday night by making an ineffectual attempt to rob Cliff Halev, 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.

SPORTING EDITOR KILLED IN RACE

John Trentem of Houston Post Fatally Injured in Auto Accident.

Houston, Tex., Jan. 12.—In an endurance run in which about 16 automobiles 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 Bots was injured internally and Ray White, general sales agent of the Kirby Lumber company, was badly bruised by another car.

CUBA WILL BE GIVEN TO CUBANS

Secretary Taft Sends Recommendation to President—Action in Spring.

Washington, Jan. 12.—Cuba will be turned back to the Cubans in either March or April of next year if a recommendation forwarded by President Taft to Secretary of War Taft is adopted. This suggestion was made by the president today.