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HENEY PAVES WAY FOR ATTACK ON FULTON

MILLION DOLLAR FIRE AT PORTLAND, MAINE

Magnificent City Hall Destroyed—All City Records Lost—Seven Hundred Persons Have Narrow Escape—Panic Averted by Unknown Hero.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Portland, Me., Jan. 24.—Fire which caused a property damage of $1,000,000 destroyed the city hall and police building shortly after midnight and endangered the lives of more than 700 persons. Although known as the city hall, the building destroyed was divided between the city and county offices, while the police building sheltered the supreme, judicial and municipal courts in addition to the police department.

The fire was the worst in the state since the great Portland conflagration of 1866. That there were no fatalities is remarkable, as there were more than 700 persons attending the Knights of Pythias' jubilee in the auditorium when the flames were discovered. Only a few persons were hurt. Chief Engineer Melville Eldridge being the only one known to be seriously injured.

The financial loss is estimated at $1,000,000, but this will not cover the loss of papers and documents in the registry of deeds, where everything was destroyed. Other city departments were swept clear of everything by the flames, with the exception of the city clerk's and city treasurer's offices, money and securities in the latter being believed to be intact, although it will be almost impossible to ascertain definitely until the vaults have cooled sufficiently for an examination to be made.

One of the most valuable libraries in the state, the Greenleaf law collection, was destroyed, with a loss estimated at $10,000.

Breaking out shortly before midnight the fire was not under control until 10 o'clock this morning. The flames were fanned by a howling northeast wind and the entire town was threatened with destruction.

News of the conflagration was flashed to neighboring cities, all of which sent fire fighters to aid in quenching the flames. Nearly the whole department of Lewiston came to the rescue and apparatus from Bath and Biddeford were used to advantage.

Chief Engineer Eldridge was in the most dangerous places all through the early morning hours, directing his men and using his apparatus to the best advantage. He was rewarded for his efforts by receiving burns which may prove fatal, being knocked into the flames by a falling timber.

Loss of life at the auditorium would have been terrific had it not been for the presence of mind of a few brave men. These leaders calmed the excited dancers and caused them to beat an orderly retreat from the flaming building. There were signs of a panic, but this spirit was soon quenched by the men who had taken upon themselves the task of emptying the hall without loss of life.

Stops Cry of "Fire."

When the fire was first discovered, a man whose name could not be learned, became badly frightened and began to scream "fire." One of the cool-headed men in the crowd promptly stepped up to the frightened one and with a swift blow in the face effectually silenced him. Turning upon the crowd the self-appointed rescuer announced that the same fate would befall the next person who attempted to stampede the crowd. The threat was effective, and the auditorium was emptied in a remarkably short time.

Portland, Maine, had 50,145 inhabitants at the last census. It is the largest city in Maine and one of the oldest in New England. The principal industries are shipbuilding, the manufacture of locomotives, and iron works of various kinds. There are also large warehouses on the waterfront which care for the West Indian and European trade.

SCHUEBEL UNDERGOES MILK BATH

Three Portland Law Firms, Acting Under Instructions From Washington, Are Investigating Appointee's Fitness.

Senator Bourne Back of Move—When Report Is Made Matter of Schuebel's Confirmation Will Be Forced to an Issue.

Chris Schuebel, Senator Bourne's choice for United States district attorney, is being investigated "for qualification and ability to hold the office" for which he has been recommended, by three prominent legal firms of Portland at the request of some mysterious member of the judiciary committee of the United States senate.

According to the story which is floating about telegrams were sent to three law firms of Portland a short time ago, each telegram asking that the members of the firm forward to Washington a report on the ability and integrity and general qualification of Schuebel for the office desired by him.

The identity of the person who sent the telegrams has not been made public, but it is intimated that they came from one of the members of the judiciary committee of the United States senate, and apparently from a member who has not the great and abiding warmth for Senator Fulton that would raise hopes for the rejection of Schuebel's nomination.

It is the belief of those who know of the occurrence that it comes from the fine diplomacy of Senator Bourne. Whether or not the political inclinations of the firms were known to the judiciary committeeman who sent the telegrams is uncertain, but the fact remains that neither of the three are political companions of Senator Fulton. It is taken for granted therefore that the report sent back regarding Mr. Scheubel's fitness for the office will not be any more cheering to Senator Fulton's hopes of blocking the nomination than is reasonably consistent with the facts.

The identity of the three firms is being guarded closely by those who know, but it is the general belief that as soon as their reports have been received in Washington the matter of Schuebel's confirmation will be forced to issue by Senator Bourne.

