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ROOSEVELT SUSPENDS U. S. PUBLIC PRINTER

SENSATION IN BUREAU OVER PAPER CONTRACTS

Great Waste of Material Said to Have Been Going on for Years—President Will Cause Thorough Investigation of Department's Methods

Washington, Feb. 5.—One of the opening wedges into government mismanagement perhaps graft, was entered today by President Roosevelt when he suspended Public Printer Charles A. Stillings of the bureau of engraving and printing pending investigation of charges of extravagance in the bureau. William S. Rossiter, chief clerk of the census bureau, was appointed temporarily. The move by the president caused a decided sensation here. For years it has been known that the government has been wasting great sums of money in the bureau and that the system under which this important branch of the government service is conducted was, to say the least, exceedingly lax. Three years ago the story was extant that there was something wrong in the placing of contracts for supplies and an investigation was rumored. Nothing was done, although it was apparent that the government was paying out millions of dollars for paper, binding and general work which so far as the people of the United States at large were concerned was a criminal waste of money. Thousands upon thousands of books for the various departments of the government were ordered, and it was common belief that the output of "official documents" was principally for the waste heaps and the kitchen stoves. The oversupply of uninteresting and unnecessary printed matter became so great that congress made an effort to curb the "book-mill," as the bureau was called. Recent charges have been filed in the shape of complaint of contracts for paper and favoritism is charged against the bureau. In addition to these allegations the bureau is said to have been operated under a system that makes it extremely difficult to check up the supply department. Sensational developments are expected.

FAIRBANKS MAY NEED SOLDIERS

Rough Element Among Miners Is Causing Disorders Since Failure of Strike.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Fairbanks, Alaska, Feb. 5.—United States troops from Fort Gibbon may be called here to prevent labor disorders. The miners' strike has failed, but there is a rough element who threaten to terrorize the district by intimidating non-union men. The stage to Esther Creek, containing several non-union men, was held up and the ringleaders of the mob forced the non-unionists to return to town under threat. Marshal Perry immediately swore in extra deputies and issued orders to bring in every member of the rougher element in camp. Order will be preserved today. Marshal Perry announced that he would request the presence of soldiers if disturbances continued. Every plant on the creeks are now working full time with non-union miners. The latter are being paid \$5.00 a day with board and lodging. The mine owners have asked for protection, and this will be given if the soldiers must afford it.

BIG PRIZE OFFERED FOR DOG TEAM RACE

(United Press Leased Wire.) Nome, Feb. 5.—Cold weather has not chilled the blood of this community apparently, for yesterday marked the offer of a prize of \$2,500 for a dog team race between Thirty and Candle and return. A club has been formed in the city for the purpose of improving the breed of dogs now in use for traveling or freighting purposes. The total distance to be covered is approximately 400 miles and is the severest test that can be made. The start from this city will be made on April 1.

SEATTLE TO HAVE BRANCH LIBRARIES

(United Press Leased Wire.) Seattle, Wash., Feb. 5.—Andrew Carnegie has offered to provide \$100,000 for the construction of three branch libraries in Seattle in addition to his former gift of \$200,000 for the library building now occupied at Fourth avenue and Madison street. Mr. Carnegie's offer was received and accepted by the library board last evening, and a resolution expressing thanks of the board will be conveyed to the donor.

CALIFORNIANS WILL BE TRIED

Los Angeles Bankers Must Come to Portland for Alleged Land Frauds.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Los Angeles, Feb. 5.—Six Los Angeles men—Warren Gilleen, president of the Broadway Bank & Trust company; R. W. Kenny, cashier of the institution; Attorney Will L. Gould, Dr. David M. Goodwin, L. R. Myers and George L. Stearns—were arrested by deputy United States marshals today to answer a complaint filed against them June 2, 1906, charging complicity in the Oregon land frauds. Gilleen says he and Kenny simply loaned money to the Pacific Furniture & Lumber company, never meeting the men indicted for fraud in connection with the deal. The Los Angeles defendants were indicted in the spring of 1906 for land frauds in Coos and Curry counties, Oregon. Appeals against removal to Oregon for trial were taken in the United States circuit court of appeals and the United States supreme court. The government based its contention in the case on the decision of the Tinsley vs. Trust case, which was to the effect that the indictment was prima facie evidence of a conspiracy. A decision of the United States supreme court reversed this decision and the government immediately filed a complaint in June, 1906. An appeal was taken in this removal proceeding, which has evidently been decided against the defendants and has led the government to take steps to bring the men to Portland. Two of the defendants in these cases, Dr. Hedderly and W. D. Gould, were brought to Portland last summer and released on bail.

GRIGGS GUILTY OF SALTING PLACER MINE

(United Press Leased Wire.) San Francisco, Feb. 5.—The United States circuit court of appeals today handed down a decision affirming the decision of the lower court in the case of C. R. Griggs, charged with obtaining money under false pretenses by fraudulently representing the value of a placer mine near Juneau, Alaska. Griggs was tried in Alaska last year and convicted.