BELIEVE LONDON DEAD

JACK LONDON, WHOSE 'ROUND WORLD EXPEDITION IS MISSING.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Oakland, Cal., Jan. 24.—Supposedly because its officers have been unable to find any trace of Jack London, the noted author, who began a tour of the world in his frail craft, the Snark, and the fear that he has met disaster somewhere in the South Seas, the Central bank has recorded a mortgage against London's home in Twenty-seventh street, near Telegraph avenue, which was drawn last April.

The trust deed was given by the adventurous writer to obtain funds with which to outfit his craft and carry out his project of sailing around the world. The negotiations were carried out secretly at the time and evidence of the debt was never made public until the mortgage was filed.

Since London left Honolulu, some time ago, the bank people have heard nothing from him. They attempted through various sources to gain some information concerning him, but were unable to do so.

IDENTIFY GIRL IN MALE ATTIRE

Believed Boyertown Victim Was Not Really Dressed in Man's Clothing.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Philadelphia, Jan. 24.—Lamentations made over a headless fragment of a corpse buried as that of 14-year-old Rose Diamond were renewed last night when the girl's parents discovered that they had interred the wrong body and that the mysterious woman dressed in man's clothing and burned in the Boyertown fire really was their daughter.

Identification was made absolute by finding on the finger of the mysterious corpse Rose Diamond's signet ring, her bracelet, diamond earrings and pearl necklace.

The trunk that was buried in the Jewish cemetery at Frankford with Jewish rites will be disinterred and the body of the girl will take its place.

The coroner and other officials, who have been puzzling their brains over the question "Why did the mysterious woman don man's clothing to attend such a performance as that in the burned playhouse?" have reached the conclusion that Rose Diamond never donned the coat and trousers which apparently were upon her body.

They now believe the garments are those of Charles Hess, who was burned to death in the holocaust. They argue that he was close to the girl in the awful crush that preceded their death and that the firemen did not note that the charred clothing covered portions of two bodies instead of one.

Other searchers still are of the opinion that the woman really was dressed in man's clothing.

WARD IS APPOINTED COLORADO PROSECUTOR

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Washington, Jan. 24.—President Roosevelt has decided to appoint Thomas Ward Jr. as district attorney for Colorado to succeed Earl Cranston.

STEFFENS ASSISTED SCHUEBEL

Intercession of Muckraker on Behalf of U'Ren's Law Partner Caused President to Place His Name Before the Senate.

Magazine Writer's Plea Impelled Roosevelt to Take Action Before Arrival of Fulton and Ellis at National Capital.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Washington, Jan. 24.—Christian Schuebel owes his nomination for United States district attorney for Oregon to the direct intercession of Lincoln J. Steffens, the famous "muckraker," whose magazine articles have thrown a flood of light upon grafters and corruptionists all over the country. Steffens made personal intercession with the president in Schuebel's behalf, and with characteristic impetuosity Roosevelt acted upon his recommendation without waiting for the Oregon delegation to agree upon a candidate.

Steffens spent a number of weeks in Oregon last year, studying the history of the land fraud prosecutions. While there he became acquainted with W. S. U'Ren, Schuebel's law partner. Steffens became imbued with a deep admiration for Francis J. Heney and followed him to San Francisco in order to study the disclosures in the prosecution of Schmitz and Ruef.

Schuebel became a candidate for Bristol's position as United States district attorney some time before congress convened. U'Ren made a trip to San Francisco and while there discussed his partner's candidacy with Steffens. Convinced that Schuebel was an incipient Abraham Lincoln, Steffens became much interested in his candidacy. Steffens returned to New York and shortly afterward Bristol's nomination was suddenly withdrawn from the senate and Bourne began besieging the president with demands for the appointment of Schuebel.

When the senate adjourned for the Christmas holidays, it was the understanding among the Oregon delegation that no name would be sent to the

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LINCOLN STEFFENS.

STEIWER WEAKENS ON CROSS EXAMINATION

Witness Slowly But Carefully Led Up to Interesting Climax in Testimony. Definite Point Not Reached But Prosecutor May Have Surprise in Store

Francis J. Heney this morning slowly but obviously paved the way to a climax in his intimations regarding Senator Fulton. In the land fraud trials Mr. Heney laid the foundation for evidence which may show that Fulton induced Hall to put aside any intention of criminal prosecution against Steiwer, but this fact was not definitely established, although it may be later.

Winlock W. Steiwer, former state senator and self-confessedly guilty of conspiracy to fence government land, faced the crowd of spectators and the jury in the Hall-Mays case today and told the story of his connection with the conspiracy to which he has pleaded guilty and for which John H. Hall and Edwin M. Mays are now on trial. It was not an easy task for the gray-haired ex-senator and he twisted in the witness chair reluctant to meet the gaze of the spectators or the cruel cross-questioning of Judge Webster, attorney for the defense.

After it was all over, however, not much of direct import had been gleaned from this, the testimony of the government's most prominent witness, for, while his story left openings of rich promise for the cause of the government, it did not alone and unsupported point a finger of guilt toward the defense.

Into the story Mr. Heney dragged the ghosts of past political battles which had raged about the senatorial elections of 1901 and 1903. The names of Corbett, Scott, Geer and Fulton, together with reference to their senatorial aspirations, were brought forth. Passing from this phase of the examination the prosecutor for the government sought to show that Hall had exerted, or attempted to exert, the threat of prosecution for illegal fencing to change or direct the vote of Steiwer for United States senator.

Later Mr. Heney laid the foundation for evidence which may show that Senator Fulton personally induced Hall to put aside any intention of criminal prosecution against Steiwer and his company and to delay the civil suit filed against the fencers. The evidence was brought out that Senator Fulton wrote to Steiwer telling of his visit to Hall and of his having been authorized by Hall to inform Steiwer that no criminal prosecution would be commenced. Absolute evidence in this connection was not introduced because the letter written by Fulton to Steiwer had been called back by the senator and kept by him since the filing of the indictment against the men now either on trial or appearing as government witnesses.

Unannounced Witnesses.

What course the government will pursue to bring the testimony of Steiwer home to the defendants is not known, but it is evident that Mr. Heney has witnesses yet unannounced by which he expects to draw together all the disconnected ends of his case and bind them fast to the defense. The story of Steiwer was robbed of much of its vitality by the statement made in answer to Judge Webster's cross-examination in which the witness said he did not consider that Hall had ever made any attempt to influence his vote for United States senator.

Steiwer's evidence went in only after strenuous objection and lengthy argument as to its admissibility had been made by the defense.

The difference arose over a question by Mr. Heney asking the witness what he inferred from Hall's manner in telling him that the fences must be taken down should Putnam secure a lawyer to prepare his complaints. Webster contended it to be unjust to force the defense to rest under testimony of what Steiwer might have thought, for the reason that the witness could have put any inference he might have desired on Mr. Hall's statement. Judge Hunt held with the government, however, and Mr. Steiwer was allowed to testify.

Steiwer said that he had met Hall in the summer of 1900, when he had come to Portland to see the district attorney

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NIGHT OWLS ARE INSANE

Dr. Pettijohn Says People Who Walk the Streets Are Candidates for Asylum.

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 24.—Thousands of persons are insane in hospitals and sanatoriums and many others are walking the streets on the verge of insanity because of loss of sleep, according to Dr. Elmer S. Pettijohn, a specialist on nervous diseases, who spoke at the Reformed Episcopal church before several hundred followers of Bishop Fallows and "Christian Psychology."

Twelve years' experience in sanatoriums at Kankakee has taught him that most incurable raving maniacs are "night owls" sleeping only five to six hours each night. "Every day," he said, "I meet people on the public streets who are just as insane as hundreds who are forcibly detained in asylums."

M-O BUSINESS FAR EXCEEDS SEATTLE'S

The money order business at the Portland postoffice for 1907 exceeded that of the Seattle office by more than $2,000,000.

In the detailed accounts of the transactions Seattle exceeded Portland in but one item—that of the international money orders paid. For Seattle this amounted to $41,145.50. Portland paid $40,207.86.

All told Portland's postal order business amounted to $11,013,174.92, while Seattle's total aggregates but $8,950,340.65. This makes the Portland business $2,062,834.27 in excess of that done at the Seattle office.

For the same year $4,809,000 was remitted to the Chicago subtreasury from the Portland office, while Seattle sent but $3,964,782.

SUNSHINE HERE; SNOW AT GOTHAM

New York Tenement Dwellers Freezing in First Blizzard of Season.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

New York, Jan. 24.—New York is in the grip of the first blizzard of the winter. Snow fell steadily all night and this morning more than four inches covered the ground. Late at night a 30-mile-an-hour gale developed and whipped the snow through the streets in blinding clouds.

Traffic on the surface and elevated streetcars was early interfered with and it is thought that by noon today traffic on these lines will be completely tied up. The snow is drifting badly and all through and suburban trains are badly delayed.