Pendleton Republican Club.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Pendleton, Feb. 5.—The young Republicans of this city are taking steps for the organization of a Young Men's Republican club and a meeting will perhaps be called within a few days to formulate plans. A similar organization two years ago had a membership of over 200 and was one of the most enthusiastic elements in the last campaign in this county.

MANNING BLOCKS NEW BANK PLAN

District Attorney After Six Months' Delay Decides Investigation of Oregon Savings Necessary—Merger All Ready to Be Effected.

Court Granted Receiver's Petition This Morning—Payment of Depositors Was to Begin at Once, but Is Now Checked.

An order made by Judge Gantenbein today in the circuit court will lead to the immediate opening of a new banking institution with \$400,000 capital in the quarters of the old Oregon Trust and Savings bank, at the corner of Washington and Sixth streets, unless obstructed by an investigation that has just been started here by District Attorney Manning, who has waited five and a half months before concluding that there was anything for him to investigate in the suspended bank. The court has approved the application of Receiver Devlin, permitting the German-American bank to purchase the assets and pay within two years all liabilities of the Oregon Trust. The old name will be obliterated, and the name of the new institution will be the German-American bank. Devlin's bond increased. Receiver Devlin will be continued in charge of the assets of the old bank. Title to them will pass under a bill of sale to the German-American, but the court's order provides that they shall remain in custody of the receiver as security for payment of the liabilities. The receiver's bond was fixed at \$50,000 when he had but a small amount of the bank's assets in his possession. Since that time the cash on hand has increased to \$225,000, and the court has increased the bond to \$200,000. It is directed by the court that the compensation of the receiver to date shall be \$3,000, and that of his attorney, Joseph Simon, shall be \$3,000, and that from the date of the merger the German-American bank shall pay all further expenses of the receivership. The new directory of the German-American bank will be approved by the court, and Mr. Devlin will be a member of the directory. Manning Delays Opening. It was the plan of the German-American bank to open its doors at the end of the month, but the court, should the merger plan be approved by the court, the German-American would open up for business immediately in the Washington street bank, and begin payment of about 9,000 depositors in full, besides making a distribution of Home Telephone bonds and bank stock to about 3,500 depositors who had subscribed for these securities. Today District Attorney Manning placed J. W. Ferguson, one of his accountants, in the suspended bank, and it is announced that he will hold possession several weeks and carry on an investigation to determine the causes of the bank's suspension last August. The prospect of further delay in the opening of the new bank and the payment of claims is causing much dissatisfaction among the depositors, and there is talk of driving a mass meeting of depositors to discuss the situation. Take Weeks to Investigate. Accountant Ferguson, when asked as to his program and what length of time he would probably be in possession of the books of the bank, said: "I will have two more men at work here tomorrow. We cannot do anything in a week. It will take us several weeks to get through." The officers of the German-American bank and the men who are at the head of the reorganization realize that it would be ill-advised to attempt to begin any settlement with the depositors or to open the new bank so long as the Oregon Trust is a subject of inquiry by the district attorney. S. G. Reed, after a conference with Mr. Ferguson at the bank, said: "It would be useless for us to try to do business with this bank until the

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New Ministry of Portugal Announces Policy of Liberty for Future.

(United Press Leased Wire.) London, Feb. 5.—Portugal's new ministry announces the inauguration of a policy of liberality and pacification in the official Gazette today according to dispatches received here. Lists of all Franco's political captives in Portuguese or foreign prisons were printed today by government authority in the Lisbon papers. Visits to the prisons are permitted for the first time in months. Arrangements are being made for the quiet release of the prisoners a few at a time, to prevent demonstrations.

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\$10,000 BET PLACED THAT "ROOSEVELT WILL ACCEPT"

New York, Feb. 5.—There is much discussion, pro and con, on the curb and on the floor of the stock exchange, which has been caused by "Tom" Lawson's recent prediction that President Roosevelt's successor would be Roosevelt himself. These discussions today finally led to a wager, the amount of which, although not made public, is supposed to be in the neighborhood of \$10,000, at even money, that Theodore Roosevelt would be the next president of the United States. It is said that the brokers making this bet represent politicians of national importance.

THAW'S SISTER OBTAINS HER DIVORCE



RECENT PHOTOGRAPHS OF COUNT AND COUNTESS OF YARMOUTH

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STOESSEL TO BE EXECUTED

Russian General Sentenced to Death for Surrendering Port Arthur to the Japs.

(United Press Leased Wire.) London, Feb. 5.—According to news reports received here General Stoessel has been sentenced to death for the surrender of Port Arthur to the Japs, by the Russian court which has been hearing his case. General Stoessel made a good fight for his life and it was generally believed that he could not be convicted of cowardice. His defense lay in the assertion that the officers at St. Petersburg failed to furnish him the necessary supplies to make proper defense of the port.