In the tenement district on the east side the poor began to suffer from the effects of the storm immediately owing to a shortage of fuel.

LAWYERS MIX UP AND BLOOD FLOWS

The police court is to be made the theatre for the presentation of the sequel of a more or less sensational personal encounter which occurred yesterday afternoon in the offices of Henry Rand, 225 Abington building. The case was set down for hearing this morning, but by consent of the defendant, Rand, and the complainants, Attorneys John Leland Henderson and H. H. Riddell, a continuance was granted until Monday.

Henderson lives at Hood River, and besides being an attorney of some prominence, he is well known as an amateur swimmer of more than local fame. Yesterday afternoon, accompanied by Riddell, he went to Rand's offices to inquire as to the authorship of an anonymous letter he had received and which he claims was written by Rand. In the controversy that ensued Riddell received a black eye and Henderson a bloody nose and bruised mouth.

Rand was later arrested on a charge of assault and battery. He was released from custody on depositing $50 cash bail.

END OF TROUBLE AT WILLAMETTE

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Salem, Or., Jan. 24.—The slumbering volcano underlying the management of Willamette university has been given a slight vent without any explosion by the departure of President Coleman for the east, where he will probably be made a bishop of the Methodist church. The university will have a new president and all differences that have been stirring the board of trustees to the depths will be harmonized.

It is an open secret among the student body that Dean Boyer and President Coleman have been living at swords points for some time. High words have passed between them at times that resounded in the assembly, and while Boyer has gained steadily in the affection of the student body, there has been no disposition to throw off on Coleman. He has done a great work for the institution, and Boyer has developed executive ability of a high order. It is expected the elevation of Coleman to the vacant bishopric at Baltimore will solve a problem that has presented angular aspects.

COLLEGE EDITOR GETS VACATION

Edward Cunha Suspended From Stanford for Inciting Riot at Palo Alto.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Stanford University, Cal., Jan. 24.—"For inciting and participating in a disorder in a public hall in Palo Alto," Edward A. Cunha, managing editor of the Daily Palo Alto has been suspended from the institution for the remainder of the academic year. This action of the faculty is the most drastic since the suspension of B. S. Allen, a former editor of the Daily Palo Alto, and its cause was the disturbance precipitated last week when E. P. E. Troy, an attorney of San Francisco, demanded an investigation of the affairs of the town officials, and the students responding to an invitation issued by the officials became involved in a riot.

Cunha took part in the affair first when he posted in Encina hall a notice purporting to come from Mayor Parkinson, in which the students were asked to attend the meeting, and secondly because of the prominent part he afterward played in the riot in the vestibule of the hall. He was clubbed at this time by one of the town officials.

STORM DELAYS TRIAL OF THAW

(United Press Leased Wire.)

New York, Jan. 24.—When court convened this morning Attorney Littleton asked that further proceedings in the murder trial of Harry Thaw go over until Monday, giving as his reason that the steamer Adriatic, carrying three of his most valuable witnesses from Europe, is anchored off Sandy Hook and cannot possibly reach the city today on account of the storm that is raging.

As an additional reason for delay Littleton said that Dr. Bigaman, another defense witness, has not fully recovered from an attack of pneumonia. District Attorney Jerome did not oppose the motion, and the court granted a postponement.

NORDSTROM IN LAW'S CLUTCHES

Astoria Man Who Raised Draft Captured at Jacksonville, Florida.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Chicago, Jan. 24.—Turie Nordstrom, son of the cashier of the Scandinavian-American bank of Astoria, who secured $15,000 on a raised draft drawn on the First National bank of Astoria, through a Chicago bank, has been arrested in Jacksonville, Florida. Nordstrom was followed by the Pinkertons at the behest of the National Bankers' association.

Nordstrom, while in Astoria, bought a small draft payable at the First National bank of that city. He then raised the paper to $15,000 and as he carried with it a letter of recommendation to the Chicago bank he was able to cash the bogus draft.

Special Oregon Sunday Journal Announcement

Seldom has a more thrilling story of the whaler's life in the Arctic been furnished than that written expressly for next Sunday's Journal by a well-known newspaper man who made a special investigation of conditions in the land of the "Great White Silence."

The article points to the inefficiency of the government service in certain quarters and the terrible abuses inflicted by brute mates and captains. The facts are brought direct to public attention by one who served in a semi-official capacity for the United States.

BURNING OF PORTLAND

Full Account of the Great Conflagration in Portland, July 4, 1866.

"A WALK AMONG THE RUINS," BY HON. WM. WILLIS.

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