PENDELTON BOOSTERS CHOOSE OFFICERS

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Pendleton, Or., Feb. 5.—At the annual election of officers of the Pendleton Commercial club last evening, R. Alexander, one of the leading merchants of this city, was elected president. Attorney S. A. Lowell was elected vice-president, Charles Marsh secretary and Mark Moorehouse treasurer. Directors were elected as follows: James Johns, W. L. Thompson, M. A. Rader, M. B. Gwinn, G. M. Rice, Bert Huffman, J. F. Robinson, Roy Raley and T. C. Taylor. M. A. Rader is the retiring president of the club.

COLLISION NARROWLY AVERTED

Tramp Steamer Saved From Crashing Into Morrison Street Bridge Only by Hastily Dropping Anchor and Reversing Engines.

Draw Failed to Open—Big Vessel Brought to Stop Within a Few Feet of Bridge—Similar Incident Farther Down River.

The necessity of the bridge tenders having some means of communicating with pilots on vessels moving in the harbor was again forcibly illustrated on two occasions last night. Luckily neither case resulted in damages to life or property. At 5:30 Pilot Harry Emkin was bringing the big British tramp steamer Morrilake up the river to the mills of the Portland Lumber company. He sounded the signal for the Morrison draw and seeing it practically empty of streetcars concluded everything was all right and came on. The draw failed to open, however, and by that time the steamer's bow had already reached a point opposite the harbor. The momentum of one of these large craft, even under slow bell, is enough to send her along several blocks without a stroke of the propeller and Pilot Emkin realized he would be unable to check the speed by simply reversing the engines. Fortunately both anchors were hanging over the bow and he ordered both dropped. The command had hardly been given before the hooks were imbedded in the mud. At the same time the engines had been reversed. The big craft stopped so close to the bridge that it would have been possible to jump aboard from the boat toward the Alder street dock, where the stern-wheel steamer Bailey Gatzert had just arrived from The Dalles. The Bailey Gatzert came within a few inches of being crushed into splinters. The second close call occurred in the lower harbor when Pilot Patterson came along with the steamer schooner Northland. The pilot declares the tender on the steel bridge failed to open the draw and he was compelled to stop and the craft to come to a stop after he thought the draw was going to open.

COUNTESS RID OF NO ACCOUNT

Cost of Separation Third of Title—Chasing Woman's Fortune.

(United Press Leased Wire.) London, Feb. 5.—Countess of Yarmouth, formerly Miss Alice Thaw of Pittsburg, sister of Harry Thaw, is no longer a member of English nobility. She was granted a divorce from her titled husband today, but ordered to forfeit her title. Henceforth she will be known as Mrs. Alice Thaw. The outcome of the divorce suit is considered a victory for both the earl and the countess. The latter filed the suit, charging that her husband had formerly been married, under the Scottish common law, to another woman. The earl threatened to bring counter charges, but it is understood consented to drop his contest of the suit in return for a substantial financial settlement. Yesterday the attorneys representing the contestants met and discussed the earl's demands. It is reported that the final settlement was the payment of one third of the countess' fortune to her husband. This morning the case was heard behind closed doors. But three witnesses for the prosecution were heard, the defense refusing to make contact. At the end of a half hour session the court annulled the marriage, which action forced the countess to resume her maiden name. While the former countess would not discuss her plans for the future it is understood that she will return to her family home in America within the next few weeks.

PRAIRIE FIRE SWEEPS TEXAS

Burned Area Already More Than Million Acres and Blaze Not Controlled.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Fort Worth, Tex., Feb. 5.—More than \$1,000,000 acres of prairie have already been swept by a fire which is spreading over Lubbock, Crosby and Garza counties in west Texas. It is estimated that there is already \$500,000 damage done and the fire is still spreading with unabated fury. Ranch houses, corrals, livestock and crops have been destroyed by the fire. A few of the ranchers whose places were in the path of the blaze have managed to save their property by burning the dry grass in that neighborhood, but most were unable to check the flames.

MORE GOLD FOUND ON BEACH AT NOME

(United Press Leased Wire.) Nome, Feb. 5.—A new beach line has been discovered north of the submarine channel two miles north of this city. Good pay has been struck, but to what extent has as yet not been determined. The news has stimulated interest in the properties west and north of the city.

Saloon Cases Continued.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Aberdeen, Feb. 5.—The saloon men against whom cases have been brought for keeping their back doors open on Sundays have asked for continuations until next week, which has been granted. Thirty-five dollars bail was required in each instance.

WANT THAW IN PRIVATE ASYLUM

Attorneys Decide to Ask for Prisoner's Removal From Matteawan Cell.

(United Press Leased Wire.) New York, Feb. 5.—At a consultation of Thaw's attorneys today it was decided to apply immediately to the state lunacy commission to have Thaw transferred from Matteawan to a private asylum. Littleton then left for his southern trip. Peabody and O'Reilly will look after Thaw's interests.

HALF ACRE OF SHOPS BURNED

Seven Hundred Men Thrown Out of Employment by Fire at Trenton.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Trenton, N. J., Feb. 5.—Seven hundred men were thrown out of work here this morning by a fire which destroyed the plant of John A. Rowland & Sons. The loss is estimated at \$100,000. The fire broke out early in the morning and was not put under control until 5 o'clock. It burned over half an acre of shops before being extinguished